



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Tongass 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>					

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

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R10 - Alaska Region, Regionwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Region)					
Alaska Roadless Rulemaking EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Completed	Actual: 10/28/2020	10/2020	Kenneth Tu 303-275-5156 akroadless@usda.gov
	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.					

Tongass National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R10 - Alaska Region
Central Tongass Project EIS	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Special area management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Carey Case 907-772-3871 ccase@fs.fed.us
	Description: The CT Project will consider potential young- and old-growth timber harvest, opportunities for sustainable recreation, watershed restoration, fish/wildlife habitat improvements and other forest management activities of local community interest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53098				
Location: UNIT - Wrangell Ranger District, Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All National Forest System lands and lands of other ownership within the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts.					

Tongass National Forest Admiralty National Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R10 - Alaska Region
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Tongass National Forest Admiralty National Monument (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Angoon-Mitchell Bay Ecotourism Environmental Assessment (formerly Outfitter and Guide EA) EA	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Don MacDougall 907-789-6280 don.macdougall@usda.gov
	Description: We aim to strike a balance between subsistence use resources, wilderness resources, tourism, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Section 506 (a)(3)(E). We propose allocating 2388 service days to outfitters and guides.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46208				
Location: UNIT - Admiralty National Monument. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project includes all National Forest System lands within the village of Angoon and Mitchell, Kanalku and Favorite Bays.					
Greens Creek North Extension Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/09/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Matthew Reece 907-789-6274 sm.fs.greencreek@usda.gov
	Description: Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company proposes to extend the existing dry-stack tailings disposal facility and incorporate waste rock co-disposal techniques in a northward direction for additional tailings and waste rock storage capacity.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57306				
Location: UNIT - Admiralty National Monument. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Greens Creek Mine, Admiralty Island, Alaska.					
Michael Creek Culvert Removal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 11/17/2020	08/2021	Marci Johnson (907)789-6253 marci.johnson@usda.gov
	Description: Removal of a culvert using hand tools on a tributary of Michael Creek in the Lake Florence watershed of Admiralty Island				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58992				
Location: UNIT - Admiralty National Monument. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tributary of Michael Creek, SE corner of Lake Florence, Lake Florence watershed, Admiralty Island (57.801N, 134.584W).					

Tongass National Forest Juneau Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R10 - Alaska Region

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Tongass National Forest Juneau Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Kensington Gold Mine Plan of Operations Amendment 1 EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/30/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Matthew Reece 907-789-6274 SM.FS.Kensington@usda.gov
	Description: Coeur Alaska has proposed an expansion of their tailings and waste rock storage facilities at the Kensington Gold Mine located near Berners Bay on the Juneau Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55533				
Location: UNIT - Juneau Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Kensington Gold Mine, located north of Berners Bay on the Juneau Ranger District.					
Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Facility Improvements EIS *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special area management - Facility management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/16/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Cathy Tighe 907-228-6274 comments-alaska-tongass-juneau@usda.gov
	Description: Constructing facility improvements within the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area to accommodate anticipated visitor growth.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53780				
Location: UNIT - Juneau Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Juneau. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area is located 12 miles from downtown Juneau, in Mendenhall Valley.					

Tongass National Forest Ketchikan - Misty Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Helm Bay Exploration Project (formerly Agnico Eagle [USA] Limited - Helm Bay Project) CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 11/20/2020	03/2021	Aaron Steuerwald 907-228-4123 aaron.steuerwald@usda.gov
	Description: This is a surface mineral exploration program. Exploration activities include diamond core drilling, detailed geologic mapping, ground surveying, geochemical sampling (rocks, soils, and stream silts), and ground-based geophysics.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56959				
Location: UNIT - Ketchikan - Misty Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Ketchikan Gateway. LEGAL - T71S, R87E, sections 35 and 36; T72S, R87E, section 1; T72S, R88E, sections 18 and 29. Cleveland Peninsula, west side of Helm Bay.					

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Tongass National Forest Ketchikan - Misty Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Roanan Corp. Hyder Ventures Riverside Mine Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/21/2020	Expected:01/2021	03/2021	Aaron Steuerwald 907-228-4123 aaron.steuerwald@usda.gov
	Description: Two drill sites, Minor trail building - 325 feet by 13 feet, and one water intake source				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56963				
Location: UNIT - Ketchikan - Misty Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Ketchikan Gateway. LEGAL - T68S, R99E, sections 2 and 11. 10 km north of Hyder and 3 km west of Alaska-Canadian international boundary. 8 patented claims on 50 hectares and 4 unpatented claims on 25 hectares.					
South Revilla Integrated Resource Project EIS	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/04/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Kristin Whisennand 907-228-4114 kwhisennand@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is proposing a multi-year project involving a variety of timber harvest, road construction, watershed restoration and recreation activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53477				
Location: UNIT - Ketchikan - Misty Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Ketchikan Gateway. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Carroll Inlet, Alaska.					

Tongass National Forest Petersburg Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Cathedral Falls Trail Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/09/2019	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Paul Olson 907-772-5947 polson01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to reconstruct the 0.3 mile Cathedral Falls Trail with aggregate surfacing, concrete steps, retaining logs and drainage improvements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56771				
Location: UNIT - Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Cathedral Falls Trail is on Kupreanof Island approximately 8 miles from the City of Kake in southeast Alaska. The trailhead is at the end of National Forest System road 6312.					

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Tongass National Forest Petersburg Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Crane Lake Trail Reconstruction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/17/2020	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Paul Olson 907-772-5947 polson01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to reconstruct a 0.3 mile section of the Crane Lake Trail. Work would include replacing existing boardwalk with a gravel trail that is at least 29 inches wide. Bridges and drainage structures along this stretch would be rebuilt as needed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59267				
Location: UNIT - Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Latitude: 56.6593, Longitude: -132.6811. Crane Lake Trail is on Mitkof Island, approx. 25 miles south of downtown Petersburg, accessed from Three Lakes Loop Road (NFS Rd 6235) off of Mitkof Hwy or by hiking Ideal Cove Trail from salt water.					
Crystal Mountain Communications Site Powerline and Fiber Optic Cable CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/26/2019	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Russell Beers 907-772-5940 rbeers@fs.fed.us
	Description: On Mitkof Island, AP&T Wireless Inc. proposes to install a powerline and fiber optic cable along the ground from Crystal Lake dam to their communications facility at Crystal Mtn Comm Site. The powerline and cable would cross about 7,700' of NFS land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56281				
Location: UNIT - Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Sections 12 and 13, T. 61 S., R. 80 E., Copper River Meridian. Crystal Mountain, Mitkof Island.					
Ohmer Creek Floating Bridge CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2019	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Paul Olson 907-772-5947 polson01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to reconstruct the Ohmer Creek floating bridge. The bridge connects two sections of the Ohmer Creek Trail that are separated by an active beaver pond.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56335				
Location: UNIT - Petersburg Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mitkof Island - bridge proposed for reconstruction is on the Ohmer Creek Trail.					

Tongass National Forest Sitka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R10 - Alaska Region
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Tongass National Forest Sitka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Deer Lake Coho Rearing Facility Permit Re-Issuance (NSRAA) CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Annemarie LaPalme 907-747-4209 alapalme@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issue special use permit for coho rearing facility- run by NSRAA				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=33581				
Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - T62S, R69E Section 5 and T61S, R69E section 5. Deer Lake, Baranof Island, Alaska.					
Hidden Falls Fish Hatchery Alaska Department of Fish and Game EA	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Annemarie LaPalme 907-747-4209 alapalme@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-Issue of special use permit for a salmon hatchery run by Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32910				
Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - Township 54 South Range 66 East Section 2. Hidden Falls, Baranof Island 25 miles NW of Sitka.					
Sitka Ranger District Lakes Outfitter/Guide Access Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/17/2020	Expected:04/2021	05/2021	Mary Emerick 505-235-4729 mary.emerick@usda.gov
	Description: Determine if outfitting and guiding services could be authorized on National Forest System lands on the Sitka Ranger District accessed by interior lakes on Baranof and Chichagof Islands using fixed-wing aircraft.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52790				
Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest lands accessed by interior lakes (more than a half mile from the shoreline) on Baranof and Chichagof Islands within the Sitka Ranger District.					
Sitka Ranger District Leftovers Precommercial Thinning CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2021	Expected:10/2021	12/2021	Thomas Witherspoon 907-747-4213 tjwitherspoon@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thinning and pruning for stand improvement, forest health, and wildlife benefit in previously harvested project areas district wide. Approximately 3,612 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57960				
Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sitka Ranger District in previously harvested stands.					

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Tongass National Forest Sitka Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Sitka Ranger District Salvage Sales CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:02/2021	05/2021	Thomas Witherspoon 907-747-4213 tjwitherspoon@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage of dead/hazard trees for commercial use on less than 2 acres. No new roads will be constructed				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57961				
Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Harbor Mountain Road, Sitka and No Thorofare Bay, Eastern Channel, Sitka.					
Starrigavan Watershed and Recreation Enhancement EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/09/2020	Expected:03/2021	06/2021	Michael Mullin 406-362-7010 mmullin@fs.fed.us
	Description: To restore and enhance aquatic and recreational resources, OHV, hiking, and biking trails will be repaired or built; a stream channel and fish structures will be reconstructed, and construction of one or two shelters along the trails is proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57497				
Location: UNIT - Sitka Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Sitka. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Starrigavan Creek Valley; approximately 8 miles from downtown Sitka, Alaska at the north end of the road system.					

Tongass National Forest Thorne Bay Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
POW 2021 Road Access Project CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	Garry Brand 907-826-1636 garry.brand@usda.gov
	Description: Thorne Bay RD is proposing to approve up to two FS 299 Applications for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Land for NFS road access, construction, and/or reconstruction on NFS lands on Prince of Wales and Heceta islands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58424				
Location: UNIT - Thorne Bay Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Prince of Wales-Outer. LEGAL - T70S, R78E section 22 CRM, T71S, R84E section 21 CRM. T70S, R78E section 22 CRM, T71S, R84E section 21 CRM.					

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Tongass National Forest Thorne Bay Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Sal Creek Cabin and Trail EA EA	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Denise Wolvin 907-228-4134 Denise.Wolvin@usda.gov
	Description: Construct a cabin with young growth and access trail in the Sal Creek area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36637				
Location: UNIT - Thorne Bay Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Prince of Wales-Outer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sal Creek. approximately 5 mile north of Thorne Bay on the Beach Road.					
Twin Mountain II Timber Sale EIS *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/14/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2021	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Lucy Maldonado 907-828-3250 lucy.g.maldonado@usda.gov
	Description: The Proposed Action would offer for harvest about 42 million board feet of timber from approximately 3,000 acres in the Staney and Red Bay areas within the Thorne Bay RD, along with road construction, reconstruction, maintenance and decommissioning.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58626				
Location: UNIT - Thorne Bay Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Prince of Wales-Outer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Staney and Red Bay areas on northern Prince of Wales Island, approximately 75 to 100 miles west of Ketchikan, Alaska.					

Tongass National Forest Wrangell Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Continuation of Special Use Permits for Private and Government Cabins CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/04/2020	12/2020	David Rak 907-874-7566 drak@fs.fed.us
	Description: Continue authorization of 14 cabins for the next 5 years. 12 are private cabins used for personal recreation and subsistence activities; 2 are government owned research cabins. All are within the Stikine-LeConte Wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58167				
Location: UNIT - Wrangell Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Wrangell-Petersburg. LEGAL - Sec17 T60S/R83E;Sec15/T61S/R83E;Sec15 T60S/R83E;Sec5 T61S/R83E;Sec26 T60S/R83E;Sec18 T60S/R83E;Sec4 & 18 T60S/R84E;Sec28 T60S/R86E;Sec 25 T59S/R84E; Sec14 T60S/R83E;Sec 28 T60S/R86E Copper R. Meridian. Areas throughout Stikine-LeConte Wilderness Area.					

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Tongass National Forest Yakutat Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R10 - Alaska Region
Outfitter Guide camp reconstruction in Dry Bay CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/21/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Teresa Swanson 907-784-3359 teresa.swanson@usda.gov
	Description: Alsek River Adventures proposes to remove the existing improvements, 850 sq ft, and construct new facilities, 1600 sq ft, including flush toilets, showers, laundry, pump house, generator shed, kitchen, and bunkhouses with a boardwalk connecting them.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58536				
Location: UNIT - Yakutat Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Yakutat. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Alsek River Adventures LLC, proposes removal of existing improvements, 850 square feet, and construct new, 1600 square feet, including kitchen, 2 bunkhouses, generator shed, pumphouse, and bathroom.					
Yakutat Moose Habitat Enhancement CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/07/2020	Expected:01/2021	11/2021	Susan Oehlers 907-784-3359 susan.oehlers@usda.gov
	Description: This project would improve browsing habitat for moose on the Yakutat Forelands. Moose habitat is declining as natural succession occurs. Vegetation would be cleared by hand crews and/or heavy machinery to allow for young nutritional growth.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57393				
Location: UNIT - Yakutat Ranger District. STATE - Alaska. COUNTY - Yakutat. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple sites on the Yakutat Ranger District adjacent to trails and roads (Middle Dangerous Trail, Forest Highway 10, Lower Landing Road, and Cannon Beach Road).					

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