

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

February 3, 2003

The attached is the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) for the Rio Grande National Forest and San Luis Resource Area. The schedule includes project proposals that we currently anticipate analyzing during the winter/spring of 2003.

This schedule is not a NEPA document, nor is it a solicitation for comments. Comments addressed to the schedule do not provide standing for appeal purposes. The purpose of the Schedule of Proposed Actions is to provide you with information on whom to contact should you wish to become involved through site-specific comments. This only provides enough information to enable you to contact the proper person to become involved in the analysis and decision process on the forest. Comments received by project leaders, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on the proposed action and will be available for public inspection.

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We welcome your interest and participation. We also encourage your involvement in each project that you are interested in. Your participation is particularly helpful during the early stages of project formulation known as "scoping". It is during the "scoping" process that we define the Purpose and Need for the project, identify issues and define the extent of analysis that is needed. All projects are scoped separately from this SOPA. If you identify a project or projects that you are interested in, please contact the ID Team Leader shown on the schedule and provide project specific comments.

On January 19, 2001, the Chief's Office issued a decision on Appeal #97-13-00-0057 of the Record of Decision for the Rio Grande National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan. Subsequently, the Secretary issued a discretionary review decision of the Chief's appeal decision on March 29, 2001. All Forest decisions on proposed actions must be consistent with the Secretary's review decision. Issuance of a Forest decision will be guided by the Secretary's instructions and public comment.

If you want to be added to the mailing list for this SOPA, please contact Pat Prentice at the address listed inside this packet for the Supervisor's Office of the Rio Grande National Forest or e-mail our office at mailroom_r2_rio_grande@fs.fed.us. This document can be seen on our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/riogrande/planning.htm>.

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PLANNING

<p>Response to the Secretary of Agriculture's Discretionary Review of the Forest Service Chief's Decision on the Revised Forest Plan Appeal #97-13-00-0057</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review of projects for sufficient protection of species viability. 2) The Forest was directed to correct the following deficiencies in the Revised forest Plan and FEIS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A.) Amend the Revised Forest Plan to incorporate MIS into the plan, add monitoring protocols for the selected MIS, and to add scientific literature cites used to determine habitat needs, distribution, and trends of sensitive species and MIS. B.) Expand display of habitat effects for a longer period of time. C.) Develop a new livestock grazing suitability determination. D.) Expand display of environmental effects. E.) Comply with Section 505 of FLPMA. F.) Wilderness fish stocking amendment. <p>Contact ROBERT DALRYMPLE (719) 852-5941, Supervisor's Office</p>	<p align="center">On-going.</p> <p>Public Scoping completed on December 21, 2001. The draft NEPA document is scheduled for public release in February 2003.</p> <p>The analysis was completed in May 2002.</p> <p>The analysis is scheduled for completion by February 2003.</p> <p>The analysis is scheduled for completion by February 2003.</p> <p>Errata sheet completed on December 19, 2001.</p> <p>The 1998 wilderness amendment meets the intent of the Secretary's decision. The Regional Office resolution of the appeal and completion of the BE/BA is scheduled to be complete in 2003.</p>
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<p>Programmatic Assessments for Various Recreation Projects</p>	<p>The Revised Rio Grande Land and Resource Management Plan provides management direction, standards and guidelines and desired conditions for the Forest's recreation program</p> <p>To be consistent with the Forest Plan direction and comply with the current terrestrial species status, the Forest plans to do programmatic assessments and decisions that address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Annual developed recreation site maintenance. Developed recreation sites include campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, overlooks and interpretive sites. Annual maintenance work is scheduled during the use season (May-September) in conjunction with the operation of the developed recreation sites. 2.) Annual trail maintenance work of existing forest system trails. The forest maintains between 150 to 250 miles of system trails each year. Trail maintenance is defined as the upkeep of the entire trail facility as needed for its safe, efficient use and maintained to its original constructed standard. Trails outside wilderness are maintained with a mini-excavator and a couple trail crew personnel. 3.) Scheduled Deferred Maintenance Projects. FY02 projects include: (1) Big Meadow Water System; (2) Forest Toilet Replacement (Buffalo Pass CG, Elk Creek CG, Trujillo Meadows Res and Tucker Ponds Fishing Area); (3) Toilet installation at South Fork Guard Station; and (4) Dam repair work at Spectacle Lake. FY03 projects are: (1) Platoro Guard Station Bunkhouse and water system maintenance and (2) Highway Spring well. FY04 projects are: (1) Forest campground water system upgrades (Lake Fork, Lost Trail and POSO Campgrounds); (2) Hansen Mill TH toilet replacement; (3) Love Lake and Jumper Lake Maintenance work, and (4) Creede Office furnace replacement. FY05 projects are: (1) Creede Administrative Site septic system upgrade; (2) Forest campground water system upgrade (Alamosa CG and Big Springs PA), and (3) Forest Toilet Replacement (Spectacle Lake CG and Fern Creek TH). 4.) Short Term Special Uses. This assessment will cover a variety of activities (weddings, races, events) that involves occupancy or use of National Forest System Lands of a temporary nature (either 4-8 hours to 1-2 day events) and are consistent with the Forest Plan. 5.) Outfitter and Guide Prospectus. This assessment will address the effects of awarding under special use permit additional outfitter and guide activities and service day on the Rio Grande National Forest. The activities include day use and overnight progressive hiking trips, 4 wd tours, fall game hunts, meat packing, limited bear and archery hunts, winter lion hunts, winter mountaineering and snowmobile trips on groomed trails. 6.) Winter Use Capacity. Plan amendment tied to the Forest Plan capacity allocation process that will establish service days for commercial, institutional and public winter use on the Rio Grande NF. <p>For further information regarding these proposed actions, contact GREG THOMPSON at the Supervisor's Office (719) 852-5941</p>	<p>Assessments currently in progress.</p> <p>Anticipate completion in mid-February 2003.</p> <p>Mid-May 2003</p>
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WIMPS	Programmatic analysis for watershed improvements. This project will conduct an environmental analysis for the various methods of protecting soil, water and fisheries resources through land and other treatments. Check dams, bank stabilization, revegetation, soil aeration, soil stabilization, fish structures, and other techniques will be analyzed. Contact JOHN RAWINSKI, Supervisor's Office, (719) 852-5941.	EA for comments will be available in the spring of 2003.
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TRAILS

UTE TRAIL	Relocation of less than ½ mile for soil and water protection. Trailhead located above Rio Grande Reservoir. ART MARCILLA, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Scoping this spring.
BLANCA/ELLINGWOOD AND LITTLE BEAR PEAKS	This project involves relocation and improvement on the access trail to these popular peaks in the Sangre de Cristo's. Project location is approximately 8 miles NW of the town of Blanca. JIM HONG, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Scoping and NEPA underway. Scheduled for 2004.
MOON PASS OHV TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENT	Project involves grading, shaping and definition of existing parking areas for South Carnero Trail, Miners Trail, and Bowers Peak Trail. Gravel surface may be applied and trailhead signs installed. Contact JIM JAMINET or KRISTI MURPHY (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Complete NEPA spring 2003 as needed to supplement Programmatic. Implement Summer 2003.
CHAMA BASIN TRAILS	This project involves rehabilitation of gullies across Trail 124 and creating switchbacks in a steep section of Trail 741 to control erosion. JIM HONG, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	NEPA complete.
UTE TRAILHEAD	The Divide District is analyzing the possibility of relocating the Ute Creek Trailhead to a more suitable location to avoid further damage to adjacent riparian zone. Contact ART MARCILLA at the Divide Ranger District, (719) 657-3321.	Public scoping expected in late April pending access to FS interdisciplinary review team and budget constraints.
SOUTH ROCK CREEK TRAILHEAD	The Divide District plans to improve the existing parking facilities at the South Rock Creek Trailhead. This project proposal is based on trail users complaining of inadequate parking facilities for turning horse trailers and overnight parking for trail users. Project work would consist of minor cutting of cut-slope and using material on fill side to widen the existing facility. Contact ART MARCILLA at the Divide Ranger District, (719) 657-3321.	Public scoping expected in April pending Engineering Design, Forest Service interdisciplinary team review, and budget constraints.

RANGE

CANON ALLOTMENT AMP	Environmental Analysis for an Allotment Management Plan on the Canon C&H Allotment. Location is the Rio Grande drainage above Rio Grande Reservoir, including West Lost Trail Creek, portions of Bear Creek and Pole Creek. GILBERT BECENTI (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Analysis starting in January 2003.
SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS S&G	Environmental Analysis for the Jarosa Mesa, Dipping Lakes, Bancos Alazon, Glacier Lake, Twin Lakes, Roaring Fork, Saddle Creek & Mesa S&G Allotments. One EA and several Allotment Management Plans will be prepared for these allotments. These sheep allotments are located within the South San Juan Wilderness on the Conejos Peak Ranger District. Contact DEAN ERHARD at the Supervisor's Office, (719) 852-5941.	Delayed due to Reversal.
FOX CREEK, C&H ALLOTMENT	Environmental Analysis for Allotment Management Plan for the Fox Creek cattle allotment located along Fox Creek drainage north of Magote, Colorado. Will be re-combined with the Long Park and Big Meadows C&H allotments. KELLY GARCIA (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Delayed due to reversal.
SULPHUR C&H AMP	Environmental Analysis for an Allotment Management Plan to be prepared for Sulphur Cattle and Horse Allotment located southwest of Creede, CO in the Trout Creek drainage. GILBERT BECENTI (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Scoping February 2003.
ALDER/SILVER ALLOTMENT EA	Environmental Analysis for an Allotment Management Plan to be prepared for the Alder Silver Allotment located north of Saguache, CO. Jim Jaminet (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Delayed due to reversal.

PLATORO ANALYSIS	EA and AMP for Platoro Allotment which is located adjacent to Platoro Reservoir, East to Silver Lakes, T 36N, R4 & 5E. KELLY GARCIA (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Delayed due to Reversal.
TRIANGLE SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT	Water to be developed for Platoro and Cat Creek Allotments with additional development for wildlife. T36N., R6E., Sec 12. KELLY GARCIA (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Project currently on hold.
ALDER C&H ALLOTMENT	Environmental Analysis for Allotment Management Plan preparation for the Alder C&H Allotment, located in the Sangre de Cristo range from Poncha Pass south to Hayden Pass (North East of Villa Grove, CO). Contact JIM JAMINET 719-655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Initial scoping to begin early calendar year 2003.
NOTCH TRAIL DRIFT FENCE, ROUGH CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT	Prevent drift of cattle between the Rough Creek Allotment and the Conejos Cattle Allotment (T33N, R5E, South ½ Sec 32). Contact GARY SNELL at the Conejos Peak District, (719) 274-8971	On Hold.
HANDKERCHIEF MESA RANGE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS	Analysis includes the following allotments: Cattle Mountain, Little Beaver, Handkerchief, Cross-Race, and Church. The area runs from South Fork to the Continental Divide, from Highway 160 and Wolf Creek Pass on the West to Beaver Mountain, Willow Park and Crystal Lakes on the East. Contact GILBERT BECENTI at the Divide Ranger District (719) 657-3321.	Delayed due to Reversal.
LA MANGA STOCK DRIVEWAY REHAB.	Stock driveway has been relocated out of riparian zone. Project will rehab. Several areas that are eroding. KELLY GARCIA (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District	To be completed winter 2002.
ARCHULETA/CHAMA BASIN AREA ANALYSIS	Look at Recreation, Travel Management, Grazing Issues/Conflicts/opportunities to arrive at solutions to resource issues. JIM HONG (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District	On Hold.
SAGUACHE DISTRICT RANGE IMPROVEMENTS	Projects will be scoped individually as needed and evaluated prior to initiation. JIM JAMINET (719) 655-2547	Ongoing
HANDKERCHIEF RANGE	Environmental Analysis for 5 range allotments (Cattle Mountain, Church, Little Beaver, Cross Creek and Handkerchief C&H Allotment). Contact GILBERT BECENTI at the Divide Ranger District (719) 657-3321	Scoping to be updated in March 2003

TIMBER

TIMBER SUITABILITY AMENDMENT	Make adjustments to suitable lands acreage figures to correct discrepancies in the Revised Forest Plan. Contact JOHN RAWINSKI, (719) 852-5941, at the Supervisor's Office.	NEPA completed
LA ROSA	Proposal to harvest 1.9 MMBF to 3.7 MMBF of spruce and other species saw timber. Analysis includes a review of either improving or closing Forest Trail # 736 and approximately 1 mile of FDR 118.1a, which dead-ends at the trailhead. Project is located approximately 28 miles west of Antonito. Contact either JOHN MURPHY OR JACK LEWIS (719) 655-2547 at the Saguache Ranger District.	This project will be re-structured and appear in a future SOPA.
HOUSELOG TIMBER SALES	Proposal to harvest approximately 3-15 MMBF of spruce fir insect and disease infected mixed conifer. Twelve miles west and south of Saguache. JACK LEWIS Saguache District.	This project will be re-structured and appear in a future SOPA.
COCHETOPA HILLS	Proposal to manage beetle infested timber north of Hwy 114. Contact MARY NELSON at the Saguache Ranger District, (719) 655-2547	Scoping early spring 2003.
HANDKERCHIEF MESA ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS	Proposal to manage timber and road resources in the Handkerchief Mesa Landscape, with various treatments including harvesting of 10 to 13 MMBF of timber, timber stand improvement, prescribed burning, and road management. Area runs from South Fork to the Continental Divide, from Highway 160 and Wolf Creek Pass (on West) to Beaver Mountain, Willow Park and Crystal Lakes (on East). Range has been eliminated from this EA. RANDY BURGESS (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Project will be reevaluated after the amendment of the Land Management Plan.
BLACK MOUNTAIN TIMBER SALE	Proposal to harvest approximately 2 MMBF of timber in the Jarosa analysis area. The Jarosa Analysis area is located about 25 miles west of Creede, Colorado on Highway 149 in Hinsdale County. The area is located south of Spring Pass and East and West of Highway 149. Contact STEVE BRIGHAM (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Scoping expected in Fall 2004 or following amendment of the LMP.

MILLION SALVAGE	EA for salvage of 3 to 7 MMBF of timber in the Million Fire burn area near South Fork, T39N, R3E, Sec. 2. Contact STEVE BRIGHAM, (719) 852-5941, Monte Vista Supervisors Office.	Pre-decisional EA expected in April 2003.
SAGUACHE SMALL SALES	Cochetopa Hills Firewood small sales, remove Beetle Hit trees. Contact JACK LEWIS, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Covered under Small Sales EA.
BUFFALO PASS CAMPGROUND TIMBER SALE	Proposal to remove approximately 120 MBF of pole and saw-timber sized timber in and around the Buffalo Pass Campground on the Saguache Ranger District. Project is focused on suppression of Mountain Pine Beetle, Douglas Fir Beetle and IPS Beetle-Spruce Beetle. Contact JACK LEWIS (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Project implementation expected in spring 2003.
TRES CABRAS TIMBER SALE	Absorbed into the Buffalo Pass Campground Timber Sale.	Project implementation expected in spring 2003
CONEJOS CANYON BEETLE TREATMENT	Beetle treatment within Conejos Canyon Corridor/Campgrounds (Aspen Glade/Magote). Contact PAUL MINOW (719) 274-8971	

LANDS

LAND PARCEL ACQUISITION	Acquisition of five parcels in T 37 N, R4E and T 36 N, R4E located in Rio Grande County. WYOMA HANSEN (719) 852-5941, Monte Vista	Ongoing.
SMALL TRACTS ACT CASES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slack, Sec 35, T 42N, R1W, NMPM, Mineral County • Nolen , Sec 22, T42N, R4E, NMPM, Saguache County • STA Interchange, Union Minere, Sec 21 & 22, T36N, R4E, NMPM, Conejos County • Getz, Sec 36, T41N, R5W, NMPM, Hinsdale County Contact WYOMA HANSEN, (719) 852-5941, Supervisor's Office	Ongoing. Transactions reviewed prior to final approval.
PRIVATE ROAD EASEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richter-Sec. 12, T42N, R1W, NMPM, Mineral County, Colorado • Baker – T37N, R5E, Sec. 1, 2, 11, 12, 30,31 & 32, Rio Grande County • Sheep Creek-additional road use, Sec. 22, T33N, R6E, NMPM Contact WYOMA HANSEN, (719) 852-5941, Supervisor's Office	Ongoing.
SAN LUIS VALLEY REC	Electrical line extensions and/or upgrades to existing lines (T42N, R1W). The proposed projects will provide electric service to private landowners. Each project is scoped individually as contacts are made. Contact WYOMA HANSEN at the Supervisor's Office.	Ongoing.
LAND EXCHANGE RIO OXBOW	The proposed exchange involves land located in: T40N, R1W and R2W, and T41N R1W, NMPM, Mineral County, Colorado (Federal Land) T38N, R6E, NMPM Rio Grande County, Colorado (Non-Federal Land) Carson Mining District, NMPM, Hinsdale County, Colorado (Non-Federal Land) WYOMA HANSEN (719) 852-5941.	Ongoing
HOT CREEK ACQUISITION	Proposed acquisition of the Hot Creek Parcels – T35N, R6E, Sec 12 Contact WYOMA HANSEN at the Supervisor's Office (719) 852-5941.	Ongoing

FUELS

KERBER CREEK	Initiate NEPA scoping of hazardous fuels mitigation projects around Kerber Creek developments. T 46N, R8E, Sec 32 & 33. Contact SID HALL, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Initiate scoping and evaluation Winter/Spring 2003.
ALPINE HYDRO AXE	Initiate NEPA scoping of hazardous fuels mitigation projects around Alpine developments. 400 acres in T 40N, R3E, Sec 24, and T40N, R4E, Sec 19. Contact GUY KEENE, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Initiate scoping and evaluation Winter/Spring 2003.
CONEJOS RIVER WILDLAND/URBAN PROJECT	Initiate NEPA scoping of hazardous fuels mitigation projects around Conejos River corridor developments. Contact BILL JOSLIN, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Initiate scoping and evaluation Winter/Spring 2003.
SHEEP CREEK HYDRO AXE	Mechanical thinning to reduce crown fire potential, improve snowshoe hare habitat and reduce the effects of Western Gall Rust. T 46N, R4E, Sec 1, 3, 11 & 12 and T46N, R5E, Sec 5, 6 & 7. Contact MARY NELSON at the Saguache Ranger District, (719) 655-2547.	

CATHEDRAL THINNING	Thinning out dense Ponderosa Pine understory to reduce fuels and prepare the site for prescribed burn. T41N, R4E, Sec 19 and T41 N, R3E, Sec 24. Contact either JIM GRIFFIN at the Supervisor's Office (719) 852-6276 or GUY KEENE at the Divide Ranger District (719) 657-3321.	CE expected June 2003.
BUFFALO PASS MECHANICAL TREATMENT	150 acres of thinning understory fuels. T45N, R4E, Sec 2, 3 & 4. Contact JACK LEWIS at the Saguache Ranger District, (719) 655-2547.	CE expected.
MILL CREEK MECHANICAL TREATMENT	Thinning in a Ponderosa Pine plantation. T44N, R6E, Sec 17. Contact MARY NELSON at Saguache Ranger District, (719) 655-2547.	CE expected.
GALL RUST VEGETATION TREATMENT	Mechanically thin Lodgepole pine sapling stand infested with Western Gall Rust for disease control, lynx habitat improvement and fuels reduction. T46N, R4E, Sec 35. Contact JACK LEWIS at Saguache Ranger District, (719) 655-2547.	CE expected.

SPECIAL USES

CENTURY TEL COMMUNICATION INC & US WEST	The proposal concerns installation of buried telephone lines Forest wide for new service or upgrade to existing lines. Each project is scoped individually as contacts are made. WYOMA HANSEN at the Supervisor's Office.	Ongoing.
CENTURY TEL AND QWEST	Fiber optics between Creede and South Fork. Contact WYOMA HANSEN (719) 852-5941, Supervisor's Office.	CenturyTel expected to complete in 2003.
CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD	Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, T32N, R5E, Sec 7 & 8, T32N, R6E, Sec 17. Contact WYOMA HANSEN (719) 852-5941, Supervisor's Office.	Ongoing
WEDDING CEREMONY ON LOBO OVERLOOK	Proposal from a citizen of Pagosa Springs, Colorado to hold a wedding ceremony sometime during the last 10 days of June on National Forest Land by Lobo Overlook on the Continental Divide. The number of guests would be approximately 125 and the number of vehicles would be approximately 25. A parking lot and restroom that already exist would be used at the overlook. The reception would be held in Pagosa Springs. Project is in T38N, R2E, Sec 32. Contact RONNIE DAY at the Divide Ranger District, (719) 657-3321	Scoping expected in February or March.
DOMESTIC WELL TO BE DRILLED AT SUMMER HOME	Proposal from permitted summer home owner David Silva to drill a domestic well and pipe the water to the cabin. The cabin is located on the Forest between South Fork and Wagon Wheel Gap in T40N, R2E, Sec 11. The well permit and water rights would be in the name of the USFS for a maximum of 15 gallons per minute. The well would replace an antiquated cistern that gathers runoff behind the cabin. Contact RONNIE DAY at the Divide Ranger District, (719) 657-3321.	Scoping expected in February or March.
SAN LUIS VALLEY REC AND CENTURY TEL	Installation of underground telephone and electric lines in Secs 23, 24, & 26, T 42 N., R 1W. Contact WYOMA HANSEN, Supervisor's Office, (719) 852-5941.	Completed.
NORTH CRESTONE GAGING STATION	Relocate (install new) gaging station on North Crestone Creek to a location near lower campsite (camp site #13) and remove old gaging station. Colorado Division of Water Resources is proponent and needs to replace existing gage because it is ineffective during high flows. T 44N, R12E, Sec 31. Contact JIM JAMINET, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Complete NEPA winter 2003 and weather permitting, install new gage and remove old gage. If weathered out, complete work in fall 2003.

MINERALS

DIVIDE RANGER DISTRICT ABANDONED MINE CLOSURES	The Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology will close two abandoned mines. One shaft is on Wolf Creek Pass and one shaft is in Miners Creek. Sites will either be backfilled or closed using a bat-compatible gate. Contact DIANN GESE (719) 657-6025, Divide Ranger District	Analysis in progress. Expected completion fall 2003.
TAN JACK CLAIMS OPERATING PLAN/TREASURE TROVE PERMIT	150 foot-long exploration trench. Old Womans' Creek, E1/2 Sec 8, T41N., R5E, Contact DIANN GESE, (719) 657-6025, Divide Ranger District.	Scoping in summer.
COTTON CREEK ABANDONED MINE CLOSURES	The Colorado Division of Minerals & Geology south of Cotton Creek will close 12 abandoned mines. Sites will either be back-filled or closed using a bat-compatible gate. Contact DIANN GESE, (719) 657-6025, Saguache Ranger District.	Analysis in progress.

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

ASPEN REGENERATION EXCLOSURES	Project to build exclosures to study aspen regeneration on Conejos Peak Ranger District. Sites to be determined. Contact SUE SWIFT-MILLER, (719) 274-8971.	Scoping underway.
SCHRADER CREEK MECHANICAL TREATMENT	Partnership project designed to improve big game winter range by reducing density of pinyon-juniper and wildland urban interface fuels reduction. T 39N, R5E, Sec 20. DALE GOMEZ, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	CE expected. Comments being accepted.
MIDDLE FORK CARNERO CREEK NATIVE FISH RESTORATION	Project would entail constructing a fish migration barrier to protect the existing native trout fishery in Middle Fork Carnero Creek. JIM JAMINET, (719) 655-2547	Completed.
NORTH FORK CARNERO CREEK HABITAT IMPROVEMENT	Project would entail improving drainage and a slight road re-location to minimize impacts to North Fork Carnero Creek. JIM JAMINET, (719) 655-2547	Completed.
CONEJOS RIVER/FOX CREEK BIGHORN SHEEP HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	Project would open up underbrush increasing sight distance for bighorn sheep. Approximately 50 acres would be treated to improve habitat. SUE SWIFT-MILLER, (719) 274-8971.	Project delayed, scheduled for Summer/Fall 2003.
MIDDLE CREEK STREAM IMPROVEMENT	Middle Creek located above Love Lake needs some rehabilitation of eroding banks through structure placement. Contact DALE GOMEZ, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Scoping in January 2003
LOVE LAKE MOOSE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT	Treating 5 acres of over mature willow by prescribed fire or mechanical treatment. DALE GOMEZ, (719) 657-3321 Divide Ranger District.	Scoping completed. Planned for 2003.
ASPEN REGENERATION ENCLOSURES	Project to build enclosures to study aspen regeneration on Conejos Peak Ranger District. SUE SWIFT-MILLER, (719) 274-8971.	Scoping underway.
LAKE FORK BARRIER REPAIR	Project to repair existing structures. Contact SUE SWIFT-MILLER at the Conejos Peak Ranger District, (719) 274-8971.	Scoping underway
BIG SPRING STREAM RENOVATION	Contact SUE SWIFT-MILLER at the Conejos Peak Ranger District, (719) 274-8971.	Scheduled for fall 2003

WATERSHED & SOIL PROJECTS

CALIFORNIA GULCH AND MINERS CREEK SOIL AND WATER IMPROVEMENT	Minor stream/road culvert repair and relocating and minor road/stream-crossing relocation. Project designed to reduce sediment going into streams and realign to natural stream course. Contact JIM JAMINET, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	NEPA Spring 2003 as needed to supplement Programmatic. Implement in 2003.
CONEJOS PEAK WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	Multiple erosion control projects located on Conejos Peak Ranger District in the following areas: Jacobs Hill area, Massey Gulch, Red Mountain, Rough Creek, Pinorealosa, E-N Osier, Wolf Creek Includes rehab projects, gully work, sub-soiler work. Contact JM HONG at the Conejos Peak Ranger District. (719) 274-8971.	NEPA scheduled for summer/fall 2003.

RECREATION

MIDDLE FORK FRISCO AND 30-MILE RIPARIAN/HORSE FACILITY PROJECT	Partnership project designed to reduce impacts to riparian areas by providing horse facilities (hitchrails, corral...). DALE GOMEZ or RONNIE DAY (719) 657-3321 Divide Ranger District.	Middle Fork completed. 30-mile planned for 2003.
MIX LAKE HANDICAP ACCESS PROJECT	Project to improve accessibility at Mix Lake. May include hardened trail, fishing pier, and installation of accessible toilet. SUE SWIFT-MILLER, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District	Analysis underway.
SPECTACLE LAKE HANDICAP ACCESS PROJECT	Project to improve accessibility at Spectacle Lake. May include hardened trail, fishing pier and installation of handicap accessible toilet. Contact SUE SWIFT-MILLER, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Scoping underway.

TRUJILLO MEADOWS HANDICAP ACCESS PROJECT	Project to improve accessibility at Trujillo Meadows. May include hardened trail, fishing pier, installation of accessible toilet. SUE SWIFT-MILLER, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Project underway, expected completion Summer 2003.
ELK CREEK CAMPGROUND REHABILITATION	Reconstruction of parts of existing campground units, 3 new toilets, pressurized water system, minor road improvement work. No expansion. JIM HONG, (719) 274 8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Scoping and NEPA underway. Scheduled for 2003.
JACOBS HILL SUBSOILER TREATMENT	Environmental analysis for treatment of compacted soils. Contact John Capell, Conejos Peak Ranger District (719) 274-8971	NEPA nearly completed. Implementation delayed until 2003.
ENDURO RECREATION EVENT	The Divide District has received a permit application from Enduro Cross Inc of Montrose, CO to hold a one day event in July of 2003 on motorized trails north of South Fork. Contact ART MARCILLA at the Divide Ranger District, (719) 657-3321.	Application review in process. Public scoping expected in late March.
SOUTH FORK POWDER BUSTERS POKER RUN EVENT	Proposal to hold a one day recreation event February 15m 2003, where participants would travel on snowmobiles from Highway 160 across the Forest to Willow Park and back (10 miles both ways). Approximately 40 participants are expected. Fees would be charged with 100\$ of revenues going to prizes for the best poker hands. Parking and entry booth will be on private lands. A portable toilet will be located at Willow Park. The trail that will be used is already groomed under a permit issued to the Powder Busters. Project location is T39N, R3E, Sec 1, 12, 36 and T49N, R4E, Sec 7, 8, 17, 19, 20, 30, 31. Contact RONNIE DAY at the Divide Ranger District, (719) 657-3321.	CE expected in early February.

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<p align="center">TURQUOISE GULCH ALLOTMENT</p> <p align="center">/LD RANCH</p>	<p>EA and rangeland health evaluation for term permit renewal for the Turquoise Gulch Allotment (four miles west northwest of Villa Grove, CO on Highway 285) Contact: STEVE SANCHEZ 719-655-2547 at the Saguache Field Office.</p>	<p>EA and rangeland health evaluation for term permit renewal November 2003.</p>
<p align="center">CROSS CREEK ALLOTMENT</p> <p align="center">SUTHERLAND RANCHES</p>	<p>EA and rangeland health evaluation for a modification in terms and conditions on Cross Creek Allotment due to the allotments failure to meet standards in a previous evaluation. Location is 10 miles west of Saguache, CO on Highway 114 then north on Jacks Creek road two miles. Contact: STEVE SANCHEZ 719-655-2547 at the Saguache Field Office.</p>	<p>EA and rangeland health evaluation due to allotment not meeting rangeland health standards November 2003</p>
<p align="center">STEEL CANYON</p> <p align="center">BEVERLY MALOUFF</p>	<p>EA and rangeland health evaluation for term permit renewal for the Steel Canyon Allotment (from Villa Grove, Co east on County Road 3 and ½ miles then southeast one mile) Contact: STEVE SANCHEZ 719-655-2547 at the Saguache Field Office.</p>	<p>EA and rangeland health evaluation for term permit renewal November 2003.</p>

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