



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS *NEW LISTING*	- 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.				

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Forest Plan Amendment to Update Bat Conservation Practices with A Focus on Indiana Bat EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/29/2020	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Amy Burt (479) 964-7282 amyburt@fs.fed.us
	Description: Amendment to Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) for Ozark-St. Francis NFs to update bat conservation practices, with a specific focus on Indiana Bat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55628				
Location: UNIT - Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Benton, Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Lee, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Phillips, Pope, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren, Washington, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project will include an amendment to the existing Revised Land and Resources Management Plan for the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests to address TES bats species, with focus on the Indiana bat.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Amending Permit for Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/05/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Amanda Bataineh 479-754-2864 ext 2877 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: Respond to a special uses request to amend an existing special use authorization to allow the use of selected herbicides during the vegetation management of an existing natural gas pipeline right-of-way.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55775				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District, Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area encompasses 17.2 miles of pipeline right-of-way through T6N, R25 and 26W, T7N, R26W, T11N, R28W, T12N, R28 and 29W, and T13N, R29W in Arkansas.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
2019 Shortleaf Restoration Project CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/27/2019	Expected:01/2020	02/2020	William Hunter 479-284-3150 ex. 3173 wrhunter@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would attempt to restore native shortleaf pine in areas where offsite loblolly pine currently is growing. Some areas are lands that have been acquired by the Ozark-St Francis NFs. Eastern red cedar and firewood may be included in this.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56935				
Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Conway, Johnson, Madison, Newton, Pope, Van Buren. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located across the district where acquired lands have been planted in loblolly or where loblolly occurs in acquired timber company land due to past management actions prior to FS owned.					
2020 Recreation Realignment Project EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/27/2019	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Changing management of Alum Cove Recreation area, Haw Creek and Bayou Bluff Campgrounds. This project is being considered to focus management on higher use areas and address areas with less use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57074				
Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson, Newton, Pope. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The recreation areas.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Bayou Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
PETTIT JEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BAY0070 AMENDMENT # 5 CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Special use management 	Completed	Actual: 02/20/2020	03/2020	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 kenney.smedley@usda.gov
	Description: A request was received from the Pettit Jean Electric Cooperative to amend their special use permit in order to extend an existing overhead power line to provide electricity to a private residence.				
	Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located off of State Highway 27 in Pope County approximately two miles north of the community of Nogo and approximately five miles south of the community of Tilly, Arkansas.				
Robert's Gap Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/29/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Michael Mulford 870-446-5122 mmulford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Watershed level project including a wide range of proposed activities, such as, commercial timber harvesting, fuels management activities, wildlife activities, Mtn. Bike Trails, and wilderness trail activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53597				
Location: UNIT - Bayou Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Madison, Newton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Northwest corner of the Big Piney Ranger District close to the communities of Red Star, Fallsville, and Boston.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Fanes Mill EA *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:10/2020	12/2020	Coy Longshore 479-667-2191 coylongshore@fs.fed.us
Description: Multi-resource project to help improve forest conditions; stands more resilient to stressors such as weather, insects, and disease. Improving habitat for game species as well as threatened, endangered, and sensitive species. Improving trails, roads. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57438					
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford, Franklin, Madison. LEGAL - multiple sections in T 12N R 26W, T 12N R 27W, T 13N R 26W, T 13N R 27W. Primarily in Madison and Franklin counties. Bounded on the north by the White River, the east by Highway 23. Near towns: Cass to the south, Brashears northeast, Combs northwest.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Ford Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Special use management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Multi-resource project to help improve forest conditions with trees that are more resilient to insects, diseases, weather events; improve habitat for threatened, endangered and sensitive species; improve watershed conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44980				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford, Franklin. LEGAL - multiple sections in townships 11N 28W, 11N 29W, 11N 30W, 12N 28W, 12N 29W, 12N 30W. On main division in vicinity of Mountainburg and Chester Arkansas. About 10 miles south of Winslow, AR and 15 miles North of Alma, AR. East of interstate I49 and north of interstate I40.					
Range Allotment Management Project EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Matthew Lark 479-667-2191 ext 2171 mrlark@fs.fed.us
	Description: Manage allotments on district by grazing livestock to combat woody plant encroachment and maintain open conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53774				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Benton, Crawford, Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple allotments on Wedington, Lee Creek, and Main Units of the district.					

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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Boston Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Storm Damage Salvage Project CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2020	Expected:03/2020	03/2020	Coy Longshore 479-667-2191 coylongshore@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage of dead and dying trees in an area affected by a straight-line wind event on 10 January 2020.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57793				
Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - sections 13, 14, 21, 22 in T 11N R 28W. Between Shore's Lake and Campbell Cemetery on north side of Mulberry River.					
Temporary Road Construction Zone for Bridge Replacement at Whitzen Hollow Creek CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management - Road management 	Completed	Actual: 03/06/2020	03/2020	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: Utilize 0.39 acres as a temporary construction zone to aid in the replacement of Highway 59 bridge across Whitzen Hollow Creek and thus issue the associated special use permit. Vegetation within this area may be removed				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North of Highway 59, on both sides of Whitzen Hollow Creek, in Section 26 of Township 12 North, Range 33 West.				
Temporary Road Segment Closure 1515 at Hurricane Creek CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Watershed management - Facility management - Road management 	Completed	Actual: 01/10/2020	01/2020	Jobi Brown 479-667-2191 jobibrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Temporary road segment closure at Hurricane Creek from dispersed camp site to intersection with road 1552A.				
	Location: UNIT - Boston Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin. LEGAL - section 15 in T 11N R 28W. Part of FSR 1515 at Hurricane Creek, a tributary of the Mulberry River.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Magazine Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Barber Ridge EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/21/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: An integrated resources project encompassing forest health and ecosystem management, wildlife and aquatic habitat management, silvicultural treatments, and road and trail management.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53159				
Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartments 25, 35, 36, 63, and 64 in Logan and Yell Counties, AR.					
Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Developed Recreation Improvements EA	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve the Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Ranger Districts developed recreation sites - Shores Lake, White Rock, Lake Wedington, Cove Lake, and Spring Lake - on a sustainable basis.				
	Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Franklin, Logan, Washington, Yell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Shores Lake, White Rock, Lake Wedington, Cove Lake, and Spring Lake Recreation Areas on the Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Ranger Districts of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests.				
Shoal Creek Trail Reroute CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/26/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Amanda Bataineh 479-963-3076 ext 3054 abataineh@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct a new 1.6-mile OHV trail section along Shoal Creek to replace the existing section that will be decommissioned due to a landslide. Reroute will have 72-inch width restrictors placed on both ends to limit the size of OHVs.				
	Location: UNIT - Magazine Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Logan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along Shoal Creek in Sections 23 and 26 of T7N R24W in Logan County, Arkansas.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Pleasant Hill Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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Young Mike Sherman EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/18/2019	Expected:04/2020	04/2021	Matthew Pfeifler 479-754-2864 mtpfeifler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest Health; Timber Harvest; wildlife habitat and fishery improvements; road stabilization; protection of heritage resources; fuels reductions; NNIS control; recreation management				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55259				
Location: UNIT - Pleasant Hill Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Vegetation and Forest Health Management that will occur in the project area located in Johnson County, Arkansas.					

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests St. Francis Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Amendment of Permits STF0138, STF0141, STF0151, and STF0155 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/24/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Kenney Smedley 479-284-3150 ksmedley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Responding to requests from recreation residence permit holders to modify or add authorized improvements on their respective use areas.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Francis Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Lee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bear Creek Lake Recreation Residence Tract, Use Areas 1, 15, 17 and 19.				

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
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Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Sylamore Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Blanchard Springs Recreation Area Complex Utility Replacement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:08/2020	10/2020	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 ext 3234 jan.franks@usda.gov
	Description: Replace existing utility lines crossing North Sylamore Creek Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57941				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blanchard Springs recreation area complex.				
Sylamore Range Allotment Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	Description: Proposing management of 6 range allotments with conversion to exotic pasture grass to native species on some fields. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42968				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Six range allotments on the Sylamore District located within Baxter (2 allotments) and Stone (4 allotments) County.				
Walk and Roll Trail Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Jan Franks 870-269-3228 jan.franks@usda.gov
	Description: Maintenance and improvement of non-motorized trails; actions will include realignment when needed;limited herbicide use; converting a road and a user-created trail to system trail; constructing new trail Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44724				
	Location: UNIT - Sylamore Ranger District. STATE - Arkansas. COUNTY - Baxter, Searcy, Stone. LEGAL - Not Applicable. corridors up to 400' wide of NFS land centered on system trail trends.				

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