



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Inyo National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				
Inyo National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					
				R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Eastern Sierra Fire Restoration and Maintenance Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019	Expected: 12/2021	01/2022	Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 elnoesser@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore and maintain fire regimes to vegetation types characterized by frequent to moderate fire return intervals using prescribed fire and wildfires managed for resource benefit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56291				
	Location: UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The non-wilderness portions of the Inyo National Forest outside the White or Inyo Mountains.				
Inyo NF Personal Use Fuelwood Program Area Assessment CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Scott Kusumoto 760-924-5522 skusumoto@fs.fed.us
	Description: Assessment of Inyo NF Personal Use Fuelwood Program Open areas				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55238				
	Location: UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide assessment.				

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Permit Reissuances - Ongoing, various permit types CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2018	Expected:04/2022	06/2022	Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 elnoesser@fs.fed.us
	Description: Ongoing and continuous reissuance of various special use authorizations. Examples of these are resorts, research activities, utilities and events. For further information on any specific permit or permitted activities, contact Erin Noesser.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55278				
Location: UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California, Nevada. COUNTY - Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mono, Esmeralda, Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Over the entire Inyo National Forest.					

Inyo National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Cottonwood Creek and Upper Owens River Wild and Scenic Management Plans EA *UPDATED*	- Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/18/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	Adam Barnett 760-873-2461 adam.barnett@usda.gov
	Description: Developing a Wild and Scenic River Management Plan for two designated rivers: Cottonwood Creek in the White Mountains and the Owens River Headwaters.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57325				
Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District, Mono Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Owens River Headwaters, including Deadman and Glass Creeks, in Mono County, from the headwaters to the private land boundary downstream of Hwy 395, and Cottonwood Creek in the White Mountains.					

Inyo National Forest Mammoth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R5 - Pacific Southwest Region
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Inyo National Forest Mammoth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Airport Pit Disposal Site Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2022	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 siron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of special use permit to the Town of Mammoth Lakes for operation of clean waste disposal at the Airport Pit Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47812				
	Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mammoth Airport Pit.				
Inyo Craters Area Hazard Tree Abatement CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/11/2021	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	Scott Kusumoto 760-924-5522 skusumoto@fs.fed.us
	Description: Treat dead and dying trees which are currently a danger to the public, infrastructure and improvements, including those currently infested trees which are potential threats. Implementation by Forest Service crews and/or service contractors Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59814				
	Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - T3S; R27E; Secs. 9, 16-17, 20-21, 29 MDB&M. Inyo Craters Interpretive site. Affected roads include, but are not limited to 3S22, 3S23 (Mammoth Scenic Loop), 3S29, 3S30 and 3S89, Mammoth Scenic Loop (FS road 3S23).				
Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 09/27/2021	10/2021	Colleen Garcia 760-873-2424 colleengarcia@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project proposes to drill up to 3 core borings on up to 14 drill pads, to evaluate the mineral potential within the Long Valley area, near Lake Crowley. Access may include driving on existing roads and temp roads. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59294				
	Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Township 3 S, Range 28 E, Section 26. Township 3S, Range 28E, Section 26, Mt. Diablo Meridian.				

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Long Valley Geothermal Consent to Lease EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:03/2023	08/2023	Colleen Garcia 760-873-2424 colleen.garcia@usda.gov
	Description: The Inyo National Forest has received a request from the Bureau of Land Management to determine whether to consent to lease parcels for geothermal exploration and development, and if so, under what stipulations.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60869				
Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - Township 3S, Range 28E, Sections 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35. In the Long Valley area, north of Hot Creek, East of Highway 395, and South of the Owens River.					
Vista Towers, multi-carrier facility at Little Antelope Communication Site CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sirons@fs.fed.us
	Description: Placement of multi-carrier building and tower at the Little Antelope Communications Site				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47317				
Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - MDB&M, T. 3S., 28E., Sec 33. Little Antelope Communications Site, north of the Mammoth Yosemite Airport.					
Woolly's Adventure Summit Summer Uses Project and Mammoth Mountain Snowmaking Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/20/2021	09/2021	Janelle Walker 760-924-5523 janellewalker@fs.fed.us
	Description: MMSA proposes to expand year-round activities at the existing 55-acre Woolly's Adventure Summit tube park, located inside of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area INF permit area along State Route 203, and improve the snowmaking system throughout the MMSA.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54453				
Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located inside of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area INF permit area.					

Inyo National Forest Mono Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R5 - Pacific Southwest Region
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Inyo National Forest Mono Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Driveway permit to private residence located in the Peterson Tract, June Lake Area CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sirons@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a special use authorization for driveway for private residence				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47810				
Location: UNIT - Mono Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. June Lake Loop, between Highway 158 and private property located in Peterson Tract.					

Inyo National Forest Mount Whitney Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Kern Plateau Grazing Allotments Analysis EIS	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Margaret Wood 760-873-2515 mwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: Review and analysis of the Monache, Mulkey, Templeton and Whitney grazing allotments in the Golden Trout Wilderness on the Mt Whitney Ranger District				
	Web Link: http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=34380				
Location: UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Tulare. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Templeton/Whitney Grazing Allotments in the Golden Trout Wilderness.					
Thacher School Term Permit Reissuance for Golden Trout Wilderness School CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2019	Expected:01/2022	02/2022	Douglas Winn 760-876-6215 douglas.winn@usda.gov
	Description: Reissuance of a ten year term permit to The Thacher School for operation and maintenance of Golden Trout Wilderness School in the Golden Trout Wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52420				
Location: UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - T16.5S R35E Section 33 and T17S R35E Section 3 as shown on the Cirque Peak, California 7.5 minute USGS Topographic Map. UTM Zone 11, 394616mE, 4038284mN. . On Cottonwood Creek in the Golden Trout Wilderness at a location just south of the John Muir Wilderness. The camp is roughly 2.5 miles north of the Horseshoe Meadow Trailhead.					

Inyo National Forest White Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
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Birchim Community Services District water tank and pipeline permit reissuance CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: reissue a permit to the Birchim Community Services District for operation and maintenance of two water tanks, and approximately 500 feet of water line, for water tapped from a system located on private property. Serves the community of Sunny Slopes.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55020				
Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - T4S, R30E, Sections 28 and 29. Near the community of Sunny Slopes, in the vicinity of Tom's Place, California, northeast of highway 395.					
Inyo County Aspendell Sewer Line LROW Reissuance #WMD21022 CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2021	Expected:01/2022	05/2022	Billy Preston 801-360-3583 bpreston@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of permit and to conduct critical repairs to the sewer line before it fails: Add 10ft of LROW on the INF. This is for access by a tractor. County has a 5ft easement on private property, adjacent to the requested area.				
	Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - T8S R31E Sec20. Aspendell 168W, west of Bishop CA.				
LADWP Long Valley Pole Removal and Pole Replacement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2022	Expected:04/2022	06/2022	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: LADWP Utility Maintenance Project:1)removal of poles & replacement of poles in one line and 2)removal of poles & rehab in second line, 3)relinquish poles				
	Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. LADWP locations of distribution line maintenance work is on a combination of LADWP and INF lands, starting at the Upper Gorge power plant down to the Long Valley Dam, on the White Mtn. Ranger District.				

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Mineral County Roads Management Project CE *UPDATED*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:02/2022	04/2022	Casey Shannon 760-873-2407 cshannon@fs.fed.us
	Description: Add approximately 0.9 mi of established, non-system road as a motorized trail. Install OHV barriers to block non-system roads, install rolling dips on 10 roads to reduce erosion, re-shape and harden two system roads (O1N131, 02N115. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60447				
	Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - Nevada. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East side of the White Mountains in Mineral County, Nevada.				
Southern California Edison Control-Silver Peak 55kV Reliability Project CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sirons@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of remote fault indicators, packet routers, and installation of remote switches along with poles replacements. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54262				
	Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Silver Canyon, east of Bishop, CA.				
Starlite water tank and pipeline permit reissuance CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rosalie Herrera 760-873-2455 raherrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue a 20 year permit for an existing 50,000 gallon water storage reservoir and pipeline, used by the community of Starlite. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55023				
	Location: UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - T7S, R31E, Sections 23 and 27. Directly south of the community of Starlite, which is east of Bishop, California.				

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