



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

White Mountain National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS *NEW LISTING*	- 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.				

White Mountain National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) R9 - Eastern Region

Forest Plan Amendment-Whole Tree Removal from Developed Recreation and Forest Service Admin Sites CE *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Heather Mckenny 603-536-6135 heather.c.mckenny@usda.gov
	Description: Amend Forest-wide Vegetation Management Forest Plan Standards S-2 and S-3 to allow whole tree removal from developed recreation and Forest Service administrative sites.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57023				
	Location: UNIT - White Mountain National Forest All Units. STATE - Maine, New Hampshire. COUNTY - Oxford, Carroll, Coos, Grafton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Service developed recreation and administrative sites.				

White Mountain National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) R9 - Eastern Region

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White Mountain National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Route 302 Fiber Optic Cable Installation Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/31/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Jennifer Burnett 603-536-6237 jennifer.burnett2@usda.gov
	Description: Bretton Woods Telephone Company proposes to install, use and maintain under new Special Use Permit (SUP) an aerial 0.25 inch strand and a 144-count fiber optic cable on an existing pole line in Carroll, New Hampshire.				
	Location: UNIT - Pemigewasset Ranger District, Androscoggin Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Coos, Grafton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Western end - The corridor 0.9 miles east of Rt. 3 and Rt. 302 junction in Twin Mountain. Eastern end - at the Forest boundary where it crosses the corridor 0.3 miles west of Cherry Mountain Rd.				

White Mountain National Forest	Androscoggin Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Evans Brook Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 02/04/2020	06/2020	Patricia Nasta 207-824-2813 pnasta@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed timber harvest using even-aged and uneven-aged management methods to improve forest health, improve wildlife habitat diversity, and provide for a sustainable yield of forest products. Connected road work will be proposed as well.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52040				
Location: UNIT - Androscoggin Ranger District. STATE - Maine. COUNTY - Oxford. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed units are located between Hastings Campground and Evans Notch along Route 113, and west of Route 113 from Bull Brook north.					
Eversource Pole Replacement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special area management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/31/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Thomas Moore 603-466-2713 x226 thomas.m.moore@usda.gov
	Description: Eversource is requesting the conversion of 12 wooden transmission poles to standard steel transmission poles in the S136 transmission line.				
	Location: UNIT - Androscoggin Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Coos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along U.S. Highway 2 just north of the White Mountain National Forest Presidential Range in Randolph, Coos County, New Hampshire.				

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White Mountain National Forest	Androscoggin Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Peabody West Integrated Resource Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/06/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2021	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Johnida Dockens 207-323-5683 johnida.dockens@usda.gov
Description: The Androscoggin Ranger District of the White Mountain National Forest proposes recreation, transportation, vegetation, and wildlife habitat management activities in the Peabody West project area, Coos County, NH.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55659					
Location: UNIT - Androscoggin Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Coos. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed project area is located roughly between NH Route 16 to the east, Howker and Osgood ridges to the west, US Highway 2 to the north, and Pinkham Notch to the south.					

White Mountain National Forest	Pemigewasset Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Hudson Farm Prescribed Fire Project CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management 	Completed	Actual: 02/26/2020	04/2020	Keith VanGorden 603-536-6128 keith.d.vangorden@usda.gov
Description: Conduct prescribed fire at Hudson Farm, Bent Field, and Trescott Field to manage wildlife habitat and a site-specific Forest Plan amendment to allow prescribed fire in the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Management Area at these locations.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56849					
Location: UNIT - Pemigewasset Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Grafton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hudson Farm on Trescott Rd, Etna, NH.					
Loon Mountain Bike Trails Phase 3 CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Special use management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/31/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Joseph Gill 603-447-5448 x5108 joseph.gill@usda.gov
Description: Add 14 additional beginner, intermediate, and difficult terrain trails to the Phase 1 & 2 mountain bike trails system at the Loon Mountain Ski Resort.					
Location: UNIT - Pemigewasset Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Grafton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Loon Mountain Ski Resort off NH State Highway 112 in Lincoln, New Hampshire.					

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White Mountain National Forest	Pemigewasset Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Loon Mountain Lifts Replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/08/2020	04/2020	Joseph Gill 603-447-5448 x5108 joseph.gill@usda.gov
Description: Replacement of the Kancamagus Quad Chairlift with a high speed 8-person chairlift in the same general alignment and replacement of the Seven Brothers Triple Chairlift with a high speed 4-person chairlift in the same general alignment.					
Location: UNIT - Pemigewasset Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Grafton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Loon Mountain Ski Resort in Lincoln, Grafton County, New Hampshire.					
South Branch Gale River Dam Removal CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/11/2020	04/2020	Thomas Moore 603-466-2713 x226 thomas.m.moore@usda.gov
Description: Littleton Water and Light has requested the removal of the South Branch Gale River Dam, located on National Forest land. The infrastructure will be removed and the area restored to a natural riverine habitat.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56925					
Location: UNIT - Pemigewasset Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Grafton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bethlehem, Grafton County, New Hampshire, just off Gale River Loop Road.					
Tarleton Integrated Resource Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/29/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2021	Expected:02/2022	03/2022	Scott Hall 603-536-6226 scott.hall@usda.gov
Description: The Pemigewasset Ranger District of the White Mountain National Forest proposes recreation, transportation, vegetation, and wildlife habitat management activities within the Tarleton project area, Grafton County, New Hampshire					
Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56394					
Location: UNIT - Pemigewasset Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Grafton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The conceptual planning area is focused on the Lake Tarleton Habitat Management Unit.					

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White Mountain National Forest	Pemigewasset Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Wanosha Integrated Resource Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 07/22/2019	Expected:05/2020	09/2020	Johnida Dockens 207-323-5683 johnida.dockens@usda.gov
Description: Proposed recreation, wildlife habitat, vegetation, and transportation management activities.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51358					
Location: UNIT - Pemigewasset Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Carroll, Grafton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is bound roughly by Tripoli Road on the north, Waterville Valley to the east, the Sandwich Range to the south, and Interstate 93 to the west.					
Waterville Valley Lifts Replacement CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Special use management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2019	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Joseph Gill 603-447-5448 x5108 joseph.gill@usda.gov
Description: Replacement of the White Peaks Quad Chairlift with a high speed 6-person chairlift, replacement of the Sunnyside Double Chairlift with a fixed grip 4-person chairlift, all in the same general alignment, and removal of the Northside Double Chairlift.					
Location: UNIT - Pemigewasset Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Grafton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Waterville Valley Ski Resort in Waterville Valley, Grafton County, New Hampshire.					

White Mountain National Forest	Saco Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Cold River Integrated Resource Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/05/2020	Expected:11/2020	06/2021	Charles Sharp 970-403-6174 charlesmsharp@fs.fed.us
Description: Vegetation, wildlife habitat, and recreation management activities in the Cold River Habitat Management Unit.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55348					
Location: UNIT - Saco Ranger District. STATE - Maine, New Hampshire. COUNTY - Oxford, Carroll. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carroll County, New Hampshire; and Oxford County, Maine.					

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Sandwich Conceptual Proposal Development EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:12/2022	09/2023	James Innes 603-447-5448 x 5102 james.innes@usda.gov
Description: Early conceptual development to explore opportunities to implement Forest Plan to better meet desired vegetation, wildlife habitat, recreation, watershed, and transportation conditions in the Sandwich Habitat Management Unit.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57392					
Location: UNIT - Saco Ranger District. STATE - New Hampshire. COUNTY - Carroll. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sandwich, Tamworth, and Albany, Carroll County, NH.					

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