



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

### Ottawa National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A</b> EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*NEW LISTING*</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
<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 will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.					

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

**R9 - Eastern Region**

<b>2020 Forest Wide Special Use Road Reissues</b> CE <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*NEW LISTING*</p>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/24/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Caleb Butcher 906-932-1330 x308 cbutcher@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> This project is to reissue 21 special use road permits to allow for access to private property. Roads are located on the Ontonagon, Bergland, Kenton, Bessemer, Watersmeet and Iron River Ranger Districts.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ottawa National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Roads to be reissued are located on every district of the Ottawa National Forest. Legal descriptions are included under "Other Project Information".					

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

**R9 - Eastern Region**

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Ottawa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>2018 North Zone Special Use Reissues</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/06/2018	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Vincent Schoon 906-884-2085 vschoon@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> To reissue 6 existing special use road authorizations currently issued to private landowners and one special use authorization issued to a Township for use of an existing utility line.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56805">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56805</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bergland Ranger District, Kenton Ranger District, Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various existing right-of-ways on the north zone of the Ottawa N.F.					
<b>2018 South Zone Special Use Permit Reissues</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/04/2018	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Caleb Butcher 906-932-1330 x308 cbutcher@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project is to reissue 21 special use road permits located on the Bessemer, Watersmeet and Iron River Ranger Districts.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54738">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54738</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bessemer Ranger District, Iron River Ranger District, Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic, Iron. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 21 permit roads spread out on the Bessemer, Watersmeet and Iron River Ranger Districts.					

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<b>Ottawa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Drumloid Vegetation Management Project</b> EA  *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/27/2020	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Christine Makuck 906-358-4032 christine.makuck@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project proposal includes vegetation treatments (est. 200 MMBF), hazardous fuels reduction, refinements to transportation system and old growth classification, wildlife and aquatic habitat improvement (including WSR treatments) and gravel pits. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57516">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57516</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District, Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic, Iron. LEGAL - T43N,R37WSec1-11,14,15,17,18;T47N,R38WSec1-16,22-25;T43N,R39WSec1,2,12;T44N,R36WSec2-11,14-23,26-33;T44N,R37WSec1-4,8-36;T44N, R38WSec25,29-36;T44N,R39WSec25,36;T45N,R36WSec21,22,26-35;T45N,R37WSec23-. The project area is midway between Iron River, Michigan and Watersmeet, Michigan with US Highway 2 and Forest Highway 16 traversing the middle of the project area.				
<b>Project 48519 Special Use Permits</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/10/2014	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Proposal is to issue a special use authorizations to four individuals for use and maintenance of Forest Roads to access private property. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48519">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48519</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bessemer Ranger District, Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - (Iron County) T45N, R36W, Sec. 8; T43N, R37W, Sec. 10; T44N, R36W, Sec. 23; and (Gogebic County) T44N, R36W, Sec. 23. Access off of Forest Roads 3409, 3212, 3476 in Iron County, and a non-system road in Gogebic County.				

<b>Ottawa National Forest</b>	<b>Bergland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
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<b>Ottawa National Forest Bergland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Project 51754 Forest Road and private road special use permit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/26/2016	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Vincent Schoon 906-884-2085 vschoon@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Access is requested to utilize Forest system and non-system travelways to their private land.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51754">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51754</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bergland Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Ontonagon. LEGAL - T50N R40W Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 16. Approximately 8 miles south of Ontonagon on Norwich Road, then 6 miles east on Forest Road 690, to 696, then 696-C north into the NWNW corner of Section 3.					

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<b>Ottawa National Forest Iron River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>2130 M Trail Association - Special use road request</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/06/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Caleb Butcher 906-932-1330 x308 cbutcher@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> proposal for a special use road permit that covers Forest Road 2130-M for use and maintenance to access private property. Approximately 0.45 miles of road.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57237">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57237</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T46N, R35W, Sec. 26, SWSW, SESW. Forest Road 2130-M on the east side of Perch Lake.					
<b>Bush Creek Forest Road (FR) 3350 Bridge Project</b> CE	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2019	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Anthony Holland 906-358-4523 aholland@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The FR3350 Bridge spanning Bush Creek has deteriorated with time and currently is posted for reduced load limits. It needs to be replaced.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56431">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56431</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Iron River District.					

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<b>Ottawa National Forest Iron River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Project 50361 Special Use Proposals</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2016	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue special use permits on Federal roads for landowner use to access private land. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50361">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50361</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T45N, R40W, Sec. 2; T45N, R42W, Sec. 24; T46N, R40W, Sec 3 and 10; T44N, R37W, Sec 9 and 10; T45N, R35W, Sec 25 and 26. Forest Roads 2184, 4020, 4020-A, 6945, 6950-E, 8173 and several non-system roads.				
<b>Project 50365 Special Use Proposal</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2016	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue a long-term special use permit to an individual for use and maintenance of FR 4020 and a non-system road, to access private property. Proposed access is approx. 0.30 miles long x 20 feet wide. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50365">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50365</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T44N, R37W, Sec. 9, NENE; Sec. 10, NWNW. Project is located on the south side of Old U.S. 2, approx. 1 mile west of FH16.				
<b>Project 50897 Special Use</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/14/2013	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue a long-term special use permit to a landowners for use and maintenance of FR 3460 and other existing roads approx. 0.83 miles in length on NFS lands in order to access private property. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50897">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50897</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T44N, R36W, Sec. 1, SESE, SENW; Sec. 12, N1/2NW and T44N, R35W, Sec. 6, SESW. Project is located off of CR 657, approx. 2 miles west of it's intersection with Gibbs City Road.				

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<b>Ottawa National Forest Iron River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Silver Lake, FR 3907 and Fur Farm Pond, FR 3473-B Special Use Proposal</b> CE <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/11/2019	02/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> To issue permits to two private landowners, for use and maintenance of Forest Roads and existing, segments of non-system roads, to access private property.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56605">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56605</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - Silver Lake - T43N, R36W, Sec. 5, 6 & 8. Fur Farm Pond - T44N, R36W, Sec. 13 & 24. Silver Lake - Approx. 11 miles west of Iron River on the south side of U.S. 2. Fur Farm Pond - Approx. 2.5 miles north of the intersection of Basswood Rd. and FR 3470.					

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<b>Ottawa National Forest Kenton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>East Branch Ontonagon Pilings Removal Project</b> CE <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/03/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Christopher Kovala 906-852-3500 christopherskovala@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> There are remnant pilings within the East Branch Ontonagon River causing aquatic organism passage issues. This project will remove the pilings and restore the river to its natural state.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57597">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57597</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These can be located in T47N, R37W Section 11, Houghton County. The pilings are located in Kenton, MI, approximately 50 feet south (or upstream) of where the East Branch Ontonagon River flows under the East M-28 bridge.					
<b>East Branch Ontonagon River Restoration Project</b> EA <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Christopher Kovala 906-852-3500 christopherskovala@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> This project proposes to restore stream connectivity, remove aging structures and reduce available habitat for invasive sea lamprey reproduction in the East Branch of the Ontonagon River within the Ottawa National Forest.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54281">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54281</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Baraga, Houghton, Iron, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located on the East Branch Ontonagon River in Baraga, Houghton, Iron, and Ontonagon County, Michigan.					

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<b>Ottawa National Forest Kenton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Jumbo River Forest Road (FR)3610 Bridge Project</b> CE	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2019	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Barbara Van Alstine 541-426-5581 bcvanalstine@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The FR3610 Bridge spanning the Jumbo River is in need of replacement. It has deteriorated with time and currently is posted for reduced load limits.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56433">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56433</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Kenton District.					

<b>Ottawa National Forest Ontonagon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Bergland-Presque Isle Vegetation Management Project</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/28/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Christopher Kovala 906-852-3500 christopherskovala@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Vegetation management project with associated resource projects.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57740">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57740</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Gogebic County: T48N, R45W T46-47N, R45W T47N, R4W T48N, R44W T47N, R43W Ontonagon County: T48N, R43W T49N, R44W T49N, R43W T49N, R42W T48N, R42W. The Bergland-Presque Isle VMP is located on the Bessemer and Bergland Ranger Districts, in Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan.					

<b>Ottawa National Forest Watersmeet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
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<b>Ottawa National Forest Watersmeet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Project 47267 Special Use</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2015	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue special use permits on Federal roads for landowner use to access private land. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47267">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47267</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T43N, R37W, Sec. 10; T45N, R36W, Sec. 8; T44N, R36W, Sec. 23 and 46N, R42W, Sec. 21. Forest Roads 3212, 3409, 3476 and non-system road.				
<b>Project 48517 Special Use</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/19/2015	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue special use permits on Federal roads for landowner use to access private land. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48517">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48517</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Ontonagon. LEGAL - T44N, R37W, Section 1; T44N, R37W, Sec 31, T44N, R37W, Section 28; T45N, R37W, Section 21; T47N, R40@, Section 31, Tr6N, R40W, Section 9, T45N, R38W, Section 2. Forest Roads 45140A, 6942, 6942-C, and several non-system roads.				
<b>Project 50348 Special Use Proposals</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/19/2015	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue special use permits on Federal roads for landowner use to access private land. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50348">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50348</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T44N, R37W, Sec. 1, 28 and 31, T46N, R40W, Sec. 6 and 9; T47N, R50W, Sec 31; T45N, R38@, Sec 2. Forest Roads 4514-A, 6942, 6942-C and several non-system roads.				
<b>WAT164 - proposal for new segment of buried powerline</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/01/2019	02/2020	Caleb Butcher 906-932-1330 x308 cbutcher@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> proposal to install a buried powerline to provide power to private property. approximately 220 feet of buried line. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56613">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56613</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic. LEGAL - T46N R40W Section 31 & 32. along a segment of Gog-206 and a short segment of an unnamed road.				

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