



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2018 to 12/31/2018

National Forests In Mississippi

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National Forests In Mississippi		Bienville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region
AT&T Fiber Optic Line Hwy 13 Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/28/2018	07/2018	Christopher Locke 601-469-3811 clocke@fs.fed.us
	Description: AT&T proposes to amend an existing special use permit # BIE0050 to for a fiber optic line across approximately 1.75 miles of Bienville NF land via the directional boring method. Installation will occur along Hwy 13 within the existing right of way.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53387				
Location: UNIT - Bienville Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Scott. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Section 35 of Township 7N/Range 6E and Section 2 of Township 6N/Range 6E. Approximately 2 miles northeast of Morton, MS.					
Bay Springs Telephone Fiber Optic Line %u2013 Hwy18/Hwy902 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/05/2018	Expected:05/2018	05/2018	Christopher Locke 601-469-3811 clocke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Bay Springs Telephone Company has requested permission to install a fiber optic line on Bienville National Forest System lands in order to improve internet service to local residents.				
	Location: UNIT - Bienville Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Smith. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sections 24, 25, 35 & 36 of Township 4 North Range 7 East; Section 36 of Township 3 North Range 6 East; and Section 31 of Township 3 North Range 7 East of Smith County.				
Strong River 3D-Seismic Proposal CE *UPDATED*					
- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/19/2018	08/2018	Christina Harper 601-469-3811 cnharper@fs.fed.us	
Description: The Bienville National Forest is reviewing a proposal by Spooner Petroleum Company to conduct a 3D-seismic survey on National Forest Lands. The area involved encompasses approximately 6,000 acres located in the southwestern area of the Forest.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53998					
Location: UNIT - Bienville Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Smith. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located in the southwestern area of the Forest in Smith County.					
National Forests In Mississippi		Chickasawhay Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region

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Prescribed Burning Program: Hazardous Fuel Reduction & Ecosystem Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 09/20/2018	10/2018	Dave Berens 601-428-0594 dhberens@fs.fed.us
Description: Annual Prescribed Burning Program Across The Chickasawhay RD					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52741					
Location: UNIT - Chickasawhay Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Greene, Jones, Wayne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All Forest Service Lands Within Greene, Jones, and Wayne Counties, Mississippi.					

National Forests In Mississippi	De Soto Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
AT&T Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network Extension CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/31/2018	Expected:08/2018	08/2018	Rebecca Ladnier 601-528-6169 reladnier@fs.fed.us
Description: Attach new fiber optic cable to existing power poles. Project is authorized by Homeland Security.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54435					
Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Forrest. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within the existing powerline corridor along Yeaton Spur Road and Old Highway 49 in sections 27, 28 & 34 of T1N, R12W, Forrest County, MS.					
Black Creek Hiking Trail Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2016	Expected:06/2019	11/2019	Tate Thriffiley 601-582-5930 tatethriffiley@fs.fed.us
Description: Relocate two segments of Black Creek hiking trail to reduce the number of bridges on the trail. One segment is approximately 1640' long and winds around a small swampy bay, and the other is 2440' long and crosses a recently acquired parcel of land.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50291					
Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Forrest, Perry. LEGAL - Township 1 North, Range 12 West, Section 7 & Township 1 North, Range 11 West, Section 35. First segment is about 3 miles west of Brooklyn, MS; second segment is about 1 mile west of State Highway 29.					

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Gulf South Pipeline Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rebecca Ladnier 601-528-6169 reladnier@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate a section of natural gas pipeline that has become exposed due to erosion along the banks of Black Creek. New r/w 50' wide, with add'l 25' temp work space needed. Directional bore under Black Creek. Rehabilitation of abandoned r/w.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42858				
Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Perry. LEGAL - Section 27, T1S, R10W. Black Creek, upstream from Fairley Bridge Road; north of existing right-of-way.					
Project to Control Non-native Invasive Plant Species On De Soto National Forest EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Minerals and Geology - Special use management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2018	Expected:12/2018	03/2019	Lisa Yager 601-528-6185 lyager@fs.fed.us
	Description: The De Soto National Forest is proposing to control known and future occurrences of non-native invasive plant infestations using a combination of manual, mechanical, cultural, and chemical treatment methods.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53712				
Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jones, Perry, Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Chickasawhay Ranger District and De Soto Ranger District.					
RCW cavity tree hazardous fuel removal CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 04/16/2018	05/2018	Manning Moody 601-928-4422 ext. 33 manmoody@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mowing and clearing of hazardous fuels from around Red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) cavity trees and along access routes. Actions may be performed on multiple occasions, as needed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53192				
Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Forrest, George, Greene, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, Perry, Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mainly within the Black Creek and Biloxi RCW Habitat Management Areas, but may also occur in other areas where RCW trees are located.					

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Reissuance of Special Use Permit to Plains Pipeline CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/21/2018	10/2018	Rebecca Ladnier 601-528-6169 reladnier@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue a Special Use Permit to Plains Pipeline for a new term to authorize continued operation and maintenance of an existing crude oil pipeline. No changes in authorized facilities or increases in the scope or intensity of activities is planned.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47620				
Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Forrest, Perry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West of Highway 49 and north of Highway 26.					
Reissuance of Special Use Permit to Red Wolf Wilderness Adventures CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/27/2015	Expected:04/2016	05/2016	Rebecca Ladnier 601-528-6169 reladnier@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue permit to provide outfitter and guide services on Black Creek. There will no change in scope or intensity of activities.				
	Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Perry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Moody's, Janice, Cypress Creek, and Fairley Bridge Landings on Black Creek.				
Reissuance of Special Use Permit to Singing River EPA CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2016	Expected:12/2016	03/2017	Catherine Bailey 601-965-1663 cjbailey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue a Special Use Permit for continued operation and maintenance of existing electric power lines. No new land use is proposed.				
	Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Forrest, George, Greene, Perry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Numerous locations of distribution and service lines across the Forest, north of Highway 26.				
Reissue Special Use Permit to Florida Gas Transmission Company CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/21/2018	10/2018	Rebecca Ladnier 601-528-6169 reladnier@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue the special use permit for a new term for continued operation and maintenance of an existing natural gas pipeline. No changes in the area authorized or the scope or intensity of activities is proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47619				
Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Forrest, George, Perry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East and west of Highway 49 and north of Highway 26.					

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Singing River EPA Service for Billy Parker CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/17/2018	Expected:11/2018	12/2018	Rebecca Ladnier 601-528-6169 reladnier@fs.fed.us
Description: Extend overhead power to private land and future residence.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54707					
Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - George. LEGAL - T1S, R8W, Sec. 33. Adjacent to the existing road permitted to Billy Parker, north of Jim Jam Road.					
USGS Experimental Watershed Hydrological Response Monitoring CE *NEW LISTING*	- Research and Development	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2018	Expected:11/2018	01/2019	Manning Moody 601-928-4422 ext. 33 manmoody@fs.fed.us
Description: Collect hydrological and water quality data in support of longleaf pine ecosystem & watershed restoration. Install a gauge house, 2-inch groundwater well, and rain gauge. Project duration is approximately 5 years.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54765					
Location: UNIT - De Soto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Harrison. LEGAL - Sec. 20, T5S, R9W. Along Forest Service Road 421B.					

National Forests In Mississippi	Delta Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
Green Tree Reservoir Maintenance and Improvement project CE	- Land management planning - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2018	Expected:05/2018	07/2018	Michael Whittington 662-873-6256 mswhittington@fs.fed.us
Description: To replace current noncomplying culvert with in a recreation site.					
Location: UNIT - Delta Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Sharkey. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Culvert located at 6 Mile parking lock head.					

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Hog Bayou Health Improvement Project EA	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/30/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2018	Expected:07/2018	08/2018	Alicia Thomas 662-873-6256 althomas@fs.fed.us
	Description: To remove damaged trees and improve forest health for improved wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.				
	Location: UNIT - Delta Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Sharkey. LEGAL - Lat./ Lon. The project area is bound by FSR 717, Hog Bayou, and is located in the Northwest quadrant of the Delta National Forest.				
Reissue Special Use Permit DEL0011 to Kinder Morgan CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2015	Expected:06/2015	06/2015	Michael Whittington 662-873-6256 mswhittington@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of Special Uses Permit, Kinder Morgan				
	Location: UNIT - Delta Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Sharkey. LEGAL - Sec. 4, T10N, R6W, Sharkey County, MS. General Forested Area, Bottomland Hardwood Forest.				

National Forests In Mississippi	Holly Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R8 - Southern Region
Special Use Permit for Utility - AT&T Fiber Optic CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/08/2016	Expected:11/2018	11/2018	James Schiller 662-285-3264 jschiller@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	Description: SUP for fiber optic underground in existing road row				
	Location: UNIT - Holly Springs Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Benton, Marshall. LEGAL - T3S R1W T4S R1W. existing forest service and county roads in existing cleared ROW.				

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Access Request - H.V. Wall Land LLC CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/17/2018	Expected:10/2018	10/2018	Michael Everett 601-384-5876 meverett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request from private landowner to access their land via an existing woods road on National Forest land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54762				
	Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T8N, R6E, Section 6. Approximately one mile North of State Road 550, off St. Paul Drive.				
Brushy Creek HFRA Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2018	Expected:02/2019	03/2019	Jay Pittman 601-384-5876 japittman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to thin or restore up to 3000 acres of unthinned pine plantations to reduce the risk of SPB infestation and spread by increasing vigor of retained trees and/or restoring a more resistant tree species to appropriate sites.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54271				
	Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Amite, Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is bounded on the west by the Wilkinson/Amite county line; north by the Homochitto River; south by the Forest Service boundary, and east by hwy US98.				
Buffalo Tower HFRA Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2018	Expected:02/2019	03/2019	Jay Pittman 601-384-5876 japittman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to thin or restore up to 3000 acres of unthinned pine plantations to reduce the risk of SPB infestation and spread by increasing vigor of retained trees and/or restoring a more resistant tree species to appropriate sites.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54270				
	Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Wilkinson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is bounded on the west and south by the National Forest Boundary; on the north by the Homochitto River, and on the east by the Wilkinson/Amite County line. Approx. 5 miles WNW of Gloster.				

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Prescribed Fire Program - Homochitto National Forest EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/18/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2018	Expected:11/2018	12/2018	Fred Bein 601-384-2814 fjbein@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of the use of prescribed fire as a vegetation management tool on the Homochitto National Forest, including locations, general parameters, and timing/frequency of burns for fuel reduction and wildlife and vegetation management.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53880				
Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Adams, Amite, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Wilkinson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Prescribed burn locations are scattered across the 7-county Forest area. See maps.					
Richardson Creek Trail Relocation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/05/2018	Expected:10/2018	11/2018	Michael Everett 601-384-5876 meverett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to reroute approx. 1200 feet of the Richardson Creek Trail due to insect infestation making the current route unsafe.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54132				
Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - T5N R2E Sect 2 & 3. The Richardson Creek Trail is in Franklin County, MS, approximately 7 miles WSW of Meadville. The trailhead is at Clear Springs Recreation Area.					
SEAB USA 26-1 #4 CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/21/2018	07/2018	Michael Everett 601-384-5876 meverett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal from Stroud Petroleum Inc. to drill an oil/gas well and conduct testing on Federal Lease MSES57605; improvement of a logging road; timber removal on ~3ac.; installation of production equipment/tanks and pipeline if needed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53218				
Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - T6N, R2E, Section 26 of Franklin County, MS. Approximately 2 miles East of Roxie, MS, and 1 mile south of Hwy 98/84, off a private road which is connected to Zion Hill Road.					

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National Forests In Mississippi	Homochitto Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region	
Sandy Creek HFRA Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2018	Expected:11/2018	12/2018	Jay Pittman 601-384-5876 japittman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to thin or restore approx. 1,800 acres of unthinned pine plantations to reduce the risk of SPB infestation and spread by increasing vigor of retained trees and/or restoring a more resistant tree species to appropriate sites.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54269				
Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Adams, Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The area is bounded on the west by Sandy Creek, on the South by the Homochitto River, on the East by Hwy. 33, and on the North by the Forest Boundary. Located approximately 4 miles SW of Roxie, MS.					
Stroud Petroleum 25-4 #4 CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/21/2018	07/2018	Michael Everett 601-384-5876 meverett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal from Stroud Petroleum Inc. to drill an oil/gas well and conduct testing on Federal Lease MSES57794; improvement of a logging road; timber removal on ~3ac.; installation of production equipment/tanks and pipeline if needed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53217				
Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - T6N, R2E, Section 25, Franklin County, MS. Approximately 2 miles East of Roxie, MS, and 1 mile south of Hwy 98/84, off Forest Road 185.					
Temporary Swim Area Closure CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Michael Everett 601-384-5876 meverett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed temporary closure to both the Okhissa Lake and Clear Springs designated swim areas. The purpose is to evaluate the swim area facilities and water quality, and prioritize facilities in/adjacent to the swim areas for repair or removal.				
	Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Clear Springs Recreation Area is approximately 7 miles WSW of Meadville, MS; Okhissa Lake is 2 miles South of Bude, MS, both in Franklin County, MS.				

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Upper Homochitto HFRA Project CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 06/08/2018	06/2018	Jay Pittman 601-384-5876 japittman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to thin or regenerate up to 3000 acres of pine plantations 20-40 years old to reduce SPB risk and restore native ecosystems.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53340				
	Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Scattered stands on National Forest lands generally north of US-84 and east of US-98, within the Homochitto National Forest.				

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