



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

### Chippewa National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> 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
<b>Description:</b> 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					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .					

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

**R9 - Eastern Region**

<b>Sand Lakes Resource Management Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2020	09/2021	Christopher Worthington (218) 547-5125 Christopher.Worthington@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52475">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52475</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>West Zone Conifer Thin</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/26/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020	Expected:12/2020	02/2021	Christopher Worthington 218-547-5125 Christopher.Worthington@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55341">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55341</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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			
<b>Beltrami Electric Norway Beach Campground</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 09/17/2020	09/2020	Christopher Worthington 218-335-8643 christopher.worthington@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Installation of electrical cable service from existing Wanaki Loop transformer to new transformer and service connect in Wanaki Loop; located behind site 151. Work completed with plow and direct bury of cable.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58725">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58725</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in the Norway Beach Recreation Area, Wanaki Loop.					
<b>Paul Bunyan Fiber Optic Cable BLD401201 Amendment 17</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Patti Turecek 970-413-0733 patti.turecek@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Upgrade existing copper lines with installation of fiber optic in the existing right of way to comply with FCC requirements and meet customer demands for broadband. Within LLBO boundary				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58726">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58726</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Norway Beach-Pike Bay and Pennington Area.					

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<b>Chippewa National Forest Blackduck Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Pennington North Resource Management Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/20/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Christopher Worthington (218) 547-5125 Christopher.Worthington@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57343">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57343</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Strawberry Point 9</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/31/2020	09/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-547-5106 ashley.n.may-klick@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Permittee is proposing to remove the existing 1,088 square foot cabin and rebuild a new 900 square foot cabin. The cabin outside dimensions would measure 24'x 37'and consist of 2x6 wood framing. Project is inside LLBO				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58739">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58739</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lot #9 of Strawberry Point tract on Cass Lake, East of Cass Lake.					
<b>Sunlite Lane Beltrami Electric Project</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/17/2020	10/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-547-5106 ashley.n.may-klick@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> To extend existing facilities along Sunlite Lane in Beltrami County a member of Beltrami Electric that is land locked by Federal Lands. The proposed project includes burying 7.2 kV Electric Distribution line 2,812 feet				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58738">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58738</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sunlite Lane, FR3449 and FR 3449B, South of Blackduck and on the south side of South Twin Lake.					

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<b>Chippewa National Forest</b>	<b>Deer River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>	
<b>Pine Grove Lodge Cabin 5 Expansion</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2017	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-229-8807 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53105">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53105</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Beaver Lodge Impoundment Restoration project</b> CE	- 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58216">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58216</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Great River Energy Permit Renewal</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Christopher Worthington 218-335-8643 christopher.worthington@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Reissuance of 1 expired permit for multiple powerlines throughout the CNF. Improvements already on the ground. Changes to existing operations and facilities will not be authorized.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Aerial powerlines across the CNF in Cass and Itasca counties.				

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<b>North Sioux Lot 4 Exterior Remodeling</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/19/2020	10/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-229-8807 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Exterior Remodel of Cabin Located at North Sioux Lot 4 including siding, windows, roofing, and deck. This project is within the exterior boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T147N, R27W, Sec. 27. Cabin Located at North Sioux Lot 4.				
<b>Peoples Telephone Company Amendment #3</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/09/2020	09/2020	Barb Knight 218-246-2362 barb.knight@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Install, operate, and maintain buried fiber optic communications cable & associated appurtenances in existing road rights-of-way in the Marcell area. Installation will employ vibratory plowing & directional boring methods, & restoration.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58496">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58496</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - See maps. Marcell exchange area in Itasca County, MN This is outside the boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.					
<b>Wilderness ATV Route</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/29/2019	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Kenneth Hansen 218-835-3116 khansen@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57587">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57587</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Chippewa National Forest Deer River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>			
<b>Winnie Dam 16 Basement</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/15/2020	10/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-229-8807 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Repairs to basement for cabin on Recreation Residence lot under Special Use Permit; Winnie Dam, Lot 16.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57419">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57419</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Winnie Dam 8 Stair Proposal</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/25/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-547-5106 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Build an approximately 32 ft.long by 4 ft. wide staircase and hand rail at 39023 Plughat Point Rd. This project is within the exterior boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58610">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58610</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lot #8 of the Winnie Dam Recreation Residence Tract located on Lake Winnibigoshish, West of Deer River.					
<b>Winnie Sand</b> EA	- 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
	<b>Description:</b> This project will include vegetation management. The project is within the exterior boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation boundary.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57340">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57340</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Hendricks FR2807 Road Permit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/24/2019	11/2019	Jessica Dilley 218-547-5109 jessicadilley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56864">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56864</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West of Walker, MN and south of Cedar Lake.					
<b>Johnson Telephone-Amendment #2</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/15/2020	09/2020	Christopher Worthington 218-335-8643 christopher.worthington@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed project is to place new fiber optic line in existing telephone right of way authorized under permit WAL401504				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58721">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58721</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located on the Deer River and Walker RD%u2019s in the Remer area, east of the Leech Lake Band Reservation area.					
<b>Marshall Lake Road</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-547-5106 ashley.n.may-klick@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> To issue a special use permit allowing the use and maintenance of PVT-P5394 across Forest Land. Project is within LLBO boundary.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58807">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58807</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T141N R28W Section 7.					

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<b>Ojibway Lot # 31</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-547-5106 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Cabin owner is requesting to replace the existing chimney using new brick of a different color. Project is within LLBO boundary.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58808">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58808</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ojibway Summer Home Group.					
<b>Ojibwe 16 Decks and steps</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/25/2020	10/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-547-5106 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Cabin owner is requesting to build two free standing decks. One will total 84 square feet and the other will be an irregular shape roughly 114 square feet. There will be no ground disturbance. This is within LLBO boundary.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58751">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58751</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lot #16 of Ojibway tract on Cass Lake, Southeast of Cass Lake.					
<b>Trunk Highway (TH) 200 Improvement Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 09/22/2020	12/2020	Christopher Worthington 218-547-5125 Christopher.Worthington@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57435">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57435</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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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