



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Cherokee National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*NEW LISTING*</p>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Nancy Rusho 202-731-9196 nancy.rusho@usda.gov
Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.					

Cherokee National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R8 - Southern Region

Forest Landscape Adaptive Management Environmental Assessment (FLAME Assessment) EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/25/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Mark Healey 540-885-8028 mahealey@fs.fed.us
Description: The intent of this project is to produce a landscape scale project that would support the use of mechanical, herbicide and prescribed fire treatments in appropriate forest communities, across the entire Cherokee National Forest landscape.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53856					
Location: UNIT - Cherokee National Forest All Units. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cherokee National Forest.					

Cherokee National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R8 - Southern Region

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Cherokee National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
South Zone Stream and Riparian Habitat Enhancement CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2019	Expected:12/2019	03/2020	Stephanie Medlin 423-476-9740 sm.fs.r8chertelcom@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would enhance and restore stream habitat for fish and amphibians and improve hydrological function across the South Zone of the Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56631				
Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District, Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - McMinn, Monroe, Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All streams on the south zone of the Cherokee National Forest.					

Cherokee National Forest Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region	
AT&T Fiber Cable Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/16/2019	12/2019	Stephanie Medlin 423-476-9740 SM.fs.r8cherococom@usda.gov
	Description: AT&T would like to place approximately 11.3 KF of fiber cable and six 30"x48"x36" hand holes in the ROW and under the gravel roadway of Fairview Rd from existing HH feeding the Verizon tower at 831 Fairview Rd to a new AT&T tower.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56634				
Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fairview Road.					
AT&T Mobility Communication Site CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/13/2019	12/2019	Stephanie Medlin 423-476-9740 sm.fs.r8cherococom@usda.gov
	Description: ATT proposes to install an 8"x8" equipment cabinet on an existing concrete foundation, 20kw AC generator, H-Frame with meter and disconnect, and underground copper grounding wire and antenna installation on an existing tower structure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56632				
Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sheep Top Communication Site.					

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Ocoee Hiwassee Admin Site Area Release CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/05/2019	Expected:11/2019	01/2020	Stephanie Medlin 423-476-9740 sm.fs.r8chertelcom@usda.gov
	Description: Treatments would include the severing of selected stems (chainsaw/manual), application of herbicide, and the use of prescribed fire within the designated unit (212 acres).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56628				
Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Around the Ocoee/Hiwassee District Office.					
Ocoee Utilities Water Line CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/13/2019	12/2019	Stephanie Medlin 423-476-9740 sm.fs.r8cherococom@usda.gov
	Description: Install a water meter near the entrance of recreation residence. Connect water from main line and install water line along centerline of road leading to recreation residence(Approx. 600 ft.) The water line will be placed 18" deep and 12" wide.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56764				
Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 35.05.55.9 84.37.04.7.					
Stephens Access Road CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Terinda Whisenant 423-338-3300 fs-comments-southern-choke-ocoe-hiwassee@fs.fed.us
	Description: Applicant has requested access across NFS lands to an inholding that is completely surrounded. An existing route at the end of NFSR 366C is in place but has grown up and is not drivable. Heavy equipment would be used to clear this 150 ft.				
	Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East of Hwy 30 and North of Hwy 64 in the Vicinity of the 4-H camp.				

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VEC Maintenance power pole replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/13/2019	12/2019	Stephanie Medlin 423-476-9740 SM.fs.r8cherococom@usda.gov
	Description: VEC proposes setting one pole, changing out one pole and putting up some new wire over the hiking trail in the ROW on Clemmer trail-where the hikers go in at Chilhowsee lake and go hiking to Benton Falls. There are safety concerns for the trail users Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56767				
	Location: UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 35.08.53.5 84.36.22.8.				

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Cherokee National Forest Tellico Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Bald River Falls Bridge Replacement CE	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2019	Expected:12/2019	03/2020	Stephanie Medlin 423-476-9740 sm.fs.r8chertelcom@usda.gov
	Description: Replace Bald River Falls bridge with a similar structure that meets current safety standards. The structure would include a sidewalk on the downstream side and a sidewalk/viewing platform on the upstream (falls) side. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56808				
	Location: UNIT - Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Monroe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tellico River Road.				
Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Remediation CE	- Heritage resource management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/11/2019	Expected:10/2019	04/2020	Janan Hay 423-253-8405 sm.fs.r8chertelcom@usda.gov
	Description: Remediate damage to a 1 mi. portion of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55431				
	Location: UNIT - Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Monroe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Coker Creek TN vicinity between Joe Brown Highway and Unicoi Lakes Road.				

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Buffalo Mountain Bike Trails Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2018	Expected:08/2018	09/2018	Matthew Fusco 423-735-1564 mjfusco@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes the establishment of approximately 5.05 miles of trail that are currently existing on the ground.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53858				
Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Unicoi, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Buffalo Mountain.					
Cherry Gap Slashdown Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/14/2017	Expected:08/2017	09/2017	Jonathan Lampley 423-783-2416 jlampley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Non-commercially thin and prescribe burn approximately 113 acres in Compartment 344.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52216				
Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Unicoi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 344.					
Hartford Wastewater Testing Project CE	- Research and Development	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jonathan Lampley 404-347-5264 jlampley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prepare a study for determination of an area with adequate suitability for beneficial re-use of treated wastewater.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52656				
Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Cocke. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cocke County, TN.					
Ramsey Creek Slashdown Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 03/11/2020	04/2020	Jonathan Lampley 423-783-2416 jlampley@fs.fed.us
	Description: The objectives of this project are to move the stands toward a more open woodland condition; with pockets of mature timber with grassy herbaceous layers, and a mosaic feature of pine/oak regeneration.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56600				
Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Buffalo Mountain.					

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Short Mountain Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 02/18/2020	03/2020	Jonathan Lampley 423-783-2416 jlampley@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to restore the Blue Ridge Table Mountain Pine-Pitch Pine Woodland ecosystem (9F), a designated rare community in the Cherokee National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (CNFRLMP)				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56542				
Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Greene. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Short Mountain.					
Wolf Creek Aquatic Organism Passage (Culvert Replacement) Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 01/21/2020	01/2020	Marcia Carter 423-638-4109 mscarter@fs.fed.us
	Description: This proposal would improve aquatic organism passage on Forest Service Road (FSR) 96 where it crosses Wolf Creek upstream of Wolf Creek Falls.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56545				
Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Cocke. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Wolf Creek.					
Wolf Creek Rx Burn CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2015	Expected:10/2015	11/2015	Greg Salansky 423-638-8731 gregsalansky@fs.fed.us
	Description: provide fuel reduction, stimulate new vegetation growth, & increase soft mast and herbaceous plants for wildlife; dormant and early growing season				
	Location: UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Cocke. LEGAL - Not Applicable. C232 and 239.				

Cherokee National Forest Watauga Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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2020 Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/19/2019	Expected:02/2020	06/2020	Jonathan Lampley 404-347-5264 jlampley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project will include approximately 8,760 acres that would receive a treatment of mating disruption pheromones to control the gypsy moth. These acres include approximately 2,290 acres of private land and 6,470 acres of National Forest System land				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57164				
	Location: UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Rogers Ridge area is located approximately 6 miles northeast and 4.5 miles northwest of Mountain City, TN.				
A.T. Relo at Atwood Property Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/07/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Keith Kelley 423-735-1501 keith.kelley@usda.gov
NEW LISTING	Description: This project proposes relocation of approximately 0.45 miles of the Appalachian Trail, decommissioning the old trail and re-blazing the new section of trail and installation of two gates.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57623				
	Location: UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Appalachian Trail - near U.S 321.				
Cedar Gap Farm Bill Thinning Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 03/12/2020	05/2020	Jonathan Lampley 423-638-4109 jlampley@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	Description: This project focuses on vegetation management (commercial, non-commercial thinning, and prescribed burning) activities designed to restore forest communities to those vegetation types that would be predicted to occur at each given location.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56868				
	Location: UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Carter. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dennis Cove area.				

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Doe River Soil & Water Improvement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Marcia Carter (423) 638-4109 mscarter@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project focuses on controlling illegal access and rehabilitating disturbed, eroding or compacted areas in the Doe River watershed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56593				
	Location: UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Carter. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Doe River Watershed.				
Grindstone Knob RX Burn CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/29/2015	Expected:02/2016	03/2016	404-347-5264 jlampley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Understory maintenance burning to improve habitat conditions for wildlife and reduce hazardous fuels.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48351				
	Location: UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 51 and 52.				

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