



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2024 to 12/31/2024

### 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	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2024 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Jennifer McRae 202-791-8488 SM.FS.NFSWONGA@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .				

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

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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<b>Nebraska National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>			<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>		
<b>Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands Land Management Plan Revision</b> EIS	- Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 11/2025	Expected:04/2028	04/2028	Kit Bramblee 605 224-5517 Kit.Bramblee@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Revision of the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands Land Management Plan				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Nebraska National Forest All Units. STATE - Nebraska, South Dakota. COUNTY - Cherry, Dawes, Sioux, Custer, Fall River, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Pennington, Stanley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. All Forest System Lands managed by the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands.				
<b>Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands Undesirable Plant Management EIS</b>  *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/16/2024	Expected:11/2024	11/2024	Kim Dolatta 308-432-0323 kimberly.dolatta@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62500">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62500</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Nebraska National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>			<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>		
<b>South Dakota Army National Guard Aviation Training Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2024	Expected:12/2024	12/2024	Julie Bain 308-221-0748 julie.bain@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Issue a special use permit for army national guard to conduct aviation training.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65098">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65098</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Nebraska National Forest</b>	<b>Fall River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>
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<b>Nebraska National Forest    Fall River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)    R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>					
<b>Bennett Dam Habitat Enclosures</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63633">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63633</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 5 miles southeast of Oelrichs, SD.				
<b>Crowe Dam Habitat Improvement</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/07/2023	Expected:10/2024	04/2025	Matthew Lucas 605-745-8212 matthew.lucas@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63631">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63631</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 3 miles west of Rumford, SD.				
<b>Fall River Woody Draw Restoration</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/26/2024	Expected:12/2024	05/2025	Robert Nagel 605-745-8221 robert.nagel@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Build 5 enclosures and plant native trees and shrubs in them along Moss Agate Creek.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66549">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66549</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - T8S, R1E, Section 17. Portions of Moss Agate Creek in the Ellison Dam and Beebe Markey allotments, SW South Dakota near the Wyoming border.				

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Fall River Woody Draw Restoration CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Robert Nagel 605-745-8221 robert.nagel@usda.gov
	Description: Project #66550 was canceled because the same project (#66549) already exists on the SOPA. Those interested in this project should refer to project ID #66549.				
	Web Link: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66550">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66550</a>				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - T8S, R1E, Section 17. Portions of Moss Agate Creek in the Ellison Dam and Beebe Markey allotments, SW South Dakota near the Wyoming border.				
Red Shirt Water Line Project EA  *UPDATED*	- Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 07/29/2024	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: <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65336">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65336</a>				
	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.				

Nebraska National Forest		Fort Pierre Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
<div>US Highway 83 Snow Fence</div> <div>EA</div> <div>*UPDATED*</div>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/21/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2024	Expected:05/2025	05/2025	Dan Svingen 605-224-5517 daniel.svingen@usda.gov	
	<b>Description:</b> Permit for the South Dakota Department of Transportation to construct a snow fence on USFS System Lands adjacent to US Highway 83.					
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66111">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66111</a>					
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Fort Pierre Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lyman. LEGAL - Section 29, T107N, R79W. Approximately 20 miles south of Fort Pierre, SD.					

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<b>Nebraska National Forest Fort Pierre Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>		
<b>Venture Communications Fiber Optic SUP</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/13/2024	Expected:01/2025	02/2025	Dan Svingen 605-224-5517 daniel.svingen@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65757">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65757</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Fort Pierre Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lyman, Stanley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Throughout the Fort Pierre National Grassland.				
<b>War Creek Waterline Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/29/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2024	Expected:03/2025	04/2025	Kelly Waage 605-224-5517 kelly.waage@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Authorize the installation of approximately 10 miles of buried waterline as well as 14 water tanks and 6 water lots. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66211">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66211</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Fort Pierre Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones, Stanley. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 15 miles southwest of Fort Pierre, SD on the Fort Pierre National Grassland.				

<b>Nebraska National Forest Pine Ridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>		
<b>Bordeaux Area Access Improvement Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 07/19/2024	09/2024	Jordan Price 308-432-0300 Jordan.Price@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Change designation of Forest Road 723 from Open to Highway Legal Only to Open to all Vehicles. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66264">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66264</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest Road 723 between Kings Canyon Road (Forest Road 718) to the Cliffs Picnic Area and the Bordeaux area.				

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<b>Nebraska National Forest Pine Ridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>		
<b>Toadstool Campground Site Additions</b> CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/14/2024	04/2025	Jordan Price 308-432-0300 Jordan.Price@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Add 10 camp sites within the established campground area by adding gravel camping pads, fire rings, grills, picnic tables, and pavilions.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63925">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63925</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Sioux. LEGAL - 33N/53W/5. Toadstool Campground, Oglala National Grasslands.				

<b>Nebraska National Forest Wall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R2 - Rocky Mountain Region</b>		
<b>Special Use Permits: Wall Ranger District Highway 73 Improvements</b> CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/24/2024	09/2024	Julie Bain 308-221-0748 julie.bain@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Issue 3 special use permit amendments to perform shoulder work on Highway 73, which results in the need to move a fiberoptic cable and a water line that serves the Oglala Sioux Tribe.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65393">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65393</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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