



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2008 to 09/30/2008

Bighorn National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	Completed	Actual: 04/09/2008	04/2008	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/2008_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, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

Guide Special Use Permit Powder River Ranger District CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Richard Hall 307-684-9865 rihall@fs.fed.us
Description: Analyze continuing use on 3 Priority Use permits. Buffalo Mountain Outfitters, Rafter B Outfitters & Just Gone Fishing are due to expire. All are eligible for a 5 yr permit.					
Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District, Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson, Sheridan. LEGAL - T.47, 48, 49, 50, 51, & 52N R. 83, 84 & 85 W . Elk Hunt Area 36, 37; Deer Hunt Area 28, Moose Hunt Area 34, Mountain Lion Hunt Area 15 and 23, North Fork Crazy Woman, Middle Fork Crazy Woman, Middle Fork Clear Creek and South Fork Clear Creek.					

Bighorn National Forest Medicine Wheel/Paintrock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

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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	Completed	Actual: 05/15/2008	05/2008	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 10/2008	Expected:08/2010	06/2011	Bernie Bornong 307-674-2685 bbornong@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze decision whether to reauthorize term grazing permit in conjunction with revising the associated allotment management plan for 14 allotments in the Beaver Creek and 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.				
Lodge/Resort and Summer Home Group Fuels Treatments-MWPR EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2008	Expected:08/2009	06/2011	Warren Appelhans 307-548-5312 wappelhans@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze use of commercial harvest to remove conifer fuels adjacent to lodges, resorts, and cabin groups. Treat slash primarily by piling and burning. This project is an implementation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.				
	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.				

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New gravel pit and crushing operation in Pussyfoot area EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Lee Harrelson 307-674-2615 lharrelson@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.				
North High Park Bridge Removal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	08/2008	Laura Johnson Boudreaux 307-548-6541 ljohnsonboudreaux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propsoed action is to remove bridge on North High Park Trail located where the trail crosses Trout Creek. The bridge would be replaced by constructing a a low water crossing.				
	Location: UNIT - Paintrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T51N, R87W, S18. North High Park Trail (059) where it crosses Trout Creek near trailhead.				
Reconstruction of spring development and pipeline #402291 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/08/2008	Expected:09/2008	09/2008	Clifford Winters 307-548-6541 cwinters@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop two separate springs and bury pipeline to Forest Boundary.				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T50N R88W Sect 11. The project area is located between Cold Springs and Long View Ranger Station.				

Bighorn National Forest Powder River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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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 08/2008	Expected:08/2008	06/2009	Bernie Bornong 307-674-2685 bbornong@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze decision whether to reauthorize term grazing permit in conjunction with revising the associated allotment management plan for 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.					
Dullknife Fuels Treatment EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2008	Expected:06/2009	06/2010	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze use of commercial harvest to remove 700 acres of conifer fuels adjacent to private land in the Dullknife Reservoir area. Treat slash primarily by piling and burning. This project is an implementation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.				
	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.				
Hunter Summer Home Group Fuels Reduction CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	09/2008	Curtis Rasmuson 307-684-4644 crasmuson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze creation of wildfire defensible space around Hunter summer home group by removing trees less than 7 inches in diameter within 200 feet of each cabin. Dispose of cut material by piling then burning.				
	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.				
Lodge/Resort and Summer Home Group Fuels Treatments - PRRD EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2008	Expected:10/2009	06/2011	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze use of commercial harvest to remove conifer fuels adjacent to lodges, resorts, and cabin groups. Treat slash primarily by piling and burning. This project is an implementation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.				
	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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Pines Lodge Special Use Permit Powder River Ranger District CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/08/2008	07/2008	Richard Hall 307-684-9865 rlhall@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue the Pasture Permit at the Pine Lodge to YMCA of Sheridan County. UPDATE - Pasture permit reissuance decided by prior decision: Sheridan County YMCA Organizational Camp.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Sec.15, T 50 N, R.84.W., PM 06. Pines Lodge, located on 7845 U.S. Highway 16 7 Buffalo, Wyoming.				
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 12/2008	Expected:02/2009	06/2011	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.					
Reissuance of air quality monitoring station - Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/19/2008	05/2008	Gayle Laurent 307-674-2656 glaurent@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quaiity has submitted an application to the Forest Service to reissue the special use permit for an air quality monitoring station at Hunter Mesa Communications Site.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Sec. 3, 21, T. 50N., R. 84W, 6th P.M. Hunter Mesa Communications Site.				

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Rock Creek Allotment Management Plan EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/17/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2008	Expected:09/2008	06/2009	Dan Scaife 307-674-2646 dscaife@fs.fed.us
Description: Analyze decision whether to reauthorize term grazing permit in conjunction with revising the associated allotment management plan for 1 allotment 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.					

Bighorn National Forest	Tongue Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Arrowhead Lodge Change of Ownership CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/24/2008	Expected:07/2008	07/2008	Gayle Laurent 307-674-2656 glaurent@fs.fed.us
Description: Issue term permit to proposed new owners of Arrowhead Lodge. No changes to authorized facilities or increases in scope or intensity of authorized activities.					
Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - Sec. 33 T. 56N., R. 88W, 6th PM. Arrowhead Lodge along US Hwy 16, Tongue Ranger District.					
Babione Vegetation Management Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 08/2008	Expected:12/2008	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.					

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Bighorn National Forest Tongue Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Goose Allotment Management EIS	- Special use management - Watershed management - Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 06/2008	Expected:07/2009	09/2009	Laurie Walters-Clark 307-674-2627 lwaltersclark@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze decision whether to reauthorize term grazing permit in conjunction with revising the associated allotment management plan for 7 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 6th PM. Goose Creek Watershed, Tongue RD, Bighorn NF.				
Lodge/Resort and Summer Home Group Fuels Treatments - TONG	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2008	Expected:10/2009	06/2011	Chris Thomas 307-674-2686 cthomas@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze use of commercial harvest to remove conifer fuels adjacent to lodges, resorts, and cabin groups. Treat slash primarily by piling and burning. This project is an implementation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.				
	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.				
Sibley Lake Ski Trail Reroutes	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/07/2008	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.				
WYOLINK Passive Microwave Reflector at Dome Peak	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2007	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	Gayle Laurent 307-674-2656 glaurent@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Wyoming Department of Transportation has submitted an application to construct a passive reflector on Dome Peak Communications Site. Relay will enable communications connectivity from Sheridan, WY to Burgess Junction, WY (WYDOT maintenance camp)				
	Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - Sec. 6, T. 53N., R. 87W 6th P.M. Dome Peak Communications Site.				

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