



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

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:01/2020	02/2020	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 *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 10/24/2019	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)	Completed	Actual: 10/11/2019	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: Comment Period Public Notice 10/09/2019	Expected:04/2020	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 11/27/2019	Expected:03/2020	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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West Zone Conifer Thin EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/26/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2020	Expected:05/2020	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			
Blackduck Ruffed Grouse Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 10/24/2019	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.					

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Lydick Oak Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 09/30/2019	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.				
Pennington North Resource Management Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	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.				
	Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Itasca. LEGAL - T147-149N, R29-31W. The project extends from the northwestern corner of the Forest near Hines, MN, east to Moose Creek and south to Kitchi Lake. The project is outside the Leech Lake Band of the Ojibwe reservation.				
Third River Snowshoe Hare Habitat Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 09/30/2019	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
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Pine Grove Lodge Cabin 5 Expansion CE	- 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.					
Peoples Telephone Amendment 2 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/11/2019	Expected:01/2020	04/2020	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.					
Winnie Dam 16 Basement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2019	Expected:03/2020	09/2020	Jessica Dilley 218-547-5109 jessicadilley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Repairs to basement for cabin on Recreation Residence lot under Special Use Permit; Winnie Dam, Lot 16.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57419				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T146, R27W, Sec. 24. Lot #16 of Winnie Dam tract on Lake Winibigoshish, west of Deer River. This is within the exterior boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe 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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2019	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	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:01/2020	01/2020	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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/18/2019	Expected:12/2019	02/2020	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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Qwest Amendment#3 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/04/2019	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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56544					
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.					
Walker Bay #21 Well CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:01/2020	06/2020	Jessica Dilley 218-547-5109 jessicadilley@fs.fed.us
Description: Installation of a new water well for a residence. The project is within the boundary of the Leech Lake Band of the Ojibwe Reservation.					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T142, R31W, Sec.14. Lot #21 of Walker Bay tract on Leech Lake, north of Deer River.					

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