



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

Chippewa National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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:09/2019	09/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@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.				
Forest-Wide Permanent Openings Management Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Joseph Jordan 218-547-5126 joseph.jordan@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Staff has made initial determinations as to which wildlife openings will be actively managed. Management plans will be developed for the selected openings with consultation, collaboration, and internal and external review. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56455				
	Location: UNIT - Chippewa National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These permanent openings are located throughout the Chippewa National Forest, covering the span of Blackduck, Deer River, and Walker Ranger Districts. Portions within the Leech Lake Reservation.				
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 - Chippewa National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Treatments stands would be scattered across the Chippewa National Forest and Leech Lake Indian Reservation.				

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Chippewa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Little Winnie EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:02/2020	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.					
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: Comment Period Public Notice 06/19/2019	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.					

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Chippewa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					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 10/2019	Expected:03/2020	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55341				
Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District, Walker 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 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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/27/2019	10/2019	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56406				
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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/08/2019	09/2019	Christine Brown 218-335-8661 christinembrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Paved 10' Trail West of Bena. Includes clearing approximately half an acre of National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56405				
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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Blackduck Ruffed Grouse Habitat Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2019	Expected:10/2019	12/2019	Cory Mlodik 307-276-5808 corymlodik@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve habitat for ruffed grouse and other early successional species through patch clearcutting aspen (about 366 acres) and thinning white spruce plantations (about 117 acres) along and near Hunter Walking Trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56413				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Itasca. LEGAL - T146N, R30W, Sections 11, 12, 13, 14; T146N, R31W, Sections 5, 8, 17; T147N, R29W, Sections 21, 22; T148N, R29W, Section 31; T148N, R30W, Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 29, 30; T148N, R29W, Section 31. Along and near four Hunter Walking Trails: Carter Lake, Webster Lake, Tower Lake, and Morph Meadows. Portions within the Leech Lake Reservation.				
Lydick Oak Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/17/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	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	Completed	Actual: 08/23/2019	08/2019	Eric Raitanen 218-246-3475 ericraitanen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of the Sugar Lake impoundment 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. Sugar Lake impoundment west of Lake Winnie. Within the Leech Lake Reservation.				

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Sandy Beach #15 Septic System CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/08/2019	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56209				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck 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.				
Third River Snowshoe Hare Habitat Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/29/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	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.				

Chippewa National Forest	Deer River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Pine Grove Lodge Cabin 5 Expansion CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2017	Expected:01/2020	05/2020	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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Great River Energy Transmission Line Amendment #14 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/24/2019	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/26/2019	09/2019	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 #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.				
North Sioux Lot #7 Cabin Rebuild - New Septic, Well, Garage, Buried Electric Lines CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/12/2019	09/2019	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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55484				
	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.				

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Paul Bunyan Amendment 16 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/24/2019	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				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T147N, R27W, Sec 22, 36; T146N, R27W, Sec 24, 25 26, 35. N. side of Cut Foot Sioux Lake, N of Lake Winnibigoshish. SW side of Little Cut Foot Sioux Lake, near the Little Cut Foot summer homes. SE corner of Lake Winnibigoshish and near Plughat Point.					
Peoples Telephone Amendment 2 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/11/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of fiber optic lines. This project is within the boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56496				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - Existing road right-of-way of Hwy. 6, CSAH-125 and 44, north of Deer River, MN. T146N, R25W, Sec. 28, E1/2NE, E1/2NESE, S1/2SWSW, Sec. 29,SESESE, Sec. 32, E1/2NENE; T146N, R25W, Sec. 3, NENW. The proposed project is to place new fiber optic line in the existing road right-of-way of Hwy. 6, CSAH-125 and 44, north of Deer River, MN.					
Womack Road Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/27/2019	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.					

Chippewa National Forest Walker Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56407				
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Sec. 1, SWNW, Sec. 2, E1/2SENE, E1/2SE, T141N, R28WSec. 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.					
Greater MN Transmission LLC Pipeline Permit Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/04/2018	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54553				
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.					
Hendricks FR2807 Road Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/18/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Jessica Dilley 218-547-5109 jessicadilley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a special use permit for the Hendricks' 2019 FR2807 to access his property for approximately 0.25 miles (1,300 feet), and a non-system road segment (driveway) for about 35'long and about 16' wide. Project is inside LLBO reservation boundary.				
	Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West of Walker, MN and south of Cedar Lake.				

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Johnson Telephone WAL401504, Amend 1 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/27/2019	10/2019	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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54818					
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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/06/2019	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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55875					
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.					
Qwest Amendment#3 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/29/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
Description: The proposed project is to place new fiber optic line in the existing road right-of-way Pike Bay Loop Road and 3 pedestals along the south side of Highway 2. T145N, R30W, Sec. 18, Lots 16-17; Sec. 19 Lots 1-4; Sec 30 Lots 1-2.					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed project is to place new fiber optic line in the existing road right-of-way Pike Bay Loop Road and 3 pedestals along the south side of Highway 2. Project within the Leech Lake Reservation.					
WAL400505 Lake County Amendment 18 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/05/2019	10/2019	Donna Schackman 218-335-8615 djschackman@fs.fed.us
Description: Installation of underground and overhead electrical power lines					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - Sec.1, W1/2NE, SW, T141N, R29W; Sec.20, NWNW, T145N, R29W. Within Leech Lake Reservation. Located around the Cut Foot Area and Ketchum area, Itasca County.					

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