



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2008 to 03/31/2008

Bighorn 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.					

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		
Facility Analysis and Program of Work EA *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2008	Expected:03/2008	03/2013	Ruth Beckwith 307-674-2639 rbeckwith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use the recreation facility analysis process to develop a 5-year proposed Program of Work to better manage and improve the quality of developed recreation sites. The process produces no NEPA decisions but it may identify additional NEPA analysis.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/rfa/				
Location: UNIT - Bighorn National Forest All Units. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. Developed recreation sites (campgrounds, picnic grounds, visitor centers, trailheads etc.) located on the Bighorn National Forest.					
Special Use Permit Re-Issuances for Existing Misc. Non-Recreation Special Uses CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/02/2006	Expected:03/2008	06/2008	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	Completed	Actual: 07/23/2007	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..				

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Bighorn National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Tongue 2008 Outfitter Guide Special Use Permit Renewals CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special area management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:02/2008	04/2008	Cheri Jones 307-674-2652 cajones02@fs.fed.us
	Description: Convert 3 temp use special use permits to priority use.Beaver Trap Outfitters-spring & fall bear hunts,archery&rifle big game hunts,lion hunts.Triple Three Outfitters- archery&rifle big game hunts.Yellowcreek Outfitting- archery&rifle big game hunts.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District, Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson, Sheridan. Beaver Trap-Tongue River/Skull Ridge/Riley Point/Elephant Foot/Walker Prairie.Triple Three-Little Goose/Hazel Park/Pheasant-North Rock Creek.Yellowcreek-Taylor Mine-Quartz Creek to Wolf Creek..				

Bighorn National Forest Medicine Wheel/Paintrock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
2008 Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance - Medicine Wheel / Paintrock District CE	- Special use management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2007	Expected:01/2008	01/2008	Laura Johnson Boudreaux 970-264-2268 ljohnsonboudreaux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue permits to outfitters and guides currently holding priority use permits which expire on 12/31/2007. Permitted activities include trail rides, cattle drives, camps, hiking, fishing and big game hunting.				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District, Paintrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T52N,R87W,S9 Porcupine Camp; T52N, R87W, S17 Shell Lakes Camp; T52N, R87W, S23 Lake Golden Camp; T53N, R87W, S31 Buckley Creek Camp. T52N,R87W,S9 Porcupine Camp; T52N, R87W, S17 Shell Lakes Camp; T52N, R87W, S23 Lake Golden Camp; T53N, R87W, S31 Buckley Creek Camp.				
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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Bighorn National Forest Medicine Wheel/Paintrock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
Lodge/Resort and Summer Home Group Fuels Treatments EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2008	Expected:11/2008	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..				

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: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/20/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2008	Expected:04/2008	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.					

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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 EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:11/2008	06/2009	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	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/12/2007	01/2008	Richard Hall 307-684-7806 rlhall@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:01/2008	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.				
Hunter Summer Home Group Fuels Reduction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:05/2008	06/2008	Curtis Rasmuson 307-684-4644 crasmuson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Non commercial harvest of 7 inch and under diameter trees to provide defensible space around Hunter summer home group cabins. Trees to be cut will be within 200 feet of cabins. Cut material will be placed into burn piles.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - T50N, R84W, Secs. 9 and 10. Hunter Summer Home Group, Powder River Ranger District, Bighorn National Forest.				

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Lodge/Resort and Summer Home Group Fuels Treatments EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2008	Expected:11/2008	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 - 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.				
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 04/2008	Expected:07/2008	08/2008	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.					
Rock Creek Allotment Management Plan EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:09/2008	06/2009	Dan Scaife 307-674-2646 dscaife@fs.fed.us
	Description: Decision to reauthorize livestock grazing on allotments in the Rock Creek watershed.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - All or parts of T52N, R84W; T51N, R84W; T51N, R85W. Rock Creek Watershed, Powder River RD, Bighorn NF.				

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Bighorn National Forest	Powder River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Sheridan County YMCA Organizational Camp CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/15/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	Gayle Laurent 307-674-2656 glaurent@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sheridan Cnty YMCA has submitted an application to operate a camp on Powder River District. The Y has entered into a contract for sale with the Pines Resort near Buffalo. If approved, the use of the site will change from resort to organization camp.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - SE1/4 Sec. 15, T. 50N., R. 84W 6th P.M.. 7845 U.S. Highway 16, Buffalo, WY 82834 (approx. 15 miles sw of Buffalo, WY .				
West Ten Phase II CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 11/19/2007	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	
ACT Fiber Optics Line CE	- Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/15/2007	Expected:01/2008	01/2008	Gayle Laurent 307-674-2656 glaurent@fs.fed.us
	Description: ACT has submitted and application to bury aprox 1/2 mile of fiber optice cable across the FS Work Center at Sheridan, WY to the Dept of Veterans Affairs, Sheridan WY				
	Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4 Sec. 16, T. 16N., R. 84W 6th P.M.. Sheridan Work Center, Sheridan, WY.				

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Bighorn National Forest Tongue Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
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 03/2008	Expected:07/2008	06/2010	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.					
Goose Allotment Management Plan EA	- Special use management - Watershed management - Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/07/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2008	Expected:06/2008	05/2009	Laurie Walters-Clark 605-797-4435 Ext. 26 lwaltersclark@fs.fed.us
	Description: Decision to reauthorize livestock grazing on 6 allotments in the Goose Creek Watershed.				
	Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson, Sheridan. LEGAL - All or parts of T54N, R86W; T53N, R86W; T53N, R85W. Goose Creek Watershed, Tongue RD, Bighorn NF.				
Lodge/Resort and Summer Home Group Fuels Treatments EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2008	Expected:11/2008	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 - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson, Sheridan. Areas adjacent to lodges, resorts and summer home (cabin) groups throughout the Tongue Ranger District.				

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Sibley Lake Ski Trail Reroutes CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:09/2008	11/2008	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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