



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
07/01/2019 to 09/30/2019

Monongahela National Forest

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Monongahela National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R9 - Eastern Region
Consolidated Special Use Reissue 2018 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/13/2019	05/2019	Todd Hess 304-636-1800 ext.222 tahess@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue 15 special use permit that expire in 2018 to include both land and recreation uses Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54546				
	Location: UNIT - Monongahela National Forest All Units. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations throughout the Forest.				

Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Re-issuance of Outfitter & Guide Special Use Permits on North Zone Monongahela National Forest CE CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:11/2019	01/2020	Zachary Adkins 304-257-4488 Zachary.c.adkins@usda.gov
	Description: Several O&G temporary use permits are expiring December 2019 and permittees have requested authorization of a 10-year permit to offer backpacking, rock climbing, and fishing services to their clients. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56241				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District, Greenbrier Ranger District, Potomac Ranger District, Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Seneca Rocks, Seneca Creek BC, Laurel Fork Wilderness, Otter Creek Wilderness, Canaan Mountain BC, Cranberry BC, Dolly Sods, Shavers Fork of the Cheat, N Fork of the S Branch & South Branch rivers.				

Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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Monongahela National Forest					
Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					
R9 - Eastern Region					
Allegheny Wood Products SUP CHT205014 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/21/2019	Expected:06/2019	10/2019	Todd Hess 304-635-4453 todd.hess@usda.gov
Description: Issue special use permit to Allegheny Wood Products to construct, use, and maintain a private road on National Forest System (NFS) lands. The road is proposed to be 12 feet wide by 180 feet long (0.05 acres).					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56379					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Preston. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Preston County / Aurora Quad / US Tract 87K-I.					
Bowden Timber Stand Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/14/2017	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	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					
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.					
Davis Trail Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Alexander Schlueter 304-257-4488 x7114 aschlueter@usda.gov
Description: Davis Trail (TR #107) located in Canaan Mountain Backcountry near Davis, WV suffers from soil erosion. This leads to a poor user experience and reduced water quality. This proposal is to improve drainage on the trail and visitor experience.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55675					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Canaan Mountain Backcountry near the town of Thomas, WV.					

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Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Mullenax SUP Cultivation POT206010 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/24/2019	06/2019	Todd Hess 304-636-1800 ext.222 tahess@fs.fed.us
Description: New authorization to new person for existing hay cultivation					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55379					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. LEGAL - Randolph County / Whitmer Quad / US Tract 38B. Randolph County / Whitmer Quad / US Tract 38B south of river crossing and north of another cultivation field.					

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Big Rock Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/06/2019	Expected:09/2019	10/2019	Jane Bard 304-846-2695 jbard@fs.fed.us
Description: The proposal is to provide diverse early successional forest, improve forest health and growth, provide water sources for wildlife, and create wildlife openings/savannahs. The proposal also includes watershed restoration activities.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44762					
Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Nicholas, Webster. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project are is within the Cranberry River watershed north of Richwood, West Virginia, in Nicholas and Webster Counties.					

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Monongahela National Forest		Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region
Gauley Integrated Spruce Restoration EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2019	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Jane Bard 304-846-2695 jbard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wildlife habitat and native red spruce-northern hardwood ecosystem restoration including timber harvest, site preparation, plantings, watershed improvements and trail system improvements.				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Webster. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 1 mile east of Richwood, WV.				
Post Flood Trail Restoration on the Gauley RD CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Jane Bard 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.				

Monongahela National Forest		Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region
Beulah Wildlife Enhancement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/28/2019	Expected:08/2019	10/2019	Shane Jones 304-456-3335, 114 scjones@fs.fed.us
	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: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51533				
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.					

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Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Columbia Gas Transmission's WBXPress Variance C-169 and C-213 for access CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/28/2019	07/2019	Todd Hess 304-636-1800 ext.222 tahess@fs.fed.us
	Description: Variance would allow vehicle access outside Columbia's previously authorized LOD for WBXPress. If authorized this access will be issued under their FLPMA road special use permit for long-term access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56110				
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. See map.				
Greenbrier RD Early Successional Habitat CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Shane Jones 304-456-3335, 114 scjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create or enhance early successional wildlife habitat and enhance plant diversity for wildlife species dependent on early successional habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55681				
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas, Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Areas proposed for treatment are on the Cheat Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Little River WMA, and Beaverdam WMA.				
Greenbrier Southeast EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Shane Jones 304-456-3335, 114 scjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project seeks to improve forest stand health and composition to improve future wildlife habitat and to provide for future commercial timber sales and economic projects.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55797				
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located in Pocahontas County, WV, approximately 2 miles east of Bartow, WV.				
WVDOH Cheat Bridge SUP GBR202010 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2019	Expected:12/2019	06/2020	Todd Hess 304-636-1800 ext.222 tahess@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue special use permit to WVDOH to allow temporary use of 0.18 acres of National Forest land to replace Cheat Bridge.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56348				
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along the eastern side of US-250 at Cheat Bridge, approximately 6 miles north of Durbin.				

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Monongahela National Forest	Marlinton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Brushy Mountain Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2018	Expected:01/2020	02/2020	James McCormick 304-799-4334 jamesmccormick@fs.fed.us
Description: Create early successional wildlife habitat by mulching and enhance tree regeneration for species preferred by wildlife.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54154					
Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of Minnehaha Springs, West Virginia in Greenbrier County.					
Marlinton post-flood trail restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:09/2019	09/2019	Jane Bard 304-846-2695 jbard@fs.fed.us
Description: Relocate several segments of 3 system trails damaged by June, 2016 flood: Tea creek trail(#454),Right fork connector trail(#411), Laural creek trail (#455), and short segments of off-trail equipment access for Williams river trail(#487)					
Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tea creek trail(454), Right fork connector trail(411, Laurel creek trail(466) along with short segments of off-trail equipment access for repair of the Williams river trail(487).					
Panther Ridge Wildlife Enhancement EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/16/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	James McCormick 304-799-4334 jamesmccormick@fs.fed.us
Description: Wildlife management enhancement					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53685					
Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 7 miles east of Falling Springs on County Route 11 with the following project boundaries: Greenbrier River to the west, Little Creek to the east, Hopkins Knob to the south, and Spice Run.					

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Monongahela National Forest	Marlinton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Sharp Knob - Red Spruce Restoration through Removal of Nonnative Red CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/24/2018	Expected:10/2019	11/2019	Amy Coleman (304) 799-4334 x19 amycoleman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wildlife habitat and native red spruce-northern hardwood ecosystem restoration includes timber harvest, site preparation, plantings, vernal pool creation, and interpretive signage.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54033				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas, Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 3.5 miles southwest of Slatyfork, West Virginia within Pocahontas and Randolph Counties.				
The Docks Wildlife Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/24/2018	Expected:01/2020	05/2020	James McCormick 304-799-4334 jamesmccormick@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wildlife habitat enhancement including plantings, vernal pool creation, timber harvest, prescribed fire, wildlife openings/savannas, riparian restoration, trail improvements, and timber stand improvements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54018				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of Minnehaha Spring in Greenbrier County, West Virginia along State Route 23 bordered by National Forest System Road 343.				

Monongahela National Forest	POTOMAC RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
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Monongahela National Forest	POTOMAC RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Dolly Sods Picnic Area EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2019	Expected:03/2020	04/2020	Alexander Schlueter 304-257-4488 ext. 7128 aschlueter@usda.gov
	Description: This project include 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				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The existing 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.				
Spruce Mountain Grouse Management Area EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/11/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Kyle Crafts 304-635-4439 kcrafts@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				
	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	White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
WVDOH Neola Bridge - WHS202001 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/09/2019	05/2019	Todd Hess 304-636-1800 ext.222 tahess@fs.fed.us
	Description: Temp bridge on NFS lands while original bridge is replaced.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55524				
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier. LEGAL - Greenbrier County / Alvon Quad / US Tract 573B. Greenbrier County / Alvon Quad / US Tract 573B.				

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