



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2007 to 12/31/2007

Hiawatha National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire_retardant@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to continue the aerial application of fire retardant to fight fires on National Forest System lands. An environmental analysis will be conducted to prepare an Environmental Assessment on the proposed action.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nation Wide.				
National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/31/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	Kevin Lawrence 202-205-2613 klawrence01@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/2007_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, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association Permit Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:04/2008	06/2008	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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Eighteenmile, Johnson, and Haymeadow Creeks Spawning Habitat Maintenance. CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2007	Expected:10/2007	05/2008	Chuck Bassett 906-789-3336 cbassett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Activities would restore full function of spawning habitat that was constructed on Eighteenmile, Johnson, and Haymeadow Creeks during the past 20 years.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta, Schoolcraft. LEGAL - Eighteenmile Crk: T42N, R19W, S22. Johnson Crk: T42N, R19W, S17. Haymeadow Crk: T42N, R21W, S35.. Eighteenmile Crk: Near where FH-13 and 440 roads cross. Johnson Crk: Near Road 442. Haymeadow Crk: West of Road 509.				
Enbridge Operation and Maintenance Plan CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2005	Expected:08/2007	08/2007	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 .				
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	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Louise Congdon 906-474-6442 Ext. 111 lcongdon@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. East of Forest Highway 13 in the northeast corner of Delta County.				

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Great Lakes Gas Transmission O&M Plan CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/23/2005	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	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.				
Jack Pine Budworm 2007 EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 06/28/2007	10/2007	Rebecca Cain 906-387-2512 rcain@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage jack pine infested with jack pine budworm on the Munising and Rapid River/Manistique Ranger Districts.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District, Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft. Munising and Rapid River/Manistique Ranger Districts.				
Niagara EIS	- Road management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:10/2008	03/2009	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.				

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Permanent Opening Project CE	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	04/2008	Matthew Cole 906-387-2512 mattcole@fs.fed.us
	Description: Identify and prioritize existing permanent openings for wildlife habitat maintenance and hazardous fuels reduction				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District, Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft. Multiple permanent openings would be designated. The exact locations will be determined by the ID Team.				
Pine River System Spawning Habitat Maintenance CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 06/29/2007	07/2007	Chuck Bassett 906-789-3336 cbassett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore full function of spawning habitat that was constructed on the North Branch Pine River, West Branch Pine River (2 sites) and Black Creek during the past 10-18 years.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District, Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa, Mackinac. LEGAL - T45N, R4W, S24; T44N, R5W, S12, T45N, R5W, S33; T45N, R4W, S25. SW of Delirium Wilderness, north of County Road H-40, and west of M-123.				
Proposed Single Track Motorcycle Trail EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/13/2007	Expected:11/2007	05/2008	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.				
Toms Lake pH Enhancement CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2007	Expected:10/2007	05/2008	Chuck Bassett 906-789-3336 cbassett@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project would restore the sport fishery in this 22-acre lake by raising pH from about 5.7 to 7.2.				
	Location: UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta, Schoolcraft. LEGAL - T44N, R18W, S32 SW. Southwest corner of Schoolcraft County just north of County Road 440.				

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Hiawatha National Forest Manistique Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Big Murphy Creek Fish Habitat Improvement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2007	Expected:10/2007	05/2008	Chuck Bassett 906-789-3336 cbassett@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would enhance habitat for brook trout and brown trout by repairing approximately 270 ft. of deteriorating log bank cover, providing about 140 square yards of spawning gravel and 50 tree groups, and flushing accumulated sediments.				
	Location: UNIT - Manistique Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Schoolcraft. LEGAL - T42N, R17W, Sections 4 and 5. T43N, R17W, Sections 31 and 32. Project activities would be located along Big Murphy Creek west of Indian River and east of Forest Highway 43.				

Hiawatha National Forest Munising Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Sturgis Land Exchange Project EA	- Land acquisition	On Hold	N/A	N/A	William Bowman 906-789-3344 wbowman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to exchange 40 acres private inholding with structure for 80 acres of Forest Service land. Decision withdrawn. Proposed exchanged out land is within river study segment for potential addition to Wild and Scenic Rivers system.				
	Location: UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger. LEGAL - T46N, R21W, S16; T44N, R19W, S33. Private inholding is north of Chatham, near south boundary of the Wilderness area. Forest Service land proposed for exchange is 3 miles west of FH13, north of FR440.				

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 01/2008	Expected:04/2008	01/2012	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@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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Hiawatha National Forest	Rapid River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Stockyard Stewardship CE CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/07/2007	Expected:10/2007	12/2007	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.				

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Hiawatha National Forest	Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Lake Superior Highlands EA Revision to Consider Beech Bark Disease Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Road management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/30/2001 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2007	Expected:12/2007	02/2008	Andrew Meyers 906-643-7900 ameyers@fs.fed.us
	Description: Revision of Lake Superior Highlands EA to include management for beech scale in stands that have not yet been treated under management provided for under original EA.				
	Location: UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. LEGAL - T45N,R6W,S.3,4,10,11,14;T46N,R6W,S.31;T46N,R5W,S.35;T47N,R6W,S.5,7,8,18,27-32,34;T47N,R5W,S.25-28,33-36;T46N,R5W,S.3,4,9-11,15,16;T46N,R4W,S.1,25;T47N,R3W,S.15,18-21,28,30,32.. South of Whitefish Bay Scenic Byway, along approx. 25 miles; south along M-123 and FR3142 to about 5 miles north of Trout Lake.				
Sand-Clay Project EA	- Road management - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/12/2007	Expected:10/2007	12/2007	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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Silver Creek North Country Trail , Trail and Bridge Reconstruction	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 07/10/2007	07/2007	Paula Johnston 906-643-7900, ext 116 pjjohnston@fs.fed.us
CE	Description: Reconstruct Silver Creek bridge which is part of the North Country Trail and replace the boardwalk with causeway. A trailhead and small parking area would be established near the north end of the sandpit				
	Location: UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. LEGAL - T42N, R5W, Section 17. This project is located north of Worth Road.				
US-2 Dune Maintenance and Management Project	- Road management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/28/2007	Expected:10/2007	12/2007	Lyn Hyslop 906-643-7900 ext.152 lhyslop@fs.fed.us
EA	Description: Excavation of a 1.75 ft. V-bottom ditch, planting of native dune grass, and erection of sand fence to stabilize the disturbed area between the US-2 roadway and the sand dunes.				
	Location: UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. US Highway 2, approximately 1 mile east of Brevort Campground Road (Co. Rd. 526), heading southeasterly approximately 4 miles.				

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