



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Chippewa National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. 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
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)

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Chippewa National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
Fire-dependent Ecosystem Restoration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2020	Expected:03/2021	05/2021	Mike Rice 218-547-1044 mikerice@fs.fed.us
Description: The use of prescribed fire and associated mechanical treatments to restore fire-dependent ecosystems and wildlife habitats on national forest system lands within the proclamation boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Indian Reservation.					
Location: UNIT - Chippewa National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 150,000 acres of fire-dependent ecosystems on national forest system lands that are completely within the proclamation boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Indian Reservation.					

Chippewa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
West Zone Conifer Thin EA	- 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
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
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Chippewa National Forest Blackduck Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Norway Beach Resort Shoreline Stabilization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/27/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Christopher Worthington 218-335-8643 christopher.worthington@usda.gov
	Description: The project includes construction of 244 feet of rock riprap shoreline protection at the Norway Beach Resort along the shoreline of Cass Lake. The project is within the LLBO				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59167				
Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project site is in Cass County Minnesota; T145N, R30W, S8 at the Norway Beach Resort on FR2007AA. The nearest town is Cass Lake, MN.					
Paul Bunyan Fiber Optic Cable BLD401201 Amendment 17 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/07/2020	10/2020	Patti Turecek 970-413-0733 patti.turecek@usda.gov
	Description: 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				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58726				
Location: UNIT - Blackduck Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Norway Beach-Pike Bay and Pennington Area.					
Pennington North Resource Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2021	Expected:02/2022	04/2022	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=57343				
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.					

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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	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Ashley May-Klick 218-229-8807 ashleynmayklick@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 *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/17/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	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.					
Enbridge Line 4 Mile Posts 984 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/06/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-229-8807 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Enbridge-Issuing a temporary work permit to perform maintenance on Line 4. This is within the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation Boundary				
	Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T144N R26W Section 5. Line 4 at Mileposts 984.9495 and 984.9667 within the boundary of LLBO Reservation and the Chippewa National Forest in Cass County, Minnesota.				

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Great River Energy Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/20/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Christopher Worthington 218-335-8643 christopher.worthington@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58477				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass, Itasca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Aerial powerlines across the CNF in Cass and Itasca counties.					
Paul Bunyan Telephone Amendment 18 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/30/2020	12/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-229-8807 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Plow and/or bore a fiber optic cable across Forestry Land to provide internet and telephone service to an address on Co Rd 126. Approximately 2000' in the right of way on the East Side of Co Rd 126. This is inside the LLBO reservation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59158				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T148N, R27W, Sec. 11. SW of Rice Lake.					
Private Driveway PVT-P3062 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/02/2020	12/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-229-8807 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a road permit for a private driveway crossing roughly 113 feet of FS land covering approximately 0.04 acres. This not inside the LLBO reservation boundary.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59149				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Itasca. LEGAL - T60N R26W Sec. 20. between Hwy 38 and Horseshoe lake.					

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Chippewa National Forest Deer River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
South Winnie Lot 7 Exterior Update CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Ashley May-Klick 218-229-8807 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Updating and installing windows, siding, doors and deck. adding an outhouse and deck. This project in inside the exterior boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58896				
Location: UNIT - Deer River Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - T145N, R29W, Sec. 12. Lot 7 of the South Winnie Summer Home Group.					
Wilderness ATV Route CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/29/2019	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	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 8 Stair Proposal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/07/2020	10/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-547-5106 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58610				
Location: 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.					

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Winnie Sand EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:01/2022	01/2022	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.					

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Chippewa National Forest Walker Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R9 - Eastern Region			
Marshall Lake Road CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Ashley May-Klick 218-547-5106 ashley.n.may-klick@usda.gov
	Description: To issue a special use permit allowing the use and maintenance of PVT-P5394 across Forest Land. Project is within LLBO boundary.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58807				
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T141N R28W Section 7.					
Ojibway Lot # 31 CE	- 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
	Description: Cabin owner is requesting to replace the existing chimney using new brick of a different color. Project is within LLBO boundary.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58808				
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ojibway Summer Home Group.					

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Chippewa National Forest	Walker Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
WAL545905 Permit Reissue CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/10/2020	11/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-547-5106 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
Description: Reissuing permit WAL545904 for a private road on Forest Land. No changes to permitted activities. Project is within LLBO Reservation					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59003					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Northeast Side of Leech Lake.					
Walker Bay 14 Well CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/20/2020	10/2020	Ashley May-Klick 218-547-5106 ashleynmayklick@fs.fed.us
Description: Permit Holder is requesting to install a new well. Project is within LLBO boundary					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58933					
Location: UNIT - Walker Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lot 14 of the Walker Bay Summer Home Group.					

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