



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2008 to 09/30/2008

Hiawatha National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Completed	Actual: 04/09/2008	04/2008	Gina Owens 202-205-1187 gowens@fs.fed.us
Description: The Agency proposes to publish a rule at 36 CFR part 219 to finish rulemaking on the land management planning rule issued on January 5, 2005 (2005 rule). The 2005 rule guides development, revision, and amendment of land management plans.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2008_planning_rule.html					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - All units of the National Forest System. Agency-wide.					

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

R9 - Eastern Region

Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2008	Expected:06/2009	06/2009	Susan Alexander 906-789-3327 smalexander@fs.fed.us
Description: Renewal of Special Use Permit for an existing powerline corridor crossing National Forest System land.					
Location: UNIT - Hiawatha National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Mackinac, Schoolcraft. Powerline corridor is found on the Westside and the Eastside of the Hiawatha National Forest.					

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

R9 - Eastern Region

Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association Permit Renewal CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/05/2008	01/2009	Susan Alexander 906-789-3327 smalexander@fs.fed.us
Description: The Alger Delta special use permit for electric lines through the Westside of the Hiawatha National Forest has expired and needs to be renewed.					
Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District, Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft. Linear powerline is found in the Munising, Rapid River, and Manistique Ranger Districts.					

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Hiawatha National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Eastside Permanent Opening Project CE	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/21/2008	Expected:06/2008 Actual: 03/06/2008	08/2008	Stephen Sjogren 906-643-7900x134 ssjogren@fs.fed.us
	Description: Permanent openings throughout the Eastside of the Hiawatha with most on the Raco Plains, maintained for wildlife habitat and fuel break will be analyzed. March decision was withdrawn and minor corrections made. A new decision will be issued.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District, Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa, Mackinac. These permanent openings are located across the Eastside Unit of the Hiawatha National Forest.				
Edison Sault Electric Company CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2008	Expected:06/2009	06/2009	Susan Alexander 906-789-3327 smalexander@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of Special Use Permit for an existing powerline corridor crossing National Forest System land.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District, Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa, Mackinac. Powerline corridor is found on the Eastside of the Hiawatha National Forest.				
Enbridge Operation and Maintenance Plan CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2005	Expected:06/2009	08/2009	Susan Alexander 906-789-3327 smalexander@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop an operation and maintenance (O & M) plan for the Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership ROW.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District, St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta, Mackinac, Schoolcraft. Enbridge Energy Limited has its own corridor that runs through Rapid River, Manistique, St. Ignace Ranger Districts.				

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Hiawatha National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Gooseneck EA EA	- Road management - Facility management - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Heritage resource management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/18/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2008	Expected:09/2008	06/2012	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project will include activities for vegetation, developed and dispersed recreation, heritage resource protection, fisheries habitat, transportation system, and invasive species management.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta, Schoolcraft. LEGAL - T42N, R18W and T43N, R18W. This project is east of Forest Highway 13 in the northeast corner of Delta County.				
Great Lakes Gas Transmission O&M Plan CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/23/2005	Expected:06/2009	08/2009	Susan Alexander 906-789-3327 smalexander@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create a new Operation and Maintenance Plan as called for in their special use permit.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta, Schoolcraft. LEGAL - T44N, R18W, Sections 12, 13, 24, 30 & 36. This project is located between FH-13 and M-94.				
Nahma Grade Snowmobile Trail Re-location and Rehabilitation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	James Gries 906-789-3340 jgries@fs.fed.us
	Description: OHV use along the section of the Nahma Grade Snowmobile Trail has resulted in rutting, rendering the trail impassable. The section that was trail was closed and the trail temporarily re-routed to FSR 2229.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - T41N, R19W, Sections 4 & 5; T42N, R19W, Sections 32 & 33. Project is located south of the Fourteen Mile Bridge on the Sturgeon River and north of Moses Creek (a tributary of the Sturgeon).				

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Niagara EIS	- Road management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 01/20/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2008	Expected:02/2009	06/2009	Lyn Hyslop 906-643-7900 ext. 152 lhyslop@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project includes vegetation management (timber harvesting, regeneration of trees, habitat improvement, and transportation management (road construction, reconstruction, closure, decommissioning)).				
	Location: UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District, Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa, Mackinac. LEGAL - T42N, R3W, S. 6; T42N, R4W, S. 1-3; T42N, R5W, S. 2, 3; T43N, R3W, S. 7,8, 15-22, 27-33; T43N, R4W, S. 2-36; T43N, R5W, S. 1-30; 32-36; T44N, R4W, S. 16, 18, 19-23, 26-35; T44N, R5W, S. 2, 9,-17, 19-36. Approximately 6 miles north of Moran, 2 miles east of Trout Lake, 1 mile west of Mackinac Trail. Includes National Forest lands in the East Lake, Kenneth, Old Dick and Ozark areas.				
Proposed Single Track Motorcycle Trail EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/13/2007	Expected:07/2008	10/2008	Anne Okonek 906-474-6442 ext. 119 aokonek@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal includes the construction of a 26 mile single track motorcycle trail and two parking lots.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - T41N, R19W, Sections 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, and 23. This project is located east of Forest Highway 13 and north of Moss Lake.				
Hiawatha National Forest Rapid River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Dutch Mill EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/21/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	01/2010	Richard Corner 906-474-6442 racorner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analysis of regeneration treatments in conifers and hardwoods; intermediate treatments in conifers and hardwoods, transportation improvements; wildlife and fisheries improvements. Birchfarm was the original name of this project.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. Bounded by Hwy 41 on the west and East Branch of Whitefish River on the east.				

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Fishdam/442 Culvert Replacement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	07/2009	Greg Gardner 906-474-6442 x124 ggardner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposes to replace an under-sized perched culvert with a bottomless concrete arch.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - T42N, R18W, Section 17. Project is located where the Fishdam River crosses County Road 442.				
Stockyard Stewardship EA EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/12/2008	Expected:07/2008	10/2008	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduction of approximately 700 acres of hazardous fuels, fire condition class III, within the Stonington Peninsula WUI.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - T41N, R21W, Section 11 & 12; Multiple sections in T40N, R21W. 1/3 of project is 5 miles north of US 2 above the Stonington Peninsula (east side of County Rd 509). 2/3 of project is 3 miles south of US 2 on Stonington east of County Rd 513.				

Hiawatha National Forest Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Pine and Waika Watersheds Headwater Riparian Conifer Planting CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 05/27/2008	05/2008	Daniel Range 906-643-7900 drange@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hand tree planting will be done in riparian headwater areas within 2 HUC 6th level watersheds, West Branch Waika River at mouth and West Branch Waika River above White Creek.				
	Location: UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. LEGAL - T43N, R3W, Sections 28, 29, 32 & 33; T46N, R3W, Sections 30 & 31; T43N, R4W, Sections 25, 26, 35 & 36. Watershed headwater areas south and southwest and within 10 miles of Raco.				

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Sand-Clay Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road management - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants 	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 12/04/2007	Expected:07/2008	11/2008	Lyn Hyslop 906-643-7900 lhyslop@fs.fed.us
Description: Project would include vegetation management (timber harvesting, regeneration of trees, habitat improvements, noxious weed treatments) and transportation system management (road building, maintaining and decommissioning).					
Location: UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. The project boundary is the Sand/clay transition north and south Landtype Association boundaries. M-28 runs through the project and County Road H-40 runs along the south.					

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