



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

### National Forests In North Carolina

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b>  EIS	- 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
<p><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 &amp; proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a></p>					
<p><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>.</p>					

#### National Forests In North Carolina, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>National Forests In North Carolina, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Wildlife Openings Management Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/22/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Sheryl Bryan 828-257-4271 sbryan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to maintain existing wildlife fields across North Carolina through the use of mechanical treatments, prescribed fire, and herbicides to control undesirable vegetation.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55310">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55310</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - National Forests In North Carolina All Units. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell, Montgomery, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Craven, Davidson, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Jones, McDowell, Macon, Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests in North Carolina.					

<b>National Forests In North Carolina, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Nantahala National Forest Programmatic EA for Stand Improvement Treatments</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2021	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Sarah Bridges 828-837-5152 sarahbridges@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Provide programmatic direction for a standard set of treatments that promote the regeneration and survival of woody forest vegetation within the natural range of historic variation for a variety of ecosystem benefits.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District, Nantahala Ranger District, Tusquitee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Areas on the Nantahala National Forest that meet programmatic direction and which are consistent with the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to environmental and heritage resources per the EA.				
<b>Nantahala National Forest Wildlife Openings Rehabilitation Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Jason Farmer 828-479-6431 jfarmer@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Conduct treatments to rehabilitate select existing wildlife openings on the Nantahala and Tusquitee Ranger Districts in Macon and Cherokee Counties, NC.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District, Tusquitee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee, Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Select WL openings on the Nantahala and Tusquitee Ranger Districts.				

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<b>National Forests In North Carolina, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Nantahala and Pisgah NFs Plan Revision</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/14/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Heather Luczak 828-257-4817 NCplanrevision@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Revision of the Nantahala and Pisgah NFs Land Management Plan (Forest Plan)				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43545">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43545</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District, Grandfather Ranger District, Pisgah Ranger District, Appalachian Ranger District, Nantahala Ranger District, Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 18-county area in Western North Carolina.					
<b>Non-Native Invasive Plant Control on the Uwharrie and Croatan National Forests</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2020 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/2021	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	Victoria Payne 2526390304 Victoria.Payne@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to treat non-native invasive plants on the Uwharrie and Croatan National Forests using a combination of mechanical, cultural, and chemical treatments.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34643">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34643</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Uwharrie Ranger District, Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Montgomery, Randolph, Davidson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Craven, Carteret, Jones, Davidson, Macon, and Randolph counties.					

<b>National Forests In North Carolina</b>	<b>Appalachian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
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<b>National Forests In North Carolina Appalachian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Appalachian Trail Relocation at Beauty Spot</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 12/03/2020	05/2021	Michael Good 828-689-9694 x116 Michael.Good@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> relocation of the Appalachian Trail (AT) in two places near Beauty Spot Gap on the south side of Unaka Mountain, in Mitchell County, North Carolina. This will provide approximately 1300 feet of new trail. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59209">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59209</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Appalachian Trail near Beauty Spot.				
<b>Appalachian Trail Relocation at Log Cabin</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Michael Good 828-689-9694 x116 Michael.Good@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Trail relocation to avoid private property. Approx 1.13 miles of new trail location <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59211">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59211</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Appalachian Trail near Log Cabin.				
<b>French Broad EMC Stack House Amendment</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2020	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	James Owen 8288773265 ext. 233 james.owen@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Special use amendment; Power line right of way (special use #461) <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59252">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59252</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Madison County.				
<b>Mount Mitchel Trail Relocation Phase 4</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2020	Expected:01/2021	05/2021	Michael Good 828-689-9694 x116 Michael.Good@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Relocation of a small section of the Crest Trail for sustainability <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59212">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59212</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Yancey. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Crest Trail on Black Mountain.				

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<b>National Forests In North Carolina Appalachian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>NCDOT Project - Replace Bridge on Upper Shut-in Rd (SR 1183) over Upper Shut-in Creek</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 11/17/2020	02/2021	Amy Mathis 828-259-0548 amy.mathis@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to replace a functionally obsolete bridge with one that meets current design standards. Construction would be staged so that detours are not needed.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56862">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56862</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bridge on Upper Shut-in Road (SR 1183)over Upper Shut-in Creek in Madison County, southwest of Hot Springs, NC.					
<b>Roan &amp; Unaka Mountains Spruce-fir Restoration and Habitat Improvement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 12/03/2020	12/2020	Christina Stoeihrel 423-735-1524 christina.stoeihrel@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to remove American beech infected or susceptible to Beech Blight and promote red spruce and Fraser fir. Activities include underplanting of spruce and fir, rehab disturbed areas and creating/expanding canopy gaps.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57483">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57483</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell, Avery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Roan and Unaka.					

<b>National Forests In North Carolina Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>AT&amp;T Tower at Wauchechea Bald</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/23/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Robert Vance 828-837-5152 revance@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Remove and replace the existing AT&T telecommunications tower at the existing communication tower complex on Wauchechea Bald in Graham County, NC.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Telecommunication complex on Wauchechea Bald, Graham County, NC.				

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<b>National Forests In North Carolina - Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Crossover Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2021	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action includes timber harvest, prescribed burning, and improvement of wildlife, fisheries, and botanical habitat to reestablish age class and structural diversity in NE Cherokee and southern Graham Counties, NC.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56347">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56347</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee, Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southern and northern slopes of the Snowbird Mountains west of Topton, North Carolina.					
<b>Duke Energy Meetinghouse Mountain Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Robert Vance 828-837-5152 revance@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Relocate approximately 1,750 linear feet of power line from the south side of U.S. Highway 28 to the north side of Hwy 28 in the Meetinghouse Mountain area of Graham County, NC.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North and south sides of U.S. Highway 28 in the Meetinghouse Mountain area of Graham County, NC.				
<b>Meetinghouse Mountain Road Access Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Robert Vance 828-837-5152 x117 revance@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Grant access across National Forest System lands on the Cheoah Ranger District in Graham County, North Carolina for vehicular access to private lands.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Off Meetinghouse Mountain Road near Lake Santeetlah in Graham County, North Carolina.				

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<b>National Forests In North Carolina    Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>NCDOT Project - NC 143 Cherohala Skyway to Robbinsville</b>  EA  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/06/2020	Expected:01/2021	03/2021	Amy Mathis 828-259-0548 amymathis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> NCDOT has proposed making improvements to NC 143 from the Cherohala Skyway to SR1127 at Robbinsville in Graham County. Portions of this project are located on National Forest System lands. Project currently on hold pending additional DOT funding.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=20272">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=20272</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NC 143 from the Cherohala Skyway to SR1127 at Robbinsville.					
<b>NCDOT Project - US Highway 74 (A-9) Robbinsville to Almond</b>  EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/29/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2020	Expected:02/2021	06/2024	Amy Mathis 828-259-0548 amymathis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to improve transportation options from Robbinsville to Almond in Graham County to provide the transportation infrastructure necessary for the well-being of local and regional traffic.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/corridor-k/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/corridor-k/Pages/default.aspx</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. US Highway 74 from Stecoah to Robbinsville.					
<b>Swan Cabin Project</b>  EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/20/2020	01/2021	Todd Sharkey 828-837-5152 ext. 118 tasharkey@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to construct a new primitive cabin that is code and accessibility compliant near the existing historic Swan Cabin on National Forest System lands in Graham County, NC.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54821">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54821</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The existing Historic Swan Cabin area on the Cheoah Ranger District.					

<b>National Forests In North Carolina    Croatan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
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<b>National Forests In North Carolina Croatan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Newport Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2014	Expected:01/2021	04/2021	Steven Maharrey 252-638-5628 smaharrey@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Croatan RD is proposing to improve timber stand and wildlife habitat by conducting mngmt activities on approx. 2,682 acres. The project consists of various timber and wildlife related mngmt activities to move the Forest towards desired conditions				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37454">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37454</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Carteret. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Croatan National Forest just to the west of Newport, NC.					
<b>West Carteret New Water Well Installation</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Donald Simon 910-576-6391 dwsimon@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Allow the West Carteret Water Corporation to place 2 more water wells and approximately 4000 feet of additional waterline with power on the Croatan Ranger District in the locations identified in their existing permit issued in August of 1989.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42677">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42677</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Carteret. LEGAL - Not Applicable. From Pringle Road proceeding along Forest Route 155, Deep Sand Road, on the Croatan Ranger District.					

<b>National Forests In North Carolina Grandfather Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Lovers Branch Wildfire Resilience Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:10/2021	05/2022	Nicholas Larson 928-635-8230 nicholaslarson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> A combination of stand improvement, commercial thinning, regeneration, and prescribed burning proposed to reduce the risk and increase the resilience to wildfire.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59243">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59243</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Grandfather Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Caldwell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lovers Branch Area. The area is within the 602(b) Designation of Insect and Disease Infestation Landscape area.					

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<b>National Forests In North Carolina Grandfather Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Mortimer Area Trails</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/23/2020	12/2020	Lisa Jennings 828-652-2144 lisanjennings@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal includes relocations of existing trails and new trail construction which will provide recreation experiences to users of all levels through loop opportunities of varying lengths and difficulties and a sustainable trail system.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55640">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55640</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Grandfather Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Avery, Caldwell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mortimer township in Caldwell and Avery Counties, NC.					
<b>Old Fort Trails Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:10/2021	05/2022	Lisa Jennings 828-652-2144 lisanjennings@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Adding and modifying trails to create a new system of connecting trails in the area of Old Fort, NC.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59242">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59242</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Grandfather Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - McDowell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Near Old Fort, NC.					
<b>Wilson Ridge Prescribed Burn</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Greg Philipp 828-652-2144 gphilipp@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project proposes an addition to a previously analyzed prescribed burn unit named Wilson Ridge. The addition is proposed to utilize system roads for control lines and create a better burn unit.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51261">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51261</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Grandfather Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Caldwell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North and east of intersection of NFSR 45 and 4068, Wilson Ridge.					

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<b>National Forests In North Carolina Nantahala Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>BBQ Supplemental Silviculture Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land management planning - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/20/2020	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 steverson.moffat@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Conduct two-age silvicultural treatments in two stands within the BBQ Project analysis area on National Forest System lands on the Nantahala Ranger District in Macon County, NC.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. %u2022White pine removal, plant oaks, and release oaks with herbicide in stand 69/7, totaling approximately 20 new acres. %u2022Expand stand 70/15 to include stands 70/13 and 69/18, totaling 16 acres.				
<b>Duke Energy Fontana Lake Power Line Relocation Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2020	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 josephbwood@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Move a 4,900 foot segment of the existing overhead power line that crosses the national forest and reinstall it on a series of new power poles within the NCDOT ROW along North Carolina State Highway 28 near the Almond Community in Swain County, NC.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On National Forest System lands in Swain County, NC, east of the Almond Community.				
<b>Duke Energy Wesser - Silver Mine Power Line Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 josephbwood@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Remove old power lines and installing new power lines along U.S. Highway 19 between Wesser Road and Silver Mine Road. Most of the work will occur within the existing NCDOT right-of-way.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North of Franklin, NC, one mile above the Nantahala Outdoor Center along U.S. Highway 19.				
<b>Duke Energy Winding Stair Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/07/2017	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 josephbwood@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to grant a special use authorization to Duke Energy to make improvements to the power generation and distribution system that crosses National Forest System lands in Macon County, North Carolina.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52071">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52071</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Duke Energy power generation and distribution system in the Winding Stairs area of Macon County, NC.					

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<b>FY20 Nantahala Watershed Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 11/03/2020	02/2021	Jason Farmer 828-479-6431 jfarmer@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> (1)Improve fish passage for brook trout within Alarka Creek in Swain County by installing two bottomless arches and replacing a culvert with a ford. (2)Replace the concrete ford located on Kimsey Creek with a bridge or arched culvert.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain, Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Alarka Creek in the Alarka Laurel area of Swain County; Kimsey Creek in the Standing Indian recreation complex in Macon County.				
<b>Nantahala Ranger District Post-Fire Crop Tree Release Project</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bryan Killian 828-524-6441 bkillian@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to conduct mechanical and chemical treatments to release stump sprouts of hard mast-producing trees that were top-killed during arson fires in fall of 2016.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54813">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54813</a>				
<b>Redbird Multiple Resource Project</b> EA	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	David Perez 828-524-6441 davidmperez@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to conduct multiple resource management treatments to improve wildlife habitat and forest resources in Compartments 102, 110, 111, 121, and 124.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57890">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57890</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest System lands on the Nantahala Ranger District, Nantahala National Forest, Compartments 102, 110, 111, 121, and 124, Macon County, NC.					

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<b>National Forests In North Carolina Nantahala Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Turkey Pen Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/21/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2021	Expected:08/2021	10/2021	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to conduct multi-resource management treatments on the Nantahala Ranger District in Macon County, North Carolina.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52068">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52068</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nantahala Mountains east of Nantahala Lake, Macon County, North Carolina.					

<b>National Forests In North Carolina Pisgah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Graveyard Fields Project 2019</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/20/2020	Expected:05/2021	07/2021	Patrick Scott 828-877-3350 pscott@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action includes trail maintenance in Graveyard Fields and Graveyard Ridge area; regeneration of red spruce; stand improvement treatments in recently planted red spruce in Flat Laurel; and stream restoration along Yellowstone Prong.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55665">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55665</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Haywood. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The general area of Graveyard Fields, north of the Blue Ridge Parkway and south of Shining Rock Wilderness area.					

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<b>National Forests In North Carolina Pisgah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Lickstone Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Jason Herron 828-689-9694 jason.herron@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Lickstone Project is a forest vegetation, wildlife habitat, and watershed management project.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57553">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57553</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Haywood. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Lickstone Project Area is comprised of all FS lands of the Pisgah Ranger District East of Lickstone Ridge which is approximately 25 miles southwest of Canton, NC.					
<b>Middle Black Mtn. Trail Relocation, Trail Head Improvement, and Joel Branch-Horse Cove Connector</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2018	Expected:01/2021	05/2021	Patrick Scott 828-877-3350 pscott@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action includes: trail construction and reconstruction, trailhead construction, improvements to volunteer campsites, improvements to Brevard water intake, road decommissioning, and removal of vault toilet.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53329">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53329</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania, Buncombe, Henderson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Projects are across the Pisgah Ranger District.					
<b>NCDOT Project - Davidson River Pedestrian Bridge Construction</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:04/2021	04/2021	Amy Mathis 828-259-0548 amymathis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to construct a pedestrian bridge over the Davidson River linking Brevard to the Pisgah NF. The City will own and maintain the bridge. Potential activities include clearing, grading, bridge construction and relocation of power-lines.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54691">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54691</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On Hwy 276 (Pisgah Hwy) near the intersection with Hwy 64, on the south side of the road just inside the Pisgah NF boundary.					

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<b>National Forests In North Carolina Pisgah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>NCDOT Project - Hwy 276 Sight Distance Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/30/2016	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Amy Mathis 541-820-3890 amymathis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to remove vegetation and broaden road shoulders to improve sight distance for driver safety.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54709">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54709</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Last switchback curve on Hwy 276 when driving from Brevard to the Blue Ridge Parkway.					
<b>WLOS Permit Amendment for Tram Replacement</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/30/2016	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	Linda Aiken 828-689-9352 laiken@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action includes modification of the WLOS special use permit to allow repair and upgrades to the tram system which is used to access the tower.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55683">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55683</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Buncombe, Haywood. LEGAL - Not Applicable. WLOS tower site on Mount Pisgah.					

<b>National Forests In North Carolina Tusquittee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>NCDOT Project - Replace Bridge 159 on SR 1326, Joe Brown Highway, over Hanging Dog Creek</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Amy Mathis 828-259-0548 amy.mathis@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to replace the one-lane bridge on SR 1326, Joe Brown Hwy, over Hanging Dog Creek, with a 2-lane bridge. It would also straighten the curve on the western bridge approach.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56860">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56860</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The bridge over Hanging Dog Creek on Joe Brown Highway (SR 1326) in Cherokee County, North Carolina, northwest of Murphy.					

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<b>National Forests In North Carolina Tusquitee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Tusquitee Ranger District Insect Infestation Treatment Project - Phase 1</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action includes planting and regeneration treatments in stands that are dominated by off-site white pine and which are at risk of insect infestation.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54823">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54823</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tusquitee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Selected stands that meet criteria as supporting a majority of off-site white pine on National Forest System lands in Cherokee County, NC.					
<b>Tusquitee Ranger District Prescribed Fire Reauthorizations</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action is to use prescribed burning on 27 separate units totaling approximately 16,776 acres in Cherokee and Clay Counties.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54815">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54815</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tusquitee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee, Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Existing previously authorized prescribed burn units on National Forest System lands in Cherokee and Clay counties, North Carolina.					
<b>White Grape Bend Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/25/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to conduct shortleaf pine ecosystem restoration, including timber harvest, prescribed burning, wildlife habitat, fisheries habitat, and botanical habitat improvement projects in Cherokee Co, NC near White Grape Bend on Hiwassee Lake.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56346">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56346</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Tusquitee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Central Cherokee County, North Carolina, near the White Grape Bend area of Hiwassee Lake.					

<b>National Forests In North Carolina Uwharrie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
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<b>National Forests In North Carolina Uwharrie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R8 - Southern Region</b>
<b>Wood Run Mountain Bike Trails and Parking Expansion</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/27/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2021	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Theresa Savery 910-576-6391 x 102 tsavery@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed action includes expansion of the trailhead parking, new trail construction in the Wood Run Area and connection of the Wood Run mountain bike area to the Yates Place Camp.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58245">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58245</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Uwharrie Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Wood Run Mountain Biking Area.					

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