



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2021 to 06/30/2021

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach EIS *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 11/28/2012	01/2013	Susan Ellsworth 775-355-5313 susanellsworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: The USDA Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are analyzing a range of strategies for controlling gypsy moth damage to forests and trees in the United States.				
	Web Link: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/				
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nationwide.					
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	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 .					

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

R9 - Eastern Region

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
Forestwide Oak Wilt Disease Management EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/24/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	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.					
Recreation Facility Strategy CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/30/2017	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	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
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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
2021 Watershed Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/08/2021	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Jennifer Maziasz 715-373-2667 jennifer.maziasz@usda.gov
	Description: Watershed improvement projects: culvert replacements to reduce erosion and improve fish/aquatic passage, installation of a hardened trail crossing, road reconstruction with improved drainage, and replacement or rehab of road and trail bridges.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59261				
Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District, Lakewood-Laona Ranger District, Medford-Park Falls Ranger District, Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Oconto, Price, Sawyer, Vilas. LEGAL - Approximately 30 locations across the seven counties. See website for project descriptions, exact locations, and map. Watershed improvement projects are scattered across the four districts.					
North Country Trail Dispersed Campsite Development and Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/12/2019	Expected:05/2022	05/2022	Katherine LeMoine 715-634-4821 x2326 katherine.lemoine@usda.gov
	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 one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Eagle River-Florence Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					
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2020 Eagle River- Florence HWY 55 West Blowdown CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 03/17/2021	03/2021	Steve Janke 715-276-6333 x4229 steve.janke@usda.gov
	Description: In early August 2020, a derecho (blowdown) occurred on the ERFL Ranger District. Significant timber damage occurred leaving many trees dead, dying, or damaged. This resulted in safety and fuels concern. Recently, a new pocket of ~36 acres was found				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59164				
Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West side of HWY 55 near Rogers Lake in Argonne, Wi.					
2021 Brule Controlled Burn CE CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/08/2021	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Steve Janke 715-276-6333 x4229 steve.janke@usda.gov
	Description: To maintain a wildlife opening by the Brule River and extend fire boundaries to the Brule River to act as a natural fire line instead of creating dozer dug control lines. Using the Brule River as a fire control line will better protect firefighters.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59328				
Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Florence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The maintenance of a large wildlife openings at the Brule River Opening (T41NR15E, Section 24 and T41NR16E Section 19). The area is a remnant farm field near the Brule River in Florence County, Wi.					
Aspen-Spruce-Fir Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/17/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2021	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Chad Kirschbaum 715-479-2827 chad.kirschbaum@usda.gov
	Description: The Aspen-Spruce-Fir Restoration Project (ASFR) proposes to treat pockets and areas of dead, dying, diseased, and other hazard trees across the entire ERFL district. Up to 9,200 acres are proposed for active management actions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59159				
Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Florence, Forest, Oneida, Vilas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Spread across the entire Eagle River-Florence Ranger District.					

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest	Great Divide Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one	R9 - Eastern Region
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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Great Divide Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Forest Lodge Nature Trail Trailhead Parking Area and Traffic Circulation CE	- Watershed management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:12/2021	04/2022	Debra Proctor 715-580-0412 debra.proctor@usda.gov
	Description: Improve Forest Lodge road and trail infrastructure to accommodate increased use of Forest Lodge and the Nature Trail - parking, road and trail capacity, drainage, stormwater treatment, traffic sight lines within the complex and ingress and egress.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58868				
Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Lodge is located about eight miles east of Cable, Wisconsin.					
Habitat Improvement through Prescribed Burn Treatment Management Areas 8E, 8F, and 8G CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/15/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Nicole Molitor 715-638-0272 nicole.g.molitor@usda.gov
	Description: Low-intensity prescribed fire will be used to meet goals and objectives for management areas 8E (Existing and Candidate Research Natural Areas), 8F (Special Management Areas), and 8G (Old Growth and Natural Feature Complexes).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59539				
Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland, Bayfield, Sawyer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Several locations scattered throughout the district.					
Veikko Cross-Country Trail Improvement and Development CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Katherine LeMoine 715-634-4821 x2326 katherine.lemoine@usda.gov
	Description: The Veikko Trail, an old cross-country ski trail in the St. Peter's Dome area developed by a local ski group, will be improved and realigned to fix drainage issues. Additional trail will be developed to connect to the St. Peter's Dome Trail network.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58459				
Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest. LEGAL - Not Applicable. St. Peter's Dome area.					

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Lakewood-Laona Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Lakewood-Laona Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
2021 WPS Faulted Line and Pole Replacement Hwy 32 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/04/2021	03/2021	Joan Stanfield-Smith 715-362-1300 jstanfieldsmith@fs.fed.us
Description: WPS would replace a faulted line along side of Hwy 32.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59460					
Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West side of Hwy 32, south of Laona.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Medford-Park Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
John's Creek Gravel Pit Expansion EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2021	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	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 03/2021	Expected:02/2022	02/2022	Leesha Howard-McCauley 715-748-4875 x37 leesha.howard-mccauley@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	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2021	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	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	Jason Krebill 715-362-1300 jason.krebill@usda.gov
	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.					
Taylor County Hydrogeology Survey CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/30/2021	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Greg Knight 715-748-4875 ext 26 gknight@fs.fed.us
	Description: USFS and WGNHS propose to study the hydrogeology of the North Fork Yellow River Watershed near the Bend ore deposit in Taylor to better understand the geology and groundwater connections in this area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59449				
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T33N, R2W, Sections 34 & 35; T32N, R2W, Sections 2 & 3.					

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Winter Sports Road Electric Line Burial CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kelly Scarbrough 715-362-1314 Kelly.Scarbrough@usda.gov
	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.				
Wintergreen Snowshoe Trail Construction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	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 Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region					
2021 Xcel Pole Replacement NGLVC CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2021	Expected:04/2021	04/2021	Kelly Scarbrough 715-362-1314 Kelly.Scarbrough@usda.gov
	Description: Xcel Energy has requested to upgraded transmission line infrastructure within existing permitted area by replacing the single-circuit 34.5kV line on single-circuit poles with new double-circuit 34.5kV/34.5kV lines on double-circuit poles.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59577				
Location: UNIT - Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located along Terwilliger Rd. near the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. Bayfield County, WI at T. 47 N., R. 5 W., section 2.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Washburn Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region					
Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership SUP CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/07/2016	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Jennifer Maziasz 715-373-2667 comments-eastern-chequamegon-nicolet-washburn@usda.gov
	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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