



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Chippewa National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- 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 .					

Chippewa National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R9 - Eastern Region

Enbridge Permit Reauthorization CE <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/22/2020	08/2020	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.					

Chippewa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R9 - Eastern Region

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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	Completed	Actual: 05/26/2020	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:07/2020	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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Chippewa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
West Zone Conifer Thin EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/26/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:06/2020	10/2020	Christopher Worthington 218-547-5125 Christopher.Worthington@usda.gov
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55341</p> <p>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.</p>					

Chippewa National Forest Blackduck Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Pennington North Resource Management Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Christopher Worthington (218) 547-5125 Christopher.Worthington@usda.gov
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57343</p> <p>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.</p>					

Chippewa National Forest Deer River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
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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:07/2020	08/2020	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.					
Beaver Lodge Impoundment Restoration project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/17/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Eric Raitanen 218-246-3475 eric.raitanen@usda.gov
	Description: Improve watershed conditions, reduce maintenance costs, and increase public safety by Impoundment including removing the control structure,culvert,and flood plain fill material and revegetating with native species.This is outside the LLBO reservation				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58216				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - Township 149N Range 25W Section 30 - NE SW. 8 miles Northwest of Talmoon, MN and three miles Southwest of Wirt, MN on the headwaters of Fletcher Creek. The access is from Itasca 29, however there is no public vehicle access to the impoundment.					
Highbanks#8 Cabin Addition CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/14/2020	06/2020	Jessica Dilley 218-547-5109 jessicadilley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Permittee proposes to build addition to existing cabin. Existing cabin is 640 square feet. The proposed addition would be 20'x12' (24 sq. ft.) and located to the NE side. No grading will be required. Project is within LLBO boundary.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57510				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lot#8 of Highbanks tract on Lake Winnibigoshish, west of Deer River.					

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Peoples Telephone Amendment 2 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/26/2020	08/2020	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.				
Wilderness ATV Route CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/29/2019	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Kenneth Hansen 218-835-3116 khansen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Change the allowed use of existing snowmobile trail to mixed use, including ATVs. Trails may have the tread reshaped to improve drainage, gravel added; culverts installed, and possibly some type of structure to cross wet areas. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57587				
	Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. General location is the North East area of the Forest, north of the Mac Road, East of County Road 29, to the East boundary of the Forest. Not within the exterior boundary of the Leech Lake reservation.				
Winnie Dam 16 Basement CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2019	Expected:07/2020	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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Winnie Sand EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Barb Knight 218-246-2362 bknight@fs.fed.us
Description: This project will include vegetation management. The project is within the exterior boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation boundary.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57340					
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Section within the following townships T146N/R26W, R27W; T147N/R26W, R27W; T148N/R26W, R27W, T28W; T149N/R26W,R27W;T150N/R27W, R28W. The project extends from the eastern side of the north shore of Lake Winnibigoshish and on up north in a narrow strip to the Forest boarder.					

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	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/13/2020	05/2020	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, 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.					
Hendricks FR2807 Road Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/18/2019	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56864					
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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Trunk Highway (TH) 200 Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/21/2018	Expected:07/2020	12/2020	Christopher Worthington 218-547-5125 Christopher.Worthington@usda.gov
Description: Reconstruction of a 15.6-mile segment of TH 200, an existing two-lane from MN 371 to MN 84. Roadway work includes repair/replacement of bridge 8136 over Cedar Creek and bridge 8533 over Bag Creek. FS would issue new 100' easement.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57435					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 200 between MN 371 and MN 84. Project is within Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.					

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