



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
10/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests

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Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R8 - Southern Region
2019 Recreation Special Use Permits CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/01/2019	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	Derrick Miller 540-265-5128 derrickmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: Recreational Special Use Permits				
	Location: UNIT - Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest All Units. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Abbeville, Berkeley, Charleston, Edgefield, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest.				

Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Piedmont Land Exchange CE *NEW LISTING*	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Peggy Nadler 803-561-4053 SM.FS.r8fmssocom@u sda.gov
	Description: Project would consist of a land-for-land exchange of two isolated federal tracts for two non-federal tracts that would consolidate National Forest System Lands on the Sumter National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56606				
Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District, Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Abbeville, Edgefield, Newberry, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The non-federal (offered) tracts are located in Abbeville and Union Counties and the federal (selected) tracts are located in Edgefield and Newberry Counties.					

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Recreation Decommissioning EA *UPDATED*	- 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.					
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 10/2019	Expected:01/2020	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.					

Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests	Andrew Pickens Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R8 - Southern Region
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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 10/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Victor Wyant 864-638-4475 / 864-638-9568 SM.FS.r8fmsapcom@usda.gov
	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/19/2017	Expected:11/2019	11/2019	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52091				
	Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hwy 76.				
Cedar Creek Rifle Range Maintenance, Remediation, and Relocation Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Amanda Walrod 706-754-6221 SM.FS.r8fmsapcom@usda.gov
	Description: Project proposes maintenance and remediation measures for the existing Cedar Creek Rifle Range and proposes to relocate the rifle range to a new site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56673				
	Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is located near Cedar Creek Road on the Andrew Pickens Ranger District.				

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Palmetto Trail Ross Mountain Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 07/10/2019	07/2019	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.					
Supplement to the AP Loblolly Pine Removal and Restoration Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 09/24/2019	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56303				
Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Laurens, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. General Forest Area.					

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Enoree Wildlife Boxes CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/13/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Greg Berner 803-276-4810 gberner@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Enoree Ranger District is proposing to install and maintain wooden nesting and roosting boxes throughout the district.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56817				
Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Chester, Fairfield, Laurens, Newberry, Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Throughout the Enoree Ranger District.					
Gully Restoration and Maintenance CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/17/2019	Expected:11/2019	12/2019	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56092				
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.					
Middle Enoree Analysis Area EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	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.					

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2018 Awendaw Trail Relocation and Bank Stabilization CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jacob Rhyne 843-336-2221 jdrhyne@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.					
Awendaw East Coast Greenway Expansion CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/07/2019	Expected:10/2019	01/2020	Jacob Rhyne 850-926-3561 ext6545 SM.FS.r8fmsfmcom@usda.gov
	Description: The Town of Awendaw proposes construction and maintenance of approximately 2.4 miles of trail as part of the East Coast Greenway Trail System.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56561				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Charleston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed trail would be located south of the Town of Awendaw near US Highway 17 and Doar Road. A portion of the trail would be located along Forest Service Road 260B.					
Berkeley Electric Cooperative Distribution Line Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/25/2019	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.				

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Cane Gully EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 11/2019	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management 	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/23/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Derrick Miller 540-265-5128 derrickmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is a cooperating agency to the USDA Rural Utilities Service, which is the lead agency for a proposal to construct a 115 KV powerline to McClellanville, SC. https://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/environmental-studies/impact-statement				
	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.				
FM Wardfield Green Tree Reservoir Project CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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.				

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Francis Marion Prescribed Burning Adaptive Management Strategy EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/26/2019	Expected:01/2020	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.					
Francis Marion Wetland Enhancement and Restoration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2019	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Mark Garner 803-561-4068 SM.FS.r8fmsfmcom@usda.gov
	Description: The project would create two depressional wetlands within existing abandoned borrow pits to provide ephemeral wetland habitat for wildlife species.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56627				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Berkeley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The wetlands would be located in Compartment 95 Stand 32 and Compartment 100 Stand 1.					
Swamp Fox Forest Health Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 09/12/2019	09/2019	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.					

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Tibwin Tract Prescribed Burn Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Cancelled	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.					

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Iredell Thinning Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 09/03/2019	10/2019	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.					
McCombs Bottoms Wetland Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/24/2018	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	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.					

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RENEW Mechanical Treatments CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Jeff Magniez 803-637-5396 SM.FS.r8fmslccom@usda.gov
	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	Completed	Actual: 07/15/2019	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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