



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2018 to 12/31/2018

Chugach National Forest

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R10 - Alaska Region, Regionwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Region)

Alaska Roadless Rulemaking EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/02/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Robin Dale 907-586-9344 rdale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Alaska specific roadless rule that will establish a land classification system designed to conserve roadless area characteristics on the Tongass National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54511				
	Location: UNIT - R10 - Alaska Region All Units. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau, Ketchikan Gateway, Prince of Wales-Outer, Sitka, Wrangell-Petersburg, Yakutat. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tongass National Forest.				

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

R10 - Alaska Region

Chugach Forest Plan Revision EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/03/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2019	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	Denise Downie 530-543-2683; 907 743-9426 dedownie@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Chugach National Forest is revising and updating its 2002 Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40816				
	Location: UNIT - Chugach National Forest All Units. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula, Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Chugach National Forest.				

Chugach National Forest Cordova Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R10 - Alaska Region

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Chugach National Forest Cordova Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Copper River Delta Prescribed Fire Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/12/2018	Expected:03/2018	03/2018	Melissa Gabrielson 907-424-4743 melissalgabrielson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to use prescribed burning to enhance nutritional quality and biomass of willow on the Copper River Delta by stimulating willow growth through prescribed fire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53154				
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Copper River Delta between the Scott River Basin (9 mile) and Saddlebag Rec area (26 mile).					
Cordova Ranger District 2017 Special Use Permit Reissues CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/07/2017	12/2017	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Cordova Ranger District will reissue special use authorizations for 17 isolated cabins and one outfitter guide (Orca Adventures) providing guided hiking and sports fishing opportunities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52561				
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cordova Ranger District.					
Cordova Ranger District Land Use Authorization Reissues for 2018 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/17/2018	08/2018	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: The following permits will be reissued for new terms: Woods Outfitting, UNAVCO, Devils Mountain Guides Service, Copper Oar, George Siavelis, Lonesome Dove Outfitting, Ellis Big Game Guides, Sundog Expedition, Woods Outfitting. All are in compliance.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52839				
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cordova Ranger District.					

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Cordova Telephone Cooperative Cell Tower Height Increase CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/17/2018	08/2018	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cordova Telephone Cooperative is requesting to amend communication site lease COR168 to increase the height of an existing tower 10 feet to avoid interference from tree growth along an adjacent ridge.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54339				
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - T16S, R1E, Sec. 34, CRM. Mile 22 Copper River Highway, Cordova Ranger District.					
Dusky Habitat Enhancement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 09/06/2018	03/2019	Melissa Gabrielson 907-424-4743 melissalgabrielson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of the project is to thin spruce and cottonwood within dusky Canada goose nesting habitat, reducing predator perch sites thereby increasing nest success through predator deterrence and redistribution.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53156				
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed project will take place in high-density dusky Canada goose nesting habitat on the west CRD near the Pete Dahl cutoff of the lower Alaganik River, about 20 miles from Cordova.					
Native Village of Eyak Traditional Fish Camp CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2018	Expected:12/2018	04/2019	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Native Village of Eyak is proposing to install and operate a traditional fish camp on Eyak River. The camp would include tent platforms, smokehouse, walkways, stairs, outhouse, cameras, etc. Seasonal use. human waste is packed out.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54316				
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Eyak River Lat 60.49959822 Long -145.67331868. Eyak River.					

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Northern Sun, Inc. Proposal to provide outfitting/guiding services EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
Description: Northern Sun, Inc. dba Anderson Island Lodge is proposing to provide outfitting/guiding services such as hiking and canoe/kayaking on the West Delta and canoe/kayaking and sports fishing in Port Gravina and Sheep Bay, Prince William Sound.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49509					
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Guided canoeing/kayaking on the Alaganik River and hiking on the West Delta and canoeing/kayaking and sports fishing in Port Gravina and Sheep/Simpson Bay.					

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Chugach National Forest Glacier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Black Bear Research in the Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/24/2018	Expected:08/2018	08/2018	Teresa Paquet 907-754-2314 tpaquet@fs.fed.us
Description: Alaska Dept of Fish and Game proposes a 2-year black bear study within State GMU 6D that includes collecting biopsy samples and hair snares using a boat based helicopter for support. Requires ~100-150 heli landings over 7-10 day time period each year					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54414					
Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Western Prince William Sound, within Alaska State Game Mgmt Unit 6D.					
Chugach Electric Association - Distribution lines renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Katherine Van Massenhove 907-754-2315 kvanmassenhove@fs.fed.us
Description: The special use authorization for Chugach Electric's distribution lines that cross national forest lands needs to be renewed to continue to authorize the powerline in their present location.					
Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. Distribution Lines for Portage Valley and Hope Highway, various other location on the Forest.					

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Chugach National Forest Glacier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Freestone Gravel Pit Expansion Area EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 12/14/2017	Expected:04/2018	04/2018	Steve Hohensee 907-790-7460 shohensee@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to expand the Freestone Gravel Pit to accommodate mineral material needs for a construction project on the Seward Highway. It includes clearing vegetation and overburden, excavating and processing materials, and hauling materials off-site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53874				
Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Portage Valley.					
Installation of fiber optic line, Seward Highway MP 79 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/21/2017	11/2017	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Alaska Communication Service of AK is requesting to trench and install 160 ft of fiber optic line as part of the Seward Highway MP 75-90 realignment at the Portage Curve.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52840				
Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mile 79 Seward Highway,Alaska.					
Outfitter/Guide Permit Amendment, Alaska Backcountry Access CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2017	Expected:10/2018	11/2018	Phillip Zumstein 907-754-2315 pwzumstein@fs.fed.us
	Description: This decision is a response to the proposal for a permit modification from Alaska Backcountry Access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54412				
Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Twentymile valley, Portage Valley, Turnagain Pass, Johnson Pass, Placer River Drainage, Palmer Creek Rd, Upper Winner Creek, Crow Pass.					

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Chugach National Forest	Glacier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R10 - Alaska Region
Portage Curve Multimodal Connector EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/27/2018	Expected:12/2018	04/2019	John Slown 406-329-3749 jslown@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	<p>Description: To provide a safe multipurpose recreational path to connect facilities along a highly-recreated segment of the Seward Highway.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53311</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Parallel to the Seward Highway near Portage, from the vicinity of MP 75 at Ingram Creek to MP 82 north of Twentymile River. Includes connections to recreation facilities outside the highway corridor.</p>				

Chugach National Forest	Seward Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R10 - Alaska Region
City of Seward Renewal of Powerline Permit CE	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Teresa Paquet 907-754-2314 tpaquet@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	<p>Description: The powerline permit for the City of Seward will expire at the end of 2013 and will need to be renewed to continue authorization to allow the right-of-way for the powerlines to cross National Forest Lands.</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - City of Seward Transmission Line: Dave Creek to Lawing is 115 KV and Lawing to Seward is 69 KV. Seward Highway from Mile 5 to mile 25.5.</p>				
Forest Plan amendment, applying only to the Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/28/2018	Expected:02/2019	06/2020	David Fitz-Enz 907 743 9595 dfitzenz@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	<p>Description: In support of the Federal Highway Administration Record of Decision for the Sterling Highway 45-60 Project, the Forest Service proposes a project-specific Forest Plan amendment to make the selected route consistent with the Chugach Forest Plan.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54735</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The area where the new segment of the Sterling Highway would cross Juneau Creek.</p>				

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Chugach National Forest Seward Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Resurrection Pass Trail-- Commercial Recreation Special Uses EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Bobbie Jo Skibo 907-288-7739 bobbiejoskibo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine the appropriate level and variety of commercial recreation uses compatible with non-guided uses along the Resurrection Pass Trail system. Resolve the 1991 "freeze" on issuance of new special use permits for the trail system.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45769				
Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Commercial recreation use along the Resurrection Pass Trail between the communities of Hope and Cooper Landing.					
Stream Gauge Installation at Tern Lake CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/25/2018	07/2018	Teresa Paquet 907-754-2314 tpaquet@fs.fed.us
	Description: Stream gauge equipment to be installed at Tern Lake Picnic Area salmon viewing platform. The gauge will collect hydrology data to support reservation of water applications to protect the lake level and instream flow.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54409				
Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - NW1/4 Sec. 13, T.5N., R.2 W. Seward Meridian. Tern Lake Picnic Area at Tern Lake Junction at MP37 Seward Highway (off of Sterling Highway). Gage to be affixed to the east side of the salmon viewing platform at 60.5305.15, -149.556771.					

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