



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

### Shawnee National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Shawnee National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>FY20 Collaborative Prescribed Fire</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2019	Expected:11/2019	02/2020	Tyson Taylor 618-253-1034 tyson.taylor@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> To work collaboratively with private landowners on six prescribed fire projects to improve forest health and reduce hazardous fuels.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56950">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56950</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Shawnee National Forest All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander, Pope. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Alexander County and Pope County.					
<b>Shawnee Vegetation Management Strategy</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2019	Expected:03/2020	04/2020	Chad Deaton 618-833-8576 cdeaton@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This proposed project includes the use of several commonly available herbicides to maintain or restore oak-hickory forests and natural habitats by controlling nonnative invasive plants and undesirable, shade-tolerant or intrusive native vegetation.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54816">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54816</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Shawnee National Forest All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, Williamson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forestwide.					
<b>Shawnee National Forest Hidden Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Bay Creek Wilderness Dam Removal</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Watershed management - Land ownership management	Completed	Actual: 09/25/2019	10/2019	Laura Lecher 618-253-1015 lplecher@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Removal of dam and portion of pond encroaching in Bay Creek Wilderness, return the federal land to the surrounding grade and revegetate.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56657">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56657</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pope County, Illinois.					

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<b>Shawnee National Forest Hidden Springs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Invasive Species Management at Dixon Springs Agricultural Center</b> EA <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/03/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Matthew Lechner 618-253-1016 mlechner@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> A proposed project to actively manage, with pesticides, invasive species on Forest Service land operated under special permit by the University of Illinois and the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50693">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50693</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dixon Springs Agricultural Center.					
<b>Little Cache Ecological Restoration and Habitat Enhancement</b> EA <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/02/2018	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Leonard Pitcher 618-833-8576 ext. 116 lpitcher@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> The proposed actions will encourage resilient forest conditions through silvicultural treatments that will enhance the presence of the oak-hickory hardwood forest-type.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48943">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48943</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Little Cache area about 5 miles north of Vienna, Illinois.					

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<b>Shawnee National Forest Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Johnson Creek Silt Dam</b> EA <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/29/2019	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	Brooke Hagarty 618-833-8576 ext 114 brooke.hagarty@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> Proposal to construct a cross-valley silt dam at a point where Johnson Creek enters Kinkaid Lake on the Shawnee National Forest in Jackson County, Illinois.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56685">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56685</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located adjacent to the Johnson Creek Recreation Area on Johnson Creek Road off Route 151.					

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<b>Shawnee National Forest Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Waterfall Stewardship Pilot Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/16/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Justin Dodson 618-658-1316 jddodson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project proposes to improve forest health and sustainability of the oak-hickory ecosystems, improvement of wildlife habitat, and reduction/control of non-native species.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54704">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54704</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project area is north of Illinois Route 3, east of Illinois Route 151, south of Gum Ridge Road, and west of Buttermilk Hill Road.					

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