



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2008 to 03/31/2008

Custer National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 10/11/2007	10/2007	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.					
National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/31/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2008	Expected:02/2008	02/2008	Gina Owens 202-205-1187 gowens@fs.fed.us
Description: The Agency proposes to publish a rule at 36 CFR part 219 to finish rulemaking on the land management planning rule issued on January 5, 2005 (2005 rule). The 2005 rule guides development, revision, and amendment of land management plans.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2007_planning_rule.html					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - All units of the National Forest System. Agency-wide.					

Custer National Forest Ashland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region

Ashland Roads Piles Burning CE	- Road management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	02/2008	Nathan Gassmann 406-784-2344 ngassmann@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service proposes to hand-pile and burn vegetation that has been cut (small trees and brush) along road-sides to maintain site distances and for the maintenance of National Forest Transportation System routes.					
Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River, Rosebud. All National Forest System Roads on the Ashland Ranger District..					

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Hanson Fuels Reduction CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2007	Expected:04/2008	05/2008	Martin Mitzkus 406-784-2344 mmitzkus@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.				
Lower Three Mile Project EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/23/2007	Expected:11/2007	03/2008	Martin Mitzkus 406-784-2344 mmitzkus@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.				
Ten Mile Prescribed Fire CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/22/2007	Expected:11/2007	04/2008	Martin Mitzkus 406-784-2344 mmitzkus@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,.				

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Whitetail/Beaver Hazardous Fuels Project EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2007 Est. Objection Period Legal Notice 11/2007	Expected:01/2008	04/2008	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..					

Custer National Forest Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Beartooth District Travel Management Plan EIS	- Road management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 07/25/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2007	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 Pryor Mountain land unit. Entire Beartooth Ranger District.					
Benbow Thinning and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/19/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	11/2008	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.					

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Custer National Forest	Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Big Ice Cave Mineral Withdrawal EA	- Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				
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..				
East Pryor Interagency Communications Site Special Use Permit 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
	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.				
Grizzly Peak 2 Fuels Reduction CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2007	Expected:02/2008	04/2008	Mark Hale 406-446-2103 mahale@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce hazardous fuels and improve timber stand conditions in ponderosa pine stand near Palisades Campground and Grizzly Peak Subdivision by mechanical treatment and pile burning across approximately 50 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T7S, R20E, Sec. 31.. Near Palisades Campground and Grizzly Peak Subdivision on Beartooth RD..				

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Pryor Mountain Abandoned Uranium Mine Reclamation Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2007	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	Dan Seifert 406-446-4520 dseifert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reclaim abandoned Sandra & Old Glory uranium mines to: 1)reduce human health and safety concerns; and 2) reclaim and restore previously disturbed mine sites.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. Sandra and Old Glory abandoned uranium mines in the Pryor Mountains.				
Pryor Mountains Aspen Regeneration and Restoration Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/29/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	11/2007	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.				
Recreation Residence Deck Construction CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/28/2007	Expected:10/2007	11/2007	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace existing concrete patio at recreation residence with a wood deck approximately 100 square feet larger.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T8S, R19E, Sec. 34. Lot 12 Snow Creek Recreation Residence Tract.				
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 11/2007	Expected:03/2008	06/2008	Patrick Pierson 406-446-2103 ppierson@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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Custer National Forest Sioux Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
D&S Ranch Outfitting Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2007	Expected:01/2008	03/2008	Tawni Parks 605-797-4432 tparks@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Harding. Slim Buttes, South Cave Hills, East Short Pines land units.				
Grand Electric Co-Op Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2007	Expected:01/2008	01/2008	Laurie Walters-Clark 605-797-4435 Ext. 26 lwaltersclark@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of special use permit to Grand Electric Co-Op for existing overhead and underground facilities that are National Forest System lands of the Sioux RD, Custer NF.				
	Location: UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Harding. All South Dakota land units of the Sioux RD - North Cave Hills, South Cave Hills, West & East Short Pines, and Slim Buttes.				
North Slim Buttes Vegetation Management Project CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2007	Expected:11/2007	10/2008	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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