



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Superior 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 .					

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

R9 - Eastern Region

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 06/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	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.					

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
Arrowhead Electric Fiber Optic Special Use Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Jon Van Alstine 218-626-4319 jon.vanalstine@usda.gov
	Description: Arrowhead Electric Fiber Optic Special Use Permit Renewal				
	Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District, Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook, Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fiber optic installed adjacent to roads in Tofte and Gunflint Ranger Districts.				
Lake Country Power Special Use Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/19/2020	08/2020	Jon Van Alstine 218-626-4319 jon.vanalstine@usda.gov
	Description: Lake Country Power Special Use Permit Renewal - Superior National Forest				
	Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District, Kawishiwi Ranger District, LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake, St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. St. Louis and Lake Counties, Kawishiwi, Laurentian, and LaCroix Districts.				
Northeast Service Cooperative (NESC) Special Use Permit Renewal-Fiber Optic Line CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Jon Van Alstine 218-626-4319 jon.vanalstine@usda.gov
	Description: Northeast Service Cooperative (NESC) Special Use Permit Renewal-Fiber Optic Line				
	Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District, Tofte Ranger District, LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook, Lake, St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fiber optic line adjacent to Hwy 1 and Hwy 53.				

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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	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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
Assinika Gravel Pit Expansion CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 08/25/2020	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,.				
Assinika West Gravel Pit Expansion CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 08/25/2020	08/2020	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.				

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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:04/2021	04/2021	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.				
Cook County Saganaga boat ramp/parking lot permit renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Jon Van Alstine 218-626-4319 jon.vanalstine@usda.gov
	Description: Cook County Saganaga boat ramp/parking lot permit renewal				
	Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Saganaga Lake Boat Ramp. End of Gunflint Trail.				
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 12/2020	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	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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Ester Lake Campsite Closure and Opening CE	- 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	- 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.				
GUN726903 Reroute CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/02/2019	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Caroline Torkildson 218-387-1750 Caroline.Torkildson@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.				
Large Wood Recruitment at Pike Lake CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 09/10/2020	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.				

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Meridian Road (GUN780401) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/07/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Jon Van Alstine 218-626-4319 jon.vanalstine@usda.gov
	Description: Minnesota DNR access for State timber sales.				
	Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T62N, R1E, S31 SWNW, NWSW, NESW, NWSE. T62N, R1E, S31 SWNW, NWSW, NESW, NWSE.				
Mink Lake Camp new kitchen building CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/06/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Ryan Blaisdell 218-387-3220 ryan.blaisdell@usda.gov
	Description: Coldwater Foundation (Mink Lake Camp) is proposing to build a 16'x16' timber frame enclosed cooking shelter adjacent the main building (connected roof to main building) with a wood fired pizza oven attached				
	Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T62N R2E Section8. Located on Mink Lake on FR140.				
Minnesota DNR Access Requests - Gunflint CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Caroline Torkildson 218-387-1750 Caroline.Torkildson@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 - T63N R1W S26; T64, R3N, Sec 31. GUN107315 (Lima Grade): T63N R1W S26; GUN780301 (Esther Lake) T64, R3N, Sec 31.				

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Motor Vehicle Use Map Update-Gunflint CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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.				
NSSRC permit renewa CE *UPDATED*	- Special area management	Completed	Actual: 07/20/2020	09/2020	Ryan Blaisdell 218-387-3220 ryan.blaisdell@usda.gov
	Description: The North Superior Ski and Run Club has a permit for a groomer building/warming building located at Pincushion Mountain that has expire and needs to be reissued. Adding wax building to permit.				
	Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T61N, R1E, Section 15. Located at Pincushion Mountain Recreation area. T61N, R1E, Section 15.				
Okonto UFR CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/07/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Patrick Johnson 2183700321 patrick.c.johnson@usda.gov
	Description: The treatment would be cutting live and dead balsam fir trees under 5 inches DBH, piling the material, and then burning the piles at a later date. This will result in more manageable fire if a fire becomes established in the stand.				
	Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T64N, R1W, Sec 15, NE, NE. 27 miles north of Grand Marais on Cook County Rd 12.				

Superior National Forest Kawishiwi Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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Superior National Forest Kawishiwi Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
North Arm Connector Cross Country Ski Trail CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	John Pierce 218-365-7606 jpierce@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct a cross country skiing and hiking trail connecting two existing trail systems - North Arm Junction and North Arm. To accommodate more use the parking lot at Slim Lake would be expanded to allow approximately four to six more vehicles.				
	Location: UNIT - Kawishiwi Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This trail is located north of the North Arm Road, approximately 6 miles northwest of Ely, MN.				
Tomahawk Trail Re-Route. CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	John Pierce 218-365-7606 jpierce@fs.fed.us
	Description: Move the Tomahawk snowmobile trail from a wetland to a high ground route. New construction is needed on 0.2 miles. 0.6 mi would be decommissioned preventing summer OHV use in the wetland.				
	Location: UNIT - Kawishiwi Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West of Forest Road 377E to Stony Spur Trail.				
Twin Metals Project EIS	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 06/2020	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Derek Strohl 414-297-4416 BLM_ES_TMM_comments@blm.gov
	Description: The BLM will lead preparation of an EIS to analyze potential impacts of issuing a preference right lease application and mine plan for an underground copper-nickel mine. Forest Plan amendment and special use permit may be needed.				
	Web Link: https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1503233/510				
Location: UNIT - Kawishiwi Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake, St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed activities would occur approximately 10 miles southeast of Ely, MN, South of State Highway 1, in an area southeast of the South Kawishiwi River.					

Superior National Forest LaCroix Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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Superior National Forest LaCroix Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R9 - Eastern Region			
2020 LaCroix Reissues CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	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 - Not Applicable. Reissue of existing special use permits.				
Echo Rapids Road washout repair project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/21/2020	Expected:09/2020	06/2021	Erich Grebner 218-666-0056 or 0053 egrebner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposes to repair culvert washout on Echo Rapids Road. Activities include removing old culverts, gravel washed downstream, installing new culvert, and repairing the road. The existing fish rearing pond, which in no longer in use, will be				
	Location: UNIT - LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Road 479C, Echo Rapids Road north of Echo Lake.				
Erik Nelson CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/24/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Access to private land across federal.				
	Location: UNIT - LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T60N R18W Sec. 23. North of Hwy 53 East of the Seppi Pit road will be 75 feet wide road, .60 miles long, approximately 5 acres.				
LAC4093-02 North Star Electric Coop CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/23/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	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.				

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Superior National Forest LaCroix Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
LAC560401 - Nick Eastman CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Access to private land across federal.				
	Location: UNIT - LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T67N R20W Section 27. Gated access to private land off Forest Rd 608.				
LAC560401 - Nick Eastman CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Access to private land across federal.				
	Location: UNIT - LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T67N R20W Section 27. Gated access to private land off Forest Rd 608.				
LAC663904 Dwight Moldenhauer CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/23/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	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.				
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 10/2020	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	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
2020 Laurentian Reissues CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue of existing special uses permits				
	Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Reissue of existing special use permits.				
Lau1070-42 MN DNR Lennon CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	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 R9W Section 18. Off Forest Road 913.				
MN DNR Access Request LAU1070-38 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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.				

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Superior National Forest Laurentian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
MN DNR Access Request LAU1070-40 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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 - T57N R10W Sections 13, 14 22. East off of the Stony River Road 3 miles.				
MN DNR LAU1070-41 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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.				

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Superior National Forest Laurentian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
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	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/03/2017	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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.				
St. Louis County LAU1002-65 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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
AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 08/25/2020	08/2020	David Grosshuesch 218-663-8076 david.grosshuesch@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to improve habitat for early successional bird species such as ruffed grouse and American woodcock.				
	Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Near Britton Peak and the Temperance River.				

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Superior National Forest Tofte Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
East Zone wildlife Openings CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 12/12/2019	07/2020	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.				
Elixir Prescribed Burn CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 08/17/2020	09/2020	Patrick Johnson 2183873765 patrick.c.johnson@usda.gov
	Description: Pine underburn to reduce fuel loading				
	Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - 10 miles East of Isabella. The project is located 10 miles east of Isabella on FR 172.				
Lake County Special Use Permit Renewals (3) for Leased County Lands CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Jon Van Alstine 218-626-4319 jon.vanalstine@usda.gov
	Description: Renewal of 3 existing special use permits that permit access to county leased lands. Permits to renew include TOF171612 (Kirtland), TOF171613 (near Crooked Lake), and TOF171614 (Seeling).				
	Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake. LEGAL - Not Applicable. TOF171612: T60NR6W Sec. 24; TOF171613: T59NR6W Sec. 5 NWSE; TOF171614: T59NR6W Sec. 12 SESW.				
Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project EIS	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 04/15/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Michael Jimenez 218-626-4383 mjimenez@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.					

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Minnesota DNR Access Request - Tofte CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Caroline Torkildson 218-387-1750 Caroline.Torkildson@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 - Lake. LEGAL - T59N R8W S22 & 27. TOF107784 (FR365): T59N R8W S22 & 27.				
Motor Vehicle Use Map Update-Tofte CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/08/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	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	Completed	Actual: 05/11/2020	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.				
Private Access Request TOF789901 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2020	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Caroline Torkildson 218-387-1750 Caroline.Torkildson@usda.gov
	Description: Request for an private special use road to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T60N, R4W, Sec. 28, 33, and 34. T60N, R4W, Sec. 28, 33, and 34; Access Road approx. 8,730 ft by 16 ft.				

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Swamp lake, Gunflint 107313 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Jon Van Alstine 218-626-4319 jon.vanalstine@usda.gov
	Description: Minnesota DNR temporary road access for State timber sales.				
	Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T62N, R2W, Sections 15 & 22.				
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 10/2020	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	Marshall 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				
Tomahawk Trail Reroute CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 10/24/2019	10/2019	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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Wild Country Road Association FLPMA Access Special Use Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Jon Van Alstine 218-626-4319 jon.vanalstine@usda.gov
	Description: Wild Country Road Association FLPMA Access Special Use Permit Renewal				
	Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T61NR3W sec. 33.				

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