



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

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 07/2023	Expected: 07/2023	01/2024	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, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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Nebraska National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands Undesirable Plant Management EIS *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 01/10/2023 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2023	Expected:07/2024	08/2024	Kim Dolatta 701-842-2393 kimberly.dolatta@usda.gov
	Description: The Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands propose to update the Forests' guidance for plant management strategies through an environmental analysis for the management of invasive, noxious, alien, non-native, and undesirable native plant species.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62500				
	Location: UNIT - Nebraska National Forest All Units. STATE - Nebraska, South Dakota. COUNTY - Blaine, Cherry, Dawes, Sioux, Thomas, Custer, Fall River, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Pennington, Stanley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands.				

Nebraska National Forest		Bessey Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
Bovee Fire Restoration *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Fuels management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Sarah Myers 308-432-0384 sarah.myers2@usda.gov
	Description: Bovee wildfire restoration and hazardous trees, snags and fuels reduction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64006				
	Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Thomas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East and northeast portions of the Nebraska National Forest impacted by the 2022 Bovee Fire.				
Bovee Fire Utility Reconstruction *UPDATED*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/09/2023	Expected:09/2023	11/2023	Amanda Medaries 308-533-8100 Amanda.Medaries@usda.gov
	Description: Replacement of damaged utilities from the 2022 Bovee Fire within the Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63514				
	Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Thomas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nebraska HWY 86B Spur Road Right-of-Way from transmission line located at approx.(41.903861, -100.315600) to vicinity of Scott Lookout Tower.				

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Bovee, 201 East, Natick Fire Restoration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Sarah Myers 308-432-0384 sarah.myers2@usda.gov
	Description: Removal of fire damaged timber, minor infrastructure repairs, and reduction of fuel loading to allow for future management actions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64303				
	Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Blaine, Thomas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 1 mile southwest of Halsey, NE on the Nebraska National Forest.				
Whitetail Road (FR 224) Travel Management EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/08/2022	Expected:12/2023	05/2024	Emily Hiatt 308-533-8107 Emily.Hiatt@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		
Avalanche 1-16 Access Road CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/29/2023	Expected:07/2023	08/2023	Matthew Lucas 605-745-8212 matthew.lucas@usda.gov
	Description: Road Access Permit to reach oil and gas well pad on adjacent state property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64351				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Section 16, Township 9S, Range 1E.				

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Bennett Dam Habitat Enclosures CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2023	Expected:11/2023	04/2024	Matthew Lucas 605-745-8212 matthew.lucas@usda.gov
Description: Installation of a new fence to protect the dam face, part of the waterbody and spring source from livestock affects while providing a source of water for livestock and enhancing recreational opportunities for the public. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63633 Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 5 miles southeast of Oelrichs, SD.					
Crow Dam Habitat Improvement CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2023	Expected:11/2023	04/2024	Matthew Lucas 605-745-8212 matthew.lucas@usda.gov
Description: Prescribed fire within the Crow Dam pasture, designated a special plant and wildlife habitat area, to enhance native vegetation and reduce invasive and/or non-native grass species. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63631 Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 3 miles west of Rumford, SD.					
Range Fiber Optic Line CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/06/2023	05/2023	Matthew Lucas 605-745-8212 matthew.lucas@usda.gov
Description: Placement of new fiber optic lines using duct system and hand holes. Placement would primarily be within existing SD Department of Transportation and County right-of-ways with small portions intersecting USFS property. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63738 Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Township: 9S Range: 1E Sections: 1-6 9S 2E 3-4, 6-8 . From SD/WY state line along US HWY 18 to Edgemont, SD.					

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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.					

Nebraska National Forest	Fort Pierre Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Horsethief West Vegetative Management CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Kelly Fuoss 605-224-5517 kelly.waage@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to improve vegetative management in the project area, including reducing fine fuels before construction begins on the repair of Lower Booth Dam				
	Location: UNIT - Fort Pierre Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones. LEGAL - Fort Pierre National Grassland. Jones County, SD.				

Nebraska National Forest	Pine Ridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
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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	Cancelled	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.				
Toadstool Campground Site Additions CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2023	Expected:10/2023	04/2024	Jordan Price 308-432-0300 Jordan.Price@usda.gov
	Description: Add 10 camp sites within the establish campground area by adding gravel camping pads, fire rings, grills, picnic tables, and pavilions.				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Sioux. LEGAL - 33N/53W/5. Toadstool Campground, Oglala National Grasslands.				

Nebraska National Forest		Wall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Pinnacles Dispersed Recreation Management EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/31/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Alex Grant 307-745-2424 alex.grant@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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