



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2007 to 09/30/2007

Bighorn 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:08/2007	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 Mangment Direction EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 03/23/2007	07/2007	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					
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.					

Bighorn National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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Bighorn National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Special Use Permit Re-Issuances for Existing Misc. Non-Recreation Special Uses CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/02/2006	Expected:09/2007	09/2007	Gayle Laurent 307-674-2656 glaurent@fs.fed.us
	Description: No changes to authorized facilities or increases in scope or intensity of authorized activities. Re-issuing permits for a new term under the same terms and conditions previously authorized.				
	Location: UNIT - Bighorn National Forest All Units. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn, Johnson, Sheridan, Washakie. Various sites on the Bighorn National Forest.				

Bighorn National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Outfitter Guide Special Use Permit - Tongue District CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	10/2007	Cheri Jones 307-674-2652 cajones02@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze the effect of continuing use on two special use priority permits. The permits for HF Bar Ranch and Elk Rock Companies are due to expire this year. Elk Rock is eligible for a 10 yr permit while HF Bar is for eligible for 5 yr permit.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District, Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson, Sheridan. HF Bar - Rock Creek and Willow Park. Elk Rock Companies - Clear Creek, West Fork Little Bighorn River, East and West Fors Big Goose Creeks and Little Goose Creek. Bliss Creek Outfitters - Dry Fork..				

Bighorn National Forest District)	Medicine Wheel/Paintrock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Beaver Creek Allotment Management Plan EIS	- Grazing management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 05/16/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2008	Expected:05/2008	06/2008	Bernie Bornong 307-674-2685 bbornong@fs.fed.us
	Description: Allotment management plan revision for approximately 14 allotments in the Beaver Creek/Horse Creek Mesa area.				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District, Paintrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T54N, R90W and R91W. Area is near and south of US 14A, west and north of US 14 along the western boundary of the Bighorn National Forest..				

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Hunt Mountain Area Travel Management EA	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 05/30/2007	05/2008	John Hagengruber 307-674-2683 jhagengruber@fs.fed.us
Description: This project will designate motorized travel routes within the Hunt Mountain area. Two public field trips have taken place during August 2006 to the project area.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/projects/projectfiles/					
Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. Hunt Mountain area.					
Kinky White Trail #116 CE	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Sara Evans-Kirol 307-674-2692 sevanskirol@fs.fed.us
Description: Clearly sign and mark route, install drainage structures, and reconstruct tread base in wet areas, construct section of trail turnpike, and reroute some segments.					
Location: UNIT - Paintrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T51N, R87W. The Kinky White Trail #116 in its entirety, beginning at the Lower Paintrock Lakes trailhead then five miles south to the trail ending at FSR #363 near Cement Mountain..					
Lodge/Resort and Summer Home Group Fuels Treatments CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:05/2008	06/2009	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercial (mechanical) removal of conifer fuels adjacent to lodges, resorts, and cabin groups. Slash to be treated primarily with piling and burning. Needed to implement Community Wildfire Protection Plans generated by counties.					
Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District, Paintrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn, Sheridan. Areas adjacent to lodges, resorts and summer home (cabin) groups throughout the Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District.					
New gravel pit and crushing operation in Pussyfoot area EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Phil Fessler 307-674-2640 pfessler@fs.fed.us
Description: Open new gravel pit in Pussyfoot area					
Location: UNIT - Paintrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T53N R88W Section 30. Pussyfoot area..					

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Bighorn National Forest Medicine Wheel/Paintrock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
North High Park Trail #59, Fire Box Creek Crossing CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 05/10/2007	08/2007	Sara Evans-Kirol 307-674-2692 sevanskirol@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate the trail crossing of Fire Box Creek upstream by installing a culvert with a short abutment and approximately 50 feet of new trail approaches. Project will also include removal of the existing bridge.				
	Location: UNIT - Paintrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T51N R87W Section 16. North High Park Trail #59 at Fire Box Creek.				

Bighorn National Forest Powder River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Battle Park Cattle & Horse, Mistymoon Sheep & Goat Allotment Management Plan Revision EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 03/26/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2007	Expected:10/2007	06/2008	Bernie Bornong 307-674-2685 bbornong@fs.fed.us
	Description: Allotment Management Plan Revision on Battle Park C&H Allotment and Misty Moon S&G Allotment				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/projects/projectfiles/battle_misty/index.shtml				
Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. Southwest part of Bighorn National Forest (south portion of Paintrock Watershed), Big Horn County Wyoming.					
Boulder Park Campground Rehabilitation CE	- Recreation management - Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Craig Cope 307-684-4632 ccccope@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rehabilitation of 34 camping spurs along with installation of new CXT vault toilets and a new well and water system.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Washakie. LEGAL - T48N, R87W, Section 1. Boulder Park Campground.				

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Bighorn National Forest Powder River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Dullknife Fuels Treatment CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2007	Expected:01/2008	06/2008	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial (mechanical) removal of conifer fuels on about 700 acres adjacent to private land in the Dullknife Reservoir area. Slash to be treated primarily with piling and burning. Needed to implement Community Wildfire Protection Plans.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - T47N, R85W, Sections 10-15. North of Dullknife Reservoir and west of Hazelton Road on FS land.				
Guide Special Use Permit - Powder River District CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	William Hepler 307-684-9866 x2866 whepler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze continuing use on 4 priority permits. Outlaw Ranch, Trophies Unlimited, Sports Lure & D&D Outfitters are due to expire. Trophies Unlimited is eligible for a 10 yr permit while the others are eligible for a 5 yr permit.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson, Sheridan. Wyoming Mountain Lion Hunt Area 15, 21 and 22, West Tensleep Creek, Middle and South Paintrock Creek, North Paint Rock Creek, South Piney Creek above Willow, North Clear Creek, French Creek, South Rock C.				
Highline and East Tensleep Trail Reroutes CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/10/2006	Expected:09/2007	07/2008	Sara Evans-Kirol 307-674-2692 sevanskirol@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reroute, sign, install drainage, and improve segments of the trail.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T49N R86W Sections 10, 14-15, 20-22. The project area is located between Willow Park Picnic Area and the Cloud Peak Wilderness Boundary.				
Lodge/Resort and Summer Home Group Fuels Treatments CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:06/2008	06/2008	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial (mechanical) removal of conifer fuels adjacent to lodges, resorts, and cabin groups. Slash to be treated primarily with piling and burning. Needed to implement Community Wildfire Protection Plans generated by counties.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn, Johnson, Washakie. Area adjacent to lodges, resorts and summer home (cabin) groups throughout the Powder River Ranger District.				

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Poison Creek and Caribou Mesa Timber Sale EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/13/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2007	Expected:11/2007	07/2008	David Anderson 307-674-2659 davidanderson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber harvest project on approximately 2,000 acres within approximately 10,000 acre project area. Harvest methods are mix of small clearcuts (<5 acres), thinning and overstory removal. Aspen and fuels treatments also included.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/projects/projectfiles/				
Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - T48N R84W, Sections 6-8, 17-20, 30; T48N R85W, Sections 1-2, 11-14, 23-26; T49N R83W Sections 17-20, 29-31; T49N R84W Sections 23-26. The southeast corner of the Forest. The Caribou Mesa portion is east of US Hwy 16 in the area of East Long Park Spring No 2. The Poison portion is south of US Hwy 16 and is split by Dry Poison Creek.					
South Fork Campground Capital Improvement Project (CIP) CE	- Facility management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:08/2007	07/2008	Craig Cope 307-684-4632 cccpe@fs.fed.us
	Description: Refurbishment and updating campground (toilets and campsites) to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Also included is resource protection for the South Fork Clear Creek, adjacent to the campground.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - T50N R84W Section 27. South Fork Campground, immediately adjacent to US 16 approximately 16 miles west of Buffalo, WY. On the east side of the highway, directly opposite the South Fork Resort. .				
Southwest Fuels EA	- Watershed management - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 06/12/2007	07/2007	Jon Warder (307) 674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed burning and mechanical fuels treatment on approximately 20,000 acres in the Tensleep creek drainage.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson, Washakie. Southwest of Meadowlark Lake.				

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Bighorn National Forest	Powder River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
West Ten Phase II CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/18/2006	Expected:11/2007	06/2009	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fuels reduction project around the developed area in the West Ten corridor. Anticipated size is 800 acres or less. Mechanical treatment will be method. Only burning will be activity fuels. Potential stewardship contract project.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T49N, R86W, Approx Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32. Developed area of the West Ten Corridor.				

Bighorn National Forest	Tongue Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Allotment Management Plan Revision on Piney, Little Piney, Willow Park C&H Allotments EA	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 05/07/2007	06/2007	Bernie Bornong 307-674-2685 bbornong@fs.fed.us
	Description: Allotment Management Plan Revision on Piney, Little Piney, Willow Park C&H Allotments				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/projects/projectfiles				
	Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson, Sheridan. Piney Creek Watershed on east slope of the Bighorn National Forest.				
Babione Vegetation Management Project EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/19/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2007	Expected:12/2007	06/2008	David Anderson 307-674-2659 davidanderson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation management that will shift forest closer to desired future condition, improve wildlife habitat and reduce fire risk. The reduced fire risk is within a community wildfire protection plan identified Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/projects/projectfiles/				
	Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson, Sheridan. LEGAL - Portions of Township 53N 86W and Township 53N 87W. Cloud Peak Wilderness forms the southern border, Forest Road 26 to the north, Antler Ck and the East Fork of Big Goose Ck to the east and the Dome Lake Club private land to the west.				

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Lodge/Resort and Summer Home Group Fuels Treatments CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:06/2008	06/2009	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial (mechanical) removal of conifer fuels adjacent to lodges, resorts and cabin groups. Slash to be treated primarily with piling and burning. Needed to implement Community Wildfire Protection Plans generated by counties.				
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Sibley Lake Ski Trail Reroutes CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2007	Expected:11/2007	12/2007	Stephen Larrabee 307-674-2600 slarrabee@fs.fed.us
	Description: Six segments of the trail are proposed to be widened or rerouted to reduce hazards associated with steep hill and sharp turns.				
	Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - T55N R88W Section 11, 12 & 14. Sibley Lake Ski Trails, south of Hwy 14 at Sibley Lake..				

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