



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Chugach National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">*UPDATED*</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 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 .					

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

Alaska Roadless Rulemaking EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/18/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2020	Expected:05/2020	06/2020	Robin Dale 907-586-9344 rdale@fs.fed.us
Description: The proposed state-specific roadless rule would discontinue the existing regulation's prohibitions and instead rely upon existing statutory and management plan direction for managing 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

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Chugach National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R10 - Alaska Region
Chugach Forest Plan Revision EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 04/14/2020	05/2020	David Fitz-Enz 907 743 9595 dfitzenz@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, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R10 - Alaska Region
Special Use Permit (rec & land) reissues with and without modifications and new permit requests CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/03/2020	Expected:03/2020	03/2020	Teresa Paquet 907-754-2314 tpaquet@fs.fed.us
	Description: 9 lands and 14 recreation permits that are eligible to be reissued either as is or with minor modifications and one new lands and 2 new rec permits.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57639				
Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District, Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula, Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Projects are located within the Glacier and Seward Ranger Districts.					

Chugach National Forest Cordova Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Alaska Sheep River Hunting Outfitter/Guide 10-Year Permit Reissue CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/28/2019	Expected:02/2020	02/2020	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Ben Stevenson of Sheep River Hunting is requesting his permit be reissued for a new 10-year term. Sheep River Hunting has received acceptable on his performance evaluation and is not making changes to his current permit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56446				
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sheep River Hunting is authorized for hunting in GUA 06-03C and 06-03D. Temporary camps are authorized. An assigned site is approve appx. 1 mile north of Dead Lake.					

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Chugach National Forest Cordova Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Cordova Electric Cooperative Power Creek Fiber/Electric Line Reissue CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/25/2019	02/2020	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cordova Electric Cooperative (CEC) is requesting that their permit for a 670 ft. power/fiberoptic line running perpendicular and adjoining Power Creek Road be reissued for a new 20-year term. CEC is in full compliance with their permit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56448				
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Power Creek Road NS1/4 Sec. 5, T15S R2W, CRM.					
Cordova Ranger District Special Use Permit Reissues with no changes CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/23/2020	Expected:05/2020	11/2020	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Cordova Ranger District has six special use authorizations whose terms are expiring at the end of 2020. Terms are 5 years for Isolated cabins and ANILCA Shelter and 10 years for Outfitter/guide authorizations. All holders are in compliance.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58113				
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cordova Ranger District.					
Federal Aviation Administration Environmental Cleanup at Johnstone Point CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/03/2020	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: The FAA is cleaning up spilled diesel, installing ground water monitoring wells, as well as digging up and removing contaminated materials from a buried dump site at Johnstone Point Communication Site in PWS, AK.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57715				
Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project location is within the Johnstone Point Communication Site the northern tip of Hinchinbrook Is., Prince William Sound, AK.					

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Chugach National Forest Cordova Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Katalla Communication Site CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/18/2019	02/2020	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cordova Telecom Cooperative is proposing to construct and operate a comm site on a decommissioned FAA site. Site footprint is 100' x 100' and will consist of:80' non-guyed tower, one 12'x 24' outbuilding, six 1000-gal. propane tanks and solar array Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56261				
	Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 144¿33'14.205"W, 60¿12'26.208"N North of Palm Point, East Copper River Delta on the Cordova Ranger District.				
Special Use Authorization Reissuance 2020 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/07/2020	11/2020	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Chugach National Forest proposes to reissue special use authorizations for a variety of existing land uses for new individual terms to replace the existing or expired authorizations. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57778				
	Location: UNIT - Cordova Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cordova Ranger District, Seward Ranger District and Glacier Ranger District.				

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Chugach National Forest Glacier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Outfitter/Guide Helicopter Amendment Requests CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/28/2020	04/2020	Phillip Zumstein 907-406-9349 phillip.zumstein@usda.gov
	Description: Amending Outfitter/Guide permit holder permits to authorize Spencer Area and Twentymile Glacier helicopter based tours Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57997				
	Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Anchorage. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Spencer Glacier, Spence Whistle Stop Area, Twentymile Glacier.				

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Chugach National Forest Glacier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
ADOT&PF Avalanche Target Areas Reauthorization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/29/2020	05/2020	Teresa Paquet 907-754-2314 tpaquet@fs.fed.us
	Description: The State of AK, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities is requesting to reissue a permit to install, maintain, and operate avalanche gun mounts for approved target areas on the Glacier and Seward Ranger Districts, CNF.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58046				
Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located along the Seward Highway, Portage Glacier Road, Hope Road, and the Sterling Highway.					
Outfitter/Guide Permit Amendment, Alaska Backcountry Access CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2017	Expected:04/2019	04/2019	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.					
US Coast Guard building upgrade at Naked Island Communication Site CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/23/2020	06/2020	Debra Srb 907-424-4726 dsrb@fs.fed.us
	Description: US Coast Guard is proposing to replace two buildings within their authorized communication site at Naked Island.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58013				
Location: UNIT - Glacier Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - NE1/4 NE1/4 Sec. 4, T. 6 N., R. 12 E., Seward Principal Meridian. The Naked Island Communication site is located on Naked Island, Prince William Sound, Alaska.					

Chugach National Forest Seward Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R10 - Alaska Region
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Chugach National Forest Seward Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
ADOT&PF Kenai Lake Water Draw accessed through Quartz Creek Campground. CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/05/2020	05/2020	Teresa Paquet 907-754-2314 tpaquet@fs.fed.us
	Description: Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities is requesting access to Kenai Lake through the Quartz Creek Campground to draw water to be used for dust abatement between July and September.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58047				
Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Quartz Creek, Cooper Landing, Alaska. The authorized area is left of the boat ramp when facing the lake.					
FY 2020 Special Use Permit Reissuances and Modifications CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/02/2020	04/2020	Monika Adam 907-288-7720 mcadam@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of special use authorizations in which the holder is in good standing. Minor modifications (amendments) to special use authorizations which require the use of less than 5 contiguous acres of land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57638				
Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula, Valdez-Cordova. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations within the Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts of the Chugach National Forest.					
Kenai Peninsula Invasive Plant Treatment Project Supplemental EA EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 05/12/2020	06/2020	Daniel Mico 907-288-7703 daniel.mico@usda.gov
	Description: The Kenai Peninsula Zone of the Chugach National Forest proposes to amend its 2014 Kenai Peninsula Invasive Plant Treatment Project EA to make it consistent with the 2017 Prince William Sound Zone Terrestrial Plant Treatment Project EA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57561				
Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The planning area is the Kenai Peninsula Zone of the Chugach National Forest including both the Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts.					
Minecraft Plan of Operations CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/27/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Scott Leslie 907-288-7729 scott.leslie@usda.gov
	Description: Seasonal placer mining operating with temporary camp. Suction dredging and hand tools with access by ATV.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58226				
Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. End of Bear Creek Road that originates off the Hope Highway.					

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Chugach National Forest Seward Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Natural Resource Conservation Service Snow Survey Markers CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/24/2020	04/2020	Teresa Paquet 907-754-2314 tpaquet@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Natural Resource Conservation Service is requesting to establish 6 aerial markers at various elevations in the Kenai Mountains. Markers will be installed in 2020.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58049				
Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Upper and Lower Tincan Mt, Upper & Lower Spencer Bench, Upper Summit Ck., Upper Mills Ck., Madison Mtn Cirque, Primrose Bowl & Creek.					
Russian River Vegetation Management Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 06/04/2020	08/2020	Marion Glaser 907 288 7739 marion.glaser@usda.gov
	Description: This project will reduce potentially hazardous fuel loadings within and adjacent to the Russian River campground.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57640				
Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Russian River watershed lies on the Kenai Peninsula, about 50 miles due south of Anchorage, Alaska, and just southwest of Cooper Landing, Alaska.					
Trail River Bridge, Public Use Cabin and Sustainable Lake Access EA	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Marion Glaser 907 288 7739 marion.glaser@usda.gov
	Description: Trail River Bridge has reached the end of its expected lifetime and is due to be replaced. A new public use cabin will fill the need for accessible public use cabin accommodations. The sustainable lakeside access points will reduce erosion.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57637				
Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Trail River Campground lies on the Kenai Peninsula, about 70 miles due south of Anchorage, Alaska, and 5 miles south of the community of Moose Pass, Alaska.					

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Chugach National Forest	Seward Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R10 - Alaska Region
Vagt Lake Trailhead EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:06/2020	08/2020	Marion Glaser 907 288 7739 marion.glaser@usda.gov
Description: This project will include the planning, design and construction of a trailhead for the Iditarod National Historic Trail-Vagt Lake connector segment. It will provide for parking, a vault toilet, lake access, and ATV trailer parking.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57635					
Location: UNIT - Seward Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Kenai Peninsula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located at Mile 25 of the Seward Highway; 3 miles South of Moose Pass, AK.					

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