



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2007 to 03/31/2007

### Hiawatha National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Aerial Application of Fire Retardant</b> EA  *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment period legal notice 07/28/2006	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire.retardant@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html</a> .					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nation Wide.					

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

**R9 - Eastern Region**

<b>Hiawatha Invasive Plant Control Project</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 05/23/2006	Expected:04/2007	06/2007	Kirk Piehler 906-789-3374 kpiehler@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Developing a list of high and medium priority sites across the HNF where invasive plant species are located, and methods for controlling their spread.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hiawatha National Forest All Units. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Schoolcraft. Across the HNF, primarily along roads, skid trails, and recreation trails; gravel pits; wetlands and riparian areas; disturbed sites; and utility corridors; also natural areas.					

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

**R9 - Eastern Region**

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<b>Hiawatha National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Eighteenmile, Johnson, and Haymeadow Creeks Spawning Habitat Maintenance.</b> DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 01/2007	Expected:02/2007	05/2007	Chuck Bassett 906-789-3336 cbassett@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Activities would restore full function of spawning habitat that was constructed on Eighteenmile, Johnson, and Haymeadow Creeks during the past 20 years.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Enbridge Operation and Maintenance Plan</b> DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 09/08/2005	Expected:03/2007	03/2007	Jim Phillips 906-789-3358 jphillips04@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Develop an operation and maintenance (O & M) plan for the Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership ROW.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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 .				
<b>Gooseneck EA</b> EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest p	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 03/2007	Expected:11/2007	06/2008	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project will include activities for vegetation, developed and dispersed recreation, heritage resource protection, fisheries habitat, transportation system, and invasive species management.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Great Lakes Gas Transmission O&amp;M Plan</b> DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 02/23/2005	Expected:01/2007	01/2007	Jim Phillips 906-789-3358 jphillips04@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Create a new Operation and Maintenance Plan as called for in their special use permit.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Hiawatha National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Jack Pine Budworm 2007</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 01/2007	Expected:08/2007	10/2007	Rebecca Cain 906-387-2512 rcain@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Salvage jack pine infested with jack pine budworm on the Munising and Rapid River/Manistique Ranger Districts				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District, Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft. Munising and Rapid River/Manistique Ranger Districts.				
<b>Manistique Jack Pine Bud Worm Project</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 10/10/2006	01/2007	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> To reduce hazardous fuels conditions 76 stands on approx. 2,334 acres are proposed for treatment. 3 stands (approx. 230. ac.) overstory removal treatments. 4 stands ( approx. 47 ac.) thinned. 69 stands (approx. 2,057 ac.) clearcut.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District, Manistique Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta, Schoolcraft. LEGAL - T42N, R18W, Sections 1, 2, 3, and T43N, R18W, Sections 10, 13, 16, 20-23, 25-27, 33-36, and T43N, R17W, Sections 2, 4, 10, 11. Northeast corner of Delta County.				
<b>Niagara</b> EIS  *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road managem	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 02/2007	Expected:03/2008	08/2008	Lyn Hyslop 906-643-7900 ext. 152 lhyslop@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project includes vegetation management (timber harvesting, regeneration of trees, habitat improvement, and transportation management (road construction, reconstruction, closure, decommissioning)				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Hiawatha National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Pine River System Spawning Habitat Maintenance</b> DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 01/2007	Expected:02/2007	05/2007	Chuck Bassett 906-789-3336 cbassett@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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..				
<b>Toms Lake pH Enhancement</b> DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 01/2007	Expected:02/2007	05/2007	Chuck Bassett 906-789-3336 cbassett@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project would restore the sport fishery in this 22-acre lake by raising pH from about 5.7 to 7.2.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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..				

<b>Hiawatha National Forest Manistique Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Big Murphy Creek Fish Habitat Improvement Project</b> DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 01/2007	Expected:02/2007	05/2007	Chuck Bassett 906-789-3336 cbassett@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Hiawatha National Forest Munising Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
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<b>Hiawatha National Forest Munising Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Doty Bridge Replacement EA</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 02/08/2006	Expected:01/2007	08/2007	Janel Crooks 906-387-2512 ext 25 jmcrooks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to replace the old bridge (and its overlying temporary bridge) in order to maintain the existing State of Michigan snowmobile trail.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Alger. Munising.				
<b>Sturgis Land Exchange Project EA</b>	- Land acquisition	In Progress: 215 Comment period legal notice 04/19/2006	Actual: 04/19/2006	05/2007	William Bowman 906-789-3344 wbowman@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Proposal to exchange 40 acres private inholding with structure for 80 acres of Forest Service land.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Upper Peninsula (Dukes) Experimental Forest Project EA</b>	- Research	In Progress: Scoping start 03/01/2005	Expected:01/2007	06/2007	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project will continue three long standing studies (Cutting Methods and Stocking Level Studies) at the Upper Peninsula (Dukes) Experimental Forest.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Munising Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Marquette. LEGAL - T46N, R23W, Sections 11, 12, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 35: T45N, R23W, Section 2. Project located east of Highway M-41 with Highway M-94 running through the project area.				

<b>Hiawatha National Forest Rapid River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Birchfarm EA</b>  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 02/2007	Expected:09/2007	06/2008	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Analysis of regeneration treatments in conifers and hardwoods; intermediate treatments in conifers and hardwoods, transportation improvements; wildlife and fisheries improvements				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Hiawatha National Forest Rapid River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Ensign Road Project</b> EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 12/16/2003	Expected:01/2007	06/2007	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Pave Ensign Road (Forest Road 2235).				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. Project activity would occur from junction of Highway US 2, north to County Road 440.				
<b>O'Connor Bridge Removal</b> DM  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 11/16/2006	11/2006	Mary Maercklein 906-474-6442 ext. 117 mmaercklein@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project proposes to remove an old, dilapidated bridge that has partially collapsed into the Sturgeon Wild and Scenic River.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - T40N, R19W, NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 17.. The project is south of US 2, off of County Rd. 497 between Nahma Junction and Nahma..				
<b>Relocation of South Trailhead of Bay de Noc Grand Island National Recreation Trail</b> DM	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/03/2006	Expected:03/2007	06/2007	Anne Okonek 906-474-6442 ext. 119 aokonek@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project proposes to move the south trailhead of the BdNGI Trail approximately 1/4 mile north into a moderately stocked red pine stand.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rapid River Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Delta. LEGAL - T41N, R21W, Section 22. The trailhead is located approximately 3 miles north of Rapid River on County Road 509.				
<b>Stockyard Stewardship CE</b> DM  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 02/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Michael Peterson 906-474-6442 mapeterson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reduction of approximately 700 acres of hazardous fuels, fire condition class III, within the Stonington Peninsula WUI				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Hiawatha National Forest Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
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<b>Hiawatha National Forest Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Sand-Clay Project</b> EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest p	In Progress: Scoping start 01/17/2006	Expected:04/2007	07/2007	Lyn Hyslop 906-643-7900 lhyslop@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project would include vegetation management (timber harvesting, regeneration of trees, habitat improvements, noxious weed treatments) and transportation system management (road building, maintaining and decommissioning).				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Whitefish Bay Scenic Byway Project</b> EA	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping start 03/25/2005 Estimated 215 comment 03/2007	Actual: 02/10/2006	06/2007	Paula Johnston 906-643-7900, ext 116 pjjohnston@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The project would create a strategic plan for recreation facilities and experiences associated with the Whitefish Bay National Forest Scenic Byway commensurate with current and projected recreational demand, and Forest Plan Direction.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sault Ste. Marie Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Chippewa. LEGAL - T47N, R2W, R3W, R4W, R5W, & R6W. The Scenic Byway encompasses a 26-mile stretch of road traversing the northern portion of Chippewa County. It parallels the Lake Superior shoreline from M-123 to town of Bay Mills.				

<b>Hiawatha National Forest St. Ignace Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Boedne Bay Hazardous Fuels Reduction</b> DM  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 12/2006	Expected:01/2007	04/2007	Warner Vanderheuel 906-643-7900 ext. 128 wvanderheuel@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Remove all jack pine, remove a limited amount of red pine up to 75%, and remove all the ladder fuels on approximately 25 acres.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. LEGAL - T42N, R5W, Section 19. Boedne Bay Educational Camp is located off of Forest Road 3453.				

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<b>Hiawatha National Forest</b>	<b>St. Ignace Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Limited Timber Harvest</b> DM	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 10/24/2006	12/2006	Martha Sjogren 906-643-7900 x117 msjogren@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Limited partial removal of some hardwood trees on less than 70 acres in the general vicinity of Brevort Lake.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. These activities would take place in the area north of Brevort Lake.					
<b>Silver Creek Fish Habitat Project</b> DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping start 06/27/2004	Expected:05/2007	05/2007	Chuck Bassett (906) 789-3336 cbassett@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Proposed activity includes installing 18 rootwad structures along approximately 1,000 ft. of Silver Creek.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. LEGAL - T42N, R5W, Section 17. The project is located north of Worth Road.					
<b>St. Ignace Gravel Pits Development Project</b> EA	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 10/18/2006	05/2007	Lyn Hyslop (906)643-7900 x 152 lhyslop@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Expansion of existing gravel pits and development of new gravel pits on St. Ignace Ranger District.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - St. Ignace Ranger District. STATE - Michigan. COUNTY - Mackinac. LEGAL - T41N, R4W, Sec. 25 & 36; T43N, R5W, Sec. 33; T43N, R4W, Sec. 13 & 14; T43N, R3W, Sec. 19 & 20. Five locations throughout the St. Ignace District.					
<b>US-2 Dune Maintenance and Management Project</b> EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 09/05/2006	Expected:05/2007	07/2007	Lyn Hyslop 906-643-7900 ext.152 lhyslop@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Location:</b> 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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