



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2007 to 06/30/2007

Custer National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire_retardant@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service proposes to continue the aerial application of fire retardant to fight fires on National Forest System lands. An environmental analysis will be conducted to prepare an Environmental Assessment on the proposed action.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html .					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nation Wide.					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Northern Rockies Lynx Amendment EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/16/2004 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2007	Expected:04/2007	04/2007	Ray Smith 406-329-3381 raysmith@fs.fed.us
Description: Management guidelines for management of Canada Lynx on certain lands under the authority of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html					
Location: UNIT - Idaho Panhandle National Forest All Units, Clearwater National Forest All Units, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest All Units, Bitterroot National Forest All Units, Kootenai National Forest All Units, Lewis And Clark National Forest All Units, Bighorn National Forest All Units, Ashley National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Custer National Forest All Units, Flathead National Forest All Units, Gallatin National Forest All Units, Helena National Forest All Units, Lolo National Forest All Units, Nez Perce National Forest All Units, Shoshone National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units. STATE - Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Idaho. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Various. Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah.					

Custer National Forest Ashland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R1 - Northern Region

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Hanson Fuels Reduction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:10/2007	05/2008	Julian Hammer 406-784-2344 jjhammer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project objective is to reduce the risk of wildfire within the NFS/private land interface, improve forest health, and reduce fuel loadings.				
	Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. LEGAL - T3S, R47E, Sec9s) 21-23, 26-28, 6th PM. T3S, R47E, Sec9s) 21-23, 26-28, 6th PM.				
Hanson Prescribed Fire CE	- Fuels management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Julian Hammer 406-784-2344 jjhammer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hanson Prescribed Fire.				
	Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. LEGAL - T3S; R47E; Sections 21-23, 26-28; 6th PM. T3S; R47E; Sections 21-23, 26-28; 6th PM.				
Lower Three Mile Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2007	Expected:10/2007	12/2007	Megan Barbee 406-784-2344 mbarbee@fs.fed.us
	Description: A pending waiver allows FS to analyze and improve range management within the Lower Three Mile grazing allotment. Three allotments, Shorty Creek, Lower Three Mile, and Lower Home will be analyzed.				
	Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. Fifteen miles south and east of Ashland, MT.				
Roundup Prescribed Fire CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/19/2003	Expected:10/2007	03/2008	Julian Hammer 406-784-2344 jjhammer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Roundup Prescribed Fire				
	Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. LEGAL - T4S, R47E, Sec(s) 20-21, 28-33T4S, R46E, Sec(s) 25, 36T5S, R47E, Sec 5. T4S, R47E, Sec(s) 20-21, 28-33T4S, R46E, Sec(s) 25, 36T5S, R47E, Sec 5.				

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Stag Rock Range Rescission CE	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 09/18/2006	03/2007	Kirk Anderson 406-784-2344 kanderson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grazing management plans for East Odell, Padget, Brian Gooseberry, and Stag Rock allotments.				
	Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River, Rosebud. LEGAL - T4S, R44E; T4S, R45E; T5S, R44E; T5S, R45E; T6S, R44E; T6S, R46E, Principal Meridian, Montana. T4S, R44E; T4S, R45E; T5S, R44E; T5S, R45E; T6S, R44E; T6S, R46E, Ashland RD, Ashland, Montana.				
Ten Mile Prescribed Fire CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/19/2005	Expected:08/2007	04/2008	Julian Hammer 406-784-2344 jjhammer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Ten Mile Prescribed Fire				
	Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. LEGAL - T5S; R47 E; Sections 7-10, 15-17, 20-21. T5S; R47E; Sections 7-10, 15-17, 20-21,.				
Timber Creek Prescribed Fire CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2003	Expected:04/2007	05/2007	Julian Hammer 406-784-2344 jjhammer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber Creek Prescribed Fire				
	Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Rosebud. T6S, R43E, Sec(s) 11-14, 23-24T6S, R44E, Sec(s) 7-8, 17-19.				
Watt Draw 2 Salvage Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:07/2007	10/2007	Nathan Gassmann 406-784-2344 ngassmann@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project purpose is to salvage fire damaged and dead trees from the Watt Draw Fire Area. Location of this salvage would be in those units having dead and dying timber in areas that did not burn under high severity conditions.				
	Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. LEGAL - T4S, R46E, Sec(s) 5, 7, 8 and T4S, R47E, Sec. 7, 6th PM. T4S, R46E, Sec(s) 5, 7, 8 and T4S, R47E, Sec. 7, 6th PM.				

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Whitetail Hazardous Fuels Project EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2007	Expected:11/2007	07/2008	Nathan Gassmann 406-784-2344 ngassmann@fs.fed.us
Description: To reduce hazardous fuel conditions by changing forest condition classes 2 and 3 towards condition class 1.					
Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. Adjacent to or within close proximity of private landholdings and Forest Service infrastructure including the Whitetail Cabin and Holiday Campground..					

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Custer National Forest Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Beartooth District Travel Management Plan EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/30/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/2007	Expected:06/2008	10/2008	Doug Epperly 406-657-6200 depperly@fs.fed.us
Description: Develop and approve Travel Management Plan for Beartooth Ranger District consistent w/ laws, regulations, and Forest Service policies.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer/projects/planning/nepa/d2_travel_mgmt/index					
Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon, Park, Stillwater, Sweet Grass. LEGAL - Includes Beartooth Face and the Pryors Mountain land unit. Entire Beartooth Ranger District.					
Beartooth Platinum Corporation's Iron Mountain and Chrome Mountain 2007 Plans of Operations CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/22/2007	Expected:04/2007	05/2007	Dan Seifert 406-446-4520 dseifert@fs.fed.us
Description: BPC proposes to conduct exploratory core drilling for total of 40 sites on Custer NF & Gallatin NF in the East Boulder and Iron Mtn.					
Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater, Sweet Grass. LEGAL - T4S, R13E, Sec(s) 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, and 34; T5S, R13E, Sec(s) 7, 17, 18; and, T5S, R14E, Sec(s) 7, 17, and 18, P.M.M.. East Boulder Plateau and Iron Mtn. areas between Nye and Big Timber, MT.					

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Benbow Post and Pole Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/19/2007	Expected:05/2007	05/2008	Mark Hale 406-446-2103 mahale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Machine piling in a personal-use post and pole timber sale area and site preparation for stand regeneration. The project is approx. 11.5 acres of primarily lodgepole pine mixed with other conifer and deciduous species.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T5S, R16E, Sec(s) 15 & 22, P.M.. Near Benbow jeep Trail (Road #2414), Little Rocky Creek drainage, Nye, MT.				
Big Ice Cave Mineral Withdrawal EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2001 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2007	Expected:07/2007	07/2008	Lisa Subcasky 970-295-6656 lsubcasky@fs.fed.us
	Description: Big Ice Cave Mineral Withdrawal				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T8S, R27E, Sec 3, SE1/4 and Sec. 10 N1/2 N1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4, PMM. Big Ice Cave and the surrounding 170 acre area.				
Breakneck Bridge Replacement Trails Capital Investment Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/16/2007	Expected:04/2007	06/2007	Allie Wood 406-446-2103 awood01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace Lower Breakneck Bridge with two culverts. Replace Upper Breakneck 24 feet by 6 feet native materials stringer bridge w/ 34 ft X 6 ft native materials stringer bridge.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sweet Grass. LEGAL - T6S, R13E, Section 3, Principal Meridian and 6th Principal Meridian.. Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, west of Lightning Lake (approx. 1.5 miles) and east of Breakneck Mtn (approx. 2.5 miles).				
Crooked Creek Road Improvement Project CE	- Road management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Dan Seifert 406-446-4520 dseifert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Road improvements on Custer NF portions of Crooked Creek Road #2085. Improvements include resurfacing, improving existing culverts, installing turnouts and culverts, and improving slope stability and visibility along the road.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T8S, R27 E, Sections 5, 8, 16, 17, 21, 27, 28, and 34, Principal Meridian and 6th Principal Meridians.. Pryor Mountains, Crooked Creek Road; National Forest System Road (NFSR) 2085..				

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East Pryor Interagency Communications Site Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:07/2007	09/2007	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue special use permit to other agencies (FBI, ATF, BLM, BIA, & MT Highway Patrol) occupying existing electronic site at East Pryor Mountain.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T8S, R28E, Sec. 6, Lot 4, P.M.. Approximately 30 miles east of Belfry, MT on East Pryor Mountain.				
Kalt and Gans Land Exchange EA	- Land acquisition	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mark Slacks 406-657-6205 ext. 240 mslacks@fs.fed.us
	Description: Kalt and Gans Land Exchange. Land exchange in response to proponent's proposal to exchange 159.99 acres of private lands for 156.12 acres of Federal lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T7S, R27E, Section 20 on private land and T7S, R26E, Sections 23, 24 and 19 on USFS . North Fork of Sage Creek. Private lands in portion of Section 20, T7S, R27E, proposed for exchange with USFS lands in portions of Section 23, 24, and 19 in T7S, R26E..				
McAllister Recreation Residence Pond Reconstruction CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/20/2007	06/2007	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-build existing ponds by rebuilding separation dike and liner for small ponds.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater. LEGAL - T5S, R15E, Sec. 16. Approximately 3 miles southwest of Nye, MT.				
Mountain Guides, Inc. Outfitter and Guide Special Use permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/19/2007	Expected:04/2007	04/2007	Allie Wood 406-446-2103 awood01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue SUP to authorize continued operation of existing commercial outfitter and guide services. Permit includes 350 service days for priority use for a range of mountain/rock and ice climb'g/winter mountaineer'g/skiing/backpack'g thruout Beartooths.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon, Stillwater. LEGAL - T6S, Ranges 13E thru 17E; R7S, Ranges 13E thru 19E; T8S, Ranges 13E thru 20E; T9S, Ranges 13E thru 20E; PMM. Beartooth Mountain Range on Beartooth Ranger District.				

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Parkside and Sheridan Campground Improvements Project. CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/06/2006	Expected:04/2007	05/2007	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install parking spur and septic tank for host at Parkside Campground. Install additional campsite in Sheridan Campground.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - Parkside CG - T8S, R20E, Sec. 30, P.M.; Sheridan CG - T9S, R19E, Sec. 8, P.M.. Parkside Campground (CG) - approx. 8 miles southwest of Red Lodge, MT. Sheridan CG - approx. 4.5 miles southwest of Red Lodge, MT..				
Pryor Mountains Aspen Regeneration and Restoration Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	10/2007	Barb Pitman 406-446-2103 bpitman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cut small-patch clearcuts (four to ten acres in size) and conifer encroachment in existing aspen stands in North Pryor mountains. All treatments would be non-commercial and accomplished by hand crews as funding permits over the next few years.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T7S, R28E, Sec. 31; T7S, R27E, Sec(s) 19-36; T7S, R26E, Sec(s) 22-27, and 36; PMM. Aspen stands in the northern portions of the Pryor Mountains.				
Sheridan Campground Site Addition CE	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	Description: Add one new campsite to Sheridan Campground				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T8 S, R20E, Sec. 30. Approximately 7 miles south of Red Lodge, MT.				
Stillwater Mining Company, Closure and Post Closure EIS	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 07/27/2001 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2007	Expected:03/2008	06/2008	Patrick Pierson 406-446-2103 pperson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine bonding and management practices necessary once mine ceases operations				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater. LEGAL - T5S, R15E, Sec(s) 21, 22. Stillwater Drainage.				

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Trend Mining Inc., Mountain View Helicopter Drilling Project Plan of Operations - 2007 CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 03/23/2007	06/2007	Dan Seifert 406-446-4520 dseifert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Helicopter supported exploratory mineral drillings at up to three sites.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater. LEGAL - T5S, R15E, Sec. 20, P.M.. Approximately 5 miles southwest of Nye, Montana in the headwaters of Mountain View Creek..				
Trout Creek Riparian Restoration CE	- Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/12/2007	Expected:04/2007	04/2007	Darin Watschke 406-657-6200 dwatschke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest Service, Custer NF, in cooperation with MT Dept of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks will plant will cuttings in Trout Creek Drainage.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater. Trout Creek, Tributary to the Stillwater River.				
West Fork Road Winter Grooming for X-C Skiing CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 01/27/2007	01/2007	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	Description: Groom Westfork Rock Creek Road for X-C ski track.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T8S, R19E, Sec. 2 and 10; T7S, R18E, Sec. 36. Approximately 2.5 miles southwest of Red Lodge, MT.				

Custer National Forest Sioux Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Antelope Stockwater Pipeline CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:05/2007	07/2007	Nick Schultz 605-797-4432 ext 13 nschultz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Extension of existing pipeline in the Antelope Grazing Allotment to facilitate cattle dispersion.				
	Location: UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Harding. LEGAL - T16E,R8E, Sec(s) 2, 11, 15. Within the Slim Buttes land unit.				

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Cox Stockwater Pipeline CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/11/2007	Expected:05/2007	07/2007	Nick Schultz 605-797-4432 ext 13 nschultz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of a pipeline in the Cox grazing allotment to facilitate cattle dispersion.				
	Location: UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Harding. LEGAL - T22S, R5E, Sec. 14. Within the North Cave Hills land unit.				
Crooked Creek Outfitters Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/27/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Tawni Parks 605-797-4432 tparks@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of temporary, one year permit to Crooked Crk Outfitters for the purpose of outfitting and guiding hunters during archery season on the South Dakota side of the Sioux Ranger District.				
	Location: UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Harding. Slim Buttes, South Cave Hills, East Short Pines land units.				
Sioux Ranger District Oil and Gas Leasing EIS EIS	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 03/15/2007	07/2007	Laurie Walters-Clark 605-797-4435 Ext. 26 lwaltersclark@fs.fed.us
	Description: Oil and Gas Leasing EIS on the Sioux Ranger District, South Dakota portion of the ranger district				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer				
Slim Buttes Vegetation Management CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:09/2007	07/2008	Robert Cordell 605-797-4432 rcordell@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is a vegetation management project in the north end of the Slim Buttes land unit. This area was identified as being high fire risk area by Harding County in the preparation of the Harding County Community Action Fire Plan.				
	Location: UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Harding. LEGAL - All or portions of T18N, R8E, Sec(s) 5-8, and T19N, R8E, Sec(s) 27-29, and 31-34.. Within the north end of the Slim Buttes land unit.				

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