



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Custer Gallatin 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 .				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected: 06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Nez Perce National Historic Trail Visitor Use Capacity Analysis EA	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/03/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Sandra Broncheau-Mcfarland 208-843-2353 sandra.broncheau-mcfarland@usda.gov
	Description: This analysis identifies the visitor use capacity on National Forest System lands only, on the Nez Perce National Historic Trail to assist in the protection and management of trail resources.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62223				
	Location: UNIT - Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest All Units, Bitterroot National Forest All Units, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest All Units, Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Custer Gallatin National Forest All Units, Shoshone National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest All Units. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming. COUNTY - Clark, Clearwater, Fremont, Idaho, Lemhi, Lewis, Nez Perce, Beaverhead, Blaine, Carbon, Chouteau, Fergus, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Phillips, Ravalli, Stillwater, Wheatland, Yellowstone, Asotin, Wallowa, Park, Teton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Nez Perce National Historic Trail is approximately 2,184 miles, extending from the vicinity of Wallowa Lake in eastern Oregon to the Bear Paw Battlefield, about 16 miles south of Chinook, MT.				

Custer Gallatin National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 01/28/2022	02/2022	Mariah Leuschen 406-587-6735 mariah.leuschen@usda.gov
	Description: The Custer Gallatin National Forest is undergoing Forest Plan Revision. The Forest Plan is a comprehensive overarching document that guides forest management, use, and protection providing broad direction, standards and guidelines for years to come.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50185				
	Location: UNIT - Custer Gallatin National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana, South Dakota. COUNTY - Carbon, Carter, Gallatin, Madison, Meagher, Park, Powder River, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Harding. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Custer Gallatin National Forest.				

Custer Gallatin National Forest	Ashland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Custer Gallatin National Forest	Ashland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
South Otter Landscape Restoration and Resilience Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/13/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2022	Expected:02/2023	05/2023	Daniel Pliley 4065876892 Daniel.Pliley@usda.gov
Description: The proposed project is to help restore and maintain the structure, function, composition and ecological connectivity of the forest landscape in order to increase resiliency to future natural disturbance events like wildfire, insects, and disease.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58396					
Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River, Rosebud. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area lies in Powder River and Rosebud Counties, bounded on the east, west, and south by the district boundary and on the northeast by Ten Mile Road and northwest by district boundary.					

Custer Gallatin National Forest	Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
East Rosebud Creek Wild and Scenic River (WSR) Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) EA	- Land management planning - Special area management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:02/2024	03/2024	Sarah Browne 505-414-3301 sarah.browne@usda.gov
	Description: The project will develop a management plan and establish final boundaries to facilitate the protection and enhancement of scenery, geology, and recreation outstandingly remarkable values for the designated East Rosebud Creek Wild and Scenic River.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61902				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The designated East Rosebud Creek Wild and Scenic River is located in the Beartooth Ranger District starting in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and continuing until the creek enters private property (excluding East Rosebud Lake).				

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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Nichols Creek - Palisades Connector Trail CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/17/2022	Expected:09/2022	09/2022	Allie Wood 406-446-2103 alexandra.wood@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service proposes to provide a non-motorized trail from the Nichols Creek Trail #110 West Fork Road #2071 terminus to the Palisades Campground gate using .75 miles of existing non-system roads and 1.25 miles of new trail construction Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62697				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T7S., R20E., Section 31. Public access to Nichols Creek Trail is located at Red Lodge Mountain Ski area lower parking lot, the West Fork Road MP 3.30 and/or the Willow Creek Trail #105 located in the Palisades campground.				
Red Lodge Mountain Fuels Project CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2022	Expected:12/2022	06/2023	Drew Grimes 406-446-4528 drew.grimes@usda.gov
	Description: Reduce wildfire behavior and provide a safer environment to conduct wildfire suppression. Treat 2,100 acres through commercial harvest, small tree treatments such as cutting/piling, prescribed fire, with 5 mi temp road construction/decommissioning. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62354				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T 7 S/R 19 E, T 7 S/R 20 E, T 8 S/R 19 E, T 8 S/R 20 E. Approx 2 mi west of Red Lodge, MT. Along Forest Service boundary extending north from West Fork Rock Creek, within/adjacent to Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area, and surrounding Timbercrest recreation area.				

Custer Gallatin National Forest	Bozeman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Hyalite Shooting Restriction CE *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Corey Lewellen 406-522-2531 corey.lewellen@usda.gov
	Description: Prohibition on discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun within the Hyalite Drainage.				
	Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Hyalite Drainage approximately 13 miles south of Bozeman, Montana.				

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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Gardiner Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Buffalo Creek Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout (YCT) Conservation Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/12/2022	Expected:10/2022	08/2023	Clint Sestrich 406-823-6985 clint.sestrich@usda.gov
	Description: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP), Custer Gallatin National Forest (CGNF) are jointly proposing to restore native Yellowstone cutthroat trout to the Buffalo Creek drainage in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59630				
	Location: UNIT - Gardiner Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - T 8S, R 12E (sections 4, 5, 7-10, 16-20, 28-30, 31-33); T 9S, R 12E (sections 4-9, 16-18, PB38, PB-40, PB-42); T 8S, R 11E (sections 13, 24, 25, 36); T 9S, R 11E (sections 1, 12, 13, 14, PB45, PB47). Buffalo Creek is a tributary to Slough Creek approximately 20 miles East of Gardiner, Montana.				
Cooke City Fuels and Forest Health Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ashley Sites 208-926-8952 ashleysites@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce the fire intensity risk within the wildland urban interface surrounding Cooke City and Silver Gate. While also increasing forest resiliency to insect and disease infestation.				
	Location: UNIT - Gardiner Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T 09 S, R 14 E Sections 2, 11-15, 23-27, 34-36 and T 09 S, R 15 E, Sections 6, 7, 17-22, 28-30, 33-34 Montana and Idaho Principal and Boise Meridians. In the area of Silvergate and Cooke City Montana.				
Park County Federal Roads and Trails Act(FRTA) Easement CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michael Thom 208-443-6839 mthom@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grant a FRTA easement on a segment of Palmer Creek Road(approx 1.35 miles)and Sin Nombre Road(approx .58 miles). County would seek abandonment on nearby redundant historical county ROW on Crevice Mtn Rd 3231. The change provides a sustainable route.				
	Location: UNIT - Gardiner Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - T. 9 S., R. 9 E., Sections 15, 16, 21, 22. Approximately 7 miles East-northeast of Gardiner, MT.				

Custer Gallatin National Forest	Hebgen Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Hebgen Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Hebgen Basin Fire District-Station Development CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jason Brey 406-823-6961 jbrey@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to authorize, through a special use permit, the construction, operation, and maintenance of a Fire Station for a single fire engine to enhance and extend coverage for wildland fire response by the Hebgen Basin Fire District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58664				
	Location: UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Township 12 South, Range 4 East, Section 5. Adjacent to HWY 287 approx. mile marker 13. . The site is on US-287, approximately 8.5 miles west of the intersection of US-287 and US-191, on the north side of the highway across from Hebgen Lake.				
South Plateau Area Landscape Treatment Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/16/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2022	Expected:01/2023	04/2023	Amanda Williams 406-823-6982 Amanda.Williams3@usda.gov
	Description: Intermediate and regeneration harvest to reduce the risk or extent of and increase the resiliency to insect and disease infestation while providing wood products to local mills. Reduce fuels to increase fire suppression effectiveness and safety.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57353				
	Location: UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Sections within T14S, R 44E, T14S, R45E, T15S, R44E and T15S, R45ENational Forest System lands. The project is located south and southwest of West Yellowstone, Montana near South Plateau.				

Custer Gallatin National Forest	Yellowstone Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Yellowstone Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Burnt Leather Ranch Small Tracts Act (STA) Conveyance CE	- Land ownership management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Alex Sienkiewicz 406-823-6066 alex.sienkiewicz@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest is processing a Small Tracts Act (STA) conveyance in the West Boulder.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62311				
	Location: UNIT - Yellowstone Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - Principal Meridian, Montana, T. 3 S., R. 11 E., Sec. 36, NE¼NW¼. The STA is located adjacent to Burnt Leather Ranch in the West Boulder drainage, Park County, Montana.				
Stillwater Mining Company, East Boulder Mine Amendment 004 Expansion EIS EIS	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 05/27/2022 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2023	Expected:02/2024	02/2024	Robert Grosvenor 406-848-7375 ext.28 robert.grosvenor@usda.gov
	Description: Stillwater Mining Company - East Boulder Mine, proposes an expansion of their surface facilities to include a new Tailings Storage Facility and new Waste Rock Storage Facility with associated infrastructure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61385				
	Location: UNIT - Yellowstone Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sweet Grass. LEGAL - Township 4 South, Range 13 East, Sections 1, 2 and 11, Principal Meridian, Montana. The East Boulder Mine is located in Sweet Grass County, approximately 16 miles south of McCloud, MT on NFS Road #205 in the East Boulder drainage.				

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