



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2021 to 06/30/2021

Black Hills National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach EIS *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 11/28/2012	01/2013	Susan Ellsworth 775-355-5313 susanellsworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: The USDA Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are analyzing a range of strategies for controlling gypsy moth damage to forests and trees in the United States.				
	Web Link: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/				
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nationwide.					
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	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 .					

Black Hills National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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Black Hills National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
RNA and BA Mineral Withdrawal EA	- Special area management - Minerals and Geology - Land ownership management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/24/2015	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 lmconroy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed withdrawal of research natural areas and botanical areas from mineral entry. Necessary part of RNA designation process. Forest Service recommendation to BLM, who makes the decision. Project not subject to the objection process.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45590				
Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Custer, Lawrence, Pennington, Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This proposal addresses four Research Natural Areas and seven Botanical Areas totaling about 17,000 acres at various locations in South Dakota and Wyoming.					
Rushmore Connector Trail Project EIS	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/07/2016 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2021	Expected:10/2021	12/2021	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 lmconroy@fs.fed.us
	Description: The State of South Dakota has applied for a permit to construct, operate and maintain a 14-mile non-motorized trail across the Forest connecting the Mickelson Trail to Mt. Rushmore National Memorial. The decision would amend Forest Plan direction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44935				
Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail would connect the existing Mickelson Trail, running east from US Hwy 385 to the Mt. Rushmore Memorial.					

Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Black Hills Power - Herbert Draw and Lower French Creek CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9347 serickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Black Hills power has requested the installation of a new segment of line along Herbert Draw and the installation of a replacement line along Lower French Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57988				
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South East of Custer.					

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Flanagan Access Road CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9347 serickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Access to private property				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57990				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North West of Pringle.				
Freeland Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/11/2021	Expected:03/2021	09/2021	Wendy Schuyler 605-673-9361 wendy.schuyler@usda.gov
	Description: Vegetation treatment using commercial and non-commercial treatments on approximately 2,600 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59497				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T04 S, R 02 E, Sec. 31, 32; T 05 S, R 02 E, Sec. 1, 10-15, 24; T 05 S, R 03 E, Sec. 4-9, 16-21, 29. Project area is approximately 13 miles southwest of Custer, SD; 5 miles south of Jewel Cave National Monument, & about 10 miles from the WY boundary.				
Grizzly Bear Picnic Area/Campground Utility Replacement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/09/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9302 sara.erickson@usda.gov
	Description: Replacement of underground utility line owned by Black Hills Power from an existing overhead line to a transformer. This line provides electrical service to the Grizzly Bear Picnic Area and Campground.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2S R6E Section 18. The line replacement originates from an existing overhead line to the north of the picnic area/campground and proceeds down the west side along the campground loop road to the transformer.				

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Kaliko Mining Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/25/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 gary.haag@usda.gov
	Description: Project involves mining of feldspar & landscape rock using standard drilling & blasting techniques. The drilling & blasting will be done on previously mined areas with no expansion of the mine footprint. Mining will be conducted 2 to 4 weeks/yr.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - The legal location of the claim is the NW 1/4 of Section 11, T5S, R4E, Black Hills Meridian. The location of the proposed project is approximately 9-miles south of Custer, South Dakota. Access to claim is from Hwy 385 via Forest roads 397; 397.1A and 397.1F.				
Lithograph Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2019	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	Meagan Buehler 605-673-9345 mkbuehler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Land Adjustment				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southern Hills.				
Martinson Access Road CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9347 serickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Access to private property				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57992				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South East of Custer.				
Morton Access Road CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9347 serickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Access to private property				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57991				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South east of Custer.				

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Outlaw Ranch Sign Request CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9347 serickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Outlaw Ranch has requested posting 2 directional signs at the two intersections along the route to their business.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57994				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. north of Custer.				
Pine and Aspen Restoration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Jeffrey Underhill 605-673-9243 junderhill@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approximately 2,800 acres of treatment are being considered in mixed conifer stands with a major spruce component. Treatments would be designed to meet a restoration objective of increasing the amount of ponderosa pine and aspen in the area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59737				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T 01 N, R 01E, Sec. 1-3, 10-13 T 01 N, R 02 E, Sec. 6, 7, 18 T 02 N, R 01 E, Sec. 13-16, 22-27, 34-36 T 02 N, R 02 E, Sec. 17, 18, 20, 29-31 . The project area is located approximately 9.5 miles northwest of Deerfield Reservoir via West Deerfield Road, NFSR 110. The Wyoming state line is approximately 3 miles west of the project area.				
Rocksie #2 Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/25/2019	Expected:08/2020	10/2020	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: The claimant proposes to do exploration work on a 1-acre area. Exploration will be done using a backhoe or skid loader. Grizzly on-site to sort material. Camper on-site to use as office. Reclamation will be done concurrently.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - NE 1/4 Section 3; T4S; R3E; BHM. The project is 8-miles east of Custer, South Dakota off of Pass Creek Road (County Road 273).				

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Under Canvas Sign Permit CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9347 serickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Under Canvas has requested the posting of a direction sign on public lands to assist their customers in finding their way to the business.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57993				
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North East of Custer just outside the Norbeck.					
Virginia Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gary Haag 605-673-9199 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Pacer Corporation the operator of the Virginia Mine has submitted a proposed amendment to their existing Plan of Operations. The amendment proposes to expand the Virginia Mine by 1-acre.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - BHM, T4S, R5E, SW 1/4, Section 7. The area of the proposed expansion is located approximately 1.4 miles northeast of Pringle, South Dakota.				
Western Dakota Camp Association Craft Hall CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9347 serickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Western Dakota Camp Association has put in a request for their existing Craft Hall.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57989				
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Camp Bob Marshall.					

Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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Black Hills National Forest Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Cutty Sark Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: The claimant proposes to do surface exploration using hand tools. They also propose to do sampling in the existing 120 ft. deep shaft. Exploration would be done using a winch attached to an ATV to lower a person into the shaft.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T2N; R4E; SE 1/4 Section 33. Access to the claim is via closed road FSR 231.1C which connects to the Mystic Road.				
Jenny Gulch Exploration Drilling Project EA	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/06/2020	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Gary Haag 605-673-9200 gary.haag@usda.gov
	Description: This project includes diamond core drilling at up to 42 drill sites, access road maintenance (as needed), drill pad clearing (as needed), and reclamation activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57428				
Shanks Trail Propsoal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Benjamin Schumacher 605-343-1567 bschumacher@fs.fed.us
	Description: A new trail system has been proposed by Black Hills Trails. The project area is located within the Shanks/Schroeder motorized trail system. The trails will consist of non-motorized (NM), motorcycle, and OHV trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59592				
Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The location of the proposed project is approximately 7 miles west of Rapid City, South Dakota. The project is in the area north of SD HWY 44, east of Norris Peak Road and south of Nemo Road.					

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Simon Restoration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/14/2021	Expected:04/2021	04/2021	Scott Albrecht 605-343-1567 scott.albrecht@usda.gov
Description: The Simon Restoration Project proposes to remove poor planted pine stock and additional vegetative management activities that would improve the growth, vigor and health of the residual pine that survived the fire from within the 1939 McVey burn area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59350					
Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T01N R03E Sections 11-15, 22-26, 36; T01N R04E Sections 6-8, 17-23, 27-33; T01S R04E Sections 4, 5, 9; Pennington County, South Dakota.					
Triple G/Rallo's Roost Placer Mining project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
Description: Prospecting in previously mined placer deposits. Most of the mining will be pick and shovel. There will be one piece of mechanized equipment; a battery powered recirculating sluice 4ft. long by 1 ft. wide. Sluice will be set in 100 gal. tank.					
Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian, T1N, R4E, Sections 21 & 22. Six miles west of Rapid City, South Dakota. Access is via State Highway 44 to Forest Service Road 167.					

Black Hills National Forest	Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
City of Deadwood Fireveil Detection Device Special Use Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/08/2020	01/2021	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
Description: Renewal of a special use permit for the City of Deadwood to place fire detection devices on NFS land adjacent to the city. The devices themselves maybe replaced, but the wooden posts that they are attached to are already in place.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59200					
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Devices on NFS are located on two high points above the city of Deadwood.					

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Black Hills National Forest Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Clarity Telecom Gilt Edge Road Installation CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/18/2019	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of new underground utility line via trenching for approximately 1030 feet across NFS lands. Trenching will occur via excavator to a width of 24 inches. Anchors will be installed at existing poles.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately two miles south of Deadwood, SD, and one mile north of the Strawberry Hill Picnic Ground.				
Coeur/Wharf FLPMA Road Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/02/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Couer Mining Company, operators of the Wharf Mine, need access along FSR 215.1 and an adjacent non-system road to conduct monitoring of the Annie Creek Superfund site, which is required by the EPA. They have requested a 20 year special use permit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58759				
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along FSR 215.1 (Annie Creek Rd), approximately 5 miles west of Lead, SD.					
Good Hope Homeowners Association ANILCA Easement CE	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Good Hope HOA has requested an easement under ANILCA for access to their parcel of land that is surrounded by NFS land. FSR 706.1 and an existing driveway would be used to access the property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57738				
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along FSR 706.1 and associated driveway, south of Nemo, SD.					

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MS 1270 Road Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/07/2020	Expected:02/2021	03/2021	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov
Description: MS 1270 Tracts 1 and 2 are private property landlocked by National Forest System land. Under ANILCA, the Forest Service is legally require to provide access across National Forest System land. A 20 year permit would be issued to the landowner.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59220					
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately three miles east of Deadwood, SD. Immediately east of Boulder Canyon Highway.					
MS 2051 Road Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2020	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov
Description: The landowners of MS 2051 have formed a road association and requested access to the property via Forest System Road 633.1. The property is landlocked by National Forest System land and qualifies for reasonable access under ANILCA.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59282					
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T5N, R1E, Section 20.					
Turner Road Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2020	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov
Description: The holder of an existing road use permit has requested an extension of the permit for an additional 20 years and has requested that the permit be placed in the name of a trust.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59283					
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T3N, R4E, Section 9.					

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WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. Natural Gas Pipeline Special Use Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/08/2020	01/2021	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: WBI Energy has operated a pipeline across NFS land since 1928. The existing permit expires on Dec. 31, 2020. WBI requested a renewal of the permit for an additional 30 years. All terms and conditions remain the same. No additional pipeline proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59201				
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The pipeline runs from the city of Deadwood, SD north for approximately 2.2 miles to the National Forest boundary.					

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