



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2019 to 06/30/2019

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Bienville Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
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.				
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De Soto Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
AT&T Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network Extension CE	- 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				
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Black Creek Hiking Trail Relocation CE	- 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				
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Gulf South Pipeline Relocation CE	- 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	- 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.				
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.				

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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.				
Singing River EPA Service for Billy Parker CE	- 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	- 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.				

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Basket Road Trail Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2019	Expected:03/2019	04/2019	Melvin Harris 479-284-3150 melvinharris@fs.fed.us
Description: To decommission .30 miles of existing trail and construct .50 miles of new trail. Rehabilitation of decommissioned trail, which will include felling non-commercial trees and allowing the area to re-vegetate naturally or planting native grasses.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55386					
Location: UNIT - Delta Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Sharkey. LEGAL - The project area is located in T 12 N, R 6 W, Sections 13, 14 & 24. The general location of the project is 10 miles east of the City of Rolling Fork, MS in Sharkey County North of State Highway 16.					
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.					
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.					

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Rock Bottom Trail Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/07/2019	Expected:03/2019	04/2019	Melvin Harris 479-284-3150 melvinharris@fs.fed.us
	Description: To decommission .35 miles of existing trail and construct .50 miles of new trail. Rehabilitation of decommissioned trail, which will include felling non-commercial trees and allowing the area to re-vegetate naturally or planting native grasses.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55385				
	Location: UNIT - Delta Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Sharkey. LEGAL - The project area is located in T 10 N, R 6 W, Section 21. The general location of the project is 20 miles south of the Community of Rolling Fork, MS in Sharkey County East of State Highway 61.				

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
	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/17/2018	Expected:04/2019	04/2019	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.				

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Brushy Creek HFRA Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2018	Expected:05/2019	05/2019	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 *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2018	Expected:05/2019	05/2019	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.					
Herbicide Treatment of Giant Salvinia on Okhissa Lake CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/03/2019	Expected:04/2019	04/2019	Jay Pittman 601-384-5876 japittman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Initial control of an non-native invasive aquatic plant found on Okhissa Lake by application of glyphosate herbicide on approximately 3-5 acres surface acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55793				
Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Okhissa Lake, located approximately 3 miles south of Bude, Mississippi, off State Highway 98.					

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Hollinger Access Request CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/27/2019	Expected:04/2019	04/2019	Michael Everett 601-384-5876 meverett@fs.fed.us
Description: Request for use of approximately 4,200' of existing forest road to access private land.					
Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - T5N, R2E, Sect. 12 and 13, and T5N, R3E Sect.25, Franklin County, MS. Approximately 6 miles SW of Meadville, MS, off FR 104B.					
Mozer Access Request CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/27/2019	Expected:04/2019	04/2019	Michael Everett 601-384-5876 meverett@fs.fed.us
Description: Request for use of approximately 1,400' of existing logging road across NF land to access private property.					
Location: UNIT - Homochitto Ranger District. STATE - Mississippi. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - T5N, R1E, Sec. 23 Franklin County, Mississippi. Approximately 2 miles NE of Knoxville, MS, one mile north of the intersection of Knoxville Road and Bunkley Road.					
Prescribed Fire Program - Homochitto National Forest EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 01/27/2019	Expected:04/2019	04/2019	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.					

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Richardson Creek Trail Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.				
Sandy Creek HFRA Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2018	Expected:05/2019	05/2019	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.				

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