



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

Nebraska 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 *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2023	Expected: 01/2023	02/2023	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.				

Nebraska National Forest Bessey Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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Nebraska National Forest	Bessey Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Whitetail Road (FR 224) Travel Management EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/08/2022	Expected:01/2023	04/2023	Loren Eaton 308-533-8107 loren.b.eaton@usda.gov
	Description: Improve motorized access along and in the vicinity of the Whitetail Road, including to Whitetail Campground.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62606				
Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Blaine, Thomas. LEGAL - T21N, R26W, Sec. 11, 12, 13 and T21N, R25W, Sec. 18. Eastern end of Forest Road (FR) 224, the southern part of off-highway vehicle (OHV) Trail 112 (portions of T21N, R26W, Sec. 11, 12, 13 and T21N, R25W, Sec. 18), and the portion of FR 277 in section 13.					

Nebraska National Forest		Fall River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
Simms # 11 & 12 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2022	Expected:01/2023	04/2023	Matthew Lucas 605-745-8212 matthew.lucas@usda.gov
	Description: Analyze and disclose environmental effects that may result from implementing two vertical oil and natural gas wells in previously authorized locations. Project includes proposed construction, drilling, completion, production and reclamation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63012				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 11 miles southwest of Provo, SD.				
Tear Drop # 1-9 EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Matthew Lucas 605-745-8212 matthew.lucas@usda.gov
	Description: Analyze and disclose environmental effects that may result from implementing one vertical oil and natural gas well. Project includes proposed construction, drilling, completion, production and reclamation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62497				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - 11 S 1 E Section 9. Fall River County, South Dakota. Fall River Ranger District.				

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Nebraska National Forest Fort Pierre Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
East Branch War Creek Crossing CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 10/03/2022	10/2022	Dan Svingen 605-224-5517 Daniel.Svingen@usda.gov
	Description: Construct rock reinforced ford in historic creek crossing, for USFS authorized use only, to reduce environmental impacts, stream degradation, and erosion to complete vegetation management activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62738				
	Location: UNIT - Fort Pierre Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones. LEGAL - SE 1/4 S18 T2N R31E. FPNG's Farlow Winter 1/4 Allotment on upper intermittent reaches of East War Creek.				
Fishing Access EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/07/2022	Expected:12/2022	04/2023	Kelly Waage 605-224-5517 kelly.waage@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to improve access to recreational fisheries. The project proposes installation of fishing pods, a boat dock, several boat ramps, and several road reroutes.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62145				
	Location: UNIT - Fort Pierre Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones, Lyman, Stanley. LEGAL - Fort Pierre National Grassland. Lyman, Jones, and Stanley Counties, South Dakota.				

Nebraska National Forest Pine Ridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
64" Trails Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/28/2022	04/2023	Jordan Price 308-432-0300 Jordan.Price@usda.gov
	Description: The Pine Ridge Ranger District is proposing to expand 25.4 miles of <50" trail and 8.7 miles of motorcycle trail to accommodate off-highway vehicle's (OHV) <64".				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62147				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 34 miles of trails within the Pine Ridge Ranger District south of Chadron, NE.				

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Aristocrat, West Ash, & Coffee Mill Butte Fire Reforestation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Michael Gould 308-432-0384 michael.gould@usda.gov
	Description: Hand plant 112 container ponderosa pine seedlings throughout & near various areas where forest fires consumed ponderosa pine forested stands & their seed source. Approximately 50-200 seedlings/ac would be planted depending on terrain & microclimates.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59162				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. (1) Aristocrat T32N, R48W, Sections 5 & 6; T33N, R48W, Sections 33 ; (2) West Ash T31N, R51W, Sections 13, 24, 25, & 26; T31N, R50W, Sections 18, 19, 29, 30, 31, & 32; (3) Coffee Mill Butte T31N, R49W.				

Nebraska National Forest Wall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Pinnacles Dispersed Recreation Management EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/13/2022	Expected:03/2023	04/2023	Colton Rosalez 605-279-2126 x206 colton.rosalez@usda.gov
	Description: Manage recreational opportunities while continuing to protect natural, cultural, and recreational resources in the Pinnacles area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61608				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 6 miles south of Wall, South Dakota.				

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