



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

### Ashley National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> 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> .					

#### Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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<b>Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)</b>					
<b>Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381">https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis Project (Ashley and UWC National Forests)</b> EIS	- Grazing management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2022	Expected:03/2023	03/2023	Paul Cowley 801-999-2177 pcowley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44503">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44503</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Ashley National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>			<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>		
<b>Ashley National Forest - Forest Plan Revision</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/19/2021 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2022	Expected:02/2023	02/2023	Lars Christensen 435-789-1181 lars.christensen@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49606">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49606</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Ashley National Forest Aspen Restoration Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/09/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kgroves@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This is a programmatic evaluation of the restoration of aspen stands on the Ashley NF outside of Wilderness.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57075">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57075</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Ashley National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>	<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>
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<b>Ashley National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>					<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>
<b>Cart Creek Vegetation Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/03/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 lesley.tullis@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This is a proposed timber and forest health project that includes aspects of fuels reduction, public safety, and aspen restoration. The project area is within a Utah Shared Stewardship priority landscape area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60565">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60565</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Vernal Ranger District, Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett, Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 25 miles north of Vernal along Hwy 191 and numerous side roads off of 191, including in the Bowden and Greens draws, Bassett Springs, Grizzly Hollow and Ridge, and Francis Creek areas.					
<b>Forest Wide Range Improvement Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Grazing management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/20/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Sandra Remund-Kaminski 435-781-5221 sbremundkaminski@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59258">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59258</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Ashley National Forest</b>	<b>DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>
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<b>Ashley National Forest DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>
<b>Argyle Slash Collection Site</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/09/2021	Expected:02/2022	06/2022	Joseph Williams 435-781-5212 joseph.l.williams@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Forest Service would designate a less than 1 acre site for community members to drop off vegetation removed from their property one to two times a year. The material would then be piled using machinery and burned when there is snow on the ground.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61021">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61021</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Township 7 South Range 8 West Section 12. Ashley NF-South Unit, .03 miles east of HWY 191 and .03 miles north of Argyle Canyon rd.					
<b>D3/4 Guzzler Project</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/30/2021	Expected:01/2022	06/2022	Robert Christensen 435-781-5232 rchristensen@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60018">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60018</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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).					
<b>Dal Cuinn Drilling</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 10/01/2021	10/2021	David Herron 435-781-5218 david.herron@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60246">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60246</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Ashley National Forest DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>		
<b>Old Stockmore Administrative Site Conveyance</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Heritage resource management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/09/2021	Expected:01/2022	01/2022	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kristy.groves@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest proposes to convey portions of the Stockmore administrative site to GSA as excess property.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61077">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61077</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Parcel 1-Township 1 North, Range 8 West, Section 19, SE½SE½; Section 20, SW½SW½. Parcel 2 is located north of highway 35 and east of the admin site horse pasture fence. The admin site to be conveyed includes the historic old Stockmore ranger station (parcel 1) south of Highway 35 and some excess property located north of the highway east of the horse pasture.					
<b>Uinta Basin Railway Project</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 11/03/2021	Expected:03/2022	08/2023	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kgroves@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Surface Transportation Board is proposing to build a railroad along Hwy 191 through Indian Canyon. The route would go from Kyune, UT to Myton, UT, passing just south of Duchesne, UT. See <a href="https://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com">https://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com</a> for more information.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56603">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56603</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Duchesne 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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<b>Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>		
<b>Cedar Springs Marina Development</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/01/2021	11/2021	Jayson Roundy 435-781-5281 jayson.roundy@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Marina facility additions				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60883">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60883</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - Sec. 16, T. 2 N., R. 22 E., Salt Lake Meridian. Dutch John, Utah.					

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<b>Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>
<b>Pacific and Atlantic Soda Project</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 01/2022	Expected:11/2022	11/2022	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59259">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59259</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Union Wireless Cell Tower Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/20/2021	12/2021	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59224">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59224</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Utah Communications Authority East Park Communications Site Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/15/2021	12/2021	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59973">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59973</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Flaming Gorge 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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<b>Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>
<b>Ashley Karst National Recreation and Geologic Management Plan</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Special area management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2020	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Ryan Buerkle 435-781-5204 ryan.buerkle@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57865">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57865</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Dyer Creek Stream Restoration Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/15/2021	Expected:03/2022	06/2022	Kevin Faucher 4357815189 kevin.faucher@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> This project would involve the placement of grade control structures in Dyer Creek to halt head cutting and erosion.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60026">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60026</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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