



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2024 to 06/30/2024

Nebraska National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/20/2023 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Jennifer McRae 505-377-3145 Jennifer.McRae@usda.gov
	Description: Amend all land management plans for units of the National Forest System to include consistent direction to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of NFS.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests and Grasslands (128 units).				
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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Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Completed	Actual: 02/06/2024	02/2024	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	
<div>Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands Undesirable Plant Management EIS</div> <div>EIS</div> <div>*UPDATED*</div>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 01/10/2023 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2024	Expected:07/2024	08/2024	Kim Dolatta 308-432-0323 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, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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Nebraska National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
South Dakota Army National Guard Aviation Training Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2024	Expected:06/2024	07/2024	Julie Bain 308-221-0748 julie.bain@usda.gov
	Description: Issue a special use permit for army national guard to conduct aviation training.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65098				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District, Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River, Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Buffalo Gap National Grassland, six locations south of State Highway 44, north of Lower Spring Creek Road, and west of Creston Road.				

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: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/15/2024	Expected:04/2024	03/2025	Tedd Teahon 308-533-2257 tedd.teahon@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		
Bennett Dam Habitat Exclosures CE	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				

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Crowe Dam Habitat Improvement CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/07/2023	Expected:04/2024	05/2024	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.				
Red Shirt Water Line Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/10/2024	Expected:07/2024	08/2024	Mandy Irwin 605-745-8204 Mandy.Irwin@usda.gov
	Description: Install 1.25 miles of underground water line and one permanent stock tank.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65336				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T4S R9E sec. 1, 12, 13. In the Red Shirt Allotment, east of Hermosa, South Dakota, on Highway 40.				
Tear Drop # 1-9 EA	- 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
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Nebraska National Forest Fort Pierre Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
South Core Reservoir 2 (SCRes2) Improvements Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/27/2024	03/2024	Dan Svingen 605-224-5517 daniel.svingen@usda.gov
	Description: Permitting the construction of a 2,000,000-gallon inground storage reservoir by the Bureau of Reclamation. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65714				
	Location: UNIT - Fort Pierre Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lyman. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 17 miles south of Fort Pierre, SD.				
Venture Communications Fiber Optic SUP CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/13/2024	Expected:04/2024	04/2024	Dan Svingen 605-224-5517 daniel.svingen@usda.gov
	Description: Special use authorization for the installation of 28.77 miles of fiber optic cable in existing road rights-of-way adjacent to USFS System lands. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65757				
	Location: UNIT - Fort Pierre Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lyman, Stanley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Throughout the Fort Pierre National Grassland.				

Nebraska National Forest Pine Ridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Aristocrat, West Ash, & Coffee Mill Butte Fire Reforestation Project CE	- Land management planning - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Myers 308-432-0384 sarah.myers2@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.				

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Nebraska National Forest Pine Ridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Toadstool Campground Site Additions CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/10/2023	Expected:07/2024	08/2024	Jordan Price 308-432-0300 Jordan.Price@usda.gov
	Description: Add 10 camp sites within the established campground area by adding gravel camping pads, fire rings, grills, picnic tables, and pavilions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63925				
	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		
Special Use Permits: Wall Ranger District Highway 73 Improvements CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/14/2024	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Julie Bain 308-221-0748 julie.bain@usda.gov
	Description: Issue 3 special use permits to perform shoulder work on Highway 73, move a fiberoptic cable, and move a water line that serves the Oglala Sioux Tribe.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 73 on National Forest System lands from south of the White River to Kadoka.				

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