

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 10/01/2008 to 12/31/2008

Monongahela National Forest

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Monongahela National Forest, F	orestwide (e	xcluding Projects o	occurring in more than one Fores	t)		R9 - Eastern Region
Monongahela Forest-Wide Non-Native Invasive Plant Management		n management orest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/10/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2008	Expected:03/2009	04/2009	Kent Karriker 304-636-1800, ext 169 kkarriker@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: Web Link: Location:	1 1 - 7 1 1 -				ır, Grant,
Proposed reauthorization of existing recreation special use permits	- Special us	e management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2008	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us
CE *NEW LISTING*	Description: Existing recreation permits need to be renewed so Horseshoe Campground and Pocahontas County 4H Camp can continue to be operated and so several outfitter/guide services and recreation events can continue to be offered to the public.					
	Location:	•	ela National Forest All Units. STAT olph, Tucker, Webster. Various loca	<u> </u>		as, Pendleton,

Monongahela National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) R9 - Eastern Region										
Proposed reauthorization of 12 existing nonrecreation special use permits	- Special use management	pecial use management Developing Proposal Expected:12/2008 01/2009 Est. Scoping Start 10/2008								
CE *NEW LISTING*	These permits cov	Twelve permits are due to expire 12/31/2008 that need to be reissued so services to the public can continue. These permits cover uses such as sewage transmission lines, road rights-of-ways, cultivation, communication sites, and water lines.								
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Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Potom	ac Ranger District	(excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Dist	rict)	R9 - Eastern Region	
Allegheny Wood Product Easement EIS	- Special use	emanagement	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/22/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2008	Expected:10/2008	02/2009	Bill Shields (304) 636-1800 (287) comments-eastern- monongahela- potomac@fs.fed.us	
	Description:	Proposal to grant ar	n easement for private access to ar	n isolated parcel in Bla	ackwater Canyon.		
	Location:		per District. STATE - West Virginia .009, Mozark OA 16.103, and Cana			ity Area 16.102,	
BC Operating Pipeline Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use	e management	Completed	Actual: 09/10/2008	09/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us	
NEW LISTING	Description: Proposal for use of an existing buried pipeline previously owned and under permit to Mike Ross Inc.						
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. Pipeline north of Bowden, WV.						
Berry Energy, Inc. B-800 Natural Gas Pipeline CE	- Minerals ar	nd Geology	Completed	Actual: 08/12/2008	08/2008	Linda Tracy 304-636-1800, ext 275 comments-eastern- monongahela@fs.fed.u s	
	Description: Use of National Forest Ssytem lands for natural gas pipeline right-of-way.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.fed.us	/r9/mnf/environmental/environment	tal_index.htm			
			per District. STATE - West Virginians of Tucker County, approximately			act 1. McGowen to	
Blackbird Knob Touring Recreation Event CE	- Special use	e management	Completed	Actual: 09/05/2008	09/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us	
NEW LISTING			nountain bike race in the Canaan M the past for this event.	lountain and Dolly So	ds North area of th	e Forest. They	
	Location:	UNIT - Cheat Rang Norther areas of the	ger District. STATE - West Virginia Forest.	a. COUNTY - Tucke	r. Canaan Mounta	in and Dolly Sods	

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Monongahela National Forest	Cheat/Poton	nac Ranger District	(excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Dist	rict)	R9 - Eastern Region
Hogback Project EA	_	•	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/10/2007	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern- monongahela- cheat@fs.fed.us
	Description:	help meet Forest Pl	ent vegetation management project lan direction for the area. c/r9/mnf/environmental/environmen		arvest, and associa	ated road activities to
	Location:	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	- Facility ma - Recreation	anagement n management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/05/2005	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488, ext 24 kvollmer@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 Ranç Horseshoe Run.	ger District. STATE - West Virginia	a. COUNTY - Tucke	r. 1 mile SW of Le	admine, along
John R. and Joan V. Yeager Porch 8/2008 CE	- Special us	e management	Completed	Actual: 08/22/2008	09/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description	Proposal to use a 5 resolve an inadvert	ft x 16 ft section of a 12 ft x 16 ft p ent encroachment.	orch attached to the	eager residence a	s a means to
	Location: UNIT - Cheat Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Tucker. within the limits of Thomas, WV.					

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Management of Eight Grazing Allotments in the Spruce Knob- Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area	- Grazing ma	anagement	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/27/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2008	Expected:12/2008	02/2009	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488, ext 24 comments-eastern- monongahela- potomac@fs.fed.us
	Description: Web Link:	Tract; Mowery-Glov	se eight allotments: Allegheny; Alver; and Smokehole-Champ. b/r9/mnf/environmental/proposed_p	·	•	man Heirs; Mallow
	Location:	UNIT - Potomac Ra	anger District. STATE - West Virgi s National Recreation Area.			thin the Spruce
Renewal of Timberline permit.	- Special use	e management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/07/2008	Expected:10/2008	11/2008	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 kvollmer@fs.fed.us
	Description:		zation for use of non-system trails on what used to be referred to as "FR			
	Location:		anger District. STATE - West Virgine Four Seasons Resort's land nea			est System lands
Young Stand Crop Tree Release CE *NEW LISTING*	(other than fo	management prest products) sh, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 09/22/2008	10/2008	Glen Juergens 304-636-1800 ext. 292 gjuergens@fs.fed.us
NEW EloTino	Description: Web Link:		nning over approximately 16 acres s/r9/mnf/environmental/environment	-	ed about 20 years a	ago.
	Location:		ger District. STATE - West Virginia st of the Otter Creek Wilderness. S			/V, in the Glady
Young Stand Crop Tree Release CE *NEW LISTING*	(other than fo	management prest products) sh, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 09/22/2008 08/22/2008	01/2009	Glen Juergens 304-636-1800 ext. 292 gjuergens@fs.fed.us
NEW Ziering	Description:	Crop tree release or	n approximately 16 acres.			
	Location:		ger District. STATE - West Virginia Compartment 44, Stand 60.	a. COUNTY - Rando	olph. Cheat Range	r District,

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Reg							
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			
	·	action of a trail bridge to cross the Cra						
		anger District. STATE - West Virgin #231, terminus at Cranberry River.	nia. COUNTY - Web	ster. LEGAL - U.S	. Tract #372.			
Gauley District Spruce Habitat Enhancement Project	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/08/2008	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	Jane Bard 304-846-2695 jbard@fs.fed.us			
		the basal area of 18-20 year old sapl nant red spruce; create snags on 340 ce.						
	1	anger District. STATE - West Virgin ty, adjacent to county road 29/4 and		hontas. The proje	ct area is within			
Kennison Mountain Trail Bridge Construction CE	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Tim Henry (304) 799-4334 comments-eastern- monongahela- gauley@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Proposed constru 102	iction of a trail bridge to cross the Cra	anberry River to acces	ss the Kennison Mo				
		anger District. STATE - West Virgin in Trail @244, terminus at Cranberry		hontas. LEGAL -	US Tract #372.			

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Monongahela National Forest	Gauley Ranger Di	strict (excludir	ng Projects occurring in more that	an one District)		R9 - Eastern Region		
Lower Williams EIS EIS	- Vegetation man (other than forest - Wildlife, Fish, Ra	products)	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/13/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2008	Expected:10/2008	01/2009	Rondi Fischer 304-799-4334 rfischer@fs.fed.us		
	amo		ment in MP 3.0 to create early succ on between trees for light and wate lasses					
	Willi							
Lower Williams Terrestrial Liming Project EA	- Minerals and Geology - Watershed management		In Progress: Scoping Start 07/06/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2008	Expected:01/2009	05/2009	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.							
Music Run Wildlife Opening Maintenance Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Ra	are plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/31/2007	Expected:10/2008	10/2008	Jane Bard 304-846-2695 jbard@fs.fed.us		
	gras	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 Syste.							

Monongahela National Forest Greenbrier Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region

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Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ranger District (excl	uding Projects occurring in mor	e than one District)		R9 - Eastern Region	
Berry Energy Gas Pipeline Permit CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/15/2008	10/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us	
NEW LISTING		as requested that they be issued a since sion. Dominion Transmission requ				
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Glady, WV.	Ranger District. STATE - West Vi	rginia. COUNTY - R	andolph. Middle N	Nountain area near	
Dr. Sharp Old Spruce Road Right-of-Way	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/10/2008	09/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Proposal to use exist District.	sting right-of-way to access private	property in the Old S	pruce Area of the (Greenbrier Ranger	
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier	Ranger District. STATE - West Vi	rginia. COUNTY - P	ocahontas. Old S _l	oruce, WV.	
Fansler Road Right of Way CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/26/2008	10/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 (219) Ihise@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Proposal to use the	West Fork Trail to access Mr. Fan	sler's private property	near Glady, WV.		
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Randolph. West Fork Trail from Glady, WV to the Fansler's property.					
Ramshorn CE	Watershed managementVegetation management(other than forest products)Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/28/2006	Expected:09/2008 Actual: 08/29/2008	10/2008	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488 ext 24 comments-eastern- monongahela- greenbrier@fs.fed.us	
		ent vegetation management projec Plan direction for the area.	ts, including timber st	and improvement a	and prescribed fire,	
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us	s/r9/mnf/environmental/environmen	tal_index.htm			
	Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Approximately three miles east of Greenbanks Observatory.					

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Monongahela National Forest	Greenbrier Ra	nger District (excl	uding Projects occurring in more	e than one District)		R9 - Eastern Region	
WV Division of Natural Resources Pole Barn CE	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 08/25/2008	09/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us	
NEW LISTING		Proposal to construc Area near Thornwoo	ct, use, and maintain a 40 ft x 16 ft od, WV.	pole barn at the exist	ing Little River Wile	dlife Management	
		Location: UNIT - Greenbrier Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Little River Wildlife Management Area Headquarters not far from the intersection of Hwy 28 and FR 14.					
West Fork Rail Trail Maintenance & Improvement CE	- Recreation r	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2008	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Kristine Vollmer 304-257-4488, ext 24 comments-eastern- monongahela- greenbrier@fs.fed.us	
			ails; inspect + maybe repair railroac camping; provide foot bridge at Iro				
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.fed.us	/r9/mnf/environmental/environment	tal_index.htm			
	ļ i	Fork Rail Trail follow	Ranger District. STATE - West Vir s the West Fork of the Greenbrier the Greenbrier Junction along the	River and Forest Roa			

Monongahela National Forest District)	Marlinton/White Sulphur Range	er District (excluding Projects occ	curring in more than	one	R9 - Eastern Region
Gypsy Moth Treatment 2009 EA *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/09/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 12/2008	Expected:01/2009	05/2009	Glen Juergens 304-636-1800 ext. 292 gjuergens@fs.fed.us
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/Location: UNIT - White Sulp	I spraying with Gypchek and/or Btk s/r9/mnf/environmental/proposed_p hur Ranger District. STATE - Wes cription Areas 6.1, 6.2, and 8.0.	rojects/proposed_inde	x.htm	

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Monongahela National Forest District)	Marlinton/W	hite Sulphur Range	r District (excluding Projects occ	urring in more than	one	R9 - Eastern Region	
Shock Run Prescribe Burn Expansion Project	- Fuels man - Wildlife, Fi	agement sh, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/04/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 12/2008	Expected:02/2009	04/2009	Rondi Fischer 304-799-4334 rfischer@fs.fed.us	
	Description:		s proposing to expand the Rx burning Shock Run Timber Sale EA.	ng area beyond the b	oundaries of six tin	nber sale harvest	
	Location:		anger District. STATE - West Virg E of Marlinton, WV and borders SR			ject area is	
Snowshoe Hare CE	- Wildlife, Fi	sh, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2006	Expected:10/2008	10/2008	Rondi Fischer 304-799-4334 rfischer@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Wildlife habitat improvement project for snowshoe hare.						
	Location:	UNIT - Marlinton R Watershed, Pocaho	anger District. STATE - West Virgontas County.	inia. COUNTY - Po	cahontas. Upper \	Villiams	
Upper Williams River Watershed Improvement Project		sh, Rare plants I management	Completed	Actual: 08/26/2008	10/2008	Thomas Cain 304-636-1800 x289 tcain@fs.fed.us	
EA *NEW LISTING*	Description: Web Link:	and contribute to th	project is to implement watershed e goals of the 2006 National Forests/r9/mnf/environmental/nepa_docur	Land and Resource	Management Plan		
	Location:		anger District. STATE - West Virg			ject area is within	
Upper Williams Watershed Improvement	- Watershed	l management	Completed	Actual: 08/26/2008	10/2008	Thomas Cain 304-636-1800 x289 tcain@fs.fed.us	
	Description:			nditions through stream improvement projects including road storage, road abandonment, ody debris, planting in riparian corridors, construction of stream structures, and armoring of			
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.fed.us	/r9/mnf/environmental/nepa_docur	nents/nepa_index.htn	n		
	Location:						

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Upper Williams Wildlife Habitat Improvement CE *NEW LISTING*	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plantsVegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 09/05/2008	09/2008	James McCormick 304-799-4334, ext 25 jamesmccormick@fs.fe d.us		
	Description: Girdling trees to increase snags to 6 - 10 snags/acre to improve habitat for: songbirds - 78 acres; snowshoe hare - 6 acres; Indiana bat - 586 acres; and to improve aspen reproduction on 1.1 acre. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/environmental/nepa_documents/nepa_index.htm						
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. Upper Williams River watershed.						
Weakley Existing Road Right- of-Way	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/19/2008	09/2008	Laura Hise 304-636-1800 Ihise@fs.fed.us		
	Description: The heirs of Mr. Weakley's property in Greenbrier County, WV, have asked that they be authorized to use an existing 0.9 mile x 30 ft wide right-of-way through U.S. Tract 437 that Mr. Weakley had a permit to use to access his property.						
	Location: UNIT - White Sulphur Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Greenbrier. U.S. Tract 437.						
White Sulphur Prescribe Burn Project EA	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/28/2008	Expected:10/2008	03/2009	ODell Tucker 304-799-4334 Ext. 19 otucker@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Prescribed fire is proposed in nine non-contiguous areas, all within the Anthony Creek fifth level watershed. Forest Management Prescription 6.1, as designated by the 2006 Monongahela National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan).						
	Location: UNIT - Marlinton Ranger District. STATE - West Virginia. COUNTY - Pocahontas. The project area is just north of the Blue Bend Developed Recreation Area and can be accessed using State Routes 11 and 21. The city of White Sulphur Springs, WV is approximately 9 miles south.						

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