



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2025 to 03/31/2025

Nebraska National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| 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 |
| | 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 . | | | | |

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

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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| Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands Land Management Plan Revision 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 |
| | Description: Revision of the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands Land Management Plan | | | | |
| | Location: 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. | | | | |
| Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands Undesirable Plant Management EIS EIS *UPDATED* | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | Completed | Actual: 12/05/2024 | 12/2024 | 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. | | | | |

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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 | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2024 | Expected:01/2025 | 01/2025 | 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. | | | | |

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| Nebraska National Forest | Fall River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | R2 - Rocky Mountain Region | | | |
| Bennett Dam Habitat Enclosures 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. | | | | | |
| Crowe Dam Habitat Improvement CE *UPDATED* | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | Completed | Actual: 10/16/2024 | 04/2025 | 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. | | | | | |
| Fall River Woody Draw Restoration CE *UPDATED* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | Completed | Actual: 10/29/2024 | 05/2025 | Robert Nagel 605-745-8221 robert.nagel@usda.gov |
| | Description: Build 5 enclosures and plant native trees and shrubs in them along Moss Agate Creek. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66549 | | | | |
| Location: 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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| Nebraska National Forest Fort Pierre Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | R2 - Rocky Mountain Region | | |
| US Highway 83 Snow Fence EA *UPDATED* | - 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 |
| | Description: Permit for the South Dakota Department of Transportation to construct a snow fence on USFS System Lands adjacent to US Highway 83. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66111 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Fort Pierre Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lyman. LEGAL - Section 29, T107N, R79W. Approximately 20 miles south of Fort Pierre, SD. | | | | |
| Venture Communications Fiber Optic SUP CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 03/13/2024 | Expected:03/2025 | 04/2025 | 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. | | | | |
| War Creek Waterline Project EA *UPDATED* | - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | In Progress: Scoping Start 05/29/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2025 | Expected:06/2025 | 06/2025 | Kelly Waage 605-224-5517 kelly.waage@usda.gov |
| | Description: Authorize the installation of approximately 10 miles of buried waterline as well as 14 water tanks and 6 water lots. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66211 | | | | |
| | Location: 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. | | | | |

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| Indian Creek/Hart Table Fence Construction Project EA *NEW LISTING* | - Grazing management | In Progress: Scoping Start 11/21/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2025 | Expected:07/2025 | 08/2025 | Jacob Rohrer 605-279-2126 x205 Jacob.Rohrer@usda.gov |
| | Description: Build about 1.3 miles of allotment division fence. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67214 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T3S, R12E, Sections 23 and 26. Approximately 4.25 miles southwest of the town of Scenic, South Dakota. | | | | | |

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