



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2022 to 06/30/2022

Ashley National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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 .					
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	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.					

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 09/2022	Expected:03/2023	03/2023	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: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/19/2021 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2022	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Anastasia Allen 406-270-9241 anastasia.allen@usda.gov
	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:05/2022	06/2022	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.					
Forest-wide Prescribed Fire Restoration Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/09/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2022	Expected:06/2023	06/2023	Blaine Tarbell 000-000-0000 Blaine.Tarbell@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed project would authorize prescribed burns across the Forest every year up to 24,000 acres per year. Treatment boundaries would be designed to meet objectives and move areas toward desired conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61581				
Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units. STATE - Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Daggett, Duchesne, Summit, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Sweetwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed project area includes approximately 940,000 acres of National Forest System lands across the Ashley National Forest.					

Ashley National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R4 - Intermountain Region

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Ashley National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Cart Creek Vegetation Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/23/2022	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 lesley.tullis@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60565				
Location: 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.					
Forest Wide Range Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/09/2022	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	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.					

Ashley National Forest	DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Ashley National Forest DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Argyle Slash Collection Site CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/11/2022	06/2022	Joseph Williams 435-781-5212 joseph.l.williams@usda.gov
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61021				
Location: 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.					
D3/4 Guzzler Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 01/25/2022	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).					
Old Stockmore Administrative Site Conveyance CE *UPDATED*	- Heritage resource management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 01/18/2022	01/2022	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kristy.groves@usda.gov
	Description: The Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest proposes to convey portions of the Stockmore administrative site to GSA as excess property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61077				
Location: 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.					

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Ashley National Forest DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Uinta Basin Railway Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 11/03/2021	Expected:04/2022	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 Kyune, 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 - 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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Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Green River to Buckboard Fiber Optic Cable Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/16/2022	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	Description: All West is seeking to install a fiber optic cable from Green River, WY to the Buckboard Marina and Campground. Approximately 3 miles of the 24-mile project would occur on the Ashley National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61784				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sweetwater. LEGAL - T. 16 N., R. 108 W., sections 8, 17, & 18; and T. 15 N., R. 108 W., sections 28, 29, & 30, Sixth Principal Meridian, WY. The cable would be buried along State Highway 530 and Forest Service Road 009 (Buckboard Crossing Road). Portions of the project are on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District in Wyoming.					

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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 04/2022	Expected:03/2023	03/2023	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.					

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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*	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Special area management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2020	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	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 *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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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