

# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

Third Quarter, July - September 2002

**Dakota Prairie Grasslands**  
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## Hello!

Enclosed is the Schedule of Proposed Actions for the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

Each year we conduct environmental analysis and planning for a wide variety of projects. Your participation in the analysis for these projects can promote better decisions by informing us of your concerns regarding the potential impacts of our proposed projects and by reviewing our analysis and alternatives.

This Schedule is produced quarterly and includes project proposals we anticipate working on in the coming months. Some of the projects on this list are repeated from the previous Quarter, while projects, which are just getting underway appear here for the first time.

The Schedule is not exhaustive. Analysis of some projects may start and finish before the next Schedule is published and mailed. When this happens, we will include the project in the Schedule as "completed".

The Schedule is used solely to provide notice to interested and affected agencies, organizations, and individuals of upcoming proposals, which may undergo environmental analysis and documentation. The purpose of the schedule is to give early, informal notice of proposals so the public can become aware of Forest Service activities and indicate their interest in specific proposals. It is not intended as a substitute for routine scoping described in Section 11 of the NEPA Handbook.

This schedule is not a NEPA document nor is it a solicitation for comments. Comments addressed to this schedule do not provide standing for appeal purposes. There is a contact person listed for each project, feel free to contact that person for additional information on projects that interest you.

If you have general questions or suggestions regarding this Schedule, please call our NEPA Coordinator, Charlene Bucha Gentry, at (701) 250-4443.

A map is included to show approximate proposal locations.

If you are no longer interested in receiving the Schedule, please let us know and your name will be removed from the mailing list.

Thank you for your interest in the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

Sincerely,

*Dave Pieper*

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## NEPA Decision Terms

The Forest Service documents decisions in different ways depending on the type of environmental analysis conducted to inform the decision.

**ROD (Record of Decision)** - This type of decision is used when an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been produced. Decisions documented in a Record Of Decision are subject to administrative appeal.

**EIS (Environmental Impact Statement)** - This document discloses the environmental impacts to be expected from the proposed action and from specific alternatives to the proposed action. An EIS is prepared when significant environmental impacts are anticipated. Your comments are requested within 45 days of release of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). **Your comments are considered prior to making the final decision** and are responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

**DN (Decision Notice)** - This type of decision is used when an Environmental Assessment (EA) is conducted and it is concluded that no significant environmental impact will result from implementing the preferred alternative. (If a significant environmental impact will result, an EIS must be prepared.) Decisions documented in a Decision Notice are subject to administrative appeal unless there has been no expression of public interest in the action.

**EA (Environmental Assessment)** - This document discloses the environmental impacts to be expected from the proposed action and from specific alternatives to the proposed action. An EA is prepared when significant environmental impacts are not anticipated or when there is a question as to the extent of the impacts. Your comments are requested within 30 days of release of an EA. **Your comments are considered prior to making the final decision** and are responded to in an appendix to the EA.

**DM (Decision Memo)** - This type of decision is used when the environmental analysis has been "categorically excluded" (CE) from documentation in an EA or an EIS. Ordinarily, decisions documented in a Decision Memo are not subject to administrative appeal.

**CE (Categorical Exclusion)** - A number of categories of action have been determined from prior experience and analysis to result in no significant impact to the environment. If a proposed action falls into one of these categories, and if no extraordinary circumstances exist which might cause a significant impact in the specific case, these actions can be "categorically excluded" from documentation in an EA or EIS. Unlike an EA or EIS, there is no formal pre-decision comment period with a categorical exclusion (except for scoping).

The following categories have been created to provide consistency in the Project Status portion of the Schedule. Please refer to this table if you have questions regarding the meaning of a specific status.

### Project Status

**Public Involvement:** Public Involvement also described as scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying significant issues related to a proposed action. During scoping the Forest Service invites participation from anyone interested in the proposed action, as well as affected Federal, State and local agencies and Indian Tribes. Scoping is often accomplished through letters, meetings, field trips, or telephone.

**Developing Alternatives:** For an EA or EIS, alternatives are developed to address issues raised during scoping. Alternatives considered in detail must respond to the purpose of the project.

**Analysis:** The analysis phase includes managing issues identified during scoping, developing alternatives to the proposed action, and analyzing effects.

**Comment Period:** There is a 30-day comment period for an EA. There is a 45-day comment period on a Draft EIS. Solicitation of comments for an EA and EIS will include a legal notice in the Forest's Newspaper of Record. The appropriate decisional document is prepared for each project. Once a decision has been made, a legal notice is published in the Bismarck Tribune or the Rapid City Journal. The next step is to implement the project.

**Decision Pending:** Comments received on the proposal will be considered in decision-making.

**Completed:** Once a Decision Notice, Record of Decision, or Decision Memo is signed it will be entered in the Schedule as completed.

# Grassland-Wide Assessments, Amendments

Dave Pieper, Grasslands Supervisor

Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
N/A	Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service Off-Highway Vehicle Plan Amendment for Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota	Jerry Majerus (BLM) 406-538-1924	A joint proposal between the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management for managing off-highway vehicle (OHV) use on public land.	January 2001	Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision signed January 4, 2001 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appealed</li> <li>- Lawsuit in ND</li> </ul>
N/A	Northern Great Plains Land Management Plan Revisions	Northern Great Plains Planning Team; USDA Forest Service, 125 North Main St., Chadron, NE 69337 308-432-0300	The Northern Great Plains Management Plans Revisions is a combined planning effort of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands, Medicine Bow-Routt, and Nebraska National Forests. This effort will revise the Three Land and Resource Management Plans for the National Grassland units on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, all the units of the Nebraska National Forest, and the Dakota Prairie Grasslands. The three Management Plans describe the desired conditions for these public lands and set direction to maintain or move toward those conditions.	July 2002	FEIS and Revised Plans released July 27, 2001. Six-month comment period through January 22, 2002. Finalizing Record of Decision.
N/A	Forest Service Roadless Area Conservation	Scott Conroy National Forest System Roadless Project, PO Box 96090 Washington, DC 20090-6090 703-605-5299	Forest Service proposes new regulations to protect certain roadless areas within the National Forest System. The proposed action would prohibit road construction and reconstruction in inventoried roadless areas and require responsible Forest Service officials to evaluate whether and how to protect roadless characteristics as part of the forest planning process at the next forest plan revision.	January 2001	FEIS and Record of Decision signed January 5, 2001 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In Litigation</li> <li>- Enjoined</li> <li>- Under Review</li> </ul>

## Northern Great Plains Land and Resource Management Plan Revision Update

The Northern Great Plains Land and Resource Management Plan Revision process has been underway for six years. On July 27, 2001 the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the FEIS and Revised LRMP was published in the Federal Register. This began a 180-calendar day comment period, which ended on January 22, 2002.

Letters received during the six-month comment period are currently undergoing content analysis for substantive comments and new issues. Following review of all comments, action or responses to substantive comments and new issues will be incorporated in the FEIS as appropriate and will be made available to the public. The Forest Service will continue to accept comments throughout the process until a Record of Decision (ROD) is signed. Comments can be sent to either the Chadron, Nebraska address or the Dakota Prairie Grasslands office. We are currently finalizing the ROD and anticipate signing the document in July 2002.

# Miscellaneous Projects

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Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
S-1	Richland County Drain #10 Management	Colleen Rufsvold 701-683-4342	Proposal to grant Richland County Water Resource District a long term Special Use Permit for the purpose of day-to-day maintenance of 3.5 miles of the drain.		Information gathering
Sheyenne District Wide	District Transportation Plan	Colleen Rufsvold 701-683-4342	Evaluate which roads will be needed for future management and which roads can be removed from the system.	August 2002	Public Involvement
GR-3	Perkins County Rural Water Users	Mary Haase 605-374-3592	Construction of approx. 450 miles of water supply pipeline, pump stations, and storage facilities to provide potable water to Perkins County, SD. Approx. 15 miles of the pipeline will cross the Grand River NG.	Fall 2002	Analysis
Grand River District Wide	Apiary Special Use Permit	Mary Haase 605-374-3592	Proposal to issue a 5-year term permit for the placement of apiaries on the Grand River NG	Spring 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo signed 4/4/02
MC-1	Livestock Water Dam Reclamation	Kevin Sullivan 701-842-2393	Reclamation of one abandoned stock water dam. Dam is located in SESE of Sec. 23, T138N, R102W.	March 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 4/26/02
MC-ME	Livestock Water Dam Reclamation	Kevin Sullivan 701-842-2393	Reclamation of four nonfunctional stock water dams on McKenzie and Medora Districts in the following locations: NWNW Sec. 27, T137N, R102W; NENE Sec. 28, T137N, R102W; NESE Sec. 23, T144N, R101W; and SENW Sec. 31, T154N, R96W.	May 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 5/17/02
N/A	Livestock Water Dam Reclamation	Kevin Sullivan 701-842-2393	Reclamation of seven abandoned stock water dams. Contact Kevin Sullivan for locations.	November 2002	Analysis
ME-1	Ponderosa Pine Prescribed Burn	Maure Sand 701-250-4443	Fuel hazard reduction prescribed burn.	July 2002	Public Involvement
ME-8	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Replace 2,454 feet of 7.2KV line.	June 2002	Public Involvement
ME-6	Bear Paw Energy	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 2,300 feet of 6 inch steel gas pipeline to connect the Mystery Creek Compressor Station to an existing pipeline.	March 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 3/15/2002
ME-9	Midstate Telephone	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Replace 6,100 feet of telecommunications line	July 2002	Public Involvement
ME-11	Bear Paw Energy	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 9,871 feet of 4 inch poly gas pipeline to connect the Equity Redtail #1 oil well to existing pipeline.	June 2002	Public Involvement
ME-10	Bear Paw Energy	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 800 feet of 6 inch poly gas pipeline to connect the Westport 21-29 well to an existing pipeline.	March 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed, 4/20/2002
ME-13	Consolidated Telecom	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 10,420 feet of telephone cable to private residence	July, 2002	Public Involvement

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ME-15	Belle Fouche Pipeline Company	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 300 feet of 4 inch steel crude oil pipeline to connect the BTA Redtail #2 oil well to existing pipeline.	June 2002	Public Involvement
ME-14	Bear Paw Energy	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 2,640 feet of 6 inch poly gas pipeline to connect to an existing pipeline.	June 2002	Public Involvement
ME-17	Upton Resources USA Inc.	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 2,655 feet of 3 inch fiberglass saltwater disposal pipeline to connect the Davis Creek #1-4 oil well to existing pipeline.	June 2002	On Hold
ME-18	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to replace and upgrade 4.5 miles of overhead powerline and construct a new substation.	September 2002	Public Involvement
ME-19	Amerada Hess MHMU 4XHR	Curt Decker 701-225-5151	Proposal to install 4800 ft. of fiberglass pipeline to connect the MHMU 4XHR well to the Satellite Six central tank battery.	July 2002	Public Involvement
ME-29	Amerada Hess MHMU 12D	Curt Decker 701-225-5151	Proposal to install 2,500 ft. of fiberglass pipeline to connect the MHMU 12D well to the MHMU central tank battery.	July 2002	Public Involvement
ME-31	Amerada Hess MHMU Satellite 18,	Curt Decker 701-225-5151	Proposal replace 5,500 feet of deteriorating fiberglass pipeline.	July 2002	Public Involvement
ME-32	Amerada Hess MHMU 17HR	Curt Decker 701-225-5151	Proposal replace 800 feet of deteriorating fiberglass pipeline.	July 2002	Public Involvement
ME-33	Amerada Hess MHMU 20	Curt Decker 701-225-5151	Proposal replace 800 feet of deteriorating fiberglass pipeline.	July 2002	Public Involvement
ME-37	Consolidated Telephone Coop	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to replace 2600 feet of telephone cable (NEPA is being completed by Consolidated for this project).	September 2002	Analysis



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ME-38	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 17,877 feet of 7.2KV electric line to connect to Upton #3-1H oil well to electric service. (Incorrectly entered as 3-14 in last quarterly)	Summer 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed, 4/20/2002
ME-39	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 1143 feet of 7.2 KV electric line to connect the Westport Fed 21-29 oil well to electric service.	March 2002	Public Involvement
ME-41	Slope Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 461 feet of 14.4 KV electric line to connect the Continental Bucklin 14-20H oil well to electric service.	July 2002	Analysis
ME-42	Slope Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 171 feet of 14.4 KV electric line to connect the Continental Mosquito 14-17H oil well to electric service	March 2002	Analysis
ME-43	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 1,117 feet of 14.4 KV electric line to connect the Slawson 5-1 oil well to electric service.	Summer 2002	On Hold
ME-45	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 4,295 feet of 14.4 KV electric line to connect JV Tower Butte Tank Battery and oil well to electric service.	Summer 2002	On Hold
ME-56	West Plains Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to replace 2,898 feet of 7.2 KV electric line to connect Westport #1-1 oil well to electric service.	Spring 2002	On Hold

## Roads Projects

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Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
ME-12	Billings County Road Reconstruction	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposed reconstruction of existing road and replacement of existing bridge	March 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 5/31/2002
ME-16	Billings and Golden Valley County – W. River Road (FH #12) Corridor Study	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to upgrade and realign Forest Highway 12 (West River Road) from Interstate I-94 to Bell Lake. NEPA document will be completed by Dept. of Transportation.	2002	Analysis
GR-2	Pasture 9 Road Reconstruction	Mary Haase 605-374-3592	Proposal to upgrade approx. 6 miles of road in Pasture 9 due to safety concerns	Summer 2002	Public Involvement
ME-40	Slope County Road Reconstruction	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposed reconstruction of 9,200 feet of FDR 784-3	July 2002	Decision Pending
S-2	1240 Road	Colleen Rufsvold 701-683-4342	Reconditioning/reconstructing of 2 miles of road. Rehabilitation of abandoned road	September 2002	Public Involvement

## Minerals, Oil, and Gas Projects

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Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
ME-3	Amerada Hess MHMU 32H Oil well pad and access road	Mark Sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5-acre well pad and approximately 1200 feet of access road. This well would develop outstanding (private) and federal mineral estate.	Fall 2002	On Hold
ME-4	Upton 13-1 Oil Well pad and access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre well pad and approximately 3500 feet of access road. This well would develop Private minerals.	April 2002	Withdrawn
ME-5	Equity Oil Company, 23-21 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Mark Sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 3,507 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	July, 2002	Public Involvement
ME-7	Upton 3-13 H Oil Well and Access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.9 acre oil well pad and approximately 1677 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	May 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 5/30/02
ME-20	Belco Energy Corp. Federal 4-21H Oil well pad and access road.	Mark sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5-acre well pad and reconstruction of approximately .5 miles of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	Winter 2002	On Hold
ME-21	Westport Tree 14-33 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Mark Sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2 acre oil well pad and approximately 500 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	February 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 3/11/02
ME-22	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-21H Oil well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.7-acre well pad and approximately 1 mile of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	August 2002	Analysis
ME-23	Upton 4-2 Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2-acre well pad and approximately 2900 feet of access road. This well would develop Private minerals.	August 2002	Public Involvement
ME-24	Upton 2A-11 Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2-acre well pad and approximately 1500 feet of access road. This well would develop Private minerals.	September 2002	Public Involvement
ME-25	Upton 12-2 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.6 acre oil well pad and approximately 2,700 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	January 2002	Comment Period – closes 6/13/02
ME-26	Westport 24-29 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Mark Sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.4 acre oil well pad and approximately 500 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	February 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed, 3/1/02
ME-27	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-24H Oil well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.7-acre well pad and approximately 950 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	August 2002	Analysis

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Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
ME-28	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-30H Oil well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.7-acre well pad and approximately 1 mile of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	August 2002	Analysis
ME-30	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-8H Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 400 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	January 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 5/01/02
ME-34	Equity Oil Company, 32-4 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Mark Sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately .5 miles of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	Late Summer 2002	On Hold
ME-36	Upton 1A-11H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.7 acre oil well pad (4 wells) and approximately 2,000 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	September 2002	Public Involvement
ME-46	Upton 10-2 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2 acre oil well pad and approximately 50 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	September 2002	Public Involvement
ME-48	Upton 1-23H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.7 acre oil well pad and approximately 2000 feet of access road. This well would develop Outstanding private minerals.	July 2002	Analysis
ME-53	Upton 2-23 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2 acre oil well pad and approximately 4,000 feet of access road. This well would develop Outstanding private minerals.	July 2002	Analysis
ME-54	Westport Tree Top 31-3 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Mark Sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 800 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	March 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 5/30/02
ME-51	Slawson 6-1 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 1800 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	June 2002	Decision Pending
MC-4	Nance Petroleum 13-30 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Marvin Giese 701-842-2393	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 1.2 miles of access road.	March 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Notice Signed 4/12/02
MC-14	Griffon 8-32 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Elmer Nordsvn 701-842-2393	Proposed construction of 2.7 acre oil well pad and approximately 20 feet of access road.	June 2002	Public Involvement
MC-15	Headington Oil Seismic	Elmer Nordsvn 701-842-2393	Proposal to conduct shot hole seismic exploration.	Spring 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo signed 5/14/02
MC-16	Petro-Hunt D-406 Flowline	Jess Anne Knutson 701-842-2393	Construction of buried 3-inch steel flowline between D-406 oil well and CMNU Sec. 5 central tank battery.	May 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 5/29/02

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## Range and Vegetation Management Projects

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S-6	West I Riparian Fence	Bernadette Braun 701-683-4342	Fence out rare plant habitat	July 2002	Decision Pending
Cedar River National Grassland	Cedar River National Grassland Vegetation Management Plan	Kurt Hansen 605-374-3592	Proposal is to evaluate vegetation management on the Cedar River National Grasslands utilizing such tools as livestock grazing and prescribed fire. This project will result in the revision of the Allotment Management Plans on 9 allotments.	Sept..2002	Analysis/data collection
GR-4	Cedar River/Grand River Prescribed Burns	Bob Anderson 605-374-3592	Proposal to prescribed burn approx. 400 acres on the Cedar River NG and 1000 acres on Grand River NG	May 2002	Decision Pending
Grand River District Wide	Grand River National Grasslands Wells	Kurt Hansen 605-374-3592	Proposal is to evaluate the effects of installing water wells in several grazing allotments across the Grand River National Grasslands.		Project ON Hold, several wells being done as separate projects now
GR-5	Munderloh Fence-Cedar River NG	Kurt Hansen 605-374-3592	Proposal is to install 1 mile of permanent fence to replace an electric fence that separates FS land from private within the allotment	August 2002	Analysis
GR-6	1A Well Replacement	Kurt Hansen 605-374-3592	Drill a new well adjacent to an old well that is going bad. Old well will be plugged.	August 2002	Analysis

# Dakota Prairie Grasslands Annual Monitoring Report

The DPG is in the process of completing their annual Land and Resource Management Plan Monitoring Report for FY 2001. The report will be available on CD-ROM, in hardcopy printed format, or on the web at [www.fs.fed.us/r1/dakotaprairie/resources.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/dakotaprairie/resources.htm).

To obtain the CD-ROM or a printed copy contact Charlene Bucha Gentry at Dakota Prairie Grasslands, 240 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58503; by phone at 701-250-4443; or by email: [cgentry@fs.fed.us](mailto:cgentry@fs.fed.us).

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GR-7	5B Well Replacement	Kurt Hansen 605-374-3592	Drill a new well adjacent to an old well that is going bad. Old well will be plugged.	August 2002	Analysis
GR-8	6B Well Replacement	Kurt Hansen 605-374-3592	Proposal is to drill a new well adjacent to the existing well which is beyond repair.	August 2002	Analysis
GR-9	Hay Creek Well and Tank	Kurt Hansen 605-374-3592	Proposal is to drill a new well and put a tank at the well in the Hay creek allotment to provide a water source away from the south fork of the Grand River.	Sept. 2002	Analysis
MC-10	NE McKenzie Range Project	Libby Knotts 701-842-2393	Update allotment management plans for pastures 12, 13, and 14.	July 2003	Public Involvement
MC-12	Fencing	Kim Brunelle 701-842-2393	Proposal to 1) Fence woody draw in Pasture 2-5 for rehabilitation purposes and 2) Relocate approximately 2 miles of fence in Pasture 2-5	Summer 2002	Decision Pending (This project was incorrectly listed as COMPLETED last quarter)
MC-13	Pasture 6 Water Tank Relocation	Kim Brunelle 701-842-2393	Relocate water tanks to mitigate adverse impacts to range and archeological Resources	June 2002	Decision Pending

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MC - various	Haying Permits	Kim Brunelle 701-842-2393	Haying of non-native crested wheatgrass at seven locations across the Mc Kenzie Ranger District. Contact Kim Brunelle for location of haying areas,	July 2002	Public Involvement
MC-7	P1-A4 Permanent Cross-Fence	Lyndon Johnson 701-842-2393	Convert ~6 miles of existing, temporary, electric fence to permanent, barbed-wire fence in Pasture 1, Allotment 4, east unit.	August 2002	Public Involvement
MC-District-Wide	2002 Noxious Weed Program	Rick Hager 701-842-2393	Treatment of 400 – 700 acres of noxious weeds with biological controls and herbicides.	May 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 5/31/02
ME-1	East Marmarth Common Allotment Prescribed Burn	Brian Kempenich 701-225-5151	Proposal to prescribe burn approx. 100 acres in the East Marmarth Common Allotment	March 2002	Decision Pending
Medora District-Wide	Noxious Weed Control	Dean Williams 701-225-5151	Noxious weed control through use of chemical and biological means.	April 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 5/30/02
Medora District-Wide	Hay Permits	Dean Williams 701-225-5151	Cutting of Crested Wheatgrass for hay, anticipate 6to 8 permits	July, 2002	Public Involvement Pending

# Recreation Projects

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S-3	Hankinson Hills Recreation Project	Colleen Rufsvold 701-683-4342	Proposal is to build a campground and trail as well as reconstruct an existing road	October 2002	Project Initiation
S-4	Hoofda Hotel Outfitter and Guide Permit	Colleen Rufsvold 701-683-4342	Proposal to issue a O/G permit for horseback riding in the Hankinson Hills	December 2002	Project Initiation
GR-1	Little Egypt Road and Recreation Area Improvement	Mary Haase 605-374-3592	Proposal is to improve approximately 1.5 miles of system road for better access, construct approximately 5 miles of trail and trail head at the Pasture 9 reservoir.	Summer 2002	Analysis
MC-2	Corral Creek Bridge	Marvin Giese 701-842-2393	Proposal to construct a trail bridge across Corral Creek.	July 2002	Decision Pending

## Recreation Projects Continued

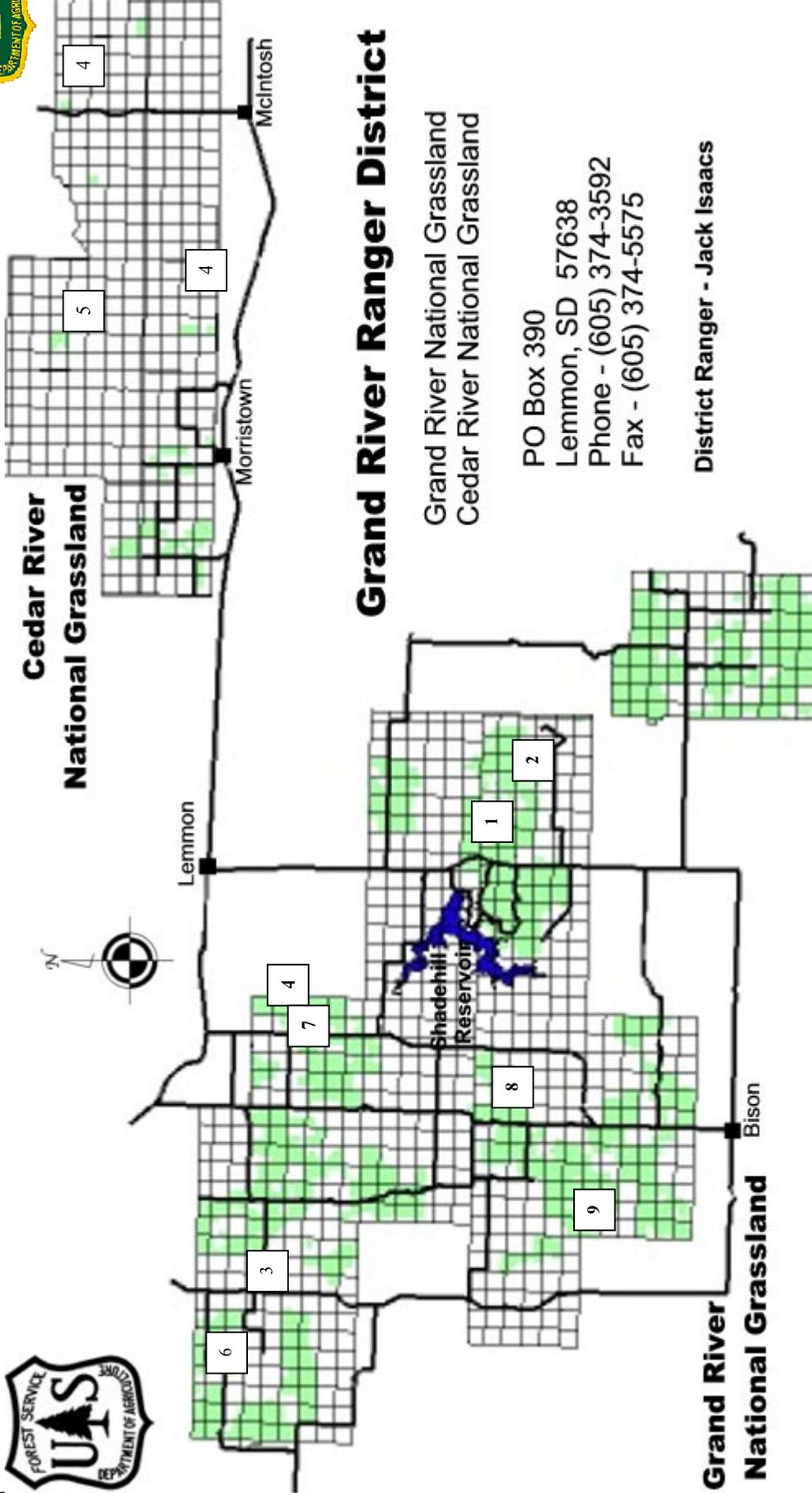
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Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
MC-5	Tobacco Garden Lewis & Clark Overlook/Interpretive Trail	Gary Foli 701-842-2393	Proposal to build an access road, parking lot, overlook, and interpretive trail along the shores of Lake Sakakawea.	Fall 2002	Public Involvement
MC-6	Little Knife Outfitters – Outfitter & Guide Permit	Libby Knotts, 701-842-2393	Proposal to issue a five year term special use outfitter and guide permit for guiding trail rides	July 2002	Decision Pending
MC-19	Sather Lake Campground	Gary Foli 701-842-2393	Renovation of Sather Lake Campground	Summer 2002	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 5/17/02
MC-9	Long X Endurance Ride	Jess Anne Knutson 701-842-2393	Two-day endurance and competitive horseback trail ride.	August 2002	Public Involvement
MC-11	Maah-Daah-Hey and Long X Trail Relocation Segments	Marvin Giese 701-842-2393	Proposal to relocate short segments of trail for safety and to reduce erosion.	July 2002	Public Involvement
ME-2	Burning Coal Vein Toilet	Dennis Hillard 701-225-5151	Replace existing toilet with new SST type toilet.	June 2002	Public Involvement Pending
ME-47	Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Outfitter & Guide Permit	Jeff adams 701-225-5151	Proposal to issue a five year term special use outfitter and guide permit for guiding trail rides	August 2002	Analysis
ME-49	Logging Camp Ranch Outfitter & Guide Permit	Jeff adams 701-225-5151	Proposal to issue a five year term special use outfitter and guide permit for guiding big game archery hunts.	July 2002	Analysis

### HIKING TRAIL AND BETTER ACCESS FOR FISHING COMING SOON TO THE GRAND RIVER RD!

The Grand River Ranger District is in the preliminary stages of a project to build a 7-8 mile loop hiking trail in an area of badlands 15 miles south of Lemmon on the Grand River National Grasslands. In addition, better road access in the area is also in the works, including a road to the Pasture 9 fishing dam and wildlife area. This area will also contain the trailhead for the loop trail. Both projects are within a few miles of the Shadehill Reservoir and Recreation Area and will complement the area's recreational opportunities. Construction is slated to begin in 2003.

# Grand River Ranger District



## Grand River Ranger District

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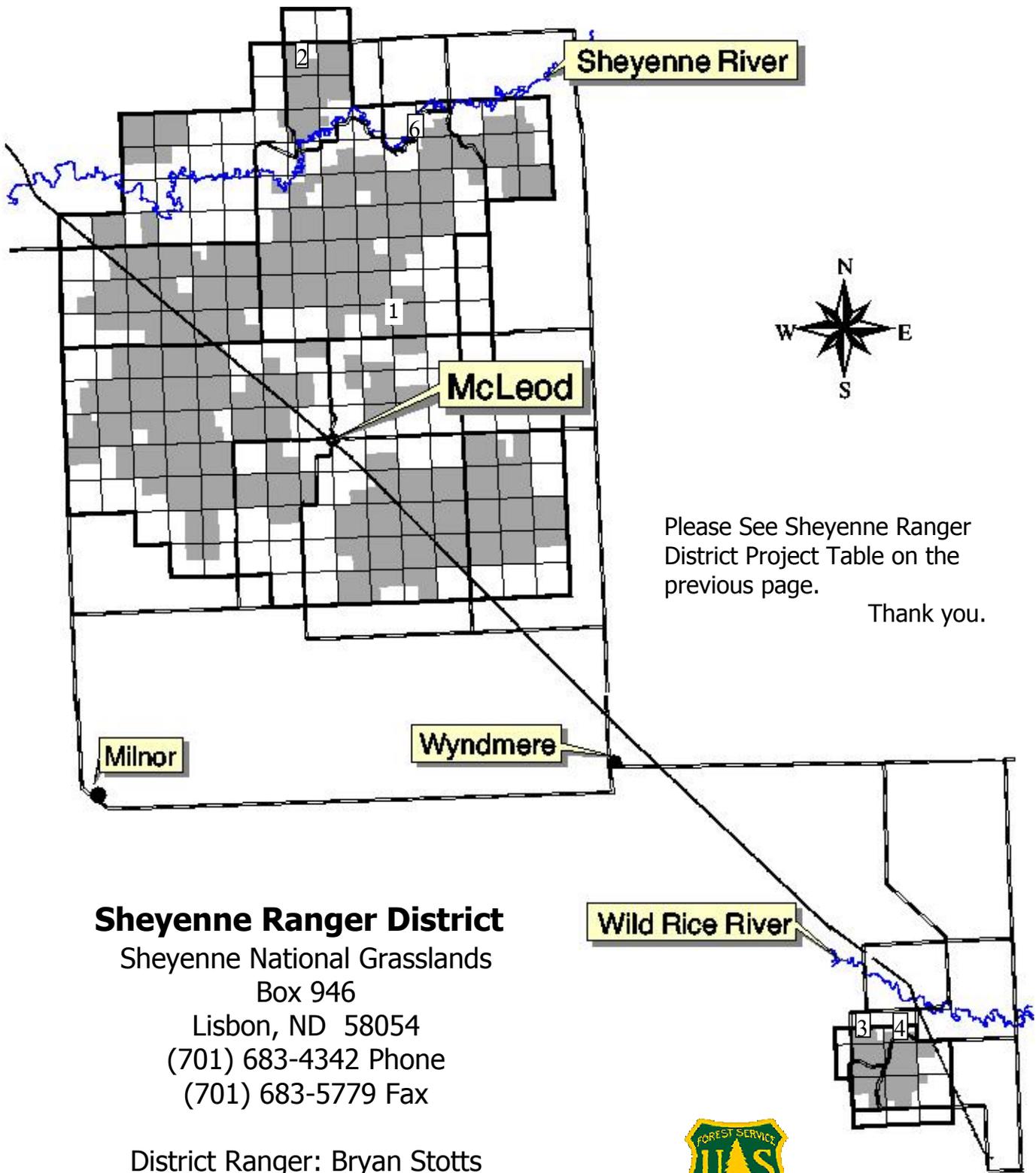
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## Grand River Ranger District Project Table

MAP NO.	PROJECT NAME	Email address for Contact or Team Leader	Other Information
1	Little Egypt Road and Recreation Area Improvement	<a href="mailto:mhaase@fs.fed.us">mhaase@fs.fed.us</a>	Analysis
2	Pasture 9 Road Reconstruction	<a href="mailto:mhaase@fs.fed.us">mhaase@fs.fed.us</a>	Analysis
3	Perkins County Rural Water users	<a href="mailto:mhaase@fs.fed.us">mhaase@fs.fed.us</a> or Faye Streier, Bureau of Reclamation 605-394- 9757, ext. 3005	Analysis
4	Cedar River/Grand River NG Prescribed Burns	<a href="mailto:banderson02@fs.fed.us">banderson02@fs.fed.us</a>	Decision Pending
District Wide	Apiary permit	<a href="mailto:mhaase@fs.fed.us">mhaase@fs.fed.us</a>	Decision Memo signed 4/4/02
District Wide	Grand River National Grasslands Wells	<a href="mailto:kahansen@fs.fed.us">kahansen@fs.fed.us</a>	<b>On Hold, several individual wells being done as separate projects</b>
District Wide	Cedar River National Grasslands Vegetation Management Plan	<a href="mailto:kahansen@fs.fed.us">kahansen@fs.fed.us</a>	Analysis area includes the entire Cedar River National Grasslands as a result it is not identified on the map.
5	Munderloh Fence/Cedar River NG	<a href="mailto:kahansen@fs.fed.us">kahansen@fs.fed.us</a>	Public Involvement/analysis
6	1A well replacement	<a href="mailto:kahansen@fs.fed.us">kahansen@fs.fed.us</a>	Analysis
7	5B well replacement	<a href="mailto:kahansen@fs.fed.us">kahansen@fs.fed.us</a>	Analysis
8	6B well replacement	<a href="mailto:kahansen@fs.fed.us">kahansen@fs.fed.us</a>	Analysis
9	Hay Creek Well and Tank	<a href="mailto:kahansen@fs.fed.us">kahansen@fs.fed.us</a>	Analysis

## Sheyenne Ranger District Project Table

MAP NO.	PROJECT NAME	Email address for Contact or Team Leader	Other Information
1	Richland County Drain #10 Management	<a href="mailto:crufsvold@fs.fed.us">crufsvold@fs.fed.us</a>	Information Gathering
2	1240 Road	<a href="mailto:crufsvold@fs.fed.us">crufsvold@fs.fed.us</a>	Public Involvement
3	Hankinson Hills Recreation Project	<a href="mailto:crufsvold@fs.fed.us">crufsvold@fs.fed.us</a>	Project Initiation
4	Hoofda Hotel Outfitter and Guide Permit	<a href="mailto:crufsvold@fs.fed.us">crufsvold@fs.fed.us</a>	Project Initiation
District Wide	Transportation Plan	<a href="mailto:crufsvold@fs.fed.us">crufsvold@fs.fed.us</a>	Public Involvement
6	West I Riparian Fence	<a href="mailto:bbraun@fs.fed.us">bbraun@fs.fed.us</a>	Decision Pending



Please See Sheyenne Ranger District Project Table on the previous page.

Thank you.

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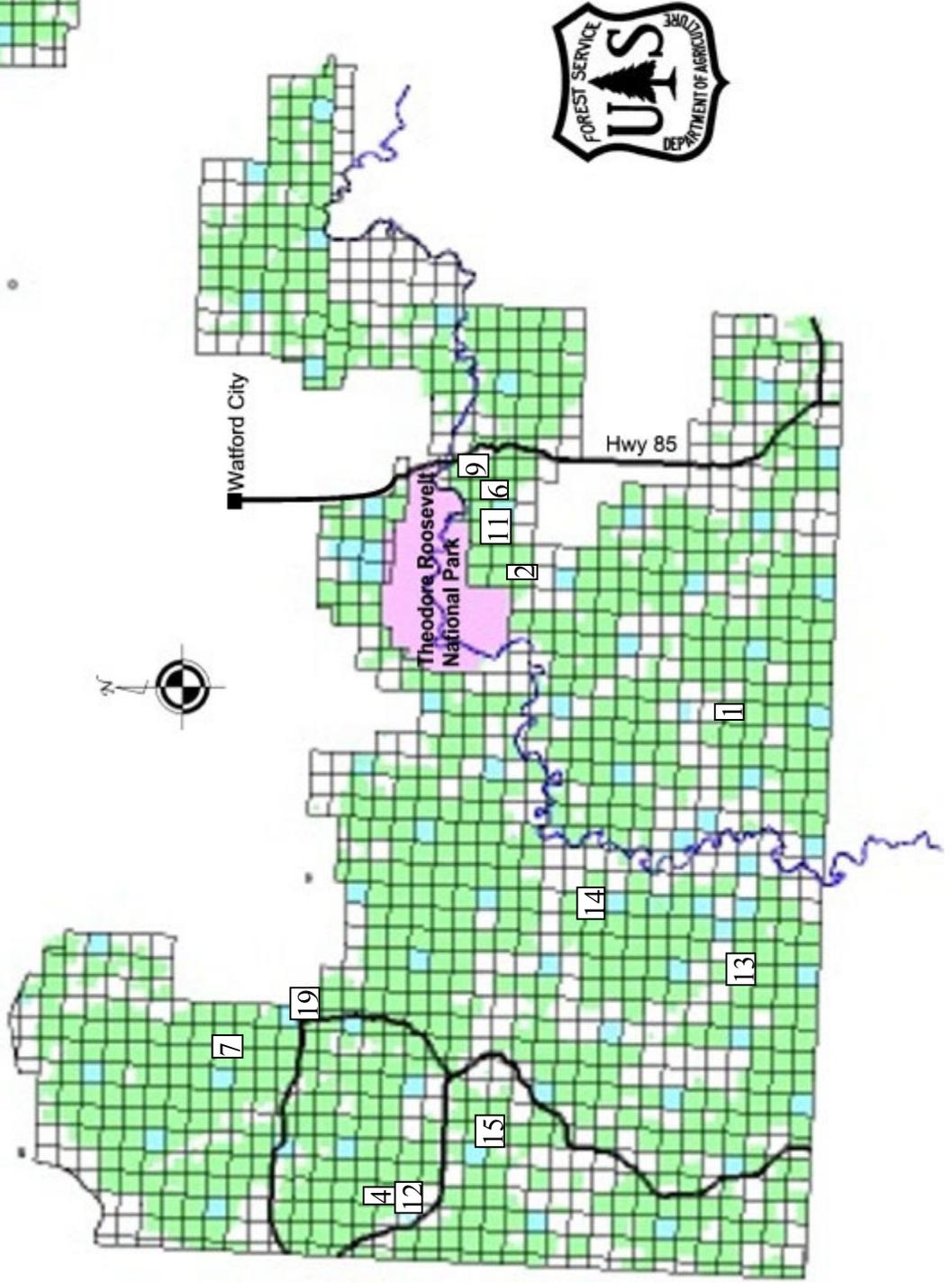
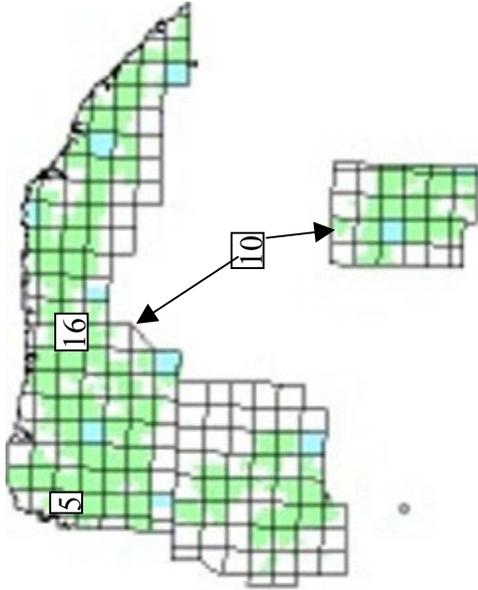


# McKenzie Ranger District

Little Missouri National Grassland

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District Ranger - Frank Guzman



## McKenzie Ranger District Project Table

MAP NO.	PROJECT NAME	Email address for Contact or Team Leader	Other Information
1	Abandoned Stock Water Dam Reclamation	ksullivan@fs.fed.us	
2	Corral Creek Trail Bridge	<a href="mailto:mgiese@fs.fed.us">mgiese@fs.fed.us</a>	
	Livestock Water Dam Reclamation	<a href="mailto:ksullivan@fs.fed.us">ksullivan@fs.fed.us</a>	COMPLETED, contact leader for locations.
4	Nance Petroleum 13-30 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	mgiese@fs.fed.us	
5	Tobacco Garden Lewis & Clark Overlook	gfoli@fs.fed.us	
6	Little Knife Outfitters O&G Permit	tturck@fs.fed.us	
7	P1-A4 Permanent Cross-Fence	<a href="mailto:ljohnson@fs.fed.us">ljohnson@fs.fed.us</a>	
<b>District -Wide</b>	2002 Noxious Weed Program	<a href="mailto:rhager@fs.fed.us">rhager@fs.fed.us</a>	Contact leader for exact locations.
9	Long X Endurance Ride	<a href="mailto:Jknutson01@fs.fed.us">Jknutson01@fs.fed.us</a>	
10	NE McKenzie Range Project (formerly Pasture 12,13,&14 AMP Updates)	lknotts@fs.fed.us	
11	Maah-Daah-Hey and Long X Trail Relocation Segments	<a href="mailto:mgiese@fs.fed.us">mgiese@fs.fed.us</a>	Contact leader for exact locations.
12	Fencing Woody Draw and Fence Relocation Pasture 2-5	kbrunelle@fs.fed.us	
13	Pasture 6 Water Tank Relocation	kbrunelle@fs.fed.us	
14	Griffon 8-32 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	<a href="mailto:enordseven@fs.fed.us">enordseven@fs.fed.us</a>	
15	Headington Oil Seismic Permit	enordsvan@fs.fed.us	
16	Petro-Hunt D-406 Flowline	<a href="mailto:Jknutson01@fs.fed.us">Jknutson01@fs.fed.us</a>	
	Haying Permits	kbrunelle@fs.fed.us	Contact leader for locations.
19	Sather Lake Campground Renovation	gfoli@f.fed.us	
	Abandoned Livestock Dam Reclamation	ksullivan@fs.fed.us	Contact leader for locations.

### Off-Highway Vehicle Travel (OHV)

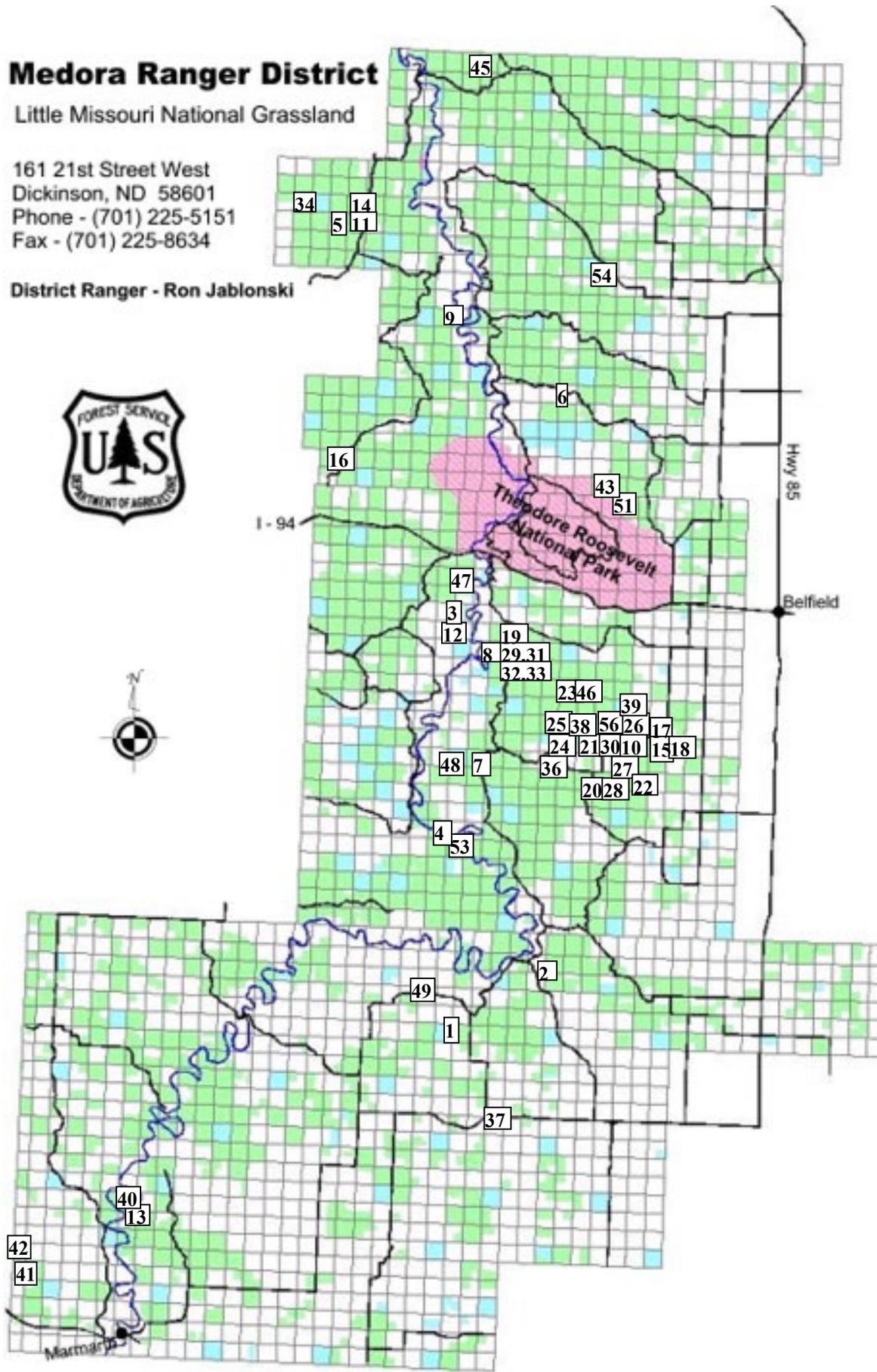
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# Medora Ranger District

Little Missouri National Grassland

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District Ranger - Ron Jablonski



## Medora Ranger District Project Table

MAP NO.	PROJECT NAME	Email address for Contact or Team Leader	Other Information
1	Ponderosa Pines Prescribed Burn Project	msand@fs.fed.us	
2	Burning Coal Vein Toilet Replacement	dhilliard@fs.fed.us	
3	Amerada Hess MHMU 32H, Well Pad and Access Road	<a href="mailto:rswalling@fs.fed.us">rswalling@fs.fed.us</a>	ON HOLD
4	Upton 13-1 Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
5	Equity 23-21 Well Pad and Access Road	msexton@fs.fed.us	
6	Bear Paw Energy Gas Pipeline to Compressor Station	mthornton@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
7	Upton 3-13 Oil Well Pad and access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
8	West Plains Electric Replace 1,331ft 7.2 KV line	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
9	Midstate Telephone Replace 6,100 feet of line	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
10	Bear Paw Energy Gas Pipeline to Westport 21-9	mthornton@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
11	Bear Paw Energy bury 9,671 feet of 4" pipeline	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
12	Billings County Road Reconstruction	mthornton@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
13	Consolidated Telecom bury 10,420 feet of telephone cable	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
14	Belle Fouche Pipeline bury 300 feet of 4" steel pipeline	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
15	Bear Paw bury 2,640 feet of poly gas pipeline	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
16	Billings and Golden Valley County – W. River Road (FH #12) Corridor Study	<a href="mailto:mthornton@fs.fed.us">mthornton@fs.fed.us</a>	
17	Upton Resources Bury 2,65 feet of 3" saltwater disposal pipeline	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
18	West Plains Electric Replace & Upgrade 4.5 miles of overhead powerline, construct new substation	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
19	Amerada Hess MHMU 4XHR pipeline	cdecker@fs.fed.us	
20	Belco Energy Corp Federal 4-21H Well Pad & Access Road	<a href="mailto:rswalling@fs.fed.us">rswalling@fs.fed.us</a>	ON HOLD
21	Westport 14-33, Well Pad and Access Road	msexton@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
22	Whiting 1-21H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
23	Upton 4-2 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
24	Upton 2A-11 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
25	Upton 12-2 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
26	Westport 24-29, Well Pad and Access road	msexton@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
27	Whiting 1`-24H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
28	Whiting 1-30H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
29	Amerada Hess MHMU 12D pipeline	cdecker@fs.fed.us	
30	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-8H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
31	Amerada Hess Satellite 18 pipeline.	cdecker@fs.fed.us	
32	Amerada Hess MHMU 17HR pipeline.	cdecker@fs.fed.us	

## Medora Ranger District Project Table *Continued*

MAP NO.	PROJECT NAME	Email address for Contact or Team Leader	Other Information
33	Amerada Hess MHMU 20 pipeline.	<a href="mailto:cdecker@fs.fed.us">cdecker@fs.fed.us</a>	
34	Equity Oil Company 32-4 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	<a href="mailto:rswalling@fs.fed.us">rswalling@fs.fed.us</a>	
36	Upton 1A-11H Oil Well Pad (4 wells) and Access Road	<a href="mailto:cenderud@fs.fed.us">cenderud@fs.fed.us</a>	
37	Consolidated Telephone Line Replacement	<a href="mailto:mthornton@fs.fed.us">mthornton@fs.fed.us</a>	
38	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<a href="mailto:mthornton@fs.fed.us">mthornton@fs.fed.us</a>	
39	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<a href="mailto:mthornton@fs.fed.us">mthornton@fs.fed.us</a>	COMPLETED
40	Slope County Road Reconstruction	<a href="mailto:mthornton@fs.fed.us">mthornton@fs.fed.us</a>	
41	Slope Electric Coop Electric Line to Continental Bucklin 14-20H well	<a href="mailto:mthornton@fs.fed.us">mthornton@fs.fed.us</a>	
42	Slope Electric Coop Electric Line to Continental Mosquito 14-17H well	<a href="mailto:mthornton@fs.fed.us">mthornton@fs.fed.us</a>	
43	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<a href="mailto:mthornton@fs.fed.us">mthornton@fs.fed.us</a>	ON HOLD
45	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<a href="mailto:mthornton@fs.fed.us">mthornton@fs.fed.us</a>	ON HOLD
46	Upton 10-2 Oil Well Pad (4 wells) and Access Road	<a href="mailto:cenderud@fs.fed.us">cenderud@fs.fed.us</a>	
47	Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation O&G Permit	<a href="mailto:tturck@fs.fed.us">tturck@fs.fed.us</a>	
48	Upton 1-23H Oil Well Pad (4 wells) and Access Road	<a href="mailto:cenderud@fs.fed.us">cenderud@fs.fed.us</a>	
49	Logging Camp Ranch O&G Permit	<a href="mailto:tturck@fs.fed.us">tturck@fs.fed.us</a>	
51	Slawson 6-1 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	<a href="mailto:cenderud@fs.fed.us">cenderud@fs.fed.us</a>	
53	Upton 2-23 Oil Well Pad (4 wells) and Access Road	<a href="mailto:cenderud@fs.fed.us">cenderud@fs.fed.us</a>	
54	Westport Tree Top 31-3 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	<a href="mailto:msexton@fs.fed.us">msexton@fs.fed.us</a>	COMPLETED
56	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<a href="mailto:mthornton@fs.fed.us">mthornton@fs.fed.us</a>	ON HOLD
	Noxious Weed Control (District Wide)	<a href="mailto:dewilliams@fs.fed.us">dewilliams@fs.fed.us</a>	COMPLETED
	Haying Permits (District Wide)	<a href="mailto:dewilliams@fs.fed.us">dewilliams@fs.fed.us</a>	

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USDA Forest Service (FS) ..... <http://www.fs.fed.us/forum/nepa/welcome.htm>  
 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)..... <http://www.epa.gov/>  
 President's Council on Environmental Quality ..... <http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/>  
 USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM) ..... <http://www.blm.gov/>  
 USDI Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) ..... <http://www.fws.gov/>  
 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ..... <http://www.fedworld.gov/ferc/ferc.html>  
 USDI National Park Service (NPS) ..... <http://www.nps.gov/index.htm>  
 Government Printing Office (GPO online) ..... <http://www.access.gpo.gov/index.html>

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