



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Hiawatha National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| 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 . | | | | |

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

R9 - Eastern Region

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| ATC Permit Reissuance Project EA *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/13/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2020 | Expected:09/2020 | 09/2020 | Daryl Bingham 906-428-5800 daryl.bingham@usda.gov |
| | Description: The Forest Service proposes to reissue a new special-use permit with an associated operating plan to the American Transmission Company to update their existing permit and operating plan issued in 2001 | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57849 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Hiawatha National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Schoolcraft, Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Mackinac, Marquette. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hiawatha National Forest. | | | | |

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

R9 - Eastern Region

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| Hiawatha National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| West Zone Permanent Openings CE *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/02/2020 | Expected:11/2020 | 05/2021 | Lucas Langstaff 906-387-2512 langstaff@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The project includes approximately 5,390 acres of opening enhancement in permanent large opening complexes on the West Unit of the Hiawatha NF. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District, Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Schoolcraft, Alger, Delta, Marquette. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Across the West Zone. | | | | |
| West Zone Timber Stand Improvement CE *UPDATED* | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Laura Brown 906-387-2512 laurabrown@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The West Zone of the Hiawatha National Forest proposes timber stand improvement (TSI) activities to meet the desired conditions of a diverse, productive, healthy and sustainable forest resilient to natural and human caused disturbances. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54162 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District, Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Schoolcraft, Alger, Delta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NFS lands within Alger, Delta, and Schoolcraft counties. | | | | | |

| Hiawatha National Forest | Munising Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | R9 - Eastern Region | | | |
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| ATC West Zone Aerial Vegetation Management CE *NEW LISTING* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 07/16/2020 | Expected:08/2020 | 08/2020 | Christopher Williams 9064746442 christopherwilliams@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Tree trimming along the edges of ATC%u2019s existing special use right-of-way using an aerial saw suspended from a helicopter. Approximately 8.2 miles from Munising Junction to the Au Train River, and 0.9 miles between Lawson and Vick. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T46N, R19W, secs. 17, 20, 29, 30; T46N, R20W, secs. 25, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36; T45N, R23W, sec. 2. | | | | |

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| Hiawatha National Forest Munising Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Grand Island Habitat Restoration CE *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2020 | Expected:01/2021 | 06/2021 | Cory Henry 906-387-2512 ex 1039 coryrhenry@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Utilizing natural and manmade barriers, lakes and roads, prescribe burn 308 acres of the tombolo area and 2 acres of the historic farm field on Grand Island. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger. LEGAL - T. 47 N, R. 19 W, Sec; 11, 14, 13, 15. Grand Island NRA. | | | | |
| North Country Trail Reroute at the Rock River Canyon Wilderness CE *UPDATED* | - Recreation management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Rebecca Cain 906-387-2512 rcain@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The North Country Trail Association (NCTA) and Hiawatha National Forest (HIF) recreation staff are proposing to reroute 2 segments of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST). | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57211 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T47N/R21W, Sec. 6, 7, 8, 9, and 15. | | | | | |

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| Hiawatha National Forest Rapid River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| Mawio MI the Gathering CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | Completed | Actual: 07/09/2020 | 07/2020 | Melissa Drake 906-428-5826 melissaadrake@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The non-affiliated Native American non-profit group, Mawio%u2019Mi the Gathering, Inc. would like to hold cultural meetings on the Hiawatha National Forest. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T42N R21W, Section 20 W ½ W ½ NW ¼. | | | | |

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| Hiawatha National Forest Rapid River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | R9 - Eastern Region | | | |
| Stone Moss Vegetation Management Project EA | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Christopher Williams 9064746442 christopherwilliams@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Forest Service is proposing to treat vegetation on approximately 16,000 acres to benefit forest health, to treat hazardous fuels, and to enhance wildlife habitat. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55809 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Stonington Peninsula, Delta County, MI. | | | | | |
| Stonington Seed Orchard CE *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2020 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/2020 | Expected:10/2020 | 04/2021 | Lucas Langstaff 906-387-2512 ext. 26 langstaff@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Establishment of a 5 acre seed orchard. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Stonington Peninsula. | | | | |

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| Hiawatha National Forest Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | R9 - Eastern Region |
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| Hiawatha National Forest Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| McNearney Project EA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Special use management - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2019 | Expected:09/2020 | 10/2020 | Martha Sjogren 906-298-8117 martha.sjogren@usda.gov |
| Description: Manage natural resources to restore ecological conditions, and meet Forest Plan vegetation composition goals. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56776 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T46N R3W Sec 6; T46N R4W Sec 1-6, 12; T46N R5W Sec 1-20; T46N R6W Sec 1-3,12, 13, 24; T47N R3W Sec 8-33, 36; T47N R4W Sec 18-36; T47N R5W Sec 7-9, 13-36; T47N R6W 3-36. | | | | | |

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| Hiawatha National Forest St. Ignace Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R9 - Eastern Region |
| 2020 Deer and Grouse Habitat Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants | Cancelled | N/A | N/A | Paul Thompson 903-643-7900 paul.d.thompson@usda.gov |
| Description: Perform routine wildlife opening maintenance and improve the suitability of alder habitat for ruffed grouse and deer. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58552 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. LEGAL - T43N R3W Sections 18, 19, 28-30 and T43N R4W Sections 12-14, 26 and 27. East of East Lake on the St. Ignace District. | | | | | |
| Sand Dunes Trail Use Clarification CE | - Recreation management | In Progress: Scoping Start 01/28/2020 | Expected:02/2020 | 02/2020 | Kari Vanderheuel 906-298-8135 kvanderheuel@fs.fed.us |
| Description: Clarification of non-motorized, winter-only uses on Sand Dunes Trail to include cross-country skiing, skate skiing, snow shoeing and fat tire biking. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57557 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 12 miles west of St. Ignace, near the intersection of US-2 and Brevoort Lake Road (H57). | | | | | |

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