



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

Ashley National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- 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 .				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation EIS	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	John Shivik 801-625-5667 johnashivik@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is considering amending its land management plans to address new and evolving issues arising since implementing sage-grouse plans in 2015. This project is in cooperation with the USDI Bureau of Land Management.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381				
Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units, Boise National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest All Units, Dixie National Forest All Units, Fishlake National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Sawtooth National Forest All Units, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest All Units, Manti-La Sal National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache All Units. STATE - Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Jackson, Moffat, Routt, Adams, Blaine, Bonneville, Camas, Caribou, Cassia, Elmore, Fremont, Madison, Churchill, Clark, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lincoln, Nye, Pershing, Washoe, White Pine, Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Daggett, Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Morgan, Piute, Rich, Salt Lake, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Washington, Wayne, Weber, Platte, Sublette, Teton, Weston, Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sagebrush lands in National Forests of Nevada, Utah, southern Idaho, southwest Montana, southwest & south-central Wyoming and northern Colorado.					

R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis Project (Ashley and UWC National Forests) EIS	- Grazing management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2021	Expected:07/2021	09/2021	Paul Cowley 801-999-2177 pcowley@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will evaluate the effects of continued domestic sheep grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness (HUW). There are 10 sheep allotments located on the north and south slopes of HUW and are located in both the Ashley and Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NFs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44503				
Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District, Evanston-Mountain View RD. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne, Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the High Uintas Wilderness in both Duchesne and Summit counties. The project is located northeast of Duchesne, UT and southwest of Manila, UT.					

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Ashley National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Ashley National Forest - Forest Plan Revision EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/10/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2021	Expected:11/2022	11/2022	Cathleen Neelan 435-781-5120 cneelan@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Ashley National Forest is currently revising the Forest Plan. The Ashley's existing Forest Plan is from 1986 and needs to be updated to reflect current natural resource conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49606				
Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett, Duchesne, Summit, Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project will involve the entire Ashley National Forest.					
Ashley National Forest Aspen Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/09/2021	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kgroves@fs.fed.us
	Description: This is a programmatic evaluation of the restoration of aspen stands on the Ashley NF outside of Wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57075				
Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units. STATE - Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Daggett, Duchesne, Summit, Uintah, Wasatch, Sweetwater. LEGAL - All Ashley National Forest lands outside of wilderness. All aspens stands on the Ashley National Forest outside of wilderness.					
Ashley National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Forest Wide Range Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2021	Expected:03/2022	06/2022	Sandra Remund-Kaminski 435-781-5221 sbremundkaminski@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would involve the construction of various range improvements, including water systems, drift fences, and spring exclosures, to improve cattle distribution on the Vernal and Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59258				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District, Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne, Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On multiple allotments across the Vernal and Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts.					

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Ashley National Forest	DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
D3/4 Guzzler Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2021	Expected:09/2021	06/2022	Robert Christensen 435-781-5232 rchristensen@fs.fed.us
Description: Two wildlife guzzlers were burned over during wildfires. The proposal is to replace these two wildlife guzzlers and install five new guzzlers for wildlife benefit and use.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60018					
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - R112W, T2N, section 21; R111, T2N, Section 22; R9w, T4S, Sections 27&34. Guzzlers would be located on Raspberry Ridge and Draw (southeast of Moon Lake), Dry Ridge (ridge west of Moon Lake), and Cow Hollow (Timber Canyon area of the South Unit).					
Dal Cuinn Drilling CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/25/2021	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	David Herron 435-781-5218 david.herron@usda.gov
Description: The proponent has submitted a plan of operations for exploratory drilling for locatable minerals in the Dry Ridge area of the Ashley NF. The plan includes drilling two holes, each up to 600 feet deep, within existing mining claims.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60246					
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located within the Dry Ridge area, with both proposed drill-holes to be located in section 8 of T2N R6W, Uinta Meridian.					
Moroni Exploration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/03/2021	Expected:08/2021	08/2021	David Herron 435-781-5218 david.herron@usda.gov
Description: The proponents have submitted a plan of operations for mineral exploration activities in the Iron Mine Creek area. The plan includes trenching, bulk sampling, and 0.59 miles of temporary road construction for heavy equipment access.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59348					
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Wasatch. LEGAL - T2N R9W Sec 17, 20 (Uinta Meridian). The project is located within the Iron Mine Creek drainage, in section 20 of T2N R9W, Uinta Meridian.					

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Ashley National Forest DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Timber Creek Fish Barrier Maintenance 2021 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 06/04/2021	07/2021	Ronald Brunson 435-781-5202 ronald.brunson@usda.gov
	Description: The Timber Creek fish migration barrier has become less effective as a result of accumulated debris. This project would use a track hoe to remove the downed tree and debris upstream of the barrier to re-establish the effectiveness of the barrier.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60019				
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - T. 1 S., R. 112 W. The fish migration barrier is located on the South Unit of the Duchesne District on Timber Creek near the northern Forest boundary. (T. 1 S., R. 112 W.).					

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Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
East Fork Carter Creek Fish Barrier Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Daniel Abeyta 435-781-5130 djabeyta@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of fish barrier using on-site rock to prevent upstream movement of non-native fish into restored waters with native cutthroat trout.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60023				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East Fork Carter Creek just below Sheep Creek Canal.					
Evergreen Right of Way Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	Description: Special Use Permit to authorize a 150' x 30' right of way to access privately owned property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59976				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located approximately one mile northwest of Highway 44 on the Sheep Creek Geological Loop Road (Forest Service Road 218).					

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Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Pacific and Atlantic Soda Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 07/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	Description: The BLM is considering a trona mine proposal from Pacific and Atlantic Soda Company. A portion of the proposal involves construction of a water line across the northern end of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area on the Ashley NF.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59259				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sweetwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The water line would be located across the northern end of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area south of Green River, WY.					
Sheep Creek Fisheries Habitat Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2021	Expected:07/2021	08/2021	Daniel Abeyta 435-781-5130 djabeyta@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to allow the UDWR to add 8-10 cubic yards of suitable spawning substrate (1-inch diameter gravel) to Sheep Creek in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site. Gravel would be purchased and hauled by the UDWR.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60017				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Proposed Site: Below the Kokanee Salmon Viewing Bridge, at the Sheep Creek Nature Trail pull-out, immediately downstream of Highway 44, UTM's 607728.00 m E, 4531574.00 m N.					
Union Wireless Cell Tower Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	Description: The Ashley NF would issue a new 30-year special use permit to Union Wireless for an existing cell phone tower and related infrastructure at Dutch John Gap. The permit would replace the existing special use permit and consolidate amendments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59224				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dutch John Gap which is approximately 3 miles west northwest of the community of Dutch John, Utah. The project can be accessed from Highway 191 and Forest Service Road 012.					

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Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 05/05/2021	06/2021	Jason Kelton 435-781-5181 jason.kelton1@usda.gov
	Description: The project will remove conifer species from shrub community types through lop and scatter on 19,682 acres. The project intent is to maintain native vegetation diversity, watershed stability, reduce wildfire potential, and improve wildlife habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57157				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Daggett, Sweetwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West Northwest Region of the Flaming Gorge District in Utah and Wyoming. The project spans from the eastern to western edge of the district primarily south of Manila.					

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Ashley National Forest ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Moon Lake Salvage Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 06/30/2021	06/2021	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 lesley.tullis@usda.gov
	Description: 250 acres of timber salvage and 762 acres of tree seedling planting approximately 1 mile south of Moon Lake. This area experienced uncharacteristic stand-replacement fire in ponderosa pine during the 2020 East Fork Fire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59038				
Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 1 mile south of Moon Lake along Forest Service Road (FSR) 10131.					
Uinta Basin Railway Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/30/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2021	Expected:10/2021	08/2023	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kgroves@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Surface Transportation Board is proposing to build a railroad along Hwy. 191 through Indian Canyon. The route would go from Kayune, UT to Myton, UT, passing just south of Duchesne, UT. See https://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com for more information				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56603				
Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The preferred route would travel from Kayune, UT to Myton, UT, passing south of Duchesne, UT, along Indian Canyon. About 10.5 miles of the route would be located on FS lands.					

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Ashley National Forest ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Uinta River Trail Resurfacing Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Jason Neel 435-781-5230 Jason.Neel@usda.gov
	Description: A portion of the Uinta River Trail would be resurfaced with mineral soil from an adjacent borrow site to improve footing for pack stock. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60024				
	Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Legal Location of Borrow Pit Site: SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 19, T3N R2W; Legal Location of North and South Terminus of Trail Segments: SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 24, T3N R3W; SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec.19 T3N R2W. The trail segment is located approximately 1.1 miles from the Uinta Trailhead off Forest Service Road 118, about 2.5 miles south of the High Uintas Wilderness boundary.				

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Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Ashley Karst National Recreation and Geologic Management Plan EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land management planning - Recreation management - Special area management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology 	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Ryan Buerkle 435-781-5204 ryan.buerkle@usda.gov
	Description: The Ashley NF is preparing to develop a management plan for the Congressionally designated Ashley Karst National Recreation and Geologic Area. This may be an administrative plan rather than an EA if no site-specific proposed actions are involved. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57865				
	Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is northwest of Vernal, Utah, along the southern slopes of the Uinta Mountains within Uintah County.				
Dyer Creek Stream Restoration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/03/2021	Expected:08/2021	09/2021	Kevin Faucher 4357815189 kevin.faucher@usda.gov
	Description: This project would involve the placement of grade control structures in Dyer Creek to halt head cutting and erosion. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60026				
	Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - T1S R21E Sec 2 and 3. The general location is in Round Park off of FS Road 020. The stream is adjacent to FS Road 547.				

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Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Moon Lake Electric - Grizzly Ridge Power Pole Replacement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	Description: The Forest Service plans to issue a Special Use Permit to Moon Lake Electric Company to replace 14 power poles and power lines that connect to the Grizzly Ridge communications site and to other residences in Daggett County, Utah.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59971				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located adjacent to Grizzly Ridge and near the Deer Lodge summer home area. The project is accessed from the west side of Highway 191 between Vernal and Flaming Gorge off of FSR 056.					
T-Mobile Cellular Communications Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/14/2021	06/2021	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	Description: T-Mobile would install a new 11' x 20' communications shelter adjacent to Strata Networks' recently constructed cell tower. T-Mobile would co-locate signal receiver dishes on the Strata Networks tower.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59975				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Utah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Grizzly Ridge communications site. 22 miles north of Vernal Utah, ? mile west of 191.					
Utah Communications Authority East Park Communications Site Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	Description: The Ashley NF would issue a new 30-year special use permit to Utah Communications Authority for existing infrastructure at the East Park communications site. The new permit would replace the existing permit issued to the State of Utah.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59973				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - SW1/4N/W1/4N/W1/4OF sec, 12 T.1N.,R.21E, Salt Lake Meridian Utah. Northeast of East Park reservoir located on Forest Service Road 10021 at the East Park Communication Site.					

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