### Wildlife Openings

**Monongahela National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)**

**Project Name:** Monongahela National Forest, Forestwide  (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)  
**Project Purpose:** - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants  
- Vegetation management (other than forest products)  
**Planning Status:** Cancelled  
**Decision:** N/A  
**Expected Implementation:** N/A  
**Project Contact:** Catherine Johnson  
304-636-1800 ext 170  
catherinejohnson@fs.fed.us

**Description:** This proposal will address maintenance of wildlife openings across the Forest through mowing, prescribed fire, herbicide, and other treatments, and will include long-term strategies for determining, prioritizing, and treating existing and new areas.

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31823](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31823)

**Location:**  
UNIT - Monongahela National Forest All Units.  
STATE - West Virginia.  
COUNTY - Grant, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Tucker, Webster.  
LEGAL - Not Applicable.  
Openings are scattered across the Forest in Grant, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Tucker, and Webster Counties, WV.

### Authorization for Construction/Operation of Natural Gas Pipeline from Columbia Gas Transmission LLC

**Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)**

**Project Name:** Authorization for Construction/Operation of Natural Gas Pipeline from Columbia Gas Transmission LLC  
**Project Purpose:** - Special use management  
**Planning Status:** Completed  
**Decision:** Actual: 11/28/2017  
**Expected Implementation:** 12/2017  
**Project Contact:** Will Wilson  
304-636-1800  
wwilson@fs.fed.us

**Description:** Special Use Application from Columbia Gas Transmission LLC to construct and operate 26" diameter natural gas pipeline of approximately 11.4 miles on NFS lands mostly within existing natural gas pipeline ROW.

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51421](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51421)

**Location:**  
UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District, Potomac Ranger District.  
STATE - West Virginia.  
COUNTY - Pendleton, Randolph.  
LEGAL - Not Applicable.  
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| Bowden Timber Stand Improvement                  | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants  
- Vegetation management  
(other than forest products) | In Progress: Scoping Start 02/14/2017                                     | Expected:04/2018 | 04/2018                 | Jeff Kochenderfer  
304-257-4488  
jdkochenderfer@fs.fed.us |
|                                                 |-description: Timber stand improvement/wildlife habitat improvement will be completed on 373 acres. Approximately 50-75 healthy desirable trees in stands 20-52 years old would be released by cutting vegetation surrounding them with a chainsaw.  
Web Link: [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51102](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51102) |                                                 |              |                         |                                        |
| CHT201001 - US Army Training Facility (Stuart Knob Comm Site) | - Special use management  
| Description: This project involves issuing a special use communication lease to United States Army Training Facility to install, operate, and maintain communication facilities at Stuart Knob on National Forest System lands while terminating their existing permit. | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/06/2018 | Expected:04/2018 | 04/2018                 | Todd Hess  
304-636-1800 ext.222  
tahess@fs.fed.us |
|         | Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District.  STATE - West Virginia.  
COUNTY - Randolph.  LEGAL - Not Applicable. The stands proposed for treatment are in compartments 43, 49, 50, 51, and 53 within Management Prescription 6.1. The stands are scattered within 7-mile radius of Bowden, WV to the north of WV-33. |                                                 |              |                         |                                        |
| CHT202016 - WV Division of Highways Dry Fork Road Stabilization (WV-72) | - Special use management  
| Description: This project is to authorize a special use permit to the WV Division of Highways for temporary construction activity to stabilize 3 sections, totaling approximately 3000 linear feet, of WV route 72 by creating a toe bench and installing shot rock. | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/13/2018 | Expected:04/2018 | 04/2018                 | Todd Hess  
304-636-1800 ext.222  
tahess@fs.fed.us |
|         | Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District.  STATE - West Virginia.  
COUNTY - Tucker.  LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along WV-72, Dry Fork Road in Tucker County between mile markers 4 and 5. |                                                 |              |                         |                                        |
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| Monongahela National Forest Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | **R9 - Eastern Region**

**CHT205013 - MRKIII Special Use Permit Re-Issue**

- **NEW LISTING**

**Project Purpose:**

- Special use management

**In Progress:**

- Scoping Start 03/06/2018

**Expected:**

- 04/2018

**Decision:**

- 04/2018

**Location:**

- UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Less than 0.5 miles north of the town of Thomas WV off of US Route 219.

**Description:** The project involves issuing a new Special Use Permit to MRKIII to authorize their use of 1.95 acres of NFS lands adjacent to their business location north of Thomas WV. This includes a previously authorized driveway under permit number CHT41.

**Expected:**

- 04/2018

**Developing Proposal**

- Est. Scoping Start 05/2018

**Contact:**

- Todd Hess
- 304-636-1800 ext.222
- tahess@fs.fed.us

**Zachary Adkins**
- 304-257-4488
- zcadkins@fs.fed.us

**Dolly Sods Picnic Area**

- **UPDATED**

**Project Purpose:**

- Recreation management

**In Progress:**

- Developing Proposal
- Est. Scoping Start 05/2018

**Expected:**

- 10/2018

**Decision:**

- 06/2019

**Location:**

- UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This area is located on NFS Rd 19, approx. 3.5 miles east of Laneville, WV and the new area is located approx. 4 miles east of Laneville, WV. Both are adjacent to Dolly Sods Wilderness Area.

**Description:** This project includes rehabbing the existing Dolly Sods Picnic Area to a more natural condition and developing a new picnic area approx. 1.5 miles north along NFS Rd 19. Includes picnic site amenities, toilet building, and trail to an existing vista.

**Web Link:**

- [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51514](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51514)

**Harper Cultivation Special Use Permit Re-Issue**

- **UPDATED**

**Project Purpose:**

- Special use management

**In Progress:**

- Scoping Start 04/01/2017

**Expected:**

- 05/2018

**Decision:**

- 05/2018

**Location:**

- UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This area is located in the fields on NFS lands near the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center and the intersection of WV St Rt 28 and 33, in the community of Seneca Rocks, WV.

**Description:** We received a request to re-issue a hay (19.7 acres) and corn (3.2 acres) cultivation permit in five fields, totaling 22.9 acres. The cultivation has occurred from 1992-2016 under previous permits. If issued, this permit would expire 12/31/2021.

**Web Link:**

- [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51511](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51511)
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| Spruce Mountain Grouse Management Area EA   | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants  
- Forest products  
- Vegetation management (other than forest products) | In Progress:  
Scoping Start 04/11/2017  
304-478-2000 ext.136  
tevans@fs.fed.us          |

**Description:** The objective of this project is to restore and maintain ruffed grouse habitat in the Spruce Mountain Grouse Management Area by increasing early successional habitat for cover and enhancing species diversity to increase foraging opportunities.

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51058](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51058)

**Location:** UNIT - Potomac Ranger District.  STATE - West Virginia.  COUNTY - Randolph.  LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located west & southwest of Spruce Knob Lake and is near the community of Osceola, WV. It is bounded on the NW by County Route 40 and on the SE by NFS Road 112 (Spruce Knob Road).

| Monongahela National Forest                 | Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) |                                                                                  |                |                         | R9 - Eastern Region               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|                                                                                  |                |                         |                                   |
| Big Rock Project EIS                        | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants  
- Forest products  
- Vegetation management (other than forest products)  
- Road management | In Progress:  
NOI in Federal Register  
09/17/2015  
Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2018 | Expected:08/2018 | 11/2018     | Jane Bard  
304-846-2695  
jbard@fs.fed.us           |

**Description:** The proposal is to provide diverse early successional forest (clearcut w/reserves 1342 ac), improve forest health and growth (traditional thin 702 ac and helicopter thin 491 ac) and provide water sources for wildlife (creation of 20 vernal pools).

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44762](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44762)

**Location:** UNIT - Gauley Ranger District.  STATE - West Virginia.  COUNTY - Nicholas, Webster.  LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is within the Cranberry River watershed north of Richwood, WV, in Nicholas and Webster Counties.

| Post Flood Trail Restoration on the Gauley RD CE | - Recreation management | Developing Proposal  
304-846-2695  
jbard@fs.fed.us          |

**Description:** Construct a new trail bridge and associated trail relocation on Cow Pasture (NFST 253) and Pocahontas (NFST) trails; and reconstruct a trail bridge on Fork Mountain (NFST 236) trail.

**Location:** UNIT - Gauley Ranger District.  STATE - West Virginia.  COUNTY - Nicholas, Pocahontas.  LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations on the Gauley Ranger District.
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<td>Red Spruce Restoration Project (Farm Bill)</td>
<td>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</td>
<td>Completed</td>
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<td>Actual: 01/11/2018</td>
<td>Richard Patterson 304-536-2144</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:rpatterson@fs.fed.us">rpatterson@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td>Description: Herbicide treatment of diseased American Beech is proposed on approximately 3000 acres on the Gauley Ranger District of the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia. The project will help reestablish red spruce in its historic range.</td>
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<p>| <strong>Monongahela National Forest</strong>                  | <strong>Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</strong> |                 |          |                         |                                       |
| Beulah Wildlife Enhancement Project              | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants                                                  | In Progress:    | Expected: | 10/2018                 | Shane Jones 304-456-3335, 114          |
|                                                 | Scoping Start 04/18/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2018            |                 | :07/2018 |                         | <a href="mailto:scjones@fs.fed.us">scjones@fs.fed.us</a>                     |
|                                                 | Description: This project seeks to improve wildlife habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock, and other associated species through vegetation diversity enhancement, wildlife opening management, timber and wildlife stand improvement, and vernal pool creation. |
|                                                 | Web Link: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51533">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51533</a>                      |                 |          |                         |                                       |
|                                                 | Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Project area is located in Randolph County, WV, approximately 2 miles south of the town of Glady, WV and is along the western edge of NFS Rd 44, extending to the ridge of Shavers Mtn. |                 |          |                         |                                       |</p>
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<td>Actual: 11/17/2017</td>
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<td>Karen Stevens 304-636-1800 <a href="mailto:karenlstevens@fs.fed.us">karenlstevens@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Brushy Mountain Ruffed Grouse Habitat Management CE</td>
<td>Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</td>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>Actual: 03/28/2018</td>
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<td>James McCormick 304-799-4334 x25 <a href="mailto:jamesmccormick@fs.fed.us">jamesmccormick@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td>Greenbrier County Youth Camp Addition / WHS27 Amendment 1 CE</td>
<td>Special use management</td>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>Actual: 02/12/2018</td>
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<td>Todd Hess 304-636-1800 ext.222 <a href="mailto:tahess@fs.fed.us">tahess@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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| **Location:** Brushy Mountain Ruffed Grouse Habitat Management Area           |                                                                                   |                 |                       |                         |                                                                               |
| **Location:** Greenbrier County Youth Camp Addition / WHS27 Amendment 1       |                                                                                   |                 |                       |                         |                                                                               |
| Authorize an amendment allowing construction of building facility addition to existing facilities privately owned. | Web Link: [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53125](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53125) |                 |                       |                         |                                                                               |
| Authorize an amendment allowing construction of building facility addition to existing facilities privately owned. | Web Link: [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44193](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44193) |                 |                       |                         |                                                                               |

**Description:** Special Use Application from Atlantic Coast Pipeline LLC to construct and operate a 42" diameter natural gas pipeline on approximately 5 miles of NFS lands.

**Web Link:** [https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50823](https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50823)

**Description:** The proposal is to create early successional habitat scattered in the project area in order to create habitat for ruffed grouse. A variety of treatments are being considered, including clear-cutting, prescribed burning, and mulching.

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44193](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44193)

**Location:** UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable.

**Location:** UNIT - White Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sites are located within the Brushy Mountain Ruffed Grouse Management Area, directly northeast of White Sulphur Springs, WV.

**Location:** UNIT - White Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier County / Anthony Quad / US Tract 547. Greenbrier County / Anthony Quad / US Tract 547.
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<td>Jane Bard 304-846-2695 <a href="mailto:jbard@fs.fed.us">jbard@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Description:</strong> Relocate several segments of 3 system trails damaged by June, 2016 flood: Tea creek trail(#454), Right fork connector trail(#411), Laurel creek trail (#455), and short segments of off-trail equipment access for Williams river trail(#487).</td>
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<td>James McCormick 304-799-4334 <a href="mailto:jamesmccormick@fs.fed.us">jamesmccormick@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td>Karen Stevens 304-636-1800 <a href="mailto:karenstevens@fs.fed.us">karenstevens@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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<td>Jane Bard 304-846-2695 <a href="mailto:jbard@fs.fed.us">jbard@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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