



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2008 to 06/30/2008

Black Hills National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
--------------	-----------------	-----------------	----------	-------------------------	-----------------

Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 02/18/2008 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: FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/15/2008	Expected:03/2008	03/2008	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.					

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

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

Black Hills National Forest Travel Management Plan EIS	- Road management - Recreation management - Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/11/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2008	Expected:09/2008	01/2009	Thomas Willems 605-673-9217 twillems@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest proposes to identify roads and trails which would be open to motorized travel. The decision will lead to the required Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). The decision may include game retrieval and dispersed camping, but not over-snow travel.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - Wyoming, South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Crook, Weston. Forest-wide.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
BHP - Pactola Sub-Station to Windy Flats upgrade CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/25/2006	Expected:05/2008	06/2008	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rebuild existing 69kv overhead powerline with new structures (poles and wire). The old structures (poles and wire) will be removed.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District, Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Pennington. LEGAL - T1N,R5E,Sect2; T2N,R5E,Sects 16, 17, 21, 27, 28, 34,35; T4N,R4E,Sect 33; T3N,R4E, Sects 3, 4, 10, 15, 22, 23, 26, 35, 36; T2N,R4E,Sect 21; T3N,R5E,Sects 6-8. Pactola Substation to Windy Flats.				
North Zone Range 08 EA	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2008	Expected:09/2008	11/2008	Alice Allen 605-673-4853 aaallen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorization and management of grazing by domestic livestock and construction and reconstruction of range improvements.				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District, Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming, South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Pennington, Crook. The following allotments in South Dakota and Wyoming: Pettigrew, Griffith, Upper Elk, East Rapid, Starns Park/Willow Springs, Grand Canyon, Silver Creek, Black Haw, and Huett Springs.				

Black Hills National Forest		Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Burkhart Easement (was Huett Spring Easement) CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	Jeanette Timm 307-283-1361 jmtimm@fs.fed.us
	Description: Easement for private land owner for use of existing road on National Forest.				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T52N R63W section 32, 6th principal meridian. Four miles northwest of Sundance, Wyoming.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest	Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Moskee Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2008	Expected:09/2009	11/2009	Jeanette Timm 307-283-1361 jmtimm@fs.fed.us
Description: Acquire private inholdings in exchange for isolated NFS tracts					
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Acquire T49N R60W sec 6-8, 17-18; T50N R60W sec 4, 31; in exchange for T50N R61W sec 26, 27, 30, 31. Twelve miles southeast of Sundance, Wyoming.					
Neiman Easement CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeanette Timm 307-283-1361 jmtimm@fs.fed.us
Description: Landowner easement on 1.3 miles of NFSR 848.1 for access to private land					
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T53N R63W sections 31, 32, 6th principal meridian. Eight miles north of Sundance, Wyoming.					
Newmont Mineral Exploration (Warren #2) EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/09/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2008	Expected:06/2008	09/2008	Jeanette Timm 307-283-1361 jmtimm@fs.fed.us
Description: Mineral exploration - approximately 81 drill holes, 30 trenches, access roads					
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T52N, R63W; also northern part of T51N, R63W, 6th principal meridian. Southern Bear Lodge Mountains, Crook County, Wyoming.					
Rattlesnake Forest Management Project EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Fuels management - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 08/2008	Expected:06/2009	10/2009	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 ekrueger@fs.fed.us
Description: Fuel reduction, timber harvest, bark beetle risk reduction, late-succession landscape management, transportation system management					
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T50-51N, R60-61W, 6th principal meridian. 10 miles east of Sundance, Wyoming.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest		Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
Snyder Vegetation Management EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Recreation management - Fuels management - Forest products 	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/26/2008	Expected:04/2008	08/2008	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 ekrueger@fs.fed.us
Description: Timber harvest, fuel reduction, prescribed fire, travel management					
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T54N, T53N, R63W, 6th principal meridian. Bear Lodge Mountains.					
Tinton Small Tracts Act CE	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2008	Expected:10/2008	10/2008	Jeanette Timm 307-283-1361 jmtimm@fs.fed.us
Description: Conveyance of 16 acres of small NFS mineral fractions					
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T51N R60W section 28, 6th principal meridian. 16 miles of east of Sundance, Wyoming.					

Black Hills National Forest		Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
Alabaugh Fuels EA	- Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Patricia Hudson 605-673-4853 phudson@fs.fed.us
Description: Fuel reduction along wildland/urban interface south of Hot Springs, SD.					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. South of Hot Springs, SD.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Brite-X Stephe Mine Expansion EA	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:03/2009	05/2009	Patricia Hudson 605-673-4853 phudson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest Service analysis and decision of Pacer Corporation to expand the Brite-X Mine				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Section 28, T2S, R4E, Black Hills Meridian. Approximately 6 miles north of Custer, South Dakota.				
Cattail Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2002 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/2009	Expected:10/2009	01/2010	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@fs.fed.us
	Description: Exchange NFS land south of Hwy 16 along with one parcel north of Hwy 16 for land south of Hwy 16 and owned by The Nature Conservancy and Oonagh Wood.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River. LEGAL - T6S R4E Sections 23 & 24; T3S R4E Sections 9, 16; T8S R4E Sec. 24 and 14; T8S R5E Sec. 19; T9S R6E Section 6 (to be conveyed). T4S R3E Sec. 4, 5, 9, 32; T6S R5E Sec. 31, 32 (to be acquired). Parcels throughout the District, but primarily south of Hwy 16.				
Jasper Rx Burn EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2008	Expected:01/2009	10/2009	Gwen Lipp 605-673-9373 gllipp@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed burn to reduce fuels and site prep for tree planting.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T 3 S R 2 E. Within perimeter of Jasper Burn.				
Jeanine Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Phillip Greer 605-673-4853 pgreer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to mine mica				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Sec. 29, T2S, R4E, BHM. North of Custer, South Dakota.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Mortenson STA CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Meagan Buehler 605-673-4853 mkbuehler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Small Tracts Act conveyance of FS property to private				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T3S R4E Section 20. Upper French Creek.				
Norbeck Wildlife Preserve Project EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 07/31/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2008	Expected:01/2009	03/2009	Alice Allen 605-673-4853 aaallen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wildlife habitat improvement project				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Pennington. LEGAL - T 2 S R 5 E, T 2 S R 6 E, T3S R5E. Norbeck Wildlife Preserve on the Hell Canyon RD excluding T5S R5E Section 2.				
Outfitter And Guide Special Use Permit Re-Issuance for Lutherans Outdoors CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/04/2007	Expected:01/2008	01/2008	Patricia Hudson 605-673-4853 phudson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Permit re-issuance to Lutheran Outdoors for a new ten year term special use permit for outfitting and guiding on the Hell Canyon District of the Black Hills National Forest. There are no changes to the permit holders operation.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T3S, R5E, Sec. 15 & T3S, R4E, Sec. 12. Hell Canyon Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest.				
Peterson STA Application CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2008	Expected:10/2008	11/2008	Meagan Buehler 605-673-4853 mkbuehler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Small Tract Act application for conveyance of a witch's lane from FS to private.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1N R1E Section 4,9. Slicker Dick Spring.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Redbird STA CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2004	Expected:10/2008	11/2008	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@fs.fed.us
Description: Exchange portion of road crossing private parcels for a witches lane that is not needed for public access.					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T3S R1E S1/2 Section 9. Redbird Canyon, including FSR 376.					
SO Administrative Site Sale EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/17/2007	Expected:06/2008	07/2008	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@fs.fed.us
Description: Land Adjustment					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T3S R4E Sections 23 & 26. Custer County, adjacent to Custer, South Dakota.					
South EIS	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 07/25/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2008	Expected:09/2008	12/2008	Betsy Koncerak 605-673-4853 bkoncerak@fs.fed.us
Description: Vegetation mgmt. to reduce potential for large-scale high-intensity wildfire and insect infestation, increase wildlife habitat diversity, maintain soil and water resources, and manage for access needs.					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T 4 S R 4 E. Along Pleasant Valley road on the Hell Canyon Ranger District.					
Velvet Mine EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Phillip Greer 605-673-4853 pgreer@fs.fed.us
Description: FS analysis and decision of proposal to mine locatable feldspar at the abandoned Velvet mine					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - SW1/4, SW1/4, Sec. 17, T4S, R2E, Black Hills Meridian. Six miles southwest of Custer, South Dakota.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Wagner Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/24/2005	Expected:10/2008	10/2008	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@fs.fed.us
Description: Issue an easement to grant access to a private landowner.					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T5S R4E Sections 3 & 4. Off Carroll Creek Road.					
Zebra Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Phillip Greer 605-673-4853 pgreer@fs.fed.us
Description: FS analysis and decision of proposal to mine mineral materials near Pringle, South Dakota					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - SW1/4, SW1/4, Sec. 30, T5S, R5E. Approximately 2 miles south of Pringle along Shirtail Canyon Road.					

Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Blackhawk Water Tank CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:06/2008	08/2008	Steven Pischke 605-343-1567 spischke@fs.fed.us
Description: All Blackhawk Water Users District to locate a 800,000 gallon water tank on the National Forest.					
Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Meade. LEGAL - T2N, R6E, Sect 1. Water tank and road is approx. one mile northwest of the town of Blackhawk, SD.					
Bouska Private Road Easement CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/28/2008	04/2008	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
Description: Existing access to private property will be authorized with a private road easement.					
Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2N, R5E, Sect 14. Off the North Bogus Jim Road.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Gateway to Hill City (Reder Administrative Sale) EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/24/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2008	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	Rusty Wilder 605-673-9268 rwilder@fs.fed.us
	Description: FS proposes to sell 86 acres on NFS lands (either collectively or by individual lots) inside the city limits of Hill City, SD				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1S, R5E, Lot 26 Sec 30; Lot 7 Sec 29; Lot 6 Sec 29; Lot 5 Sec 29; Lot 13 Sec 19; Lot 13 Sec 20. South and North of Hwy 16 between Hill City and east of China Gulch Road.				
Hayward Prescribed Burn CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jacob Jackson 605-574-2985 jejackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed broadcast burning to remove continuous hazard fuels around urban interface. Approximately 1350 acres. Possible coordination with Custer State Park.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Pennington. LEGAL - T2S,R6E, Sec 13-14,23-26,35-36; T2S,R7E, Sec 19,30. Approx. 2 miles east of Playhouse Rd, South of Iron Creek, North of Custer State Park.				
Lindsay FLPMA CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/07/2007	02/2008	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reciprocal ROW access private property and NFS lands within the Placer TS.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2N,R5E,Sect 27,28. ROW within Placer.				
McIntosh Fen Vegetative Treatment Project EIS	- Special area management	In Progress: FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/10/2005	Expected:04/2008	06/2008	Chelsea Vollmer 605-716-2072 cvollmer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed project (~53 acres) within the McIntosh Fen was deferred from the Deerfield ROD 10/20/05 until after the Phase II Amendment to the Forest Plan. Consistency with the FP as Amended is needed for a decision second ROD under the DF EIS.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1N,R2E, Sections 22-23,25,26. Near Deerfield Reservoir along Castle Creek.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Pactola Work Center (Administrative Sale) CE	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:08/2008	12/2008	Rusty Wilder 605-673-9268 rwilder@fs.fed.us
	Description: The FS proposes to sell 20 acres (of the 100 acres) of the Pactola Administrative Work Center site in Dec. 2007 or early Spring 2008.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2N, R5E, Sect 26 E1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4. Approx. 12 miles west of Rapid City, SD via highway 44.				
Peterson FLMPA CE	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Road easement to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1S, R5E, SE 1/4 of Section 21. East of Hill City, SD.				
Pole Creek CE	- Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Cody Hutchinson 605-343-1567 crhutchinson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetative mangement up to 1,000 acres with prescribed burning up to 4500 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1S, R2E, Sec 3-4,9-17,21-27; T1S R3E Sec 17-20,30. Approx 2 miles southwest of Deerfield Lake (Ditch Creek area).				
Policky FLPMA CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/25/2006	Expected:04/2008	05/2008	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Transfer existing FLPMA private road easement from Hansen to Policky.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2N, R6E, Sect 36. Private road easement located off Nemo Road.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Red Tiger CE	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 01/25/2008	03/2008	Cody Hutchinson 605-343-1567 crhutchinson@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercial, non-commercial sanitation to reduce mountain pine beetle hazard around private property.					
Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1N, R3E, Sec 36; T1N, R4E, Sec 29, 31-33; T1S, R4E, Sec 4-6. Approx four miles northwest of Hill City, SD.					
Rees FLPMA Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2007	Expected:05/2008	06/2008	Steven Pischke 605-343-1567 spischke@fs.fed.us
Description: Grant one access route across the National Forest to a tract of private property using an existing two-track road.					
Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2N, R3E, Sec 26 sw 1/4. Approx. 2 miles south of Rochford, SD via USFS Road 238.					
Reroute Snowmobile Trail #2G CE	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Dave Slepnikoff 605-343-1567 dslepnikoff@fs.fed.us
Description: Relocate portion of trail to FSR 692 and 692 1I to provide grooming and access to the Green Mountain Snowmobile Lot for GF&P					
Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1N, R3E, Sec 7-9, 17-17. Near Gillette Prairie -- Gold Run and Heely Creek area.					
Scout Camp CE	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 01/10/2008	04/2008	Phillip Grumstrup 605-343-1567 pgrumstrup@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercial thinning/sanitation to improve forest health/reduce mountain pine beetle hazard.					
Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1S, R3E, Sec 33, 34; T2S R3E Sec 2-4, 11. Seven miles east of Hill City, SD near Medicine Mountain Boy Scout Camp.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Section 30 Limestone Mining EIS	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 10/27/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2008	Expected:09/2009	11/2009	Dave Slepnikoff 605-343-1567 dslepnikoff@fs.fed.us
	Description: A Plan of Operation has been submitted by Pete Lien & Sons, Inc. for the purpose of mining chemical grade limestone within mining claims on approximately 100 acres of NFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2N, R7E, NE1/4 Section 30. Northwest of the city boundary of Rapid City, SD.				
Spring Creek Dams Improvement CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/06/2007	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	David Plummer 605-642-4622 dgplummer@fs.fed.us
	Description: USFS, in partnership with the SD Dept. Game, Fish & Parks proposes to make improvements to The Major & Mitchell Dams to meet federal dam safety requirements & improve the aquatic ecosystem by dredging silt that has been deposited into these lakes.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1S, R5E, Sec 28, 29; T1S, R5E, Sec 30. Mitchell Dam/Lake two miles east of Hill City along Hwy 16/385; Major is located within the community of Hill City, SD.				
Upper Spring Creek (USC) EIS	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/22/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	09/2008	Katie Van-Alstyne 605-343-1567 kvanalstyne@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project planning and analysis - vegetative management to address insect (MPB) epidemic and fuels hazard concerns, prescribed burning, resource protection & management. NEPA analysis may be under HFRA authority.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Pennington. NFS lands west and south of Hill City, SD.				
Wildcat Quarry EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Steven Pischke 605-343-1567 spischke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop a new aggregate quarry west of Hill City, SD.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2S, R3E, Sec 20. 16 miles southwest of Hill City, SD.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Black Hills Experimental Forest Research Study CE	- Research	Completed	Actual: 02/25/2008	03/2008	Blaine Cook 605-673-9243 bcook@fs.fed.us
	Description: Study involves thinning and leaving variable levels of logging slash on up to 60 acres to assess impact of treatments on wood production, production efficiency, and resistance to mountain pine beetle.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. Approximately 14 air miles south-southeast of the town of Lead, South Dakota, and just west of Highway 385.				
Black Hills Power Distribution Amendment-Arnold EA	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:06/2008	08/2008	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Amendment to existing Special Use Permit to allow construction and installation of a powerline to a cabin site.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. Along Highway 85 about 4.5 miles south of the intersection of Highway 14A and Highway 85. About 7 miles north of Chenne Crossing.				
Bolton FLPMA Road Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/18/2006	Expected:04/2008	04/2008	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Land owner has applied to acquire an easement across National Forest System Land for access to private property within the Black Hills National Forest. Access road would include two crossings of a small stream.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Section 25, T5N, R2E, Black Hills Meridian, Lawrence County, South Dakota. Spearfish Quadrangle No.2. Maitland area, approximately 8 miles southeast of Spearfish.				
Dumont Pond Dredging CE	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:05/2008	05/2008	David Plummer 605-642-4622 dgplummer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Dredging and improvement of the pond and associated springs, including silt removal, minor repairs to the spillway and embankment, and installation of spring exclosures.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - SE1/4 Sec7 R3E T3N. Dumont Pond, off of FH 17 near the Dumont Trailhead.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Fort Pierre to Deadwood Wagon Train and Trail Ride CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:05/2008	08/2008	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Permitting of use of Forest roads for a wagon and trail ride planned along the historic Fort Pierre to Deadwood stage coach route. The ride is limited to 300 participants and activity on the Forest will last approximately 8 hours.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T.5N, R4E, Sections 2, 9, 10, 11 and 16. In the vicinity of Crook Mountain on Forest System Roads 176.1H, 176.1E and 542.1.				
Grimm FLPMA Easement CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to grant an easement across National Forest land to private property in exchange for a right-of-way across private land to access National Forest land. The length of the easement is approximately 200 feet long and 66 feet wide or 0.3 acres				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - NENE, Section 18, T5N, R4E, Black Hills Meridian, Lawrence County, South Dakota. Three miles northeast of Deadwood South Dakota, one mile north of the Boulder Canyon Highway, 14A.				
Grizzly Land Exchange EA	- Special use management - Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/02/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2008	Expected:08/2008	11/2008	Kaye Olpin 605-642-4622 kolpin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Land exchange of 227 acres owned by Homestake Mining Co. for 479 acres of NFS land. Purchase of less than 8 acres of NFS land under the Small Tracts Act. Purchase acres are surrounded by patented mining claims in area of current development				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Non-Federal land: Sections 11 and 14, T2N, R5E, BHM, Pennington County; Sections 6, 8 and 31, T3N, R1E, BHM, Lawrence County, Federal land: Fed land is located near Deadwood and Lead, SD. Private land is located near Wyoming border and in Pennington County.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Hay Springs Estates Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/11/2007	Expected:04/2008	04/2008	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of an easement to allow legal access to private lands on existing established road.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T4N, R4E, NW 1/4 of Section 33. Hay Creek Lane off the Nemo Road.				
Heaton Fence CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:06/2008	07/2008	Tom Smith 605-642-4622 tsmith01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocation of a 1.5 mile section of fence to improve livestock management.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T4N, R4E, south half of Section 3 and 32. From the cattle guard at Hwy 385 & 539.1 going east on Rockland Road approximately 1.5 miles to cattleguard at private property and Heaton and Corral Creek allotment boundaries.				
Lew Wight Mining CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/25/2006	Expected:05/2008	05/2008	Kaye Olpin 605-642-4622 kolpin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal for a small scale mining operation along Rapid Creek utilizing back hoe, front end loader in a trenching operation to remove overburden.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Section 29, T2N, R4E, Black Hills Meridian, Pennington County, South Dakota. Jct of the Rochford and Mystic Roads 4 miles east of Rochford, 20 airmiles west of Rapid City.				
Merchant 3JS Placer Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/14/2007	Expected:06/2008	06/2008	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorization of use of sluice box and combination dredge to explore for gold.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T4N R4E NW 1/4 of Section 17. 1 mile northeast of Strawberry Picnic Area along the Galena Road and adjacent to Bear Butte Creek.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Owens FLPMA Road Easement CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Private land owner has applied to acquire easement across National Forest land to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Meade. LEGAL - Section 31, T4N, R5E, Black Hills Meridian, Meade County, South Dakota. Approximately 10 miles south of Sturgis, SD, off of Vanocker Highway.				
Plateau Well Development CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:06/2008	07/2008	Tom Smith 605-642-4622 tsmith01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Drilling of a well and installation of a solar pump and stock tank to achieve better distribution of livestock throughout the Plateau allotment.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - SE <, NW < of Section 14 T4N, R1E. Within the Plateau Allotment near the end of FSR 735.1C and south of the Dry Gulch reservoir.				
Roubaix Water Gap CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:07/2008	06/2009	Tom Smith 605-642-4622 tsmith01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Placement of two stock outside of a riparian corridor to provide water in the Roubaix and Pasture allotments. Fencing of the riparian area to prevent livestock use. Pipe installation will be required to pipe water from the creek to the stock tanks.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - NE < of Section 25, R3E, T3N. Along Custer Crossing Road (FSR 256) in the area of the Roubaix and Pasture allotments.				
Roughlock Falls Parking Area EA	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/27/2008	04/2008	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of two new parking lots to accommodate 14 vehicles and may include a hard surface. Construction of an 80 ft. diameter vehicle turnabout. Both are proposed for safety and convenience and will be carried out by SDGF&P.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Section 36, T5N, R1E. Roughlock Falls.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest	Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Rousch FLPMA Easement CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to grant an easement across National Forest land to private property in exchange for a right-of-way across private land to access National Forest land. The length of the easement is approximately 200 feet long and 66 feet wide or 0.3 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - NW1/4, Section 18, T5N, R4E, Black Hills Meridian, Lawrence County, South Dakota. Three miles northeast of Deadwood, South Dakota, one mile north of the Boulder Canyon Highway, 14A.				
Snowmobile Trail Reroutes - 2008/2009 Season CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:05/2008	09/2008	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rerouting of portions of snowmobile trails 7 and 3 to reduce impacts to a road showing signs of erosion and a spring.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T4N R4E SEC 18, T4N R3E SEC 13, and T5N R1E SEC 22. Forest System Roads 538.1 and 221.C.				
Telegraph Forest Management EIS	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 03/17/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2008	Expected:09/2008	12/2008	Jackie Groce 605-642-4622 jgroce@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation management activities such as timber harvest and prescribed burning designed to be responsive to project area forest health needs.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Pennington. LEGAL - All or portions of the following: T2NR2E, T2NR3E, T3NR2E, T3NR3E, T3NR4E, T4NR2E, T4NR3E, and T4NR4E Black Hills Meridian. The project area consists of approximately 63,500 acres comprising the south-central portion of the Northern Hills Ranger District directly south of Lead, SD.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest	Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Vanocker/Boulder Canyon Reroute-Butte Electric CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of 8 miles of overhead electric line and installation of 5.75 miles of buried line.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Meade. LEGAL - T5N, R5E, Sections 30, 31, 32, Black Hills Meridian, Deadman Quadrangle. Off the Vanocker Highway on FSR 170.4, FSR 170.4C, and FSR 171.1B.				
West Rim Forest Management EIS	- Road management - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/14/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2008	Expected:08/2008	11/2008	Christopher Stores 605-642-4622 cstores@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber harvest, fuel reduction, and other activities.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T4N R1E, R2E, W Black Hills Meridian. Northern Hills Ranger District.				

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.