



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests

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R8 - Southern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Southern Region Cave and Underground Abandoned Mine Closure CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 06/14/2019	06/2019	Dennis Krusac 404-347-4338 dkrusac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Short-term (up to 2 years) closure order for all caves and abandoned mines in the Southern Region (2 exceptions) to minimize transmission potential of the fungus that continues to cause white nose syndrome in bats that has affected populations.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56195				
Location: UNIT - Cherokee National Forest All Units, National Forests In Florida All Units, Kisatchie National Forest All Units, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest All Units, National Forests In North Carolina All Units, National Forests In Mississippi All Units, Ouachita National Forest All Units, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest All Units, National Forests In Texas All Units, Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area All Units, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest Units, Daniel Boone National Forest All Units, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest All Units, National Forests in Alabama All Units, Ozark-St. Francis National Forest All Units. STATE - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia. COUNTY - Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Bibb, Blount, Bullock, Butler, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Cleburne, Coffee, Colbert, Conecuh. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Region-wide except El Yunque NF and Blanchard Springs Cavern in AR.					

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Recreation Decommissioning EA	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Carrie Miller 864-427-9858 carriemiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will align the Sumter National forests outdoor recreation offerings with forest strengths/niche, changes in user demand/preferences, and reduced budgets in order to provide a more sustainable and beneficial program to the public.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52911				
Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District, Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Across Enoree and Long Cane Ranger Districts.					

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Sumter Forest Plan Amendment to update standard FW-40 CE *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 05/23/2019	06/2019	Mary Morrison 803-561-4058 mwmorrison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Updates to the Sumter forest plan are needed to clarify how the risk of pesticide use is evaluated.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54209				
Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District, Long Cane Ranger District, Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Abbeville, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Saluda, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sumter National Forest. This forest plan amendment would all apply to direction to all three ranger districts.					
Sumter Non-native Invasive Plant Control EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2019	Expected:12/2019	03/2020	Mary Morrison 803-561-4058 mwmorrison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Control of non-native invasive plants on the Sumter National Forest using herbicide applications. The proposal includes treatment of non-native invasive private and state lands under a Wyden agreement.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52748				
Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District, Long Cane Ranger District, Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Abbeville, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Saluda, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sumter National Forest including NF land along with private and state land under Wyden agreements.					

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Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests Andrew Pickens Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Andrew Pickens White Pine Management EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Victor Wyant 864-638-4475 / 864-638-9568 comments-southern-francismarion-sumter-andrewpickens@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project would treat approximately 2,200 acres in 66 stands of white pine plantations scattered across the Andrew Pickens Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55429				
Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Treatments would occur in 66 stands of white pine plantations scattered across much of the Andrew Pickens Ranger District.					
BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC dba AT&T South Carolina CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Derrick Miller 540-265-5128 derrickmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: The installation of 7,700 feet of .075 inch diameter fiber optic cable, buried 36 inches in depth within the northern road shoulder of US Hwy 76 to upgrade stability and reliability of cellular towers in the area, in Oconee County, South Carolina.				
	Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hwy 76.				
Palmetto Trail Ross Mountain Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/22/2018	Expected:06/2019	06/2019	Amanda Walrod 706-754-6221 awalrod@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of 3.1 miles of new trail for mountain biking and hiking from Stumphouse Passage to Oconee State Park.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54215				
Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed location is between Stumphouse and Oconee State Park along a ridge that parallels Ross Mountain Road.					

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Supplement to the AP Loblolly Pine Removal and Restoration Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/25/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Victor Wyant 864-638-9568 vwyant@fs.fed.us
	Description: Additional loblolly pine stands have been located and would be treated. Other loblolly units would be changed to commercial treatments. Site prep prescribed burning and 2 additional herbicides would be added. There would be some changes to woodlands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53047				
Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple compartments across the Andrew Pickens Ranger District.					

Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests Enoree Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
2019 Enoree Ranger District Permit Renewals CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Derrick Miller 540-265-5128 derrickmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of Meansville Riley Road Water Company and Laurens Electric Cooperative, Inc special use permits				
	Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Laurens, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. General Forest Area.				
Gully Restoration and Maintenance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/17/2019	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	Jesse Harris 803-321-2972 jesse.d.harris@usda.gov
	Description: Reducing soil erosion on actively eroding sites and maintaining gullies that have been previously restored.				
	Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Chester, Fairfield, Laurens, Newberry, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 155 affected areas across the Enoree Ranger District.				

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Middle Enoree Analysis Area EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2019	Expected:09/2019	05/2020	John Richardson 864-427-9858 jwrichardson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approximately 7,000 acres of timber would be thinned and regenerated in the Middle Enoree Analysis Area along with gully restoration and stream and lake habitat improvements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56146				
Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Laurens, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is West of Whitmire in Union and Laurens County.					
NARTC Region 5 Recreation Event CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/07/2019	05/2019	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	Description: Competitive trail ride permit utilizing Buncombe and Woods Ferry Horse Trails.				
	Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Union County.				

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2018 Awendaw Trail Relocation and Bank Stabilization CE	- Recreation management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Erica Wadl 843-336-2221 ewadl@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to repair the floating dock, stabilize the bank, and relocate sections of the Awendaw Passage of the Palmetto Trail that were damaged during the 2015 & 2016 flood events				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53655				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Charleston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Charleston County, SC at the trailhead located at the end of FS 5123 and along portions of the trail.					

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Berkeley Electric Cooperative Distribution Line Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/25/2018	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Rhea Whalen 479-667-2191 rswhalen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc. has proposed to remove existing distribution powerlines and relocate them along existing road prism on Brinson Lane and Bethera Road place the existing line on Witherbee Road in the ground in the existing ROW.				
	Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Berkeley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Brinson Lane, Witherbee Road and Bethera Road.				
Cane Gully EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2019	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Alton Gaskins 843-336-2228 agaskins@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would consist of vegetation, wildlife habitat, wetland, recreation, and transportation improvements in an effort to move the project area toward desired conditions outlined in the forest plan.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56064				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Berkeley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. cane gully.					
Central Electric Power Coop - McClellanville 115 Kv Line EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 07/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Derrick Miller 540-265-5128 derrickmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct a 115 KV powerline to McClellanville, SC.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=5499				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Berkeley, Charleston. LEGAL - NE section of Francis Marion National Forest. Francis Marion National Forest.					

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FM Wardfield Green Tree Reservoir Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jestin Clark 843-336-2241 jestinclark@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Francis Marion Ranger District is proposing to create a new green tree reservoir (GTR). A GTR is a seasonally flooded wetland managed for waterfowl.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55486				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Berkeley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project location is off FSR 212 in compartment 148.					
Francis Marion Prescribed Burning Adaptive Management Strategy EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/29/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2019	Expected:11/2019	02/2020	Paul Churchill 843-336-2200 pchurchill@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action describes an adaptive management strategy to manage prescribed fire on approximately 259,000 acres of national forest lands and nearby tracts of state and private lands covered in a Wyden agreement.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53945				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Berkeley, Charleston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Francis Marion National Forest.					
Restoration and Maintenance of the Tibwin Complex (South and North) Water Impoundments CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 05/13/2019	05/2019	Jestin Clark 843-336-2241 jestinclark@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project would replace aging and obsolete water control structures and rehabilitate and restore ditches/canals to improve function and efficiency.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54052				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Charleston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Tibwin complex is located in Charleston County, SC off of Highway 17 near McClellanville.					

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Swamp Fox Forest Health Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/27/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Alton Gaskins 843-336-2228 alton.gaskins@usda.gov
	Description: Lower the risk of a southern pine beetle outbreak and restore native ecosystems on approximately 2,346 acres of the Francis Marion National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56374				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Berkeley, Charleston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project proposes to treat approximately 2,346 acres in Berkeley and Charleston Counties, SC.					
Tibwin Tract Prescribed Burn Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Paul Churchill 843-336-2200 pchurchill@fs.fed.us
	Description: Introduce prescribed fire on approximately 798 acres in compartment 217 (Tibwin Tract) on the Francis Marion National Forest				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52080				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Charleston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 217, Charleston County, SC on the Francis Marion Ranger District.					

Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests Long Cane Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Iredell Thinning Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/06/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Dell Frost 803-637-5396 dfrost@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thin approximately 2,766 acres of loblolly pine and loblolly pine removal on approximately 44 acres for hardwood conversion. Herbicide would be used to control early pioneering species in both the thin and pine removal stands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55568				
Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Management Compartments: 248,258,260,275-278,280-282,287,297-300,349 and 354.					

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McCombs Bottoms Wetland Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/24/2018	Expected:06/2019	06/2019	Jason Jennings 803-561-4060 jjennings@fs.fed.us
	Description: Six (6) ephemeral wetlands would be restored. Work would consist of: creating shallow depressions; installing ground-water dams as necessary; filling-in ditches that are currently draining the wetlands; and, re-vegetating disturbed areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54062				
Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - McCormick. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located in compartment 220 along Lee Creek.					
RENEW Mechanical Treatments CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Jeff Magniez 803-637-5396 comments-southern-francismarion-sumter-longcane@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mechanical treatment of approximately 2,873 acres by mowing or mastication of understory and mid-story woody vegetation to improve vegetation conditions for wildlife, including protection of red-cockaded woodpecker clusters.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55482				
Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Edgefield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Compartment 307, stands 1-6, 8-11, 13-14, 16-18, & 20. Compartment 308, stands 1-19, 21-24, 27, & 29-31. Compartment 309, stands 1-6. Compartment 310, stand 1. Compartment 311, Stands 1-5, 7-9, & 11.					
Suppression of Pine Beetles II CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/06/2018	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	Dell Frost 803-637-5396 dfrost@fs.fed.us
	Description: Control beetle outbreaks and improve overall forest health by using sanitation harvests in conjunction with normal beetle suppression techniques on over 60 current and future beetle outbreaks.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55068				
Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda Counties, South Carolina.					

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