



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

Chippewa National Forest

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Chippewa National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
Enbridge Permit Reauthorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/17/2017	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Lois Pfeffer 218-335-8643 comments-eastern-chippewa@fs.fed.us
	Description: New term permit authorization of Enbridge Pipeline Permit CAL401902 which expired 12/31/17. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50183				
	Location: UNIT - Chippewa National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Crosses through the middle of the Forest; generally parallel to Hwy 2. On the Leech Lake Reservation.				

Chippewa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Little Winnie EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2019	Expected:12/2019	09/2021	Barb Knight 218-246-2362 bknight@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will include vegetation management. It is within the boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation boundary. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54776				
	Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District, Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - 146N R26-27W, 145N R26-28W, 144N R25-27W, 143N R25 and 26 W, 142N R 25 W, 141 N R 25 W. From the south east shores of Lake Winnibigoshish and continues south in scatter blocks along the south east border of the Chippewa National Forest.				

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Chippewa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Sand Lakes Resource Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/19/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2019	Expected:12/2019	09/2021	Christopher Worthington (218) 547-5125 Christopher.Worthington@usda.gov
	Description: Multiple resource management project including forest vegetation, wildlife, and watershed improvements, as well as fuels and travel management activities. Some improvement and management activities will include the sale of forest products.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52475				
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District, Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West to east between the Boy River and Walker District boundary; north to south between Goose/Vermillion Lakes and the Forest boundary; completely outside of the Leech Lake Reservation.					

Chippewa National Forest	Blackduck Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region			
Beltrami County, CSAH 39 Easement and Workspace CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/25/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is part of the final reconstruction of CSAH 39 (Lady Slipper Highway), and the segment on National Forest System land is on the east side of the highway for approx. 0.25 miles on the very northern end of the route.				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - Sec.19, SWSW, T149N, R30W. Project area is located on the east side of CSAH 39, beginning at the intersection of New Maple Ridge NE road, and traaveling 0.25 miles north.				
Bena Trail Expansion CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/21/2019	Expected:07/2019	09/2019	Christine Brown 218-335-8661 christinebrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Paved 10' Trail West of Bena				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Sections 27-28-29, T.145N, R.28W, Cass County. North side of US Highway 2 from West Winnie Road NE (Big Fish) east 2.13 miles to Old Housing Drive NE. Within the Leech Lake Indian Reservation.				

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Lydick Oak Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Cory Mlodik 307-276-5808 corymlodik@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve vigor and future acorn production by thinning young oak stump sprouts. The project area consists primarily of recent timber harvest areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50844				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - T145N R29W Sec 12; T145N R30W Sec 8; T146N R29W Sec 31, 32, and 33; T146N R30W Sec 25, 26, 35, and 36 . The project area is south of the Mississippi River and east of Cass Lake inside the Leech Lake Reservation Boundary.				
Miss Bigfork Watershed Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Eric Raitanen 218-246-3475 ericraitanen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Road fill removal from Mississippi floodplain consisting of the south approach to the abandoned Old Third River Road bridge and removal of Sugar Lake and Grass Lake impoundments to restore wetlands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51777				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Sugar lake Impoundment: T146 R29 Sec 22; Bowstring Impoundment: T149 R27 Sec 25; Grass lake Impoundment: T145 R29 Sec17; and Mississippi River Flood Plain: T146 R29 Sec 19. Project sites: abandoned Old Third River Road crossing over Mississippi, Sugar Lake and Grass Lake impoundments west of Lake Winnie. Within the Leech Lake Reservation.				
Third River Snowshoe Hare Habitat Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Cory Mlodik 307-276-5808 corymlodik@fs.fed.us
	Description: Enhance habitat for snowshoe hare using a variety of management practices including timber harvest and creating coarse woody debris on about 100 acres inside the Leech Lake Reservation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52039				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T147N-R29W, in portions of Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36. About 2 mile Northwest of Lake Winnibigoshish.				

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Chippewa National Forest Blackduck Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
West Zone Conifer Thin EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:11/2019	10/2020	Christopher Worthington 218-547-5125 Christopher.Worthington@usda.gov
	Description: Thin red and white pine and white spruce plantations to allow for more live crown ratios, with multiple entries. Diversify composition and structure of plantations in response to LLBO plantation thin TFPA proposal. Includes areas of LLI Reservation.				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Scattered stands across the Blackduck and Walker Ranger Districts in Beltrami, Cass and Itasca Counties. Includes areas in the LLI Reservation.				

Chippewa National Forest Deer River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Lastovich U4113 Road Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/23/2019	05/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Permit use of existing U4113 roadway and maintain FS3541. Permit will allow snowplowing and light surface maintenance. Tree removal or mechanical brushing would require prior approval. Project is outside the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55663				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T57N, R25W, S12 NWNW, 4th PM. North of Grand Rapids, east of Murphy Lake.					
Pine Grove Lodge Cabin 5 Expansion CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2017	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Pine Grove Lodge has requested approval to add 20 feet to Cabin 5 This project is located on National Forest System lands outside the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53105				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - Section 6, T. 147N, R26W, Itasca County. Within the Pine Grove Resort permitted area. Resort is eligible for the National Historic Register. Resort is along the Bowstring River, adjacent to Sand Lake, north of Deer River, MN.					

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Chippewa National Forest Deer River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Great River Energy Transmission Line Amendment #14 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2019	Expected:07/2019	11/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Amendment to permit to construct electric transmission line along Itasca County Highway 7 corridor. This is outside the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation boundary				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55620				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T60N, R26W, SE1/4 SW1/4 Sec 4T60N, R26W SE1/4 SW1/4 Sec 3T60N, R26W, SE1/4 SE1/4 Sec 3T60N, R26W SW1/4 Sec 1. Along Itasca County Hwy 7, SW of Scenic State Park.					
Highbanks #8 Septic System CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/30/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Jessica Dilley jessicadilley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of new septic system on Recreation Residence lot under Special Use Permit; Highbanks Tract, Lot #8 This project is within the boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56196				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T145, R31W, Sec. 2. Lot #8 of Highbanks tract on Lake Winnibigoshish, west of Deer River.					
Highbanks #6 Septic System CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/12/2019	08/2019	Jessica Dilley 218-547-5109 jessicadilley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of new septic system on Recreation Residence lot under Special Use Permit; Highbanks Tract, Lot #6. The current system will remain in place.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56210				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lot #6 of Highbanks tract on Lake Winnibigoshish, west of Deer River, within the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.					

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North Sioux Lot #7 Cabin Rebuild - New Septic, Well, Garage, Buried Electric Lines CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/25/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Jessica Dilley 218-547-5109 jessicadilley@fs.fed.us
	Description: The permittee has submitted a proposal to tear down the current cabin on North Sioux lot 7. He would have built a new cabin and new garage, the lot currently does not have a garage. Install a septic system and well, and bury the electrical Lines.				
	Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T147, R27W, Sec. 22. Lot #7 of North Sioux tract on Cut Foot Sioux Lake north of Deer River, MN. This project is within the Boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.				
Paul Bunyan Amendment 16 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/04/2018	Expected:07/2019	09/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
	Description: This will be an amendment to permit BLD401201 to replace existing copper lines with fiber optic cable. There will be no new (additional) lines added along the road ROW. This is inside the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation boundary.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54058				
Rice River Bridge Repair Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 05/29/2019	07/2019	David Morley 218-547-5122 david.morley@usda.gov
	Description: The project proposes to rehab the Rice River Bridge on Forest Road 2182 to address maintenance and safety deficiencies.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54594				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T 60 N R 26 W Sec 26. The project is located on Forest Road 2182 where it crosses the Rice River, also referred to as the Farm Camp Bridge.					

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Sunken Lake CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 05/09/2019	06/2019	Carl Crawford 218-835-3136 ccrawford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restoring fire dependent ecosystems that were historically common on sandy soils throughout the region. This project is within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54275				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T 147 N, R 27 W, Sections 9, 16, 21. Within the Sunken Lake Candidate Research Natural management Area and adjoining Cutfoot Experimental Forest.					
Womack Road Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/21/2019	Expected:07/2019	09/2019	Christine Brown 218-335-8661 christinebrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improvement and widening of 0.23 miles of Womack Road				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56330				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - Sections 16-17-21, T. 147N, R.26W, Itasca County. NE of Lake Winnibigoshish southwest of Inger, MN off County Road 35. Within Leech Lake Indian Reservation.					

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Chippewa National Forest Walker Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Cass County 157 & 128 Easements and Workspace CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to widen and regrade segments of CSAH 157 and 128, to allow for safer passage and to improve drainage for the existing roadway. The proposed area on National Forest System (NFS) land for CR 157 is approx. 2.03 miles				
	Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Sec. 1, SWNW, Sec. 2, E1/2SENE, E1/2SE, T141N, R28W Sec. 23, NWSE, Sec. 25, SENW, SENE, Sec. 35, E1/2SE, E1/2SENE, Sec. 36, W1/2SW, W1/2SWNW, T142N, R28W. CSAH 157 and 128, north of Hwy. 200. Within the Leech Lake Indian Reservation.				

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Greater MN Transmission LLC Pipeline Permit Request CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/04/2018	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
	Description: New permit to install 3 inch natural gas pipeline along 371 corridor. Disturbance on National Forest System lands will be 30 feet wide by 376 feet long, or approximately 0.33 acres. No timber will be removed.				
	Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T142N, R31W, Sec 5, SESE T142N, R31W, Sec 4, SWSW Cass County, Minnesota. East side of State Highway 371, 3 miles north of Walker, MN.				
Johnson Telephone WAL401504, Amend 1 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/28/2018	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Provide fiber optic for customers in the Sucker Bay Area. Project will include Fiber Communications Line, 10 feet wide, w,180 feet long, 1.88 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West side of Sucker Bay Road, North sides of Lake Shore Drive and West Shore Drives.				
Ojibway Resort Cabins 4&5 Demolish and Rebuild CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2019	Expected:05/2019	08/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Ojibway Resort requested approval to tear down cabins 4 and 5 and replace with one new cabin 5. The resort also plans to move the fish cleaning station.				
	Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T145N, R30W, Sec 30, Cass County. Within the Ojibway Resort permitted area. Cabin 4 and Cabin 5 are in the second row of cabins, not directly on the shoreline. Resort Located on east side of Pike Bay on Cass Lake,SE of Cass Lake,MN.				
Sandy Beach #15 Septic System CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Jessica Dilley 218-547-5109 jessicadilley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of new septic system on Recreation Residence lot under Special Use Permit; Sandy Beach Tract, Lot #15. Permittee requests to move drain field to higher ground. The old field will be eliminated.				
	Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lot#15 of Sandy Beach tract in Star Island, North of Cass lake, MN. Within the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.				

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Tamarack Healthy Forests Restoration Act Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/02/2019	Expected:10/2019	09/2020	Christopher Worthington 218-547-5125 Christopher.Worthington@usda.gov
Description: We propose to complete winter harvest of approximately 2,500 acres of priority tamarack stands to enhance age class diversity and reduce the effects of insect and disease infestations.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55412					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Treatments stands would be scattered across the Chippewa National Forest and Leech Lake Indian Reservation.					
Ten Section and Moss Lakes Fish Passage Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 06/10/2019	08/2020	David Morley 218-547-5122 david.morley@usda.gov
Description: The project includes removing two impoundment structures between Pike Bay and Moss Lake to restore fish passage. The structure on the outlet of Moss Lake would be replaced with a larger diameter culvert to increase flow capacity.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56082					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - W 1/2 Township 145N, Range 31W, Section 5. The project is located inside the Leech Lake Reservation, roughly 3.5 miles south of Cass Lake, MN.					
West Pike Bay #6 Septic System CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/30/2019	07/2019	Jessica Dilley 218-547-5109 jessicadilley@fs.fed.us
Description: Installation of new septic system on Recreation Residence lot under Special Use Permit; West Pike Bay Tract, Lot #6. This project is within the boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54905					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T149, R26W, Sec. 3. Lot #6 of West Pike Bay tract on Pike Bay, East of Cass Lake, MN.					

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