



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests

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Fairpoint Master Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: Re-authorize the operation and maintenance of all existing Fairpoint Telephone lines located across the Forest. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55220				
	Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District, Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Bennington, Chittenden, Orange, Rutland, Windham, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple towns.				
Forest-wide Trail Decommissions and Trail Addition CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Holly Knox 802-767-4261 x5530 holly.knox@usda.gov
	Description: Decommission 31 miles of National Forest System (NFS) trails and add .25 miles of snowmobile trail. Trail decommissions include 15 miles snowmobile use; 14 miles pedestrian use; and 2 miles multiple use (x-country ski, snowshoe & mountain bike). Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56366				
	Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District, Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland, Washington, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple Towns.				

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Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Hector Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Allotment Management Plan Update CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Jodie Vanselow 607-546-4470 jodie.vanselow@usda.gov
	Description: The FLNF Allotment Management Plan (AMP) guides the use of grazing/other activities on FLNF pastures through an Agreement with the Hector Grazing Association. The project will review the AMP and Agreement to ensure both are meeting Forest Plan goals.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52549				
Location: UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector, Lodi, Covert.					
NYSEG Master Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/22/2019	04/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: Issue permit to NYSEG for 30 years for 5.02 acres of existing aerial powerlines and anchors. Routine maintenance and mechanical vegetation management would be authorized. This project replaces 3 existing permits and reduces duplication.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53546				
Location: UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Lodi and Covert.					
Perry Apiary Reauthorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:09/2019	12/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: This project would authorize issuance of a permit to William Perry to place beehives on the National Forest. He would mow two locations 40 by 50 feet in size to place up to 30 hives in each from April 15 to October 15 annually.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55703				
Location: UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector and Lodi.					

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Soft Mast Release Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2019	Expected:09/2019	11/2019	Gregory Flood 607-546-4470 gregory.flood@usda.gov
	Description: Releasing fruiting species from competing vegetation. Many heirloom varieties exist and have flourished on the FLNF. In order to keep them they need to be maintained.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53542				
Location: UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector, Lodi and Covert.					
Wetland Creation 2019 CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 05/24/2019	08/2020	Angelica Quintana 802-747-6742 angelica.quintana@usda.gov
	Description: Re-create wetlands where agricultural modifications drained wetlands to provide habitat for native reptiles, amphibians, wildlife and native vegetation, and hold water on the landscape longer, slowing rates of runoff and reduce flooding.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55218				
Location: UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hector, New York.					

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Appalachian Trail/Long Trail Griffith Lake Tread Repair CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/21/2019	Expected:10/2019	01/2021	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 danna.strout@usda.gov
	Description: Approximately 0.4 mile of AT/LT near Griffith Lake would be reconstructed with turnpike. This involves placing retaining stringers and gravel on the trail tread and will replace wood trail structures, providing a sustainable, safe, and dry trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55578				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Mount Tabor and Peru.					

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Appalachian Trail/Long Trail Stratton Pond Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 05/28/2019	07/2019	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 danna.strout@usda.gov
	Description: Approximately 0.2 mile of AT/LT near Stratton Pond would be relocated away from the eastern shore of the pond to reduce impacts to the shoreline and improve water quality. Access to Stratton Pond would still be provided.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55580				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Stratton.					
Early Successional Habitat Creation Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 06/28/2019	07/2019	Jay Strand 802-767-4261 x5522 jay.strand@usda.gov
	Description: Increase acres of early successional (0-9 age class) habitat for neotropical migrant passerine birds and other wildlife species primarily with timber harvest treatments on about 15,000 acres over a 15-year period.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53629				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Rutland, Windham, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Manchester, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Peru, Pownal, Readsboro, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Stratton, Sunderland, Wallingford, Wardsboro, Weston, and Woodford.					
Green Mountain Trailblazers ROW Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/24/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: The project would consist of issuance of a special use permit to the Green Mountain Trailblazers for a private snowmobile trail. The trail would be maintained to Forest Service standards for a snowmobile trail. Other use would be excluded.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55704				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Peru and Winhall.					

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Isaiah Slade Right of Way Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/31/2018	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: Isaiah Slade has applied for a special use permit authorizing the construction of a driveway that is 85 feet long, and 20 feet wide to reach his private property. Surrounding private property is too steep to reach the building site. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54819				
	Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Winhall.				
Mount Snow Sunbrook Area Trail Widening CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
	Description: Sections of Moonwalk, Little Dipper, Big Dipper, and Moonbeam trails would be widened an average of 30%u2019 to better accommodate beginner level skiers. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55249				
	Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Dover.				
Somerset Integrated Resource Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/29/2019	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Jay Strand 802-767-4261 x5522 jay.strand@usda.gov
	Description: Multiple resource management to implement the Forest Plan across a large landscape area. Includes activities such as timber harvesting, wildlife & fisheries habitat improvement, recreation & forest access opportunities, and restoration work. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53706				
	Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple towns.				

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Spruce Peak VAST Trail Additions CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Robert Abrams 802-362-2307 x7725 robert.abrams@usda.gov
	Description: Add two sections of existing snowmobile trail totaling about 1.1 miles in use and maintained by the VT Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) to the Forest Service trail system.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56382				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Winhall and Manchester.					
Town of Bennington Logging Access Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: The Town of Bennington plans to harvest timber on lands adjacent to National Forest System (NFS) land in 2019-22. The proposal includes 0.8 miles of skid trails to be constructed/reconstructed on NFS land under the authority of a Special Use Permit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54748				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Pownal.					
Woodford Lake Estates Snowmobile Trail Additions Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 06/07/2019	07/2019	Emily Lauderdale 802-362-2307 x7227 emily.lauderdale@usda.gov
	Description: Designate 1.6 miles of existing snowmobile trail on a powerline and FR280. Grade trail, install water bars, ditches, 2 culverts, inspect bridge. Remove/block off 2 unauthorized access trails. Remove snowmobile use on 4 miles of Dome Trail, FT393.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49272				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Woodford.					

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Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Middlebury Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Apple Tree Maintenance and Release - Middlebury Ranger District CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Michael Burbank 802-767-4261 x5537 michael.burbank@usda.gov
	Description: Cut and remove over-topping trees on multiple sites to provide apple trees access to sunlight across the Middlebury Ranger District. Includes pruning apple trees to promote tree health and fruit production. Project has been cancelled.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41842				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple Towns.					
Catamount Trail Connector CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Holly Knox 802-767-4261 x5530 holly.knox@usda.gov
	Description: Construct an approximate 1.6 mile segment of the Catamount Trail to provide connectivity between Forest Trail 134, Round Robin Trail, and the South Pond parcel. The trail will be managed for cross-country ski use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55247				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Chittenden.					
Goshen Blueberry Opening Management CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/27/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Michael Burbank 802-767-4261 x5537 michael.burbank@usda.gov
	Description: Re-establish and maintain low-bush blueberry openings on 63 acres in and around the Goshen Blueberry Management Area. Includes commercial removal of trees and control of brush with mastication and prescribed fire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55718				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Goshen.					

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Goshen Dam Spillway Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/28/2019	06/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: The project consists issuing a special use permit to Green Mountain Power Corporation for the purpose of reconstructing and extending the spillway at Goshen Dam to withstand floods and meet FERC requirements. The permit area is 0.71 acres. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55705				
	Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Goshen.				
Mountain Top Resort Special Use Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/31/2017	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
	Description: Re-issue a ten year Special Use Permit Mountain Top Inn & Resort to operate and maintain 12 miles of Nordic trail system and operate guided horseback rides on 3.6 miles of roads and trails on National Forest System lands. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52785				
	Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Chittenden.				
Smith ROW Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/24/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: The project would consist of the issuance of a road right-of-way permit to Mr. Smith for the reconstruction, utilization, and maintenance of a timber haul road and a gate. The road would be 16 feet wide and 0.46 miles long, covering 0.89 acres. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55701				
	Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Ripton.				

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Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Rochester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Beane ROW Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/24/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: The project consists of issuance of a Special Use Permit to Mr. Beane to reconstruct and maintain part of the Tunnel Brook trail to his private property. The trail on NFS lands is 0.9 mile long and 16 feet wide, covering approximately 1.75 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55706				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.					
Cow Mountain Pond Snowmobile Trail Special Use Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: Reissue a special use permit to Vermont Association of Snow Travelers for the operation and maintenance of a segment of a snowmobile trail located on a Forest Legacy Tract. The fee title of the tract located in Granby, VT is owned by the U.S.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49835				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Essex. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Granby.					
Forest Road 55 Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/12/2019	05/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: The Town of Granville has applied for a special use authorization to make necessary repairs to FR55. This includes moving the roadbed up to 25 feet to re-contour and stabilize a slumping bank with rip rap to increase its stability.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55219				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Granville Vermont.					

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Gran Fondo Recreation Event Authorization CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: Issue a long-term special use permit to 'Ride it if You Can' for a rest area in the parking area on Lincoln Gap during the Gran Fondo riding event. Cancelled at decision memo level because event was permitted for less than one year.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55707				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Ripton.					
Lincoln Brook Tributary Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/30/2019	06/2019	Jeremy Mears 802-767-4261 ext 5514 jeremy.mears@usda.gov
	Description: Removal and replacement of the existing culvert structure on Hanks Brook at the intersection of Lincoln Gap Road and Hanks Road in the Town of Warren. the new structure will allow free aquatic passage along the stream.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54284				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Warren.					
Sugarbush Heaven's Gate Ski Patrol Shack Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/06/2019	08/2019	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: Relocation of the ski patrol building at the top of Heaven's Gate ski lift, to a site adjacent to the skier unload area. The project would require the clearing of a 20 foot by 30 foot area of spruce and fir trees.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55251				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Warren.					

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