



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Huron-Manistee National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| 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 . | | | | |

Huron-Manistee National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R9 - Eastern Region

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| Forest-wide Forest Health Project EA *UPDATED* | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | In Progress: Scoping Start 12/17/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2020 | Expected:03/2021 | 03/2021 | Lauri Hogeboom 231-775-5023 ext 8744 lhogeboom@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Forest will use integrated pest management processes to control infestations/infections of trees across the Forest. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57349 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Huron-Manistee National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Wexford, Alcona, Crawford, Iosco, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Oscoda. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project could include any infested/infected stands across the Forests outside of wilderness as needs arise. | | | | |

Huron-Manistee National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R9 - Eastern Region

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| Huron-Manistee National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Zone Aspen Project EA *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | In Progress: Scoping Start 01/06/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020 | Expected:01/2021 | 03/2021 | Mark Herberger 231-723-2211 mherberger@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The goal of this project is to manage the aspen forest resource of the West Zone of the HMNF to: improve the growth and vigor of aspen stands; achieve a diversity of age-classes; provide a healthier ecosystem; and, improve wildlife habitat. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57386 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Baldwin/White Cloud Ranger District, Cadillac/Manistee Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Wexford, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is the entire west zone of the Huron-Manistee National Forests, including both the Baldwin-White Cloud and Cadillac-Manistee Ranger Districts. | | | | | |

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| Huron-Manistee National Forest District) | | Baldwin/White Cloud Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Great Lakes Energy Cooperative Amendment 10 Baldwin Ranger District CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/04/2020 | Expected:10/2020 | 10/2020 | Alicen Well 989-826-3252 x 3321 alicen.well@usda.gov |
| | Description: Great Lakes Energy Cooperative lines have surpassed their life expectancy and are due for maintenance and upgrades. Upgrading the lines should increase capacity, reliability and reduce the potential for wildfire. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58609 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Baldwin/White Cloud Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T19N, R13W, Sections 5, 8, 16. The general locations of this project includes N Peacock Trail, W 5 Mile Road, and N Irons Road. Located in Peacock Township. | | | | | |

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| Huron-Manistee National Forest District) | | Cadillac/Manistee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
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| Huron-Manistee National Forest District) | Cadillac/Manistee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Federal Park Environmental Assessment EA *UPDATED* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management | Completed | Actual: 09/02/2020 | 10/2020 | Mark Herberger (231) 723-2211 mherberger@fs.fed.us |
| <p>Description: Promote vegetation distribution, composition, and age classes; enhance wildlife habitat; address non-native invasive species; reduce hazardous fuels and reintroduce fire; enhance recreation facilities; and, manage the transportation system.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55990</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Location: UNIT - Cadillac/Manistee Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mason. LEGAL - T20N, R17W, Sections 4-9, 14-23, and 26-34 of Grant Township and T20N, R18W, Sections 12, 13, 23-25, and 34-36 of Grant Township, Mason County, Michigan. Federal Park Project Area is located east of Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area and west of Highway 31. It is in close proximity to the Lake Michigan Recreation Area.</p> | | | | | |
| Nixon Hunting Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/03/2020 | Expected:11/2020 | 11/2020 | Katie Racey 231-745-4631 ex 3138 kracey@fs.fed.us |
| <p>Description: Reissue of a commercial guided bear hunting permit to Mr. Wade Nixon. Up to 6 groups of 1-2 hunters each will hunt over bait piles placed in pre-approved locations west of Lake Mitchell in Wexford County. State regulations will be followed.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58599</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Location: UNIT - Cadillac/Manistee Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Wexford. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T21N, R10W Sec 4, 17, 27, 33; T21N, R11W, Sec 16; T22N, R10W, Sec 27, 33; T22N, R11W, Sec 26.</p> | | | | | |

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| Huron-Manistee National Forest District) | | Cadillac/Manistee Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Project EA *UPDATED* | - Special area management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/03/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020 | Expected:02/2021 | 03/2021 | Lauri Hogeboom 231-942-4973 lauri.hogeboom@usda.gov |
| Description: Treat Hemlock trees infested with non-native Hemlock Woolly Adelgid with injection of systemic pesticide in trees with a DBH over 4 inches to preserve Hemlock in the wilderness and to aid in eradication of the pest in MI. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58253 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Cadillac/Manistee Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mason. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area. | | | | | |
| Olga Lake Project EA *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 12/20/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020 | Expected:02/2021 | 03/2021 | Mark Herberger (231) 723-2211 mherberger@fs.fed.us |
| Description: Promote desired vegetation distribution, composition, age classes; enhance existing wildlife habitat; treat non-native invasive plants; reduce hazard fuels and reintroduce fire; enhance recreation infrastructure; manage transportation system. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57385 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Cadillac/Manistee Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Wexford, Lake. LEGAL - T20N,R11W,Sections 1-12,14-16; T20N,R12W,Section 1; T21N,R11W, Sections 21,22,25-29,31,33-36; T21N,R12W, Section 36. Ten miles west-southwest of Cadillac, MI, and south of highway M-55 and east of highway M-37. | | | | | |

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| Huron-Manistee National Forest | | Huron Shores Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Au Sable North EA EA *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Road management | In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 07/22/2020 | Expected:10/2020 Actual: 09/28/2020 | 10/2020 | Benjamin Daly 989-739-0728 benjamin.daly@usda.gov |
| | Description: Project includes managing timber resources, wildlife habitat management, reducing wildfire potential, managing water control structures, non-native plant species management and maintaining/improving recreational sites. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57312 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Huron Shores Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alcona, Iosco. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 25N, Range 5E, Sections 13-36; Township 25N, Range 6E, Sections 31 and 32; Township 24N, Range 5E, Sections 1-19, 27-34; Township 24N, Range 6E, Sections 3-10, 14-23, 26-30. | | | | | |
| Au Sable Township Water and Sewer Permit Renewal (TAW482) CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2020 | Expected:01/2021 | 01/2021 | Andrea Tavegia 231-775-2421 x8764 andreabtavegia@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: To renew a special use authorization for existing right-of-way (ROW) containing water and sewage transmission lines Serving the Oscoda School System adjacent to River Road. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58733 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Huron Shores Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iosco. LEGAL - Iosco County, Au Sable Township, T23N R9E Section 5. Each ROW is 3,074 feet long x 20 feet wide = 1.41 acres apiece (2.82 acres total). In the right-of-way along River Road, South of Oscoda MI. | | | | | |
| Iosco Exploration Trail Project EA *NEW LISTING* | - Recreation management - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2021 | Expected:08/2021 | 08/2021 | Andrew Kenyon 989-826-3252 akenyon02@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project will authorize the construction of 28.3 miles of non-motorized trail as part of the State's Iron Belle Trail System using volunteer and cooperative agreements. This project will also provide connectivity to existing USFS trail systems. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58888 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Huron Shores Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iosco. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The US Forest Service segment of the trail somewhat parallels River Road and part of M-65. | | | | | |

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| County Line Red Pine Project EA *UPDATED* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Facility management - Road management | Completed | Actual: 08/12/2020 | 10/2020 | Brad Bolton 559-855-5355 ext. 3330 blbolton@fs.fed.us |
| Description: objectives include Kirtland warbler habitat, timber resources, early successional habitat, reducing hazardous fuel loading, , recreation management, and suppressing non-native invasive plant populations. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57490 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Mio Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Crawford, Oscoda. LEGAL - Crawford Co. T26N, R1W, S24,25; T26N, R1E, S19-23, 25-30,33-36;T25N, R1E, S 1,2,12,16-18,21,22,26-36; Oscoda Co. T25N, R2E,S5,6,7,20,28-33. National Forest System lands in Crawford County and Oscoda County, Michigan. | | | | | |
| Equestrian Distance Rides CE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Special use management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Molly Brown 760-647-3033 mbrown01@fs.fed.us |
| Description: To coordinate and host horseback endurance rides on the Shore to Shore trail for the next 5 years 2020-2024 on the Mio and Huron Shores Ranger Districts, Shore to Shore Trail, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, and Iosco Counties. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57803 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Mio Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alcona, Crawford, Iosco, Oscoda. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Shore to Shore Trail, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, and Iosco Counties on US Forest Service lands. | | | | | |

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| Four Mile Project EA | - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2020 | Expected:03/2021 | 04/2021 | Ryan King 989-826-3252 3329 rking@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Objectives: developing Kirtlands warbler breeding habitat, managing timber resources, creating/improving other wildlife and plant diversity habitat, reducing hazardous fuel loading, recreation management, and suppressing non-native invasive species. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57986 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Mio Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Crawford, Oscoda. LEGAL - Tsp 26N,R1E,S7,18; Tsp26N,R1W,S8-12,14-18,20,21,23-28,33,34,36; Tsp25N, R1W,S3-5,8,9; Tsp26N,R2W,S13,24-28-33-36 . The proposed actions are located on National Forest System lands in Big Creek Township, Oscoda County, and South Branch and Grayling Townships, Crawford County, Michigan. | | | | |
| Great lakes Energy Cooperative Permit Amendment #2 Mio Ranger District CE | - Special use management | Completed | Actual: 08/26/2020 | 09/2020 | Alicen Well 989-826-3252 x 3321 alicen.well@usda.gov |
| *NEW LISTING* | Description: GLE's lines have surpassed their life expectancy and are due for maintenance and upgrades. Upgrading the lines should increase capacity and reliability. Additionally many of GLEC's lines are located within high fire prone areas. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58506 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Mio Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Crawford. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Area 1) (McMaster's Bridge Road) T26N, R1W, Sections 11, 14, and 23. Area 2) (FSR 1257 & 4257) T26N, R1W, Section 20. | | | | |
| Irelan Private Road Permit Renewal (MIO432) CE | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2020 | Expected:01/2021 | 01/2021 | Andrea Tavegia 231-775-2421 x8764 andreabtavegia@fs.fed.us |
| *NEW LISTING* | Description: To renew a special use authorization for an existing driveway to connect private property with River Road (County Road 602). | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58734 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Mio Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Oscoda. LEGAL - Oscoda County, Mentor Township, T26N R3E Section 17. an existing driveway and River Road (County Road 602). | | | | |

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