



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

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Bighorn National Forest

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Bighorn National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Livestock Grazing and Vegetation Management on Six Geographic Areas EIS *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management - Watershed management - Fuels management - Grazing management 	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 03/2009	Expected:09/2010	06/2011	Laurie Walters-Clark 605-797-4435 Ext. 26 lwaltersclark@fs.fed.us
Description: Analysis to determine reauthorization of domestic livestock grazing on 43 allotments on the Bighorn NF along with conducting fuel management activities within a portion of those allotments.					
Location: UNIT - Bighorn National Forest All Units. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn, Johnson, Sheridan, Washakie. The Shell Creek, Paintrock Creek, Goose Creek, Little Bighorn River, Piney Creek/Rock Creek, and Tensleep geographic areas as mapped by the 2005 Bighorn NF Revised Land and Resource Management Plan.					

Bighorn National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Outfitter Guide Prospectus Applications for Special Use Permits - Tongue CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special use management - Recreation management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/19/2009	Expected:05/2009	09/2009	Cheri Jones 307-674-2652 cajones02@fs.fed.us
Description: Analyze effects of re-issuing permits for guided day fishing trips on Tongue and Medicine Wheel Paintrock Ranger Districts and guided snowmobile tours on the northern part of Tongue and Medicine Wheel Paintrock Ranger Districts.					
Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District, Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn, Johnson, Sheridan. LEGAL - 55NT 86-92 W, 56N 87-92W, 57N 87-92W, 58N 89-92W. Fishing [Lodgegrass, Porcupine, Shell, N Paintrock, W&E East Forks Big Goose, N&S Piney, Little Goose]Creek, [Little Bighorn, N Tongue, S Tongue, Little Tongue]River. Snowmobile: groomed trails northern forest.					

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Bighorn National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Tongue and Medicine Wheel Paintrock 2009 Outfitter and Guide Permit Issuance CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Laura Johnson Boudreaux 307-548-6541 ljohnsonboudreaux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze issuing three new outfitting and guiding permits for motorized tours and guided fishing on the Tongue and Medicine Wheel Paintrock Ranger Districts.				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District, Tongue Ranger District, Paintrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn, Johnson, Sheridan. LEGAL -) Bear Lodge Resort: T55N, R89W, S1; The Passage Resort: T55N, R88W, S7; Guided fly fishing does not have a base camp on the Forest. Motorized guided tours are proposed for existing open roads and trails. Guided flyfishing trips are proposed for creeks across the Medicine Wheel Paintrock and Tongue Ranger Districts.				

Bighorn National Forest Medicine Wheel/Paintrock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Beaver Creek Allotment Management Plan EIS	- Grazing management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Bernie Bornong 307-674-2685 bbornong@fs.fed.us
	Description: See Livestock Grazing and Vegetation Management on Six Geographic Areas.				
	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 07/2009	Expected:09/2010	06/2011	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze use of commercial harvester other methods 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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Bighorn National Forest Medicine Wheel/Painrock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					
R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Medicine Lodge Lake Campground CIP Project EA	- Facility management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2009	Expected:09/2009	07/2011	Laura Johnson Boudreaux 307-548-6541 ljohnsonboudreaux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze constructing additional sites within the Medicine Lodge Lake Campground.				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - None. None.				
Medicine Wheel & Painrock 2009 Outfitter and Guide Permit Re-issuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	Laura Johnson Boudreaux 307-548-6541 ljohnsonboudreaux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze re-issuing two priority use permits for Painrock Adventures and Diamondtail Outfitters.				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District, Painrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL -) Shell Creek Base Camp: T52N, R87W, S7; Cement Base Camp: T50N, R87W, S5; Grace Lake Base Camp: T51N, R87W, S35.) Shell Creek Base Camp: T52N, R87W, S7; Cement Base Camp: T50N, R87W, S5; Grace Lake Base Camp: T51N, R87W, S35.				
North High Park Bridge Removal CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2008	Expected:04/2009	08/2009	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 - Painrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T51N, R87W, S18. North High Park Trail (059) where it crosses Trout Creek near trailhead.				

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Bighorn National Forest Medicine Wheel/Paintrock Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
Post Creek Parking Lot Culvert CE	- Watershed management - Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/20/2009	07/2009	Laura Johnson Boudreaux 307-548-6541 ljohnsonboudreaux@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze installing a culvert at the entrance to the Post Creek parking area. Analysis indicated that a french drain would meet the needs better.				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District, Paintrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T53N, R90W, S15. Post Creek Picnic Area/Trailhead, Highway 14.				
Renewal of Legend Communications Special Use Authorization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/20/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	Gayle Laurent 307-674-2656 glaurent@fs.fed.us
	Description: Legend Communications of Wyoming, LLC is proposing to renew its Communications Use Lease for FM Radio Broadcast on Medicine Mountain Communications Site for a period of ten years. Administrative action only; no changes to facilities.				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District, Paintrock Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - Sec. 22, T. 56N., R. 92W, 6th PM. Sec. 22, T. 56N., R. 92W, 6th PM.				

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	Completed	Actual: 03/06/2009	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.				

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Bighorn National Forest Powder River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Lodge/Resort and Summer Home Group Fuels Treatments - PRRD EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2009	Expected:03/2010	06/2011	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze use of commercial harvester other methods 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.				
Poison Creek and Caribou Mesa Timber Sale EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					
Powder River Energy Corp Renewal of Special Use Authorization CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/20/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	Gayle Laurent 307-674-2656 glaurent@fs.fed.us
	Description: Powder River Energy Corp. has applied to renew its existing authorization for electrical powerline on the Powder River Ranger District. Administrative action only; no changes to facilities.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - From National Forest Boundary in Sec. 9, T. 50N., R.83W. to Sec. 36 49N. R.84, 6th P.M. From National Forest Boundary in Sec. 9, T. 50N., R.83W. to Sec. 36 49N. R.84, 6th P.M.				

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Powder River RFA Implementation EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/17/2009	Expected:04/2009	06/2009	Brian Boden 307-684-7806 bboden@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will analyze the decommissioning of 3 campgrounds: Crazy Woman, Tensleep Creek and Bull Creek. Each is within 100 feet of water with no improvement room and was listed for decommissioning in the 5/21/2008 Recreation Facilities Analysis.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson, Washakie. LEGAL - Crazy Woman C.G.- Section 35, T49N, R84W; Bull Creek C.G.- Section 5, T48N, R86W; Tensleep C.G.- Section 34, T48N, R87W. Crazy Woman is at the end of FR 470 by Hwy 16 & Crazy Woman Creek. Bull Creek is at the SE corner of Meadowlark Lake off of Hwy 16. Tensleep is 1.5 miles from the bottom of FR 018 in Tensleep canyon.				
Rock Creek Allotment Management Plan EA	- Special use management - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Dan Scaife 307-674-2646 dscaife@fs.fed.us
	Description: See Livestock Grazing and Vegetation Management on Six Geographic Areas				
	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.				
South Fork Mountain Resorts Barn CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/20/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	Gayle Laurent 307-674-2656 glaurent@fs.fed.us
	Description: South Fork Mountain Resorts on the Powder River Ranger District has applied to construct a 7,680 square foot barn within the permitted site boundary.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Sec. 27, T. 50N., R. 84W. 6th PM. South Fork Lodge.				

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Bighorn National Forest Powder River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Trail 64 and 69 Reclassification CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 02/09/2009	06/2009	Craig Cope 307-684-7806 cccpe@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would analyze converting these two trails with grades over 20% from year long motorized routes to non-motorized routes open to horse, foot and bicycle in the summer season and open for over snow uses in the winter season.				
	Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - Sections 17 and 20, T49N, R86W; Sections 28 and 29, T50N, R86W. Both of these trails are located west of the West Tensleep Road, FR 27. They connect from FR 27 to FR 411 located near Warner Draw and Bald Ridge.				

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. Objection Period Legal Notice 04/2009	Expected:07/2009	06/2010	David Anderson 307-674-2659 davidanderson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce hazardous forest fuels within and adjacent to the Dome Lake Wildland Urban Interface as identified in the Sheridan County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.				
	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.					
Cross Creek Equestrian Trailhead EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	09/2009	Cheri Jones 307-674-2652 cajones02@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct a trailhead for stock users near Cross Creek Campground. Facilities include up to three permanent highlines with gravel bases and hitchrails.				
	Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - T53, R86, Section 28. Immediately south of Cross Creek Campground and east of Forest Road 293.				

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Garland Blowdown EA *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2009	Expected:09/2009	01/2010	Tony Saba 530-532-7457 tsaba@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage about 500 acres of merchantable timber blown down in 2007. Use salvage operation opportunity to enhance provide the aspen groves in this area by reducing competition with conifers encroaching into aspen grove.				
	Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - Proposed harvest units are located in T.56N. R.89W. in sections 2,3,11,12,13, and 14. Garland blowdown is located adjacent to past harvest areas south of Forest road 168 and west of road 149/201 within the dry fork of the Little Bighorn River drainage.				
Goose Allotment Management EIS EIS	- Special use management - Watershed management - Grazing management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Laurie Walters-Clark 307-674-2627 lwaltersclark@fs.fed.us
	Description: See Livestock Grazing and Vegetation Management on Six Geographic Areas				
	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 EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2009	Expected:09/2010	06/2011	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze use of commercial harvest or other methods 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.				
Outfitter Guide Permits Re-issuance from Temporary to Transitional Priority Use - Tongue CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	Cheri Jones 307-674-2652 cajones02@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issue 5 temporary special use authorizations for outfitting and guiding (3 for backpacking trips, one for lion hunts, and one for lion and big game hunts) as transitional priority use permits.				
	Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - Tongue District. Lion, moose and big game hunts: Tongue District. Backpacking: Dry Fork, Littlehorn, and Elephants Foot; Coffeen Park/Edelman Pass/Geneva Lake ; Coffeen Park/Edelman Pass/Highland Park backpacking tri.				

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WYOLINK Passive Microwave Reflector at Dome Peak EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2009	Expected:05/2009	06/2009	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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