



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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 .				

Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) R9 - Eastern Region

White Pine/Oak/Hickory Timber Stand Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/21/2019	Expected:07/2020	09/2020	Allan Braun 802-362-2307 x 7213 allan.braun@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56906				
	Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District, Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Bennington, Rutland, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Leicester, Peru, Ripton, and Winhall.				

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

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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
2020 Finger Lakes Trail Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Matthew Kautz 607-546-4470 matthew.kautz@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of new trails or upgrade existing trails and parking areas on the FLNF in order to provide a wide array of recreation opportunities, increase safety, and reduce resource impacts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57913				
Location: UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.					
Finger Lakes Pond Stocking CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeremy Mears 802-767-4261 ext 5514 jeremy.mears@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57403				
Location: UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.					
Grassland Enhancement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 11/19/2019	Expected:09/2020	04/2021	Shawn Langston 802-747-6743 Shawn.Langston@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56961				
Location: UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector, Lodi, and Covert.					

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Invasive Plant Control Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/11/2020	Expected:03/2021	05/2021	Shawn Langston 802-747-6743 Shawn.Langston@usda.gov
	Description: 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 supersede the 2008 FLNF Invasive Plant Control decision.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57404				
	Location: UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector, Lodi, and Covert.				
Pioneer Trek Non-Commercial Group Use Permit Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/20/2020	09/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56894				
	Location: UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler, Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Hector and Lodi.				
Soft Mast Release Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	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.				

Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests	Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Feller Brook Trail and Wallingford Pond Spur C Decommissioning CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 04/07/2020	05/2020	Emily Lauderdale 802-362-2307 x7227 emily.lauderdale@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56904				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Wallingford.					
Macintyre Permanent Opening Reclamation CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:10/2020	03/2021	Scott Wixsom 802-362-2307 x7219 scott.wixsom@usda.gov
	Description: This project would remove trees on 21 acres from two permanent wildlife openings to allow for planned maintenance of the openings. This would be a complimentary action to a timber sale implemented for the Early Successional Habitat Project.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57923				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Sunderland.					
Mount Snow Epic Mix Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
	Description: This project would authorize Mt. Snow to install infrastructure associated with an interactive skiing app and increase areas on the mountain where electrical power would be available.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57927				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of West Dover.					

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Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Manchester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Mount Snow Upper Carinthia Bypass Power and Communications Install CE *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
	Description: This project would authorize Mt Snow to install the instrumentation needed at the inlet to Carinthia Pond to comply with Federal and State minimum streamflow regulations, which would minimize impacts to aquatic resources.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57929				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of West 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:09/2020	10/2020	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.					
South Fork of the Roaring Branch Stream Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:09/2020	03/2021	Scott Wixsom 802-362-2307 x7219 scott.wixsom@usda.gov
	Description: This project consists of large wood placement on approximately 2.1 miles of stream along the South Fork of the Roaring Branch where chainsaws will be used to directionally fell and position trees from the adjacent streamside.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57931				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Sunderland and Glastenbury.					

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Spruce Peak VAST Trail Additions CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/03/2019	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	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.					
Weston CCC Trail Designation CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Emily Lauderdale 802-362-2307 x7227 emily.lauderdale@usda.gov
	Description: This project would designate 0.25 miles of Forest Road 299 as a hiking trail. No bridges or other trail tread infrastructure would be built.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57921				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Weston.					
Wilcox Special Use Permit Amendment CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2019	Expected:12/2020	03/2021	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: This project would consist of the issuance of a special use permit amendment to the Wilcox Cultivation Permit. The amendment would allow Mr. Wilcox to cultivate the 8.3 acre field adjacent to his current permit area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57935				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Manchester.					

Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Middlebury Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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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					
Frost Wayside Connector and Accessibility Trail Upgrade CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/12/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	David Nulsen 802-767-4261 x5533 david.nulsen@usda.gov
	Description: This project would relocate and upgrade trails at the Robert Frost Wayside site in order to improve user safety and universal accessibility, address streambank erosion, and respond to public feedback for future recreation site management.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57936				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Ripton.					
Goshen Blueberry Opening Management CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/27/2019	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Lindsay Silvia (802) 353-8898 lindsay.r.silvia@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.					
Green Mountain Power Goshen Dam Power Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/18/2020	05/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: This project would authorize Green Mountain Power to install an electric line and fiber optic cable to Goshen Dam which would enable remote sensing of water levels and flows at the dam and remote operation of valves and gates.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57937				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Goshen.					

Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests Rochester Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region
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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					
Chateauguay Trail Relocation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 06/12/2020	06/2020	Holly Knox 802-747-6724 holly.knox@usda.gov
	Description: Trail improvements are necessary to address erosion, slumping, sedimentation and hydraulic connectivity concerns. Improvements include a 500 foot trail relocation, installation of drainage structures, and gate installation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58078				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Bridgewater.					
Cow Mountain Pond Snowmobile Trail Special Use Reissuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.					
West Hill Road Bridge Replacement Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 05/20/2020	09/2020	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	Description: This project would authorize the Town of Rochester, Vermont to replace an existing road bridge on West Hill Road (Forest Road 41).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57938				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.					

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