



**Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)**  
**01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021**  
**Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forests**

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<b>Projects Occurring Nationwide</b>					
<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b>  EIS	- 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .				

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

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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>2020 Finger Lakes Trail Improvements</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Matthew Kautz 607-546-4470 matthew.kautz@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57913">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57913</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.				
<b>Drainage Tile Breakup</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Angelica Quintana 802-747-6742 angelica.quintana@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project purpose is to rehabilitate and restore natural soil water drainage rates by breaking up drainage tiles. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59253">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59253</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.				
<b>Dunn Road Water Control Structure Replacement</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Gregory Flood 607-546-4470 gregory.flood@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to replace the failing water control structure on the pond/wetland along Dunn Road and enhance the pond/wetland by dredging. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59254">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59254</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Seneca. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along Dunn Road in the Town of Covert.				

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<b>Finger Lakes Pond Stocking</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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>Grassland Enhancement Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 11/04/2020	04/2021	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.					
<b>Invasive Plant Control Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/11/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	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 supersede 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.					

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<b>Satterly Hill and Smith West Field Tilling</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2021	Expected:05/2021	06/2021	Gregory Flood 607-546-4470 gregory.flood@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to till and smooth fields to allow for desired future management. Old grape vineyard rows are present in the fields, which makes mowing and burning operations for grassland management very difficult.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59255">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59255</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.					
<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 01/2021	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	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>Additional Apple Tree Release Stands</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:03/2021	06/2021	Robert Abrams 802-362-2307 robert.abrams@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project would release apple trees by removing over-topping tree species and pruning excess vegetative growth to restore their fruit production and overall vigor.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59305">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59305</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Wallingford and Weston.					

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<b>Cobb Log Landing Special Use Permit</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of the project is to respond to an application for winter use of an existing log landing and skid road from Cobb Lumber Inc. on National Forest Lands. Use of this log landing would be needed for two years.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59248">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59248</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Landgrove.					
<b>Hoosac Ridge Trail Relocation</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Andrew Clawson 802-681-6396 andrew.clawson@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The project purpose is to mitigate impacts and degradation of a wetland complex that the trail currently runs through. This proposal also seeks to address the recent loss of access to a connector trail through private property.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59256">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59256</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Readsboro.					
<b>Macintyre Permanent Opening Reclamation</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/18/2020	Expected:02/2021	05/2021	Scott Wixsom 802-362-2307 x7219 scott.wixsom@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57923">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57923</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Sunderland.					

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<b>Mount Snow Epic Mix Installation</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57927">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57927</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of West Dover.					
<b>Mount Snow Upper Carinthia Bypass Power and Communications Install</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57929">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57929</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of West Dover.					
<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	Completed	Actual: 12/11/2020	12/2020	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>South Fork of the Roaring Branch Stream Restoration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/21/2020	Expected:03/2021	10/2021	Scott Wixsom 802-362-2307 x7219 scott.wixsom@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57931">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57931</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Sunderland and Glastenbury.					
<b>Spruce Peak VAST Trail Additions</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/03/2019	Expected:02/2021	04/2021	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>Wilcox Special Use Permit Amendment</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2019	Expected:02/2021	04/2021	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57935">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57935</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Manchester.					

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<b>Woodford Estates Right-of-Way Authorization</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/23/2020	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The purpose for this project is to respond to an application for a right-of-way (ROW) permit from Woodford Lake Association Inc. for winter access by snowmobiles to an existing trail system.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59257">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59257</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 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	Completed	Actual: 10/20/2020	10/2020	Lindsay Silvia (802) 353-8898 lindsay.r.silvia@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.					

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