



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. 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
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands.A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				

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:10/2020	10/2020	Peggy Nadler 803-561-4053 SM.FS.r8fmssocom@usda.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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Sumter Non-native Invasive Plant Control EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 09/03/2020 07/10/2020	07/2020	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		
2020 Andrew Pickens Ranger District Special Use Permit Renewals CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/13/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Derrick Miller 540-265-5128 derrickmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of the Federal Aviation, SC Department of Health & Environment, Mildred Powell, and Mary Hihn Special Use Permits.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57430				
Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations on the Andrew Pickens Ranger District.					
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 10/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	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.					

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BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC dba AT&T South Carolina CE *UPDATED*	- 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.				
	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.					
Brasstown Falls Trail Construction and Dispersed Camping Management CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 09/14/2020	09/2020	Amanda Walrod 864-638-4463 SM.FS.r8fmsapcom@u sda.gov
	Description: Construct a sustainable hiking trail to Brasstown Falls and address dispersed camping in the vicinity of the trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58106				
Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in the southern portion of the district west of Brasstown Road.					
Cedar Creek Rifle Range Relocation Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Amanda Walrod 864-638-4463 SM.FS.r8fmsapcom@u sda.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 2021 Prescribed Burning on the Andrew Pickens Ranger District CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Victor Wyant 864-638-4475 / 864-638-9568 SM.FS.r8fmsapcom@usda.gov
	Description: Prescribed burning on approximately 4,983 acres scattered across the Andrew Pickens Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58825				
Location: UNIT - Andrew Pickens Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Oconee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Scattered across Andrew Pickens Ranger District.					
Upper Chattooga River Trail Campsite Designation and Closure Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/26/2019	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Amanda Walrod 864-638-4463 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.					

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Buncombe Horse Trail 310F Relocation Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/04/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Alice Riddle (864)427-9858 ariddle@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approximately 12 miles of the 310F trail section would be relocated from highly impacted, non-sustainable locations to a side hill location that overlooks some of the most scenic mixed hardwood drains.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58604				
Location: UNIT - Enoree Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Laurens, Newberry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The 310F trail is part of the Buncombe trail system located in Newberry and Laurens County.					

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Gully Restoration and Maintenance CE	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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 10/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	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	- Recreation management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robert Stewart 843-336-2221 robert.stewart@usda.gov
	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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Boggy Head Rifle Range EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:04/2021	04/2021	Robert Stewart 843-336-2221 robert.stewart@usda.gov
	Description: Proposing revised management and/or potential closure and decommissioning of the Boggy Head Rifle Range to address ongoing health and safety issues with the site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58291				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Berkeley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boggy Head Rifle Range is located southeast of the intersection of SC Highway 41 and Betheria.					
Buck Hall Recreation Site Renovation EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Robbin Cooper 803-561-4077 SM.FS.r8fmsfmcom@usda.gov
	Description: This project proposes renovations to the Buck Hall Recreation Area, including the day-use area, RV parking, restrooms, campsites, and more.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58000				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Charleston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of US Highway 17 between Awendaw and McClellanville.					
Central Electric Power Coop - McClellanville 115 Kv Line EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/23/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	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.					

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Francis Marion Wetland Enhancement and Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	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.					
Home Telecom USDA ReConnect CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/24/2020	10/2020	Derrick Miller 803-561-4056 derrick.miller@usda.gov
	Description: Home Telephone Company, Inc. ReConnect Program project will extend broadband services to rural areas of the Charleston County and Berkeley County in South Carolina.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58176				
Location: UNIT - Francis Marion Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Berkeley, Charleston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations across the Francis Marion National Forest.					

Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests Long Cane Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
2020 Long Cane Special Use Permits CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Derrick Miller 540-265-5128 derrickmiller@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special Use Permits				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57795				
Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations on the Long Cane Ranger District.					

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Chewacla First Thinning Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/17/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Dell Frost 803-637-5396 dell.frost@usda.gov
	Description: First thinning of 702 acres of loblolly pine immature pole timber.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57498				
Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Edgefield, McCormick. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Management Compartment/Stand: 197/4, 214/1, 282/18, 290/11, 290/14, 296/10, 296/24-25, 296/27, 300/1, 300/7, 300/17, 300/19-22, 352/18 and 352/22.					
Forest plan amendment #4 expanding woodland management on the Long Cane Ranger District CE *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/17/2020	Expected:11/2020	01/2021	Mary Morrison 803-561-4058 mary.morrison@usda.gov
	Description: We are proposing to amend the Sumter Forest Plan to convert approximately 5,600 acres to the Woodland and Grassland/Savanna Habitats management prescription				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58353				
Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Edgefield, McCormick. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed changes to the management prescriptions are specific to over 5,600 acres located in Compartments 309 to 311 and 320 to 324 in the southern portion of the Long Cane Ranger District.					
Forest plan amendment #4 to the Sumter National Forest Land Management Plan CE *NEW LISTING*	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mary Morrison 803-561-4058 mwmorrison@fs.fed.us
	Description: duplicate project - cancelled				
	Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Edgefield, McCormick. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed changes to the management prescriptions are specific to over 5,600 acres in located in Compartments 309 to 311 and 320 -324 in the southern portion of the Long Cane Ranger District.				

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Fury's Ferry Beaver Pond Management CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 07/30/2020	08/2020	Patrick Yamnik 803-561-4000 SM.FS.r8fmslccom@usda.gov
	Description: In conjunction with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, we propose installing a beaver pond leveler at an existing beaver pond dam at Fury's Ferry to reduce flooding impacts to adjacent private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58490				
Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - McCormick. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located at Fury's Ferry straddling the boundary between National Forest System lands and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources land.					
Lower Turkey/Stevens Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/20/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Dell Frost 803-637-5396 dfrost@fs.fed.us
	Description: Clearcut approximately 2,370 acres of predominantly loblolly pine. Seed tree regeneration approximately 863 acres. Woodland establishment on approximately 157 acres and intermediate and first thinning on approximately 5,358 acres of loblolly pine.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57677				
Location: UNIT - Long Cane Ranger District. STATE - South Carolina. COUNTY - Edgefield, McCormick. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Management Compartments 283-286, 288-296. 303-305 and 313-315.					
McCombs Bottoms Wetland Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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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