

## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

## Ashley National Forest

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Project Name         Project Purpose         Planning Status         Expected	n Project Contact
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Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886
EIS						sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.us
		locatable minerals review/comment in				
	Web Link:	nttp://www.is.usda	gov/project/?project=57214			
		regulations apply to	level Units. STATE - All States. all NFS lands open to mineral sda.gov/science-technology/geo	entry under the US minin	g laws. More Infor	rmation is available
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.go v
213			Register 02/2022			
	Description:	Programmatic Sup Land.	plemental EIS for the Nationwide	e Aerial Application of Fir	e Retardant on Na	ational Forest System
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda	gov/project/?project=60450			
			level Units. STATE - All States. S will apply to use of aerially de			

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Project Name	Proje	ect Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact			
Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)									
Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation	- 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			
EIS	Description:	<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.							
	Web Link:	https://www.fs.usda	.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd38	43381					
	Location:	Medicine Bow-Rout Salmon-Challis Nati All Units, Manti-La S Cache All Units. ST Adams, Blaine, Bon Humboldt, Lincoln, I Duchesne, Emery, G Sevier, Summit, Too Albany, Campbell, G Sagebrush lands in	onal Forest All Units, Boise Nationa t National Forest All Units, Dixie Na ional Forest All Units, Sawtooth Na Sal National Forest All Units, Caribo FATE - Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, U neville, Camas, Caribou, Cassia, E Nye, Pershing, Washoe, White Pine Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, I bele, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Wash Carbon, Converse, Crook, Laramie, National Forests of Nevada, Utah, ad northern Colorado.	ational Forest All Unit tional Forest All Units ou-Targhee National Jtah, Wyoming. COU Elmore, Fremont, Mac e, Beaver, Box Elder, Millard, Morgan, Piute ington, Wayne, Webe , Lincoln, Natrona, Ni	s, Fishlake Nationa s, Humboldt-Toiyab Forest All Units, Ui JNTY - Jackson, M lison, Churchill, Cla Cache, Carbon, D e, Rich, Salt Lake, S er, Platte, Sublette, obrara. LEGAL - N	al Forest All Units, be National Forest nta-Wasatch- offat, Routt, ark, Elko, Eureka, baggett, Davis, San Juan, Sanpete, Teton, Weston, lot Applicable.			

R4 - Intermountain Region, Occ	urring in mor	e than one Forest	(excluding Regionwide)				
High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis Project (Ashley and UWC National Forests) EIS	- Grazing ma	anagement In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2022 Extended and the second					
	Description	<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.					
	Web Link:	nk: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44503					
	Location:	COUNTY - Duche	elt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District, Evanston-Mountain View RD. STATE - Utah. hesne, Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the High Uintas Wilderness in and Summit counties. The project is located northeast of Duchesne, UT and southwest of Manila,				

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R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)								
Soapstone Calcite Project EA	- Minerals ar	nd Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:03/2023	06/2023	David Herron 435-781-5218 david.herron@usda.gov		
*UPDATED* Description: Proposal to construct approximately 1 mile of new access road, across the Ashley NF and L begin small-scale hardrock mining operations for decorative calcite on the Ashley NF, near to Mine Creek. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61969								
	Location:	LEGAL - T2N R9W	anger District, Heber-Kamas Rang Sec 19 of Uintah Meridian, and T3 north side of the creek.					

Ashley National Forest, Forestw	vide (excludi	ng Projects occurri	ng in more than one Forest)		R	4 - Intermountain Region	
Ashley NF Forest-wide Prescribed Fire Restoration Project EA	- Fuels man	agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/09/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2022	Expected:07/2023	09/2023	Blaine Tarbell 000-000-0000 Blaine.Tarbell@usda.go v	
*UPDATED*	Description Web Link:	<ul> <li>Description: The proposed project would authorize prescribed burns across the Forest up to 24,000 acres/year. Treatment boundaries would be designed to meet objectives and move areas toward desired conditions. Wilderness, RNAs, private land, &amp; alpine excluded.</li> <li>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61581</li> </ul>					
	Location:	Uintah, Utah, Was	ional Forest All Units. STATE - Uta atch, Sweetwater. LEGAL - Not Ap lational Forest System lands across	plicable. The propose	d project area inc		
Ashley National Forest - Forest Plan Revision EIS *UPDATED*	- Land mana	agement planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/19/2021 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Anastasia Allen 406-270-9241 anastasia.allen@usda.g ov	
	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49606</li> </ul>					Plan is from 1986	
	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.				mmit, Uintah.		

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Ashley National Forest, Forestw	vide (excluding Projects occurring	ng in more than one Forest)		R4	- Intermountain Region
Ashley National Forest Aspen Restoration Project EA <b>*UPDATED</b> *	<ul> <li>Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>Vegetation management</li> <li>(other than forest products)</li> <li>Fuels management</li> <li>Watershed management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/08/2022	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kristy.groves@usda.gov
	Web Link:http://www.fs.usda.Location:UNIT - Ashley Natio Uintah, Wasatch, S	atic evaluation of the restoration of gov/project/?project=57075 onal Forest All Units. STATE - Utal weetwater. LEGAL - All Ashley Na onal Forest outside of wilderness.	h, Wyoming. COUN	TY - Daggett, Duch	esne, Summit,

Ashley National Forest, Occurr	Ashley National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) R4 - Intermountain Region							
Forest Wide Range Improvement Project	- Grazing ma - Watershee	anagement d management	Completed	Actual: 07/26/2022	08/2022	Sandra Remund- Kaminski		
EA *UPDATED*						435-781-5221 sbremundkaminski@fs.f ed.us		
	<b>Description:</b> This project would involve the construction of various range improvements, including water sy- and spring exclosures, to improve cattle distribution on the Vernal and Roosevelt-Duchesne R							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=59258					
	Location:		er District, Roosevelt Ranger Dist LEGAL - Not Applicable. On multi					

Ashley National Forest DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R4 - Intermountain Region

Project Name	Proje	ect Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact		
Ashley National Forest DUCH	ESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R4 - Intermountain Re							
East Fork Fire Emergency Watershed Protection Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/28/2022	Expected:11/2022	11/2022	Emilia Sopranzi 5306475373 emilia.sopranzi@usda.g ov		
		measures necessar the East Fork Fire a	Duchesne County has received funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to conduct measures necessary to stabilize drainages, reduce erosion, improve water quality, and maintain vehicle access in he East Fork Fire area.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62536					
	Location:	UNIT - Duchesne R north of Mountain H	anger District. STATE - Utah. CC	OUNTY - Duchesne.	LEGAL - Not Appli	cable. 20 miles		
Reservation Ridge Snow Plowing CE	- Road mana	gement	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.go		
*UPDATED*	Description: Web Link:	<ul> <li>Description: The applicant has requested access to their private property on Reservation Ridge in the winter with a highway legal vehicle. The Forest Service holds the road right-of-way in this location, so the proponent would need to obtain a special use permit.</li> <li>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62082</li> </ul>						
	Location:		anger District. STATE - Utah. CC Ridge, Forest Road 147.	OUNTY - Duchesne.	LEGAL - T. 11S., F	R. 10 E., 26 Sec.		
Uinta Basin Railway Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use - Road mana	management agement	Completed	Actual: 07/14/2022	08/2023	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kgroves@fs.fed.us		
UI DATED	Description:	<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 https://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com for more information.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=56603					
	Location:	UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The preferred route would travel from Kyune, 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 DUCH	Ashley National Forest DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R4 - Intermountain R								
Uinta Canyon and Lower Stillwater Pond Restoration		sh, Rare plants d management	Completed	Actual: 09/16/2022	09/2022	Ronald Brunson 435-781-5202			
CE *UPDATED*						ronald.brunson@usda.g ov			
	Description	<b>Description:</b> The purpose of this project is to restore water control structures, improve fish habitat, and improve access opportunities at two fishponds in Uinta Canyon and several fishponds in the Lower Stillwater area of Rock Cree Canyon.							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62108						
	Location:	Canyon near southe	anger District. STATE - Utah. CC ern Forest boundary along FSR 11 n near the southern Forest Bounda	8 and at Smokey Spri	ngs near the Uinta				

Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R4 - Intermountain Region							
D1 Roadside Sanitation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation	lucts management prest products)	Completed	Actual: 09/02/2022	10/2022	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 lesley.tullis@usda.gov	
UI DATED	Description:	<b>Description:</b> This project would involve cutting dwarf mistletoe infected trees along roadways to improve forest health. The project would also help reduce fire hazard and would provide additional firewood collection opportunities to the public.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62085				
	Location:						

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Ashley National Forest Flam	ing Gorge Rar	nger District (exclud	cluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R4 - Intermountain				
Dry Creek Trona Mine Project EIS	- Minerals ar - Special us	nd Geology e management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 04/28/2022 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2023	Expected:02/2024	06/2024	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.go v	
	Description: Web Link:	involves constructic Ashley NF.	ering a trona mine proposal from Pa on of a water line across the norther gov/project/?project=59259				
	Location:		rge Ranger District. STATE - Wyor d be located across the northern e				
Dutch John Right-of-Way CE *UPDATED*	- Special use - Road man	e management agement	Completed	Actual: 07/28/2022	09/2022	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.go	
	Description: The Town of Dutch John has requested a right-of-way special use permit for the road located on the east side of the Forest Service yard in Dutch John, UT. The town would widen the current road by about 50 feet and lengthen it about 150 feet.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.	gov/project/?project=62131				
	Location:	UNIT - Flaming Gor Dutch John.	rge Ranger District. STATE - Utah	. COUNTY - Dagget	t. LEGAL - Not Ap	plicable. Town of	
Eagle Creek Ranch Water Storage Tank CE	- Special use	e management	Completed	Actual: 07/07/2022	09/2022	Jayson Roundy 435-781-5281 jayson.roundy@usda.go v	
*UPDATED*	Description		currently has a special use permit would involve authorizing them to re				
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.	gov/project/?project=62203				
	Location:	project area is adja	rge Ranger District. STATE - Utah cent to the Eagle Creek Ranch, wh ne Red Canyon Lodge area.				

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Ashley National Forest Flamir	ng Gorge Ran	ger District (exclud	han one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region			
Green River to Buckboard Fiber Optic Cable Project EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management		Completed	Actual: 08/15/2022	08/2022	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.go v	
		<ul> <li>tion: 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.</li> <li>http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61784</li> </ul>					
	Location:	W., sections 8, 17, 8 would be buried alo	JNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sweetwater. LEGAL - T. 16 N., R. 108 V., 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.				
Henry's Fork Rock Art Interpretive Site EA	- Recreation - Heritage re management		In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/24/2022	Expected:05/2023	06/2023	Jeffrey Rust 435-781-5156 jeffrey.rust@usda.gov	
*UPDATED*	<ul> <li>Description: This project would involve the development of a recreation and interpretive site to provide for public education, enjoyment, and protection of the Henry's Fork prehistoric rock art site.</li> <li>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62395</li> </ul>						
	Location:	UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sweetwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 4 miles northeast of Manila, Utah near the intersection of Highway 530 and Forest Road 146 (Lucerne Road).					
Hideout Campground Host Site Cabin CE *UPDATED*	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/13/2022	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Jayson Roundy 435-781-5281 jayson.roundy@usda.go v	
OFDATED	<b>Description:</b> We are proposing to construct a host site cabin (around 10 ft. X 20 ft. in size) at this boat-in only campground. We would also move the existing water chlorinator down to the cabin site and replace the old system with a new solar powered system.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62204					
	Location:	UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is the Hideout Campground, which is a boat-in only campground in the southwest portion of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area (NRA).					

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Ashley National Forest Flamir	est Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R4 - Intermountain Regio								
Lowline Trailhead Parking Area CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation	management	Completed	Actual: 08/29/2022	09/2022	Stephanie Anderson 435-781-5283 stephanie.anderson@u sda.gov			
	Description:	<ul> <li>Description: We are proposing to seasonally open an administrative use road and construct a trailhead. The purpose of the project is to offer safer parking for recreationists off of Highway 191.</li> <li>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62206</li> <li>Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Access to the proposed parking area is an existing administrative road to the Cedar Springs Sewer Lagoon. This area is in the southeast portion of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.</li> </ul>							
	Web Link:								
	Location:								
Stateline Cove Campground Improvements CE	- Special use	e management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/13/2022	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Jayson Roundy 435-781-5281 jayson.roundy@usda.go v			
*UPDATED*	<b>Description:</b> The campground concessionaire and the Forest Service would construct a drivable path from the campground to the water area and install a new loading dock in the water.								
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62205								
	Location:	on: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is the Stateline Cove Camgrounds, which is apprxoimately 6 miles ENE of Manila, UT.							

Ashley National Forest	ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R4 - Intermountain Region						
Hells Canyon Bridge Replacement	- Road mana	agement	Completed	Actual: 06/28/2022	08/2022	Ryan Mower 435-781-5170	
CE						ryan.mower@usda.gov	
*UPDATED*	Description:	<ul> <li>n: Replacement of the Hells Canyon Creek Bridge would involve removal of the bridge and the wooden abutments. New concrete footings would be installed within the existing roadbed but farther away from the stream. http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62379</li> <li>UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - 2N 4W Sec 17. 12 miles North of Mountain Home.</li> </ul>					
	Web Link:						
	Location:						

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Ashley National Forest ROOS	EVELT RANGER DISTRICT (excl	luding Projects occurring in more	e than one District)	R4	- Intermountain Region
Hells Canyon Road Intervisible Turnouts	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 07/12/2022	07/2022	Valton Mortenson 435-781-5147
CE *UPDATED*					valton.mortenson@usd a.gov
OFDATED	locations. This wou	o build intervisible pullouts along th Id allow vehicles to pull over and pa gov/project/?project=62002			
	build turnouts along	Ranger District. STATE - Utah. CC g a 4-mile segment of the Hells Car ne junction of the Petty Creek - Hell	iyon Road (Forest Se	rvice Road [FSR] #	

Ashley National Forest Verna	al Ranger District (ex	cluding Proj	ects occurring in more than one	District)	R	4 - Intermountain Region	
Ashley Karst National Recreation and Geologic Management Plan EA *UPDATED*	<ul> <li>Land management planning</li> <li>Recreation management</li> <li>Special area management</li> <li>Watershed management</li> <li>Minerals and Geology</li> </ul>		Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Ryan Buerkle 435-781-5204 ryan.buerkle@usda.gov	
	<b>Description:</b> There is no longer a need for an EA, since no site-specific actions are involved. We are continuing preparation of a management plan for the Ashley Karst National Recreation & Geologic Area. See draft plan at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/ashley.						
	Web Link: http://	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.						
Marsh Peak Allotment Boundary Adjustment EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing managem	nent	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2022	Expected:05/2023	06/2023	Garry Brown 435-781-5168 garry.brown@usda.gov	
OPDATED	<b>Description:</b> We are proposing to adjust the boundaries of the closed Marsh Peak Allotment to facilitate and improve livestock management on the neighboring Lake Mountain and Black Canyon Allotments.						
	Web Link: http://	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62368					
	includ	UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area includes the Marsh Peak, Lakeshore Basin, Lake Mountain, and Black Canyon Allotments on the south slope of the Uinta Mountains in the Vernal Ranger District.					

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Ashley National Forest Vernal	Ranger Dist	rict (excluding Proje	ects occurring in more than one	one District) R4 - Intermountain Region				
Red Cloud Loop Winter Parking CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation	management	Completed	Actual: 08/29/2022	09/2022	Joseph Ellsworth 435 781 5179 joseph.ellsworth@usda. gov		
		area at this site. Thi activities.	a gate approximately 1 mile to the r s would provide a parking location					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62207					
	Location:		er District. STATE - Utah. COUN ast Park Turnoff approximately 1 m			Ve would move		

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