

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 01/01/2008 to 03/31/2008

Monongahela National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide						
Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels mar	agement	Completed	Actual: 10/11/2007	10/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire_retardant@fs.fed.us
LA	Description Web Link: Location:	System lands. An proposed action. http://www.fs.fed.us	e proposes to continue the aerial ap environmental analysis will be cond s/fire/retardant/index.html s-level Units. STATE - All States.	ducted to prepare an E	nvironmental Ass	n National Forest sessment on the
National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule	- Regulation Orders	ns, Directives,	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/31/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2008	Expected:02/2008	02/2008	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/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.	- Special use management	Completed	Completed Actual: 12/12/2007		Laura Hise 304-636-1800			
CE		Ihise@fs.fed.us						
	Cutlip/Shaw road	scription: 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						
	1	on: 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 Ran	ger District	(excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Dist	trict)	R9 - Eastern Region
Allegheny Power Proposed Nine Line	- Special use manag	jement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:03/2008	04/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING			one pole, one anchor guy, and 1,93 hat is being considered for gas pipe		volt underground p	ower line in the
			ger District. STATE - West Virginia d within the proposed right-of-way f			
Allegheny Wood Product Easement	- Special use manag	jement	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/23/2005 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2008	Expected:01/2008	04/2008	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.					
						ity Area 16.102,
Berry Energy, Inc. Gas Well B- 800 Project CE	- Minerals and Geold	ogy	Completed	Actual: 11/02/2007	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 constructing 1,100 foot access road (approx 1 acre).					
			ger District. STATE - West Virginia ucker County, approximately 3 mile			act 1. McGowen
Gandy Creek Dispersed Horse Camp EA	- Watershed manager - Recreation manager		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
	1		a low level dispersed camp for recress/r9/mnf/environmental/environmen			
		Potomac R	anger District. STATE - West Virg	inia. COUNTY - Ra	ndolph. Along Gar	ndy Creek, Phares

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Hogback Project EA			In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/10/2007	Expected:08/2008	10/2008	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern- monongahela- cheat@fs.fed.us
		ription: 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/environment	tal_index.htm		
	Location:		ger District. STATE - West Virginia orthern Tucker and southern Pres			Parsons north to
Horseshoe Recreation Area	- Recreatior - Facility ma	management nagement	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/05/2005	Expected:01/2008	03/2008	Carol Whetsell 304-478-3251 ext 105 comments-eastern- monongahela- cheat@fs.fed.us
	Description:	Proposal to update Recreation Area.	old facilities and provide new facilit	ies accessible to thos	e with disabilities a	at the Horseshoe
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.fed.us	/r9/mnf/environmental/environment	tal_index.htm		
	Location:	UNIT - Cheat Rang Horseshoe Run.	er District. STATE - West Virginia	a. COUNTY - Tucke	r. 1 mile SW of Le	ad Mine, along
Lower Clover Wildlife Savannah and Openings CE	- Wildlife, Fi	sh, 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:	ion: Proposal to create a 10 acre savannah for wildlife and expand existing wildlife openings by 3 acres. These area would be planted with grass and forb species to provide forage and ground cover.				
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.fed.us	/r9/mnf/environmental/environment	tal_index.htm		
	Location:	UNIT - Cheat Rang watershed.	ger District. STATE - West Virginia	a. COUNTY - Tucke	r. Within the Lowe	r Clover

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Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potom	ac Ranger District	(excluding Projects occurring ir	more than one Dist	trict)	R9 - Eastern Region	
Nine Pipeline CE	- Special use	e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2007	Expected:01/2008	05/2008	Linda Tracy 304-636-1800, ext 275 comments-eastern- monongahela- cheat@fs.fed.us	
	Description:		ation, and maintenance of 1.52 mile on National Forest System lands.	es of natural gas pipel	ine, along with ass	ociated waterline	
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.fed.us	s/r9/mnf/environmental/environmen	tal_index.htm			
	Location:	UNIT - Cheat Ranç Tucker County, We	ger District. STATE - West Virginia est Virginia.	a. COUNTY - Tucke	r. Cheat/Potomac	Ranger District,	
Renewal of Timberline permit.	- Special use	e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/06/2007	Expected:04/2008	04/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@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:		anger District. STATE - West Virg line Four Seasons Resort's land ne			est System lands	
Renewal of existing outfitter/guide permits	- Special use	e management	Completed	Actual: 12/12/2007	12/2007	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us	
	Description:		its need to be renewed in 2008: Innet College, Greater Manchester YMbing, biking.				
	Location:		ger District, Potomac Ranger Distric cations on the Forest	ct. STATE - West Vii	rginia. COUNTY -	Grant, Pendleton,	
WV Trauma and Emergency Care System Telecommunication Facilities	- Special use	e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us	
CE *NEW LISTING*	Description:	Proposal to install a	a communications building and towe	er on Stuart Knob, ea	st of Elkins, WV.		
	Location:	UNIT - Cheat Rang WV, and north of B	ger District. STATE - West Virginia owden, WV	a. COUNTY - Rando	olph. Stuart Knob,	east of Elkins,	

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Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potomac Ranger District	(excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Dist	rict)	R9 - Eastern Region	
Wild and Wonderful LLC CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/12/2007	01/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@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.					
		er District, Potomac Ranger Distric Trails within and around the Otter (Pendleton,	

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	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/06/2007	Expected:02/2008	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.						
		nger District. STATE - West Virgin y, adjacent to county road 29/4 and		hontas. The proje	ct area is within		

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excludi	ng Projects occurring in more th	an 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 construct 102	Description: Proposed construction of a trail bridge to cross the Cranberry River to access the Kennison Mountain Trail from FR 102						
		nger District. STATE - West Virgin Trail @244, terminus at Cranberry		hontas. LEGAL -	US Tract #372.			
Lower Williams EIS EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/13/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2008	Expected:04/2008	01/2009	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							
	Williams River water	nger District. STATE - West Virginershed near Dyer, West Virginia, in ershed that is included w/in MP 3.0.						
Lower Williams Terrestrial Liming Project EA	- Minerals and Geology - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/06/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2008	Expected:03/2008	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.							
	Liming Project Area	nger District. STATE - West Virgin a consists of 14,397 acres within the s of Williams watershed						

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding	ng Projects occurring in more that	an one District)		R9 - Eastern Region		
Music Run Wildlife Opening Maintenance Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/31/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	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.					
		nger District. STATE - West Virgini of county road 94/4 near Forest Ro					

Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excl	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	
	along with grazing a Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us Location: UNIT - Greenbrier	ent vegetation management project allotment management, to help mee s/r9/mnf/environmental/environment Ranger District. STATE - West Virubanks Observatory	et Forest Plan direction tal_index.htm	n for the area.		

Monongahela National Forest	Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one	R9 - Eastern Region
District)		

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Monongahela National Forest District)	Marlinton/White Sulphur Rang	er District (excluding Projects occ	curring in more than	one	R9 - Eastern Region			
Marlinton Range Grazing Allotments EA	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 09/28/2007 09/28/2007	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	Completed	Actual: 09/28/2007 09/28/2007	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	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/04/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 12/2007	Expected:08/2008	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							
Snowshoe Hare CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2006	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Wildlife habitat improvement project for snowshoe hare.							
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Watershed, Pocal	Ranger District. STATE - West Virg	ginia. COUNTY - Po	cahontas. Upper \	Villiams			

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Monongahela National Forest District)	Marlinton/White Sulphur Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one R9 - Eastern Region							
Upper Williams Watershed Improvement EA	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2008	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	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 W Watershed.							

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