



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2007 to 09/30/2007

### Custer National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Aerial Application of Fire Retardant</b> EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:08/2007	08/2007	Christopher Wehrli 202-205-1332 fire_retardant@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nation Wide.					

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

<b>Northern Rockies Lynx Mangment Direction</b> EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 03/23/2007	07/2007	Ray Smith 406-329-3381 raysmith@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Management guidelines for management of Canada lynx on certain lands under the authority of the Forest Service					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Hanson Fuels Reduction</b> CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:04/2008	05/2008	Martin Mitzkus 406-784-2344 mmitzkus@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project objective is to reduce the risk of wildfire within the NFS/private land interface, improve forest health, and reduce fuel loadings.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Lower Three Mile Project</b> CE	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Megan Barbee 406-784-2344 mbarbee@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. Fifteen miles south and east of Ashland, MT.				
<b>Roundup Prescribed Fire</b> CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/23/2007	Expected:10/2007	03/2008	Martin Mitzkus 406-784-2344 mmitzkus@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Roundup Prescribed Fire				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Ten Mile Prescribed Fire</b> CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/22/2007	Expected:08/2007	04/2008	Martin Mitzkus 406-784-2344 mmitzkus@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Ten Mile Prescribed Fire				
	<b>Location:</b> 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,.				

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<b>Timber Creek Vegetation Management Project</b> CE	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 08/16/2006	10/2007	Martin Mitzkus 406-784-2344 mmitzkus@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Timber Creek Vegetation Management Project (was originally identified as the Timber Creek Prescribed Fire Project).				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Rosebud. T6S, R43E, Sec(s) 11-14, 23-24T6S, R44E, Sec(s) 7-8, 17-19.				
<b>Watt Draw Salvage #2 Project</b> CE	- Forest products	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/16/2007	Expected:07/2007	09/2007	Nathan Gassmann 406-784-2344 ngassmann@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Whitetail Hazardous Fuels Project</b> EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:11/2007	07/2008	Nathan Gassmann 406-784-2344 ngassmann@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> To reduce hazardous fuel conditions by changing forest condition classes 2 and 3 towards condition class 1.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Custer National Forest Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Beartooth District Travel Management Plan</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> Develop and approve Travel Management Plan for Beartooth Ranger District consistent w/ laws, regulations, and Forest Service policies.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer/projects/planning/nepa/d2_travel_mgmt/index">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer/projects/planning/nepa/d2_travel_mgmt/index</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Beartooth Platinum Corporation's Iron Mountain and Chrome Mountain 2007 Plans of Operations</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/22/2007	Expected:07/2007	07/2007	Dan Seifert 406-446-4520 dseifert@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> BPC proposes to conduct exploratory core drilling for total of 20 sites on Custer NF in the Iron Mtn. area. A small drill rig would be used at each drill site. Actual drill pad locations will be ground reviewed by USFS rep. Impacts will be reclaimed.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater, Sweet Grass. LEGAL - T5S, R13E, Sec12 & 13; 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.				
<b>Benbow Thinning and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project</b> CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/19/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2007	Expected:08/2007	09/2008	Mark Hale 406-446-2103 mahale@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T5S, R16E, Sec(s) 15 & 22, P.M.M.. Near Benbow jeep Trail (Road #2414), Little Rocky Creek drainage, Nye, MT.				
<b>Big Ice Cave Mineral Withdrawal</b> EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/03/2001 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2007	Expected:09/2007	01/2008	Lisa Subcasky 970-295-6656 lsubcasky@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Big Ice Cave Mineral Withdrawal				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Breakneck Bridge Replacement Trails Capital Investment Project</b> CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/30/2007	06/2007	Allie Wood 406-446-2103 awood01@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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).				
<b>Crooked Creek Road Improvement Project</b> CE	- Road management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Dan Seifert 406-446-4520 dseifert@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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..				
<b>East Pryor Interagency Communications Site Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	11/2007	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Issue special use permit to other agencies (FBI, ATF, BLM, BIA, & MT Highway Patrol) occupying existing electronic site at East Pryor Mountain.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Mountain Guides, Inc. Outfitter and Guide Special Use permit</b> CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/30/2007	06/2007	Allie Wood 406-446-2103 awood01@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Parkside and Sheridan Campground Improvements Project.</b> CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 05/17/2007	05/2007	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Install parking spur and septic tank for host at Parkside Campground. Install additional campsite in Sheridan Campground.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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..				
<b>Pryor Mountain Abandoned Uranium Mine Reclamation Project</b> CE <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	Dan Seifert 406-446-4520 dseifert@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reclaim abandoned Sandra & Old Glory uranium mines to: 1)reduce human health and safety concerns; and 2) reclaim and restore previously disturbed mine sites.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. Sandra and Old Glory abandoned uranium mines in the Pryor Mountains.				
<b>Pryor Mountains Aspen Regeneration and Restoration Project</b> CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/29/2007	Expected:08/2007	10/2007	Barb Pitman 406-446-2103 bpitman@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Recreation Residence Deck Construction</b> CE <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:08/2007	08/2007	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replace existing concrete patio at recreation residence with a wood deck approximately 100 square feet larger.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T8S, R19E, Sec. 34. Lot 12 Snow Creek Recreation Residence Tract.				

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<b>Stillwater Mining Company, Closure and Post Closure EIS</b>	- 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
	<b>Description:</b> Determine bonding and management practices necessary once mine ceases operations				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater. LEGAL - T5S, R15E, Sec(s) 21, 22. Stillwater Drainage.				
<b>Trout Creek Riparian Restoration CE</b>	- Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 05/04/2007	06/2007	Darin Watschke 406-657-6200 dwatschke@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Forest Service, Custer NF, in cooperation with MT Dept of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks will plant will cuttings in Trout Creek Drainage.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater. Trout Creek, Tributary to the Stillwater River.				

<b>Custer National Forest Sioux Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Antelope Stockwater Pipeline CE</b>	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 06/07/2007	07/2007	Mark Buchanan 406-657-6200 mabuchanan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Extension of existing pipeline in the Antelope Grazing Allotment to facilitate cattle dispersion.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Custer National Forest Sioux Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Cox Stockwater Pipeline</b> CE	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 05/19/2007	07/2007	Mark Buchanan 406-657-6200 mabuchanan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Installation of a pipeline in the Cox grazing allotment to facilitate cattle dispersion.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Harding. LEGAL - T22S, R5E, Sec. 14. Within the North Cave Hills land unit.				
<b>Crooked Creek Outfitters Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit</b> CE	- 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Harding. Slim Buttes, South Cave Hills, East Short Pines land units, Harding County, SD.				
<b>D&amp;S Ranch Outfitting Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/21/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	Tawni Parks 605-797-4432 tparks@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of temporary, one year permit to D&S Ranch Outfitting for the purposes of outfitting and guiding hunters during rifle deer season and spring/fall turkey season in the East Short Pines and Slim Buttes land units.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Harding. Slim Buttes, South Cave Hills, East Short Pines land units.				
<b>Slim Buttes Vegetation Management</b> CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2007	Expected:09/2007	07/2008	Robert Cordell 605-797-4432 rcordell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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