



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

### Cherokee National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS  <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">*UPDATED*</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
<b>Description:</b> 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					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .					

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

**R8 - Southern Region**

<b>Forest Landscape Adaptive Management Environmental Assessment (FLAME Assessment)</b> 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
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53856">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53856</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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**

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Cherokee National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>South Zone Stream and Riparian Habitat Enhancement</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed project would enhance and restore stream habitat for fish and amphibians and improve hydrological function across the South Zone of the Forest.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56631">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56631</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Cherokee National Forest Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>	
<b>2020 Dry Forest Community Restoration Project and Project Plan Amendment</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Hollister Hurt 423-253-8403 hlhurt@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Restore dry forest communities with proposed treatments including restoration harvesting, commercial thinning, and noncommercial thinning				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58129">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58129</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - McMinn, Monroe, Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tellico and Ocoee Ranger Districts dry forest communities.					
<b>Ocoee Hiwassee Admin Site Area Release</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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).				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56628">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56628</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ocoee - Hiwassee Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Polk. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Around the Ocoee/Hiwassee District Office.					

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<b>Stephens Access Road</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Terinda Whisenant 423-338-3300 fs-comments- southern-chokeee- ocoee- hiwassee@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Cherokee National Forest Tellico Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Bald River Falls Bridge Replacement</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2020	Expected:06/2020	10/2020	Stephanie Medlin 423-476-9740 sm.fs.r8chertelcom@us da.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56808">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56808</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Monroe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tellico River Road.					
<b>Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Remediation</b> 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@us da.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Remediate damage to a 1 mi. portion of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55431">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55431</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tellico Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Monroe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Coker Creek TN vicinity between Joe Brown Highway and Unicoi Lakes Road.					

<b>Cherokee National Forest Unaka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
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<b>Cherokee National Forest Unaka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Buffalo Mountain Bike Trails Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2018	Expected:06/2020	08/2020	Matthew Fusco 423-735-1564 mjfusco@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project proposes the establishment of approximately 5.05 miles of trail that are currently existing on the ground.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53858">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53858</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Unicoi, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Buffalo Mountain.					
<b>Cherry Gap Slashdown Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 04/27/2020	05/2020	Jonathan Lampley 423-783-2416 jlampley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Non-commercially thin and prescribe burn approximately 113 acres in Compartment 344.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52216">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52216</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Unicoi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 344.					
<b>Hartford Wastewater Testing Project</b> CE	- Research and Development	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jonathan Lampley 404-347-5264 jlampley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Prepare a study for determination of an area with adequate suitability for beneficial re-use of treated wastewater.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52656">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52656</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Cocke. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cocke County, TN.					
<b>Wolf Creek Rx Burn</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> provide fuel reduction, stimulate new vegetation growth, & increase soft mast and herbaceous plants for wildlife; dormant and early growing season				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Unaka Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Cocke. LEGAL - Not Applicable. C232 and 239.				

<b>Cherokee National Forest Watauga Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
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<b>Cherokee National Forest</b>	<b>Watauga Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>	
<b>2020 Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 02/28/2020	06/2020	Jonathan Lampley 404-347-5264 jlampley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57164">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57164</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>A.T. Relo at Atwood Property Project</b> CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 04/08/2020	05/2020	Keith Kelley 423-735-1501 keith.kelley@usda.gov
<b>*UPDATED*</b>	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57623">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57623</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Appalachian Trail - near U.S 321.				
<b>Atwood Structure Removal Project</b> CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/13/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Keith Kelley 423-735-1501 keith.kelley@usda.gov
<b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	<b>Description:</b> Demolition of two structures that are a public health and safety concern.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58025">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58025</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Carter. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Watauga Ranger District.				
<b>Coon Den Falls Trail Relocation Project</b> CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Chad Ingle 270-924-2028 cgingle@fs.fed.us
<b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	<b>Description:</b> Re-location of a section of trail, approx. 150 ft. long, to avoid steep, rocky parts of the trail. East TN Trails Assoc. will be doing the work. Implementation can occur anytime of the year.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Carter. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Coon Den Falls Trail.				

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<b>Doe River Soil &amp; Water Improvement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 04/20/2020	04/2020	Marcia Carter (423) 638-4109 mscarter@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> This project focuses on controlling illegal access and rehabilitating disturbed, eroding or compacted areas in the Doe River watershed.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56593">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56593</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Carter. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Doe River Watershed.					
<b>Grindstone Knob RX Burn</b> 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
<b>Description:</b> Understory maintenance burning to improve habitat conditions for wildlife and reduce hazardous fuels.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48351">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48351</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 51 and 52.					
<b>Old Road Ridge Prescribed Burn Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/15/2020	Expected:07/2020	11/2020	Jonathan Lampley 404-347-5264 jlampley@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Prescribe burn approximately 2,020 for hazardous fuels reduction and wildlife habitat creation.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58185">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58185</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - Tennessee. COUNTY - Carter, Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 77-79.					

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<b>Roan &amp; Unaka Mountain Spruce Fir Restoration and Habitat Improvement Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/22/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Christina Stoeihrel 8285063100 christina.stoeihrel@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Restore Spruce-fir habitat on Roan and Unaka Mtn by using gap creation to improve age class distribution and enhance T&E species habitat, under plant with spruce seedlings if necessary,& restore understory growth around the Roan High Knob shelter.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watauga Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina, Tennessee. COUNTY - Mitchell, Carter, Unicoi. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is planned for areas within the Appalachian Trail corridor along Roan and Unaka Mountains.				

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