



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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.				

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R9 - Eastern Region

Forestwide Oak Wilt Disease Management EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/24/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Nicole Molitor 715-634-4821 x2327 nicole.g.molitor@usda.gov
	Description: We propose to allow prompt treatment (using a variety of tools) of oak wilt infection centers wherever found as soon as possible following discovery to slow and control the spread of oak wilt on Forest lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57903				
	Location: UNIT - Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest All Units. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Oconto, Oneida, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forestwide.				

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
Recreation Facility Strategy CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/30/2017	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Timothy Vetter 715-362-1373 timothy.vetter@usda.gov
	Description: The Recreation Facility Strategy prioritizes developed recreation site investments. Proposal has varying actions at 82 sites (from increased amenities to decreased maintenance) and removal of amenities at 22 sites to convert them to general forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55748				
Location: UNIT - Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest All Units. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Oconto, Oneida, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Developed recreation sites on all ranger districts across the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.					

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
2020 Stream Road Crossing Repair and Maintenance for the Nicolet Side. CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/03/2019	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Sommer 715-362-1365 sarasommer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace culverts in Forest and Oconto Counties.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56822				
Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District, Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest, Oconto. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The culverts are in the Townships of Hiles and Townsend.					
North Country Trail Dispersed Campsite Development and Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/12/2019	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Katherine LeMoine 715-634-4821 x2326 kalemoine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Eight to 10 backpacker campsites would be developed or improved to provide long-distance hikers a consistent experience when they hike the North Country Trail in Wisconsin.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55297				
Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District, Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland, Bayfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple sites along the North Country Trail in Great Divide and Washburn Ranger Districts.					

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than	R9 - Eastern Region
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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Eagle River-Florence Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Fourmile Vegetation Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/23/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Karolyn Stillman 715-528-4464, ext 2806 Karolyn.Stillman2@usda.gov
	Description: Move forest vegetation to desired conditions, provide an efficient road system, continue Forest research projects, maintain public safety related to wildfire, maintain hunter hiking trails, and contribute toward wood products demand.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51959				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest, Oneida, Vilas. LEGAL - T40N, R11E; T40N, R12E; T39N, R11E; T39N, R12E; T38N, R11E; and T38N, R12E. 7 miles east of Eagle River, stretching south from Highway 70 to Highway 32 (or the southern border of the Argonne Exp. Forest) and stretching approximately 4-7 miles wide.				

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Great Divide Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Access Permit for Ghost Lake Road Association CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/28/2020	05/2020	Nicole Molitor 715-634-4821, x 2327 nicole.g.molitor@usda.gov
	Description: Ghost Lake Road Association submitted a proposal for use of a maintenance level 1 road, requesting a 20-year permit for a 20-foot right of way for year round use - from Weidt Road about 1,470 feet to private property being accessed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57408				
	Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 20-foot right of way on maintenance level 1 road from Weidt Road about 1,470 feet to private property being accessed.				

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Great Divide Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Beaverdam Lake Lodge Complex Decommissioning, Maintenance and Access Repairs CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2018	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Michael Martin Glidden Office: 715-264-2511 Hayward Office: 715-634-4821 mikemartin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed action/undertaking: decommission dilapidated Beaverdam Lake buildings; designate and/or repair access roads for dam and spillway testing, inspection, maintenance, or repair; and implement ongoing dam maintenance and repairs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53737				
Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Beaverdam Lodge Complex is located about six miles west of Mellen in northern Wisconsin, Township 45 North, Range 4 West, section 36.					
Districtwide Gravel Pit Expansion and Development EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/26/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Nicole Molitor 715-634-4821 nicolegmolitor@fs.fed.us
	Description: To provide mineral material for the next 10-20 years for infrastructure maintenance and other activities, we propose to expand 4 existing gravel pit sites, develop 7 new gravel pit sites and do final reclamation of 1 temporary borrow pit site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55340				
Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland, Bayfield, Sawyer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project proposal is still in development.					
Forest Road 1921 SUP Access Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/23/2019	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Nicole Molitor 715-634-4821, x 2327 nicole.g.molitor@usda.gov
	Description: Joseph A. Gallo has submitted a proposal for use of the abovementioned road to access private property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57141				
Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 1,550 feet of road starting at the end of FR 1921, then skid trail to private property in Town of Grand View.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Great Divide Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Mukwonago Ski Trail Snowshoe Addition CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:08/2020	12/2020	Katherine LeMoine 715-634-4821 x2326 kalemoine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use the footprint of an existing network of temporary roads, decommissioned snowmobile trails and FR302 to create two loop trails for snowshoe use. A wooden trail map would be created. Route marker signs would be placed to mark the trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57892				
Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - T41N R6W Sections 4 & 5. The proposed snowshoe trail maintenance would be located near the cross-country ski trail located at the Mukwonago parking lot off WI-77.					
Relocation of FR 201 and FR 213 intersections with C.T.H. D EA	- Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Debra Proctor 715-634-4821 debralproctor@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate the intersections of County Highway D with Forest Road 201 and Forest Road 213 north of the current locations. Construct new sections and decommission unneeded sections of Forest Roads 201 and 213 (new and old approaches to intersection)				
	Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - Township 44 North Range 6 West Section 11. Intersection of County Highway D with Forest Roads 201 and 213 in Bayfield County approximately 5 miles south of Grand View, Wisconsin.				
Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Lakewood-Laona Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
2019 Blowdown Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 03/04/2020	03/2020	Matthew StPierre 715-362-1385 mstpierre@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvaging timber from the storm damaged areas in Langlade and Oconto Counties.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56538				
Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Langlade, Oconto. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Langlade and Oconto Counties.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Lakewood-Laona Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
2020 Stream Road Crossing for Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/04/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Sommer 715-362-1365 sarasommer@fs.fed.us
CE *NEW LISTING*	Description: This project would replace culverts across Forest and Oconto Counties. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57745 Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest, Oconto. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest and Oconto Counties.				
Diamond Roof Road Reconstruction and Maintenance	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/12/2019	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Marilee Houtler 715-276-6333 mhoutler@fs.fed.us
CE *UPDATED*	Description: This project would reconstruct and maintain Diamond Roof Road to provide a safe travelway. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57327 Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Langlade, Oconto. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Diamond Roof Area.				
Highway W Gravel Pit Expansion	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/08/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Greg Knight 715-748-4875 ext 26 gknight@fs.fed.us
CE *NEW LISTING*	Description: This projects gravel pit expansion will provide road material for removing the blowdown form the 2019 Blowdown storm. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57446 Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Oconto. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This pit is located in the Highway W area, between Pat Lake and the second branch of the Oconto River.				
Shawano Creek Crossing Removal	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 01/17/2020	05/2020	Sara Sommer 715-362-1365 sarasommer@fs.fed.us
CE *UPDATED*	Description: Removing a culvert on an old non-system road to restore stream flow and stabilize the banks. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57093 Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Crossing is at Shawano Creek and an old road, legal is Township 34 North, Range 16 East, Section 31.				

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Medford-Park Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
2020 New Vision Wilderness SUP Reissuance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Timothy Vetter 715-748-4875 (34) tvetter@fs.fed.us
	Description: New Vision Wilderness has requested a re-issuance of their Special Use Permit to use the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and adjacent dispersed campsites along the trail to operate a therapeutic based outdoor rehabilitation program for youth.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57631				
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located on and surrounding the Ice Age National Scenic Trail between Taylor County Highway E, and southwest to where the trail intersects State Highway 64.					
John's Creek Gravel Pit Expansion EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Greg Knight 715-748-4875 ext 7484826 greg.knight.3@usda.gov
	Description: This project consists of expansion of an existing gravel pit to meet road construction, re-construction, and maintenance needs in the project vicinity. This is an existing pit that has an additional source of gravel that has not been developed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54736				
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Grover, Township 31 North, Range 2 West, Section 7, Taylor County, Wisconsin.					
Kidrick EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Jane Darnell 715-748-4875, ext 7484838 jane.darnell@usda.gov
	Description: This project is primarily a vegetation management project with focus on mid to late successional hardwood forest. Primary purpose is to maintain forest health and diversity. Project will also include a transportation analysis.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50889				
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Price. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located in the northwest portion of the Forest within Taylor County in T32N, R2-3W and T33N, R1-3W.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Medford-Park Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Lake Eleven TS Snowmobile Trail Reroute CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Gabriel Esquibel 715-762-5188 gabriel.esquibel@usda.gov
	Description: Permanently move the snowmobile trail to the Lake 11 Timber Sale haul road location to address wet areas that don't always freeze over.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57940				
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Price. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project located in T31N, R2W, near Lake 11, and about 3 miles south of Perkinstown, WI.					
Round Lake Fish Passage and Water Level Control CE	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sue Reinecke 715-762-5185 sreinecke@fs.fed.us
	Description: **On hold until water modelling/engineering plans are complete** The project will consist of reestablishing a two-way fish passage and reconnect the ecosystems of the Pike Lake Chain of Lakes and the South Fork Flambeau Rive				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55358				
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Price. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T40N, R3E, Sections 23-26, Price County, WI.					
Winter Sports Road Electric Line Burial CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jonathan McNeill 715-762-5154 jdmcneill@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is a proposal by Clark Electric Cooperative to convert about 4 1/4 miles of overhead electric line to underground electric wires within their existing utility corridor in order to provide a safer and more reliable electric service.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51504				
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located in the Town of Grover (T32N, R2W) along Winter Sports Road (FR 119)starting at Spruce Lake Road going north to Beaver Creek Road (FR 121) and then a short distance east.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Medford-Park Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Wintergreen Snowshoe Trail Construction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2021	Ann Dassow 715-748-4875 ext. 7484824 ann.dassow@usda.gov
	Description: Designation of a snowshoe trail system within the area of the Wintergreen Ski Trail area. Construction consists of clearing forest debris from marked trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57939				
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Price. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within the Wintergreen Ski Trail System just north of State Hwy 70.					

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Washburn Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
2020 Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/18/2020	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Jennifer Maziasz 715-373-2667 jmaziasz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project is to take action to slow the spread of gypsy moth infestations on the Washburn Ranger District. The proposal involves aerial application of a gypsy moth mating disruptant (known as pheromones) in one treatment block (3065 acres).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57732				
Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - T44N, R87W, Sections. 16-21 and 28-30. 3065 acres in Bayfield County located on Washburn RD.					
Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership SUP CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/07/2016	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Jennifer Maziasz 715-373-2667 comments-eastern-chequamegon-nicolet-washburn@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to re-issue a special use authorization for a new term for Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership's existing pipeline system, pumping station, and associated improvements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44889				
Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project includes 11.5 miles of existing pipeline system, the pumping station, and associated improvements on Forest Service lands north of US Highway 2.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Washburn Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Pigeon Lake Hydrogeology Study CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Sarah Holmes 715-373-2667 x5261 sarahholmes@usda.gov
	Description: Proposal is to allow Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (WGNHS) to drill eight wells, collect and describe the sediment, and install monitoring wells around the Lake to better understand the area hydrogeology.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57851				
Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - T45N, R8W, Sections 26-28 and 33-35. Project is located around Pigeon Lake about 3 miles west of Drummond, WI in Bayfield County.					

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