



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

### Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Fairpoint Master Permit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2019	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Re-authorize the operation and maintenance of all existing Fairpoint Telephone lines located across the Forest. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55220">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55220</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Forest-wide Trail Decommissions and Trail Addition</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/12/2019	12/2019	Holly Knox 802-767-4261 x5530 holly.knox@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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). <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56366">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56366</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District, Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland, Washington, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple Towns.				
<b>White Pine/Oak/Hickory Timber Stand Improvement</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/21/2019	Expected:01/2020	08/2020	Allan Braun 802-362-2307 x 7213 allan.braun@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Release white pine, oak and hickory regeneration from competition via non-commercial, non-ground disturbing, hand felling on 54 acres in six separate stands across the Forest. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56906">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56906</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District, Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Bennington, Rutland, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Bristol, Chittenden, Leischester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Peru, Pittsfield, Ripton, Weston, and Winhall.				

**Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Hector Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than R9 - Eastern Region**

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Hector Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region</b>					
<b>Finger Lakes Pond Stocking</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Jeremy Mears 802-767-4261 ext 5514 jeremy.mears@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Self-sustaining recreational fisheries would be created by stocking fish at four ponds on the Finger Lakes National Forest: Ballard, Teeter, Foster, and Potomac. Large woody debris would also be placed along the shoreline to provide cover for fish.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57403">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57403</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.					
<b>Finger Lakes Runners Club Recreation Event Permit Reissuance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2019	Expected:01/2020	03/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Reauthorization of a Recreation Event permit for a term of five years, authorizing an annual long distance footrace.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56893">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56893</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector and Lodi.					
<b>Grassland Enhancement Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 11/19/2019	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Shawn Langston 802-747-6743 Shawn.Langston@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Plant native warm season grasses and pollinator mix on up to 450 acres of grasslands over a 15-year period using activities such as prescribe burning, herbicide (glyphosate product), no-till equipment and mowing.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56961">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56961</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector, Lodi, and Covert.					

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Hector Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Invasive Plant Control</b> EA  *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Shawn Langston 802-747-6743 Shawn.Langston@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project aims to reduce the impacts that non-native invasive plants are having on the Forest by using a variety of treatment options for their control or eradication. This project would revise the 2008 FLNF Invasive Plant Control decision.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57404">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57404</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector, Lodi, and Covert.					
<b>Perry Apiary Reauthorization</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/19/2019	01/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55703">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55703</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector and Lodi.					
<b>Pioneer trek Non-Commercial Group Use Permit Reissuance</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Reauthorization of a special use permit for a term of five years, authorizing three annual Pioneer Youth Treks in which up to 90 people with wheeled hand carts re-enact the migration of early members of their church on a pre-approved route.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56894">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56894</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector and Lodi.					

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Hector Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Soft Mast Release Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Gregory Flood 607-546-4470 gregory.flood@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53542">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53542</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector, Lodi and Covert.					

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Feller Brook Trail and Wallingford Pond Spur C Decommissioning</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2019	Expected:01/2020	04/2020	Emily Lauderdale 802-362-2307 x7227 emily.lauderdale@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project would remove Feller Brook Trail and Wallingford Pond Spur C from the National Forest System Trails Database. These trails have not seen snowmobile use in several years and are missing two bridges.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56904">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56904</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Wallingford.					
<b>GMP Little Pond Road Electric Line Construction Permit</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2019	Expected:01/2020	07/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> A permit with a two year term would be issued to Green Mountain Power for construction of an underground powerline from an existing pole on Little Pond Road (Forest Road 275) and install approximately 600 feet of conduit.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57281">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57281</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Woodford.					

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Mount Snow Sunbrook Area Trail Widening</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/17/2019	Expected:01/2020	03/2020	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Sections of Moonwalk, Little Dipper, Big Dipper, and Moonbeam trails would be widened from 25 to 30 feet to better accommodate beginner level skiers.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55249">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55249</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Dover.					
<b>Sargent ROW Permit Reauthorization</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2019	Expected:01/2020	05/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of a Special Use Permit to replace an expiring right of way easement for a road that is 3,160 feet long. The right of way width would be increased to 16 feet to allow for maintenance of drainage structures.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56895">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56895</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Peru.					
<b>Somerset Integrated Resource Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- 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:06/2020	07/2020	Jay Strand 802-767-4261 x5522 jay.strand@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53706">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53706</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple towns.					

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Spruce Peak VAST Trail Additions</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/03/2019	Expected:09/2020	09/2020	Robert Abrams 802-362-2307 x7725 robert.abrams@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56382">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56382</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Winhall and Manchester.					
<b>Town of Bennington Logging Access Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54748">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54748</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Pownal.					
<b>Wild Wings Special Use Permit Reissuance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Justin Preisendorfer 603-536-6238 justin.preisendorfer@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Reissue a 10-year special use permit authorizing Wild Wings Ski Touring Center to operate and maintain a system of cross-country ski trails totaling approximately 6.35 miles. Cancelled at decision memo level due to CE category change to 220.6(d)(9)				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56905">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56905</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Peru.					

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Woodford Snobusters Recreation Event Permit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2019	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Reauthorization of a Recreation Event permit for a term of five years, authorizing two annual snowmobiling events.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56901">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56901</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Woodford and Bennington.					

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Middlebury Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Goshen Blueberry Opening Management</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/27/2019	Expected:01/2020	05/2020	Michael Burbank 802-767-4261 x5537 michael.burbank@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55718">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55718</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Goshen.					
<b>Mountain Top Resort Special Use Permit Reissuance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/31/2017	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52785">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52785</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Chittenden.					

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<b>Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Rochester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Bingo Road Reroute Special Use Permit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2019	Expected:01/2020	03/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Flooding in 2019 has caused bank failure of Bingo Brook and erosion of Bingo Brook Road. The Town of Rochester has requested a permit to reroute 150 feet of road temporarily, and 575 feet rerouted permanently at a later date.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56903">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56903</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.					
<b>Cow Mountain Pond Snowmobile Trail Special Use Reissuance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49835">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49835</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Essex. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Granby.					
<b>Rochester/Middlebury Outfitter &amp; Guide Permit Reauthorization</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2019	Expected:01/2020	02/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Reauthorization of Outfitter & Guide permits for True North, Confluence, Killington Mountain Guides, Alectoris Fontinalis and Alpine Endeavors for a term of ten years. Activities include backpacking, cross country skiing, fishing and rock climbing.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56902">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56902</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland, Washington, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple towns.					

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