



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Monongahela National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*NEW LISTING*</p>	- 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 will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.					

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

R9 - Eastern Region

Greenbrier RD Early Successional Habitat CE <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	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 - Cheat Ranger District, Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Areas proposed for treatment are on the Cheat Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Little River WMA, and Beaverdam WMA.					

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
Canaan Mountain Backcountry Trail Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	Alexander Schlueter 304-257-4488 alexander.schlueter@usda.gov
Description: This project seeks to replace an existing boardwalk on Lindy Run Trail #109 and install a new boardwalk on Table Rock Trail #113. Currently, hikers are creating social trails and widening the trail in order to avoid walking in submerged areas.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57378					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trails to receive maintenance are Lindy Run Trail #109 and Table Rock Trail #113, located within Canaan Mountain Backcountry, approximately 5 miles south of Davis, WV.					
Clover Bridge Bank Stabilization CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019	Expected:06/2020	08/2020	Chad Landress 304-456-3335 x128 chad.m.landress@usda.gov
Description: This project includes the use of large woody material interwoven and buried along 200 linear feet of Left Fork of Clover Run, north side of the stream (river left), upstream of the WV State Secondary Route 21 bridge.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56944					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located along WV State Secondary (County) Route 21 at the bridge crossing the Left Fork of Clover Run approximately 5 miles southwest of Saint George, WV.					
Coastal Forest Resources Company FLPMA Road SUP CHT205016 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/08/2019	Expected:06/2020	08/2020	Todd Hess 304-635-4453 todd.hess@usda.gov
Description: Coastal Forest Resources Company (Coastal Timberlands) is requesting a new special use permit to reinforce existing temporary road on National Forest System (NFS) lands to remove timber from private land.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57124					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Parsons Quad / US Tract 275, along Panther Fork.					

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Monongahela National Forest		Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region
Davis Trail Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/04/2019	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	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.					
Horseshoe Wastewater Treatment Facility CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2020	Expected:07/2020	09/2020	Alexander Schlueter 304-257-4488 x7114 alexander.schlueter@usda.gov
	Description: Repair of non-functioning/faulty wastewater treatment systems at Horseshoe Recreation Area and Horseshoe YLA Camp. Resulting combined system will treat both sites.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56943				
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Horseshoe Recreation Area and Horseshoe YLA Camp located near the intersection of County Route 7 and County Route 9.					
Stuart Waterline Extension CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	Completed	Actual: 03/16/2020	03/2020	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 x1728 amy.albright2@usda.gov
	Description: This project proposes to upgrade the water system at Stuart Recreation Area Campground by installing 6" water main line to the meter location and 2" waterline to the campground to connect to the public water supply.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57376				
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The new pipeline will run from the center of Shavers Fork to the water meter and on to the Stuart Recreation Area Campground. The site is approximately 6 miles east of Elkins, WV.					

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Gauley Healthy Forest Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2019	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Jane Bard 304-846-2695 x5552112 jane.bard@usda.gov
Description: Reduce the expansion and threat of significant, damaging forest insects and disease; and reduce fuels buildup that cause uncharacteristic wildfire conditions. Treatments may include prescribed fire, timber harvest and temporary road construction.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57335					
Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Nicholas, Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is adjacent to, and east of Richwood, WV and extends eastward to the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center.					
Post Flood Trail Restoration on the Gauley RD CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Jane Bard 304-846-2695 x5552112 jane.bard@usda.gov
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: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/20/2020	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Shane Jones 304-456-3335 x114 shane.jones@usda.gov
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	
Greenbrier Southeast EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/17/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Shane Jones 304-456-3335 x114 shane.jones@usda.gov
	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.					
Little Ridge Prescribed Fire for Ecosystem Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2020	Expected:07/2020	09/2020	Shane Jones 304-456-3335 x114 shane.jones@usda.gov
	Description: This project would implement a prescribed fire program on 4,665.7 acres on Little Ridge to restore, maintain, or enhance wildlife habitat and restore the ecological role of fire for oak systems.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57953				
Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Little Ridge and Elliber Ridge, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Bounded by Forest Service (FS) Road 90J, FS Road 1678, and FS Road 1681.					
WV State Rail Authority Trout Run GBR202011 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/04/2020	03/2020	Todd Hess 304-635-4453 todd.hess@usda.gov
	Description: The West Virginia State Rail Authority(WVSRA) is requesting a new special use permit to be operated by the WV Department of Transportation, for a railroad right-of-way and bridge over Trout Run along the Greenbrier River on NFS land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57123				
Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cass Quad / US Tract 51E / N 38¿ 27' 30" W 79¿ 52' 40".					

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Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
WVDOH Cheat Bridge SUP GBR202010 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/04/2020	03/2020	Todd Hess 304-635-4453 todd.hess@usda.gov
	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.				

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:06/2020	07/2020	James McCormick 304-799-4334 james.mccormick@usda.gov
	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.				
Chicken House Run CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	James McCormick 304-799-4334 x7995527 james.mccormick@usda.gov
	Description: Reduce the expansion and threat of significant, damaging forest insects and disease; and reduce fuels buildup that cause uncharacteristic wildfire conditions. Treatments may include prescribed fire, timber harvest and temporary road construction.				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is south of Marlinton, WV and State Route 39. It includes FS lands between State Route 219 on the west and State Route 21 on the east and the southern border is Watoga State Park.				

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Monongahela National Forest		Marlinton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region
Marlinton post-flood trail restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Jane Bard 304-846-2695 x5552112 jane.bard@usda.gov
	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:05/2020	05/2020	James McCormick 304-799-4334 x7995527 james.mccormick@usda.gov
	Description: Wildlife management enhancement				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53685				
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:06/2020	06/2020	Amy Coleman (304) 799-4334 x7995516 amy.lovell@usda.gov
	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.					

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The Docks Wildlife Restoration CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) 	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/24/2018	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	James McCormick 304-799-4334 x7995527 james.mccormick@usda.gov
<p>Description: Wildlife habitat enhancement including plantings, vernal pool creation, timber harvest, prescribed fire, wildlife openings/savannas, riparian restoration, trail improvements, and timber stand improvements.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54018</p> <p>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.</p>					
Upper Elk EA *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/20/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2021	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	James McCormick 304-799-4334 x7995527 james.mccormick@usda.gov
<p>Description: The focus of the proposed action is on improving forest health and resiliency, restoring red spruce/northern hardwood forests, improving wildlife habitat and increasing age class diversity based on the specific Forest Plan Desired Future Conditions.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57646</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas, Randolph, Webster. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is approximately 6 miles north of Marlinton, WV along US-219. The area encompasses the National Forest System land within the Upper Elk Watershed and is centered near Slaty Fork, WV.</p>					

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	
Bell Knob Radio Tower CE	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2019	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Alexander Schlueter 304-257-4488x7114 alexander.schlueter@usda.gov
	Description: Placement of a free-standing radio tower on Bell Knob, which will require placement of gravel on approximately a half mile of the closed Forest Road 1116 for improved access to the tower.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56947				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project will be located along the closed FR1116, to the east of FR75. Approximately a 1/2 mi of road will receive maintenance. The radio equipment will be placed near the fire tower.				
Dolly Sods Picnic Area EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:01/2021	06/2021	Alexander Schlueter 304-257-4488 ext. 7128 alexander.schlueter@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.				
Grassy Ridge EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/11/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2020	Expected:08/2020	10/2020	Amy Albright 304-257-4488x7128 amy.albright2@usda.gov
	Description: This project seeks to restore red spruce communities and regenerate hardwood and spruce-hardwood communities, as well manage areas for wildlife.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56948				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton, Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located in Randolph and Pendleton Counties, WV, adjacent to the recent Spruce Mountain Grouse Management Area EA project area, near the town of Osceola, WV.				

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Grassy Ridge TSI CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/23/2020	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Jeff Kochenderfer 304-257-4488 jeff.kochenderfer@usda.gov
Description: Timber stand improvement will be completed on up to 420 acres by releasing desirable trees by cutting vegetation surrounding them with a chainsaw.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57373					
Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton, Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located in Randolph and Pendleton Counties, WV, adjacent to the recent Spruce Mountain GMA EA project area, near the town of Osceola, WV.					
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:04/2020	05/2020	Andrew Moore 304-478-2000 x136 andrew.p.moore@usda.gov
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).					

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