



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

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	- 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 *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management - Land acquisition	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2019	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Peggy Nadler 803-561-4053 SM.FS.r8fmsocom@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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Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Recreation Decommissioning EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/04/2019	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	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: Comment Period Public Notice 12/09/2019	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	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 02/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	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:01/2020	01/2020	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 *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2020	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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FY 2020 AP Prescribed Burning CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2019	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Victor Wyant 864-638-4475 / 864-638-9568 SM.FS.r8fmsapcom@usda.gov
Description: The Andrew Pickens Ranger District proposes prescribed burns on approximately 7,004 acres across 13 burn units. Some mechanical and manual vegetation management is also proposed.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57068					
Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various burn blocks scattered across the Andrew Pickens Ranger District.					
Upper Chattooga River Trail Campsite Designation and Closure Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/26/2019	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Alice Riddle 803-321-2982 SM.FS.r8fmsapcom@usda.gov
Description: This project would implement management direction for campsites along the Upper Chattooga River Trail. Of 34 existing user created campsites, 12 sites would be designated for overnight camping and the remaining 22 sites would be closed and restored.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57416					
Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Upper Chattooga River Trail within the Ellicott Rock Wilderness in Oconee County, South Carolina.					

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:01/2020	01/2020	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 Pine Beetle Suppression Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2019	Expected:01/2020	02/2020	Carrie Miller 864-427-9858 carriemiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: We are proposing to thin or remove timber infested with pine beetle. Entire stand removal would be determined on a case by case basis, this is commonly referred to as the salvage or cut-and-removal of trees with commercial value.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57336				
Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Union. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Delta Tract in Union County.					
Enoree Wildlife Boxes CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 11/07/2019	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:01/2020	01/2020	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.					

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Middle Enoree Analysis Area EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2020	Expected:03/2020	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.					

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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 *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/07/2019	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Patrick Yamnik 803-561-4000 SM.FS.r8fmsfmcom@u sda.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.					

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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 01/2020	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.				
	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 and Sumter National Forests		Francis Marion Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region
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:02/2020	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 *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2019	Expected:02/2020	02/2020	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.					

Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests		Long Cane Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region
FY 2020 Pre-commercial Thinning - Long Cane Ranger District CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2019	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Dell Frost 803-637-5396 SM.FS.r8fmslccom@usda.gov
	Description: Pre-commercial thinning of approximately 1,054 acres across 26 of loblolly pine-dominated stands to improve stand conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57094				
Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 26 stands scattered across the Long Cane Ranger District.					

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McCombs Bottoms Wetland Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/24/2018	Expected:03/2020	03/2020	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.					
RENEW Mechanical Treatments CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 10/22/2019	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.					

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