



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Superior National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS *NEW LISTING* | - 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 will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law. | | | | |

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

R9 - Eastern Region

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| School Trust Land Exchange EIS *UPDATED* | - Land ownership management | In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/11/2017 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2020 | Expected:12/2020 | 12/2020 | Peter Taylor 218-626-4368 prtaylor@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project would exchange federal Superior National Forest lands located outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) for Minnesota School Trust land located inside the BWCAW. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45943 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Superior National Forest All Units. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook, Lake, St. Louis. LEGAL - multiple lands within Cook, Lake and Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota. multiple lands within Cook, Lake and Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota. | | | | |

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

R9 - Eastern Region

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| Superior National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Wilderness Boundary Fuels Reduction Project EA *UPDATED* | - Fuels management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020 | Expected:05/2022 | 06/2022 | Linda Merriman 2183652095 linda.merriman@usda.gov |
| | Description: The primary purpose of this project is to reduce the risk of severe wildfires and reduce hazardous fuels along the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (Wilderness) boundary. Treatment areas would be inside and outside the wilderness boundary. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District, Kawishiwi Ranger District, Tofte Ranger District, LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook, Lake, St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forestwide project including Forest System Lands along the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Project proposes treatments inside and outside the Wilderness boundary. | | | | |

| Superior National Forest Gunflint Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
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| Assinika Gravel West Pit Expansion CE *UPDATED* | - Minerals and Geology | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2018 | Expected:05/2020 | 06/2020 | John Olson 218-387-3219 jmolson@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Proposal to expand currently existing gravel pit area for gravel sources to be used on as resource for nearby forest roads. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T63N, R2E, Sec 7. T63N, R2E, Sec 7. | | | | |
| Assinika West Gravel Pit Expansion CE *NEW LISTING* | - Minerals and Geology | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020 | Expected:07/2020 | 08/2020 | John Olson 218-387-3219 jmolson@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The existing pit has been the primary maintenance aggregate source for over 30 years. The existing cleared pit area is approximately 1.8 acres. This proposal would expand up to another 1.25 acres for a total area of 3.05 acres. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 1/3 mile east of FR 313 on north side of FR 309,. | | | | |

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| Superior National Forest Gunflint Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Chik Wauk Overlooks and Trapper Cabin Access CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/15/2019 | Expected:07/2020 | 08/2020 | Ryan Blaisdell 218-387-3220 ryan.blaisdell@usda.gov |
| | Description: Chik Wauk Museum and Nature Center is proposing to construct two overlooks in surrounding special use permit area as well a staircase/trail to Trappers Cabin interpretive site. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Township 64N Range 4W Section 30. Projects located within Chik Wauk Museum special use permit area located off of Moose Pond Drive. | | | | |
| DNR Warden Cabin Vault Toilet CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/02/2019 | Expected:05/2020 | 05/2020 | Christina Iozzo 218-663-8080 Christina.ozzo@usda.gov |
| | Description: Renewal of permit for DNR Warden cabin site, as well as a new addition of a pit privy. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Section 30, Township 66 North, Range 4 West, 4th Principal Meridian. Section 30, Township 66 North, Range 4 West, 4th Principal Meridian. | | | | |
| East Zone Trails and Roads Management Project EA *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/24/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2020 | Expected:01/2021 | 02/2021 | Marshall Moy 2183873247 mmoy@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project will authorize a series of trails, and decommission other trails no longer in use on the East Zone. In addition, culvert removal, reclassification, and decommissioning of roads will restore streams and wetlands. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54973 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook, Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trails and roads in the Tofte and Gunflint Ranger Districts. | | | | | |

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| Superior National Forest Gunflint Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Ester Lake Campsite Closure and Opening CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | In Progress: Scoping Start 05/04/2017 | Expected:06/2020 | 06/2020 | Cathleen Quinn 218-387-3240 cquinn@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project would close down Ester Lake #3 and open a new campsite on Ester Lake (see map below). Ester Lake #3 is located too close adjacent campsites and impacts wilderness character, impacting visitor opportunities for solitude. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Township 66N Range6W Section 35 %u2013 Current campsite. Township 66N Range 6W Section 26 - Proposed campsite . In the BWCAW on the East side of Ester Lake. | | | | |
| Expressway Route Snowmobile Trail Reroute CE *NEW LISTING* | - Watershed management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Amy Wilfahrt 218-387-3771 amy.wilfahrt@usda.gov |
| | Description: Reroute a section of the Expressway Snowmobile Trail between East Twin Lake and the South Brule River that is currently within the floodplain of Bluff Creek. Remove culverts from the existing trail to improve the streams natural flow. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located approximately 25 miles north of Grand Marais, MN near East Twin Lake in Cook County, MN on FR 152. | | | | |
| GUN107309 (Stevens Lake) CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Completed | Actual: 03/06/2020 | 03/2020 | Christina Iozzo 218-663-8080 Christina.ozzo@usda.gov |
| | Description: Minnesota DNR has requested a temporary access road to access State timber sales. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T63N, R4E, Section 30 NENW. | | | | |
| GUN107310 (Pine Mtn) CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Completed | Actual: 03/06/2020 | 03/2020 | Christina Iozzo 218-663-8080 Christina.ozzo@usda.gov |
| | Description: Minnesota DNR has requested a temporary access road to access State timber sales. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T63N, R1E, Sec. 29 SWSW, 30 SESE, 31 NENE, 32 NENW & NWNE. Near Pine Mountain Road. | | | | |

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| GUN107311 (Shoe Lake) CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Completed | Actual: 03/06/2020 | 03/2020 | Christina Iozzo 218-663-8080 Christina.Iozzo@usda.gov |
| Description: Minnesota DNR has requested two temporary access roads to access State timber sales | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T64N, R3E, Sec. 17 SESE & 18 SWSE. Near Shoe Lake. | | | | | |
| GUN726903 Reroute CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/02/2019 | Expected:06/2020 | 06/2020 | Christina Iozzo 218-663-8080 Christina.Iozzo@usda.gov |
| Description: Reroute proposal for end of Private Special Use Road. | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Section 30, Township 63 North, Range 1 East, 4th Principal Meridian. Section 30, Township 63 North, Range 1 East. | | | | | |
| Kimball EA *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management | In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/20/2019 | Expected:06/2020 | 07/2020 | Marshall Moy 2183873247 mmoy@fs.fed.us |
| Description: The Kimball Project aims to promote diverse, resilient forest ecosystems. This will be accomplished through hazard fuels reduction, vegetation management, and wildlife habitat improvement. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54279 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area encompasses Devils Track, Northern Lights, Elbow, and Trout Lakes, as well as portions of the Gunflint Trail. | | | | | |

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| Superior National Forest Gunflint Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Large Wood Recruitment at Pike Lake CE *NEW LISTING* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/07/2019 | Expected:06/2020 | 11/2020 | Amy Wilfahrt 218-387-3771 amy.wilfahrt@usda.gov |
| | Description: Build 20 bundles of large wood and place them on the lakeshore of Pike Lake on federal land. The bundles create structure for the fisheries resource. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located at Pike Lake located in Cook County, MN. | | | | |
| Minnesota DNR Access Requests - Gunflint CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2020 | Expected:06/2020 | 06/2020 | Christina Iozzo 218-663-8080 Christina.iozzo@usda.gov |
| | Description: Request by the Minnesota DNR to construct, utilize, and maintain temporary access roads that lead to State timber sales. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T62N R2W S15 & 22; T63N R1W S26. GUN107313 (Swamp Lake): T62N R2W S15 & 22; GUN107315 (Lima Grade): T63N R1W S26. | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Use Map Update-Gunflint CE | - Recreation management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2019 | Expected:02/2020 | 02/2020 | Jonathan Benson 218-663-8085 jabenson@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project is designed to make some administrative changes to roads that are open/ closed to OHV use. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T 62N, R2E, Sec 8 T 62N, R2E, Sec 8 T62N, R1W, Sec 28 T62N, R1W, Sec 28 T62N, R1E, Sec 32 . Near Kimball Lake, Devil Track and Two Island Campgrounds. | | | | |
| Stream Trout Access Improvement and Signage CE | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2018 | Expected:12/2019 | 05/2020 | Amy Wilfahrt 218-387-3211 awilfahrt@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Improve existing access to the following lakes: Turnip, Thrush, Kraut, Cucumber, Little Portage, Pancore, Lima, Olson and North Shady Lakes. Brushing, clearing, and signage is proposed to already existing access for anglers and fish-stocking. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Turnip, Thrush, Kraut, Turnip, Cucumber, L. Portage, Pancore, Lima, Olson, and Shoofly Lakes. | | | | |

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| Superior National Forest Kawishiwi Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Forest Road 383 Mixed Motorized Use Project CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Road management | Completed | Actual: 02/28/2020 | 06/2020 | John Pierce 218-365-7606 jpierce@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Kawishiwi Ranger District would like to consider opening 4 miles of FR 383 (Bandanna Lake Rd) to OHV use from MN Highway 1 to FR 378 junction, creating a riding loop with FR 378. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Kawishiwi Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. FR383 from MN Highway 1 to FR 378 junction. | | | | |
| Highway 1 Stony River Bridge Replacement CE *NEW LISTING* | - Road management | Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA. | | 03/2020 | Jon Van Alstine 218-626-4319 jon.vanalstine@usda.gov |
| | Description: Authorization to Minnesota Department of Transportation to replace stony river bridge over Highway 1. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57487 | | | | |
| Prospector Trail Reroute CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | Completed | Actual: 02/28/2020 | 05/2020 | John Pierce 218-365-7606 jpierce@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Prospector ATV Club has requested the Forest Service to consider a needed 196 foot trail reroute to connect the City of Ely with the rest of the Prospector ATV trail. The reroute is around private land. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57010 | | | | |
| St. Louis County CSAH #21 Temporary Bridge Construction CE *NEW LISTING* | - Road management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020 | Expected:04/2020 | 04/2020 | Barbara Thompson 218-365-7600 bthompson@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: St. Louis Co. Public Works is planning to replace County Bridge#285 on Bear Island River(Hwy 21), between Ely and Babbitt. Tentative spring 2020 construction. Same location as existing structure, with a temp road-bridge bypass west of construction. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57700 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Kawishiwi Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 21 South; Township 61 North, Range 12 West, E ? Section 5. | | | | | |

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| Twin Metals Minnesota Hydrogeologic Study Special Use Permit EA | - Minerals and Geology - Special use management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Matthew Judd 218-626-4300 mjudd@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Twin Metals Minnesota has requested special use permit for access to collect baseline hydrogeologic environmental data to data to assist the company's prefeasability study for a mining project to ensure that the environment is appropriately protected. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40756 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Kawishiwi Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake, St. Louis. LEGAL - T 60N R12W S4, T 61N R12W S11, T 61N R12W S13, T 61N R11W S18, T 61N R11W S6, T 62N R11W S23, T 62N R11W S24, T 62N R11W S26, T 62N R11W S28, T 62N R11W S31, T 62N R11W S32, T 62N R11W S33. Approximately seven miles Southeast of Ely, Minnesota near Birch Lake and the Kawishiwi River. | | | | | |
| White Iron Lake Campsite Construction CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | Completed | Actual: 02/28/2020 | 06/2020 | John Pierce 218-365-7606 jpierce@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The USFS Kawishiwi Ranger District is proposing to add one dispersed campsites on White Iron Lake to meet the needs of the recreating public. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Kawishiwi Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. White Iron Lake, near Ely, MN. Legal T62N, R12W, section 24. | | | | |

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| Superior National Forest LaCroix Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | R9 - Eastern Region | | | |
| 2019 LaCroix Reissues CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/12/2019 | Expected:04/2020 | 04/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Reissue of existing special use permits | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various areas across district. | | | | |
| AT&T co-locating at Meander Communications Site CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Completed | Actual: 08/21/2019 | 08/2019 | James Davis 218-246-3486 jamesdavis@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: AT&T proposing to co-locate at the Meander Communication Site. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T65N R17W sec 17. 16.5 miles east of Buyck, MN. | | | | |
| LAC4093-02 North Star Electric Coop CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/23/2020 | Expected:04/2020 | 05/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Relay station for the power on an Island on Rainy lake | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T71N R22W section 30. Island located on Rainy Lake. | | | | |
| LAC663904 Dwight Moldenhauer CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/23/2020 | Expected:06/2020 | 06/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Reissue of existing special uses permits. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T63N R16W Sec. 19. Trail off Wolf Bay on Lake Vermilion to a Boat Dock Wharf on Wolf Lake. | | | | |

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| LaCroix Landscape Project EA *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020 | Expected:02/2021 | 03/2021 | Michael Johnson 907-288-7729 mwjohnson@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Collaborative effort between resource managers, stakeholders, and land owners to improve forest conditions using an all lands approach. Forest management treatments to address natural resource priority objectives across multiple land ownerships. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55309 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 500,000 acres of federal, state, county, tribal, industrial and private lands in Northeast Minnesota. | | | | | |

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| Superior National Forest Laurentian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| 2019 Laurentian Reissues CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/10/2019 | Expected:04/2020 | 04/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Reissue of existing special use permits | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various areas across district. | | | | |
| Giants Ridge Single Track Mountain Bike Trails CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | Completed | Actual: 03/17/2020 | 06/2020 | Tim Engrav 218-666-0025 tengrav@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Construct several segments and loops of single track mountain bike trails on National Forest lands adjacent to Giants Ridge to enhance mountain biking opportunities. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T59N R16W sec 12,13,24,25. National Forest lands west and north of the Giants Ridge Area. Generally in the same area as existing Nordic trails. | | | | |

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| Lau1126-20 LK Co Pikkulapsi CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020 | Expected:05/2020 | 06/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Access to county land for management activities. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T57N R11W Section 29. Off the Kokkonen Road. | | | | |
| Lau1126-21 LK Co Friendly Neighbor CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020 | Expected:05/2020 | 06/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Access to county land for management activities. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T56N R11W Section 28. Off the Langley River Road (FR122). | | | | |
| Laurentian Divide OHV Trail Connection CE | - Recreation management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020 | Expected:04/2020 | 06/2020 | Tim Engrav 218-666-0025 tengrav@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Upgrade and reconstruct the Laurentian Trail where necessary from Hwy 53 to CR303 and designate open to OHV use to enhance OHV riding opportunities. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T59N R17W Sec 19,20,21. Laurentian Trail from Hwy 53 east to CR303 located north of the Laurentian Divide/Lookout Mt. | | | | |
| MN DNR - Eveleth LAU 1071-64 CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 01/13/2020 | Expected:05/2020 | 05/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: MN DNR - Access to State land for management activities. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake, St. Louis. LEGAL - T58N R12W sec35; T58N R11W sec30. 7 miles NE of Fairbanks. | | | | |

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| MN DNR Access Request LAU1070-38 CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019 | Expected:04/2020 | 04/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: MN DNR - Access to State land for management activities. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T57N R10W sec 8. 2 miles north of intersection of Lake Co. 2 and Lake Co. 15. | | | | |
| MN DNR Access Request LAU1070-39 CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019 | Expected:04/2020 | 04/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Access to State land for management activities | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T58N R10W sec 29. 2 miles south of Greenwood Lake. | | | | |
| MN DNR Access Request LAU1070-40 CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019 | Expected:04/2020 | 04/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Access to State land for management activities | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T58N R8W sections 18 & 21. 6 miles NW of Finland, MN. | | | | |
| MN DNR LAU1070-09 CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020 | Expected:06/2020 | 06/2020 | Janel Portz jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Access to State land for management activities. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T57N R10W Sections 13, 14 22. East off of the Stony River Road 3 miles. | | | | |

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| MN DNR LAU1070-41 CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020 | Expected:06/2020 | 06/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 janel.portz@usda.gov |
| | Description: Access to State land for management activities. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T57N R11W sec 4 & 5. off Forest Road 419. | | | | |
| MN DNR Request LAU1070-37 CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019 | Expected:04/2020 | 04/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: MN DNR - Access to State land for management activities. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - T58N R9W sec 7 & 18. 17 miles North West of Silver Bay. | | | | |
| Seven Beavers Snowmobile Trail Re-route CE | - Recreation management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Tim Engrav 218-666-0025 tengrav@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: To construct a new snowmobile trail re-route in the Skibo road area (Forest Road 120). | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T58N-R13W Sections 20,21,22,23,24,29,30; T58N-R14W Sections 22,23,24,25,26. In the Skibo Road area, County Road 569 and Forest Road 120. | | | | |
| Sipila Access CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/03/2017 | Expected:04/2020 | 04/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Access to private land across federal. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T60N R17W sec 5 & 6. 10 miles N of Virginia, MN. | | | | |

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| Superior National Forest Laurentian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| St. Louis County LAU1002-65 CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019 | Expected:04/2020 | 04/2020 | Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Access to county land for management activities. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T57N R14W sec 5 & 6. 6 miles south of Hoyt Lakes. | | | | |

| Superior National Forest Tofte Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
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| Arrowhead Electric Access Roads CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Completed | Actual: 12/03/2019 | 12/2019 | Christina Iozzo 218-663-8080 Christina.iozzo@usda.gov |
| | Description: Arrowhead Electric is proposing two access roads to allow for maintenance of existing power/fiber lines. They are requesting to gate each access. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T60N, R4W, S2 & 3; T61N R4W S35. Tofte Ranger District, Superior National Forest. | | | | |
| East Zone wildlife Openings CE | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/10/2019 | Expected:11/2019 | 11/2019 | David Grosshuesch 218-663-8076 dgrosshuesch@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Revisit and update the existing Wildlife Openings CE for the zone and to provide clear objectives for maintaining or improving openings. Objectives are varied with some having a specific plant or animal species benefit. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook, Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Tofte and Gunflint Districts of the Superior National Forest. | | | | |

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| Superior National Forest Tofte Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Hofer Maple Tap and Access Project EA *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Cancelled | N/A | N/A | Marshell Moy 2183873247 mmoy@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: A private landowner has requested to construct and maintain a road for access to private property to conduct maple tapping operations on federal land. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53074 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Township 59 North, Range 4 West, Sections 3, 4, & 5; Township 60 North, Range 4 West, Section 34. Township 59 North, Range 4 West, Sections 3, 4, & 5; Township 60 North, Range 4 West, Section 34. | | | | |
| Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project EIS *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Special use management | Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 04/2020 | Expected:09/2021 | 09/2021 | Matthew Judd 218-626-4300 mjudd@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Lutsen Mountains has requested a special use permit to expand their ski resort onto 550 acres of adjacent National Forest System lands administered by Superior National Forest. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52440 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T60N R3W S28, T60N R3W S29, T60N R3W S30, T60N R3W S31, T60N R3W S32. Lutsen Resort in Cook County, Minnesota. | | | | |
| Minnesota DNR Access Requests - Tofte CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2020 | Expected:06/2020 | 06/2020 | Christina Iozzo 218-663-8080 Christina.iozzo@usda.gov |
| | Description: Request by the Minnesota DNR to construct, utilize, and maintain temporary access roads that lead to State timber sales. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook, Lake. LEGAL - T59N R6W S31; T59N R8W S22 & 27; T64N R3E S31. TOF107784 (FR365): T59N R8W S22 & 27; TOF107785 (Manitou River): T59N R6W S31; TOF107786 (Esther Lake): T64N R3E S31. | | | | |

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| Superior National Forest Tofte Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| MnDNR TOF107783 CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/02/2019 | Expected:05/2020 | 05/2020 | Christina Iozzo 218-663-8080 Christina.Iozzo@usda.gov |
| | Description: MnDNR is requesting an access road to State timber sales. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Section 7, Township 58 North, Range 8 West, 4th Principal Meridian. Section 7, Township 58 North, Range 8 West, 4th Principal Meridian. | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Use Map Update-Tofte CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | In Progress: Scoping Start 07/08/2019 | Expected:06/2020 | 06/2020 | Jonathan Benson 218-663-8085 jabenson@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project is designed to evaluate the needs for OHV use on Forest Roads | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook, Lake. LEGAL - T 60N, R 5 W, Sec 4 T 60N, R 5 W, Sec 4 T 60 N, R 6 W, Sec 29 T 61N, R6W, Sec 25 . Select roads on the Tofte Ranger District. | | | | |
| North Shore State Trail- Barker Lake Reroute CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | In Progress: Scoping Start 07/08/2019 | Expected:06/2020 | 06/2020 | Jonathan Benson 218-663-8085 jabenson@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This proposal would relocate 0.26 miles of the trail so it is no longer co-located on the road with the exception of the bridge that crosses the Poplar River. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T 60N, R 3 W, Sec 4 . Near Barker Lake. | | | | |

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| Superior National Forest Tofte Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Tofte Landscape Project EA | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2020 | Expected:09/2020 | 09/2020 | Marshell Moy 2183873247 mmoy@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Tofte Landscape Project will help improve forest conditions and achieve vegetation management objectives on the district over the next 15 years, using a 'flexible toolbox' approach. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55216 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook, Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project will cover the entire Tofte Ranger District, excluding the Boundary Water's Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). | | | | | |
| Tomahawk Trail Reroute CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/07/2019 | Expected:06/2020 | 06/2020 | Jonathan Benson 218-663-8085 jabenson@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project reroutes approximately 3,600 feet of snowmobile trail off private land and onto Forest Service land. The new trail will pass through a recently logged area. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township 59 North, Range 8 West, Sections 5 & 6. | | | | |

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