



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

### Shawnee National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> 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
<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 apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .					

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

#### R9 - Eastern Region

<b>Golconda Job Corps Center Complex</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/25/2020	Expected:10/2020	12/2020	Laura Lecher 618-253-1015 laura.p.lecher@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> Conveyance of approximately 296.2 acres of Golconda Job Corps Center Complex and Facilities to another federal agency.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57804">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57804</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Shawnee National Forest All Units. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - T12S R7E Section 3, T13S R7E Section 3. T12S R7E Section 3, T13S R7E Section 3; Pope County.					

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<b>Shawnee National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Shawnee Vegetation Management Strategy</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/02/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Chad Deaton 618-658-1308 chad.deaton@usda.gov
	<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>Invasive Species Management at Dixon Springs Agricultural Center</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/03/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2020	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Leonard Pitcher 618-833-8576 x116 leonard.j.pitcher@usda.gov
	<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>Lake Glendale Bicycle Trail Designation (formerly known as Lake Glendale Trail Designation)</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/23/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Chad Deaton 618-658-1308 chad.deaton@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> To designate and develop a mountain bike trail system between Lake Glendale area and Dixon Springs State Park. The project name was changed to Lake Glendale Bicycle Trail Designation with the Draft EA.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57866">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57866</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Pope. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Eleven miles east of Vienna on Hwy 146 and then 2.2 miles north on Hwy 145.					

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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>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	Completed	Actual: 08/04/2020	08/2020	Leonard Pitcher 618-833-8576 ext. 116 leonard.j.pitcher@usda.gov
	<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.					
<b>Southern Illinois Power Cooperative Permit Renewal</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2020	10/2020	Angela Adame 618-658-1318 angela.adame@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to renew Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) existing special use permit, EBT401001. Renewal of this permit will allow for the continued operation and maintenance of overhead electric lines across National Forest System lands.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hidden Springs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Gallatin, Hardin, Johnson, Pope. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Proposed areas are in Gallatin, Hardin, Johnson and Pope Counties, 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>Ameren Pole Replacement - Grand Tower to Steelville</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/05/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Chad Deaton 618-658-1308 chad.deaton@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Ameren proposes to replace five existing wooden H-frame structures.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58453">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58453</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in Jackson County, Illinois.					

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<b>Bean Ridge</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 09/18/2020	10/2020	Justin Dodson 618-658-1316 jddodson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> A project developed through a collaborative process within a designated landscape to reduce the risk and extent of insect or disease infestations by improving resiliency and sustainability.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57854">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57854</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Alexander County: T14S R2W Sections 28-33; T14S R3W Sections 25, 35, 36; T15S R2W Sections 5, 6; T15S R3W Sections 1-2.					
<b>Caldwell Road Permit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2020	09/2020	Angela Adame 618-658-1318 angela.adame@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to issue a new permit which would allow for the use and maintenance of an approximately 900 feet long by 15 feet wide or 0.31 acre right-of-way across National Forest System land.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District. STATE - Illinois. COUNTY - Alexander. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed area is in Alexander County, Illinois.				

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