



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Hiawatha 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 .					

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

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Hiawatha National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
ATC Permit Reissuance Project EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/27/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	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
West Zone Permanent Openings CE	- 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	- 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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Hiawatha National Forest Munising Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
ATC West Zone Aerial Vegetation Management CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/27/2020	Expected:01/2021	04/2021	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.				
Grand Island Habitat Restoration CE	- 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 acers 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	- 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.					

Hiawatha National Forest Rapid River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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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	- 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.				

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 *UPDATED*	<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 	Completed	Actual: 11/16/2020	11/2020	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.					

Hiawatha National Forest	St. Ignace Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
North Country Trail M-123 Reroute CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management 	Completed	Actual: 11/19/2020	03/2023	Julia Slabosheski (906) 298-8124 julia.hall@usda.gov
Description: Reroute NCT where it crosses M-123. This includes installing a culvert on the west side of M-123, constructing new trail tread and moving all signs, and decommissioning and rehabilitating the abandoned trail section.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59027					
Location: UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North Country Trail where it crosses M-123 north of Moran, Michigan.					
Sand Dunes Trail Use Clarification CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management 	Completed	Actual: 10/14/2020	10/2020	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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