



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Ottawa 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 .					

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

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Ottawa National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
2020 Forest Wide Special Use Road Reissues CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/10/2020	12/2020	Caleb Butcher 906-932-1330 x308 cbutcher@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57822				
	Location: 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".				
2020 Forest-wide Special Use Permit Reissues CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/04/2018	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is to reissue 21 special use road permits that are expiring on 12/31/2020. Routes are located Forest-wide, with the majority on the Bergland and Ontonagon Districts. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54738				
	Location: UNIT - Ottawa National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic, Iron. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 21 permit roads spread out on the Bessemer, Watersmeet and Iron River Ranger Districts.				
Aquatic Habitat Improvement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/13/2020	Expected:12/2020	06/2021	Holly Jennings 989-826-3252 ext. 3323 hjennings@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve aquatic habitat, by adding large natural woody material to lakes and streams across the Forest. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58978				
	Location: UNIT - Ottawa National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ottawa National Forest.				

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
Ottawa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
2018 North Zone Special Use Reissues CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/05/2019	08/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56805				
Location: 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.					
2020 Iron River/Watersmeet New Special Use Permits CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/13/2020	01/2021	Nathaniel Dulaney 906-884-2085 x88420 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal to issue three new Special Use Permits to separate private landowners for access to their private property across National Forest land using existing and new travelways. New permits would set terms and conditions for use up to 10 years.				
	Location: UNIT - Iron River Ranger District, Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic, Iron. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ted's Creek Access: 45N, R40W, Sec.29, N1/2SESE,NWNWSE, Gogebic County, MI. FR3600-D Access: T46N,R37W, Sec. 25, NESE, Iron County, MI. Webb Lake Access: T43N, R35W, Sec.4, SESW, SWSE, Iron County, MI.				
2021 North Zone Special Use Permits Authorization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	Shawn Brown 906-285-6913 spbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to issue four new Special Use Permits to separate private landowners to access their private property across National Forest land using existing and new travel ways. Permits would set terms/conditions for use up to 10 years starting in 2021.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59090				
Location: UNIT - Kenton Ranger District, Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Walton Crk-T47N R37W Sections 26 and 35, Houghton Cty. Hash Crk-T49N R38W Section 3, Ontonagon Cty. FR1750-T50N R36W Section 21, Houghton Cty. FR2210-I-T48N R35W Sections: 6, 18, and 19, Houghton Cty.					

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Ottawa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Drumloid Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 09/29/2020	Expected:04/2021	04/2021	Christine Makuck 906-358-4032 christine.makuck@usda.gov
Description: 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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57516					
Location: 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.					
Forest Road (FR) 1360 Improvements II Project CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 10/02/2020	10/2021	Justin Blake 906-285-6959 justin.blake@usda.gov
Description: FR1360 has multiple areas of erosion and drainage issues resulting in rutting and sedimentation into adjacent wetlands and streams. Recent surveys have identified the need to replace additional culverts within drainages, not associated with streams.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58232					
Location: UNIT - Kenton Ranger District, Ontonagon Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Kenton Ranger District.					

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Ottawa National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Project 48519 Special Use Permits CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/10/2014	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal is to issue a special use authorizations to four individuals for use and maintenance of Forest Roads to access private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48519				
Location: 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.					

Ottawa National Forest Bergland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region	
Bergland New Use - FR696,696-C CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Shawn Brown 906-285-6913 spbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Access is requested to utilize Forest system and non-system travelways to their private land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51754				
Location: 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.					

Ottawa National Forest Iron River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region	
2130 M Trail Association - Special use road request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/06/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57237				
Location: 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.					

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Ottawa National Forest Iron River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Iron River New Use - FR3460 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/14/2013	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to issue a long-term special use permit to 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50897				
	Location: 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 its intersection with Gibbs City Road.				
Iron River New Use - FR4020 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2016	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50365				
	Location: 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.				
Iron River New Uses - FR2184 and 4020 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2016	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to issue special use permits on Federal roads for landowner use to access private land. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50361				
	Location: UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T44N, R37W, Sec 9 and 10; T45N, R35W, Sec 25 and 26. Forest Roads 2184, 4020 and 4020-A.				
Iron River New Uses - FR3409 and 3212 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2015	Expected:04/2021	04/2021	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to issue three special use permits on Federal roads for landowner use to access private land. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47267				
	Location: UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T43N, R37W, Sec. 10; T45N, R36W, Sec. 8. Forest Roads 3212, 3409, and 3476 on the Iron River District.				

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Ottawa National Forest Iron River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Lode Creek 2 - Special Use Proposal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/09/2020	08/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use and maintenance of an existing non-system road to access private property. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58277				
	Location: UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T44N, R36W, Sec. 15, E1/2SE. Project area is on the south side of FR 3475, approx. 1 mile west of intersection with Goldmine Road.				
Mallard Lake, South 3340 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/19/2015	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to issue a special use permit for existing roads, in order to access private land. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50348				
	Location: UNIT - Iron River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - T45N, R37W, Sec. 21. Non-system roads on the south side of FR 3340, approx. 1.5 miles west of FH16.				

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Ottawa National Forest Kenton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
2020 Special Use Permit: Skoglund Creek Access CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/30/2020	12/2020	Nathaniel Dulaney 906-884-2085 x88420 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal to issue a new Special Use Permit to a private landownersfor access to their private property across National Forest land using an existing travelways. The new permit would set terms and conditions for use up to 10 years.				
	Location: UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T48N,R37W, Section 4, SWNW, Houghton County, MI.				

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Ottawa National Forest	Kenton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Davidson Lakes Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/22/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Francis Paukert 906-358-4036 francis.paukert@usda.gov
Description: Proposal to use prescribed fire to improve wildlife and plant habitat conditions and reduce fuels within the Davidson Lakes hunter walking trail (HWT) area. The project area is on the Kenton Ranger District.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58564					
Location: UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Kenton Ranger District. Davidson Lakes Hunter Walking Trail area.					
East Branch Ontonagon River Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/21/2020	Expected:12/2020	05/2021	Christopher Kovala 906-852-3500 christopherskovala@fs.fed.us
Description: This project proposes to restore stream connectivity in the East Branch of the Ontonagon River within the Ottawa National Forest by removing Lower Dam and restoring the river to pre-impoundment conditions.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54281					
Location: UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton. LEGAL - Houghton County, Michigan: T47N R36W Sec 22-23. The project is located on the East Branch Ontonagon River in Houghton County, Michigan.					
Kenton to Sidnaw Culvert Replacement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 10/30/2020	05/2021	Nathaniel Dulaney 906-884-2085 x8842016 Nathaniel.Dulaney@usda.gov
Description: The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking to replace a culvert on the Kenton to Sidnaw portion of Snowmobile Trail 8. This analysis is for extending the culvert onto National Forest Service lands outside of the state's right of way.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58605					
Location: UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Houghton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The culvert is located on a segment of Snowmobile Trail 8 running between Kenton and Sidnaw MI.					

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Ottawa National Forest Kenton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Special Use Permit Outfitting CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/02/2020	11/2020	Randi Ellsworth 906-358-4008 randiellsworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special Use Permit reissue to Copper Country Intermediate School District for the utilization and maintenance of the high and low confidence ropes course at the Ottawa National Forest Camp Nesbit Environmental Center.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59059				
Location: UNIT - Kenton Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Iron. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Kenton District Camp Nesbit.					

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Ottawa National Forest Ontonagon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Bergland-Presque Isle Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- 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:05/2021	05/2021	Christopher Kovala 906-852-3500 christopherskovala@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation management project with associated resource projects.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57740				
Location: 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.					

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Ottawa National Forest Watersmeet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
2015 Watersmeet New Use CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/07/2016	01/2021	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to issue special use permit on Federal roads for landowner use to access private land. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48517				
	Location: UNIT - Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Ontonagon. LEGAL - T47N, R40W, Sec. 31, T46N, R40W, Sec. 6. Access on non-system road on the west side of FR6930.				
Hoist Lake Access CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/18/2020	11/2020	Michelle Holland 906-358-4021 mholland@fs.fed.us
	Description: To issue a special use authorization for an existing, non-system road for approx. 275', and to relocate the entrance onto Dinner Lk. Rd. for improved line-of-sight. Route previously under permit. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59124				
	Location: UNIT - Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic. LEGAL - T44N, R39W, Sec. 26, SENW. Route is on the west side of Dinner Lake Rd., approx. 0.75 miles north of the intersection with CR 210.				
Special Use Permit Sylvania Outfitters CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/06/2020	12/2020	Randi Ellsworth 906-358-4008 randiellsworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue special user permit to Sylvania Outfitters for outfitting on the Ottawa National Forest. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59065				
	Location: UNIT - Watersmeet Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Gogebic, Ontonagon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Watersmeet District.				

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