



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

Black Hills 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 .					

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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.					

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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 11/2021	Expected:04/2022	05/2022	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	Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Black Buttes Fuel Reduction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2022	Expected:05/2022	10/2022	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 elizabeth.krueger@usda.gov
	Description: Vegetation management to reduce hazardous fuels, including removal of commercial material.				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T. 50 N., R. 62 W., 6th P.M. South of Sundance, Wyoming.				
Moskee Burn Timber Stand and Wildlife Habitat Improvement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2021	Expected:03/2022	09/2022	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 elizabeth.krueger@usda.gov
	Description: Thinning and removal of planted stock in the 1936 Moskee Burn area to improve growing conditions and wildlife habitat.				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T. 49 and 50 N., R. 60 and 61 W., 6th P.M. Southeast of Sundance, Wyoming.				

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Woods Timber Stand Improvement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2021	Expected:02/2022	08/2022	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 elizabeth.krueger@usda.gov
Description: Timber harvest and non-commercial thinning to improve stand growth, reduce crown fire hazard, and improve wildlife habitat.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61076					
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T. 52, 53, 54 N., R. 62, 63 W., 6th P.M. North of Sundance Wyoming, between State Highway 24 and Warren Peak on the west side of the Bear Lodge Mountains.					

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Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Bismarck Lake Boardwalk Reconstruction Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 10/20/2021	10/2021	Rayma Daigle 605-673-9305 Rayma.Daigle@usda.gov
Description: Reconstruction of existing lakeshore access, ADA compliant, boardwalk trail.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60900					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T.03S, R.05E, Section 22, Black Hills Meridian. Approximately five miles east/northeast of the City of Custer. Adjacent to the Peter Norbeck National Scenic Byway and Custer State Park.					
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.					

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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.				
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.				

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Southern Black Hills Water System Supplemental EA EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/01/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2021	Expected:01/2022 Actual: 01/27/2012 01/27/2012	01/2022	Sara Erickson 605-673-9302 sara.erickson@usda.gov
Description: The project is proposing to modify the original decision pertaining to the waterflow intake and water source as documented in the Decision Notice signed in 2012. The proposed action would allow for increased waterflow through the existing pipeline.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32281					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River. LEGAL - T6S, R4E, Sec 24; T6S, R5E, Sec 19, 20, 29. Southern Black Hills -.					
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.					

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Cutty Sark Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	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:05/2022	05/2022	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				
Triple G/Rallo's Roost Placer Mining project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	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.				

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M.S. 1135 FLPMA Road Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Landowners have requested that the road they use to access their private property be authorized as an easement. The road is currently established and in use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60204				
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T4N R4E Section 17 NW 1/4 BHM. Approximately 5.5 miles SE of Deadwood, SD. Unclassified road headed SE off of Galena road.					
M.S. 1904 Utility Line Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/23/2021	08/2021	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of an underground utility line. Three options for the path of the line are being evaluated, one of which will be selected for implementation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60229				
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T4N R3E Section 19 NW 1/4 and T4N R3E Section 24 SW 1/4 BHM. Approximately 4.6 miles southeast of Deadwood SD. About 1/10th mile northeast of the end of Country Club Road, Branch 1C.					
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.					

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Private Roads FLPMA Special Use Authorizations CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/03/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Private Road Special Use Authorizations Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61045				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T4N R3E Section 34; T5N R2E Section 12.				
Winter 2021 Utility Installations CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/03/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-642-4622 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Utility line installations Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61046				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T4N R2E Section 9; T3N R1E Section 35.				

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