



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2007 to 12/31/2007

Monongahela National Forest

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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.					

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

R9 - Eastern Region

Proposed reauthorization of 14 existing special use permits. CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/06/2007	Expected:10/2007	12/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
Description: Requests for renewal have been received for the Carr and Alt cultivation; the Ullom, Holbrook, Sharp, and Cutlip/Shaw road ROWs; DelMarva communication use; Jonas and McCarty sheds; WVDNR liming; Webster Co. 4H dam; Army training, and Gbr Youth Camp					
Location: UNIT - Monongahela National Forest All Units. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, Webster. Various existing locations across the Forest..					

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Monongahela National Forest Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region					
Allegheny Wood Product Easement EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/23/2005 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2007	Expected:11/2007	01/2008	Bill Shields (304) 636-1800 (287) comments-eastern- monongahela- potomac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to grant an easement for private access to an isolated parcel in Blackwater Canyon.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. Olson Opportunity Area 16.102, Canyon-Rim OA 13.009, Mozark OA 16.103, and Canaan Mountain OA 16.202.				
Berry Energy, Inc. Gas Well B-800 Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/21/2007	Expected:11/2007	11/2007	Linda Tracy 304-636-1800, ext 275 comments-eastern- monongahela- cheat@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use of National Forest System lands for drilling of exploratory gas well (approx 2.5 acres) and construction of 1,100 foot access road (approx 1 acre).				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. LEGAL - US Tract 1. McGowen Mountain Area of Tucker County, approximately 3 miles SSE of Parsons, WV..				
Gandy Creek Dispersed Horse Camp EA	- Watershed management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2008	Expected:06/2008	08/2008	Julie Fosbender 304-257-4488 Ext 14 comments-eastern- monongahela- potomac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to create a low level dispersed camp for recreational horse users.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm				
Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. Along Gandy Creek, Phares Knob Opportunity Area 53.008.					

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Monongahela National Forest		Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region
Hogback Project EA	- Road management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/25/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	12/2007	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern-monongahela-cheat@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to implement vegetation management projects, including timber harvest, and associated road activities to help meet Forest Plan direction for the area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Preston, Tucker. From Parsons north to Horseshoe Run, in northern Tucker and southern Preston Counties, West Virginia..					
Horseshoe Recreation Area CE	- Facility management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/05/2005	Expected:11/2007	01/2008	Carol Whetsell 304-478-3251 ext 105 comments-eastern-monongahela-cheat@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to update old facilities and provide new facilities accessible to those with disabilities at the Horseshoe Recreation Area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. 1 mile SW of Lead Mine, along Horseshoe Run.					
Lower Clover Wildlife Savannah and Openings CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2008	Expected:04/2008	05/2008	Theresa Evans 304-478-2000 ext.136 comments-eastern-monongahela-cheat@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to create a 10 acre savannah for wildlife and expand existing wildlife openings by 3 acres. These areas would be planted with grass and forb species to provide forage and ground cover.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm					
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. Within the Lower Clover watershed.					

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Nine Pipeline CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2007	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	Linda Tracy 304-636-1800, ext 275 comments-eastern- monongahela- cheat@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction, operation, and maintenance of 1.52 miles of natural gas pipeline, along with associated waterline and telephone line on National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm				
Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. Cheat/Potomac Ranger District, Tucker County, West Virginia.					
Renewal of Timberline permit. CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	12/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed reauthorization for use of non-system trails on the Forest: Salamander Run, a connector trail from Salamander Run to what used to be referred to as "FR 80" and the segment of "FR 80" on NFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. National Forest System lands adjacent to Timberline Four Seasons Resort's land near Dolly Sods Wilderness..				
Renewal of existing outfitter/guide permits CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	12/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: The following permits need to be renewed in 2008: Inner Quest, Inc; Hocking College; Blackwater Outdoor Experiences; Garrett College, Greater Manchester YMCA; and Eagle's Nest Outfitters. Uses include backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing, biking.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District, Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Grant, Pendleton, Tucker. Various locations on the Forest..				
Steve and Renee Shaffer Road Right-of-Way CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/13/2007	09/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request to use an existing 40 ft by 16 ft wide gravel right-of-way through a portion of U.S. Tract 87M.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Preston. U.S. Tract 87M near Mt. Grove Chapel in Preston, Co..				

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Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potomac Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Wild and Wonderful LLC CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/05/2007	Expected:09/2007	10/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 lhise@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to outfit and guide hiking and backpacking on existing roads and trails of the Cheat/Potomac Ranger District. Some use in wilderness is proposed.				
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District, Potomac Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pendleton, Randolph, Tucker. Trails within and around the Otter Creek and Dolly Sods Wildernesses.				

Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Fisherman's Trail Bridge Construction CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tim Henry (304) 799-4334 comments-eastern-monongahela-gauley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed construction of a trail bridge to cross the Cranberry River to access the Fisherman's Trail from FR 76				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Webster. LEGAL - U.S. Tract #372. Fisherman's Trail #231, terminus at Cranberry River.				
Gauley District Spruce Habitat Enhancement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/06/2007	Expected:11/2007	03/2008	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Manually reduce the basal area of 18-20 year old sapling and pole sized red spruce on 60 acres to encourage growth of codominant red spruce; create snags on 340 acres (up to 15 snags/acre) in stands adjacent to the 18-20 year old red spruce.				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. The project area is within Pocahontas county, adjacent to county road 29/4 and FR 731 and FR 232.				

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R9 - Eastern Region
Kennison Mountain Trail Bridge Construction CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tim Henry (304) 799-4334 comments-eastern-monongahela-gauley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed construction of a trail bridge to cross the Cranberry River to access the Kennison Mountain Trail from FR 102				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. LEGAL - US Tract #372. Kennison Mountain Trail @244, terminus at Cranberry River.				
Lower Williams EIS EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/03/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2007	Expected:01/2008	03/2008	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation Management in MP 3.0 to create early successional forest habitat and permanent openings, reduce the amount of competition between trees for light and water resources, and regenerate shade-intolerant species and diverse forest age classes				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Webster. The project area is within the Williams River watershed near Dyer, West Virginia, in Webster County. The project area includes every part of the Williams River watershed that is included w/in MP 3.0.				
Lower Williams Terrestrial Liming Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/06/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2009	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Gauley Ranger District of the Monongahela National Forest (MNF) is proposing to apply lime to an estimated 2,400 terrestrial acres in the Lower Williams EIS project area.				
	Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Webster. The Lower Williams River Soil Liming Project Area consists of 14,397 acres within the Webster County between the mouth of the Williams River and the Three Forks of Williams watershed. .				

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Music Run Wildlife Opening Maintenance Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/31/2007	Expected:10/2007	11/2007	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
Description: The proposal is to enhance 20 acres of wildlife openings. The enhance activities would include re-vegetating grassy openings with native species and eliminating non-native vegetation, using tractor(s) and other mechanical equipment.					
Location: UNIT - Gauley Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Nicholas. The project area is within Nicholas County off of county road 94/4 near Forest Road 907. All enhancement work would occur on National Forest System.					

Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
Ramshorn EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Grazing management - Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/26/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2008	Expected:07/2008	09/2008	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern-monongahela-greenbrier@fs.fed.us
Description: Proposal to implement vegetation management projects, including timber harvest and associated road activities, along with grazing allotment management, to help meet Forest Plan direction for the area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/environmental_index.htm					
Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Approximately three miles east of Greenbanks Observatory..					

Monongahela National Forest District)	Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R9 - Eastern Region	
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Monongahela National Forest District)	Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one				R9 - Eastern Region
Marlinton Range Grazing Allotments EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/09/2007	Expected:09/2007	11/2007	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintenance and improvements to four range grazing allotments on the Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. All four allotments proposed for NEPA analysis are located in Pocahontas county within a 10-15 miles of the Marlinton Ranger Station.				
Middle Mountain Savannah Stewardship End Result Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/22/2006	Expected:09/2007	01/2008	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Creation of five savannah areas, on approximately 27 acres, by removing stumps and piling debris from the harvested trees.				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District, White Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Anthony creek and Knapp creek watersheds about 10 miles south of Minnehaha Springs, WV, along Middle Mountain Trail (Trail 608)..				
Shock Run Prescribe Burn Expansion Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/04/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 12/2007	Expected:02/2008	01/2009	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Marlinton RD is proposing to expand the Rx burning area beyond the boundaries of six timber sale harvest units from the 2000 Shock Run Timber Sale EA.				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. The project area is approx. 17 miles NE of Marlinton, WV and borders SR 84 to the south and SR 92 to the west..				
Smith Addition Land Sale (Lots 13 and 14) CE	- Land acquisition	Completed	Actual: 02/23/2007	03/2007	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The FS is proposing to sell two bare land lots (lots are approximately .26 acres each, in size) suitable as building sites for single family residences. The propoerties will be sold under competitive bidding procedures.				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Lands are located on Smith and Circle Streets in the Smith Addition of the Town of Marlinton, Marlinton Corporation District, Pocahontas County, WV.				

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Monongahela National Forest District)	Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one				R9 - Eastern Region
Snowshoe Hare CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2006	Expected:10/2007	01/2008	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wildlife habitat improvement project for snowshoe hare.				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Upper Williams Watershed, Pocahontas County.				
Upper Williams Watershed Improvement EA	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	04/2008	Thomas Cain 304-636-1800 x289 tcain@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve watershed conditions through stream improvement projects including road storage, road abandonment, placement of large woody debris, planting in riparian corridors, construction of stream structures, and armoring of drainage channels.				
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Upper Williams Watershed.				

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