



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Monongahela National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. 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
<p>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</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</p>					
<p>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.</p>					

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

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Cheat-Potomac System Trails Maintenance CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:03/2021	05/2021	Alexander Schlueter 304-257-4488 x7114 alexander.schlueter@usda.gov
	Description: This project seeks to repair several NFS trails in order to: address soil erosion & drainage issues, improve visitor experience, & prevent widening of trails & the creation of social trails. Maintenance could include: regrading or boardwalk work.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58365				
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District, Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lumberjack Trail in Seneca Creek Backcountry, Davis trail and Table Rock Trails in Canaan Mtn Backcountry, and the Glady washout on the Allegheny Trail.					

Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Botanical Restoration of the Blackwater Rail Trail CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 11/27/2020	05/2021	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 amy.albright2@usda.gov
	Description: Friends of Blackwater proposes to plant native species along 3.5 miles of the Blackwater Rail Trail and the North Fork Blackwater River riparian corridor. This would restore ecological function to the area and improve/support habitat for aquatic life				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58368				
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project area is located on the rail trail between the town of Thomas, WV and Douglas Falls and parallels the North Fork of the Blackwater River.					

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Clover Bridge Bank Stabilization CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 10/05/2020	05/2021	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.					
Corridor H - Kerens to Parsons Temporary Construction Activities/FLPMA Temporary Right-of-way SUPs CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/15/2020	01/2021	Carol Whetsell 304-635-4489 carol.whetsell@usda.gov
	Description: WV Div of Highways & Federal Highways Admin seek new terms to replace expiring special use permits (SUP)s for temp construction activities & the construction, use, & maintenance of 2 roads associated with Corr H. This also includes a map correction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59275				
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located along the 4.9-mile section of Corridor H from Kerens to Parsons. The two roads are located approx. one mile and two miles west of the town of Moore, along US 219.					
Horseshoe Wastewater Treatment Facility CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:06/2021	06/2021	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.					

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Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Town of Hendricks Ramp SUP Reissue CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/29/2020	12/2020	Carol Whetsell 304-635-4489 carol.whetsell@usda.gov
Description: The Town of Hendricks requests a renewal of a 2010 Special Use Permit (SUP) for use of a handicapped ramp partially located (10 feet of the 60' length) on National Forest System land. The ramp allows disabled persons to access the town's building.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59033					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located in the town of Hendricks, WV. The ramp accesses the western side of the Town of Hendricks building, and empties onto the Blackwater Canyon Trail.					
Upper Cheat River EA EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 x 7128 amy.albright2@usda.gov
Description: This project aims to move the Upper Cheat watershed closer to the Forest Plan desired conditions by improving forest health & age class diversity, providing recreation opportunities, and improving wildlife habitat & stream/riparian conditions.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58364					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Barbour, Preston, Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This 86,138-acre project area is located north of Parsons, WV. The area encompasses the National Forest System land within the Upper Cheat watershed.					

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Cranberry Spring Creek EA *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Jane Bard 204-846-2695 Jane.Bard@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=58824</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Nicholas, Pocahontas, Webster. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within the Cranberry River/Spring Creek watersheds. Includes Cranberry Glades, the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center, part of the Cranberry Wilderness and the Falls of Hills. East of Richwood, WV.</p>					
Gauley Healthy Forest Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2019	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	Jane Bard 304-846-2695 x5552112 jane.bard@usda.gov
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57335</p> <p>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.</p>					

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Hinkle Mountain Broadband Expansion Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Carol Whetsell 304-635-4489 carol.whetsell@usda.gov
Description: SU permit issuance to install, operate, and maintain 3,370 feet (0.77 acre) of buried fiber optic cable along the edge of CR 7/4 Horse Ridge Cutoff Road and 1,895 feet (0.44 acre) of aerial fiber optic cable on Hinkle Mountain Ridge.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59208					
Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Nicholas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lines will be put along and near State Road 7/4, State Route 7, and County Routes 7/5 and 7/2, utilizing existing right-of-ways, crossing into National Forest Service Landin 3 locations.					
Post Flood Trail Restoration on the Gauley RD CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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	
Greenbrier Southeast EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/16/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 x7128 amy.albright2@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.					

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Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Little Ridge Prescribed Fire for Ecosystem Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/30/2020	Expected:01/2021	03/2021	Amy Albright 304-257-4488 x7128 amy.albright2@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.					

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:01/2021	01/2021	James McCormick 304-799-4334 x7995527 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 *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	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
Crooked Fork Salvage CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Amelia Mullins 304-799-4334 amelia.mullins@usda.gov
	Description: Salvage merchantable material from dying and down timber created by a recent storm, as well as dead and dying ash trees.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58089				
Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This 147 acre project area is located off of Crooked Fork Road (NFS Road 251) in Pocahontas County, WV approximately 3 miles south of Slaty Fork.					
Marlinton post-flood trail restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	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).				
Sharp Knob - Red Spruce Restoration through Removal of Nonnative Red CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 10/13/2020	10/2020	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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Monongahela National Forest	Marlinton Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Upper Elk Ecological Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	<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
Description: The goals of the proposed action include 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					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57646					
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.					

Monongahela National Forest	POTOMAC RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Grassy Ridge EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/29/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	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:01/2021	02/2021	Jeff Kochenderfer 304-257-4488x7117 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.					
Timberline SUP CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/20/2020	12/2020	Alexander Schlueter 304-257-4488 x7114 alexander.schlueter@usda.gov
	Description: This project seeks to issue a new special use permit for the new owners of the Timberline Mountain resort for the use of Salamander Run (located on NFS land) for downhill skiing.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58367				
Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project area is located approximately 7 miles southeast of Davis, WV. Salamander Run is located on approx 5.1 acres of NFS lands. The remainder of the resort operates on private land.					

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