



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2009 to 06/30/2009

Black Hills National Forest

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Black Hills National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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Black Hills National Forest Travel Management Plan EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road management - Recreation management - Land management planning 	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/20/2009 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2009	Expected:09/2009	01/2010	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.					

Black Hills National Forest Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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Inyan Kara Restoration CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Special area management - Fuels management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:09/2009	05/2010	Dennis Mauch 307-283-1361 dmauch@fs.fed.us
Description: Prescribed burning to move forest conditions toward historical range of variability.					
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T49N, R62W, sec. 19, 30; T49N, R63W, sec. 24, 25; 6th principal meridian. Inyan Kara Mountain, 12 miles south of Sundance, Wyoming.					
Moskee Land Exchange EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land ownership management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2009	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.					

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Black Hills National Forest	Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
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	Completed	Actual: 02/25/2009	06/2009	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.				
North End Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Fuel Reduction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/11/2009	Expected:05/2009	09/2009	Philemon Roy 307-283-1361 proy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed burning and fuel break.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills/projects/nepa/public_docs/north_end/index.shtml				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T54N R63W sections 1-3, 10-12, 6th principal meridian. North Bear Lodge Mountains.				
Rattlesnake Forest Management Project EIS	- Road management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/25/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2009	Expected:11/2009	05/2010	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.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Tinton Small Tracts Act CE	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	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.					

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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.					
Briggs EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2009	Expected:02/2010	04/2010	Betsy Koncerak 605-673-4853 bkoncerak@fs.fed.us
Description: Vegetation management project within Management Area 5.1.					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1S R1E, T2S R1E, T1S R2E, T2S R2E. West of Redbird Canyon, east of Moon, south of Crow's Nest Peak, north of Dumbuk Ridge.					
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.					

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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.					
Craven Canyon Mineral Withdrawal EA	- Heritage resource management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/26/2009 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/2009	Expected:12/2009	07/2010	Patricia Hudson 605-673-4853 phudson@fs.fed.us
Description: Recommendation to BLM a withdrawal from mineral entry to protect cultural resources of significant interest within and surrounding Craven Canyon in portions of T 7 S, R 2E and T 7S, R 3 E for approximately 3,968 acres of National Forest System land					
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. T 7 S R 2 E, portions of Sections 12, 13, 24 & 25; T 7 S R 3 E, Sections 18, 19, 31, 32 and portions of Section 30.					
Hell Canyon Maintenance Burn EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/08/2009 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2009	Expected:08/2009	11/2009	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	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@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.					

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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 07/2009	Expected:11/2009	03/2010	Kelly Honors 605-673-4853 khonors@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.				
Redbird STA CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/02/2004	Expected:07/2009	01/2010	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:06/2009	09/2009	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.				

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South EIS	- Fuels management - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 09/30/2008	02/2009	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	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@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.				
Zebra Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@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	
B4Time Mining Exploration CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/28/2008	Expected:06/2009	12/2009	Steven Pischke 605-343-1567 spischke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mining exploration on claims held by the B4Time mining consortium.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1N, R4E, SW1/4 Section 7. Northwest of Hill City, SD.				

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Black Hills National Forest		Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
Copper Mountain Ranch LLC FLPMA Private Road Easement CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 x3552 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: The private landowners of the Copper Mountain Ranch LLC have requested a FLPMA Private Road Easement to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - National Forest System lands in Sect 36. T1S, R3C, Sect 36 (N1/2 SE1/4 NW 1/4) BHM, Pennington County, SD.				
Gateway to Hill City (Reder Administrative Sale) EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/24/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2009	Expected:07/2009	10/2009	Rusty Wilder 605-673-9268 rwilder@fs.fed.us
	Description: FS proposes to sell 83 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.				
High Plains Regional Rendezvous CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/06/2009	Expected:04/2009	06/2009	Amy Ballard 605-716-1855 aballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: This recreation event is a reenactment of the pre-1830's fur trader era, sponsored by the local Muzzleloaders of the Black Hills Club.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2N, R2E, Sec 33 SE 1/4. Hughes Draw.				
McIntosh Fen Vegetative Treatment Project EIS	- Special area management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Mystic Range Project EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 03/2009	Expected:09/2009	12/2009	Mark Vedder 605-343-1567 X2070 mvedder@fs.fed.us
Description: The Black Hills NF, Mystic Ranger District proposes to reauthorize grazing by domestic livestock on the following eight grazing allotments: Bald Horse, Deerfield, Palmer Gulch, Porcupine, Redfern, Rimmer, Slate Pairie, and Tigerville.					
Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Pennington. The project area generally lies within the central portion of the Mystic RD. The project area consists of 8 separate allotments. The allotments consist of approximately 85,000 acres of NFS lands.					
Pactola Work Center (Administrative Sale) CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/24/2007	Expected:07/2009	10/2009	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.					
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.					
Pole Creek CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/02/2009	Expected:04/2009	04/2009	Terry Tompkins 605-343-1567 ext 3519 ttompkins@fs.fed.us
Description: Diversify flora, improve plant vigor and reduce the continuity and loading of surface and canopy fuels through prescribed burning 2,300 - 3,900 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).					
Rees FLPMA Easement CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/05/2009	02/2009	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.					

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Section 30 Limestone Mining EIS	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 10/27/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2009	Expected:10/2009	06/2010	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.				
Slate Castle Planning Area EIS	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/13/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2009	Expected:07/2009	09/2009	Katie Van-Alstyne 605-343-1567 kvanalstyne@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project Planning & Analysis - Vegetation management to address insect (mountain pine beetle) epidemic and fuels hazard concerns, prescribed fire/burning. HFRA				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. NFS lands located NW of Hill City, SD. Located within portions of four 6th level watersheds - South Fork Rapid Creek, Upper Rapid Creek, North Fork Castle Creek, and Slate Creek watersheds.				
Spring Creek Dams Improvement CE	- Facility management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/06/2007	Expected:04/2009	04/2009	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.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Spring Creek Floodplain Restoration Near Orville CE	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/12/2008	Expected:06/2009	09/2009	Leslie Gonyer 605-716-1884 lgonyer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project will remove an old road fill across the floodplain to re-establish flood flows across the blocked floodplain.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2S R4E Section 14 SWNW. The site is located just West of US Highway 16/385 and the Mickleson Trail. The site is just North of the old Orville Mill Site.				
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.				

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2009 NHRD Non-Motorized Recreation Events CE	- Special use management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/12/2009	Expected:05/2009	05/2009	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: Issuance of five permits to external parties seeking use of National Forest System lands for short-duration, non-motorized recreation events including organized bike riding and horse riding.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Meade, Pennington. Various locations across the Northern Hills Ranger District.				
Aye's Mineral Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2009	Expected:04/2009	04/2009	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: Placer mining operation in Boulder Creek for gold exploration involving excavation of gravel, cobbles, and boulders from the creek's bed using a backhoe and then processing materials through a trommel.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T5N R4E Section 23, BHM. Boulder Creek Area.				

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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.				
Johnston Gulch Rehabilitation Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/26/2009	Expected:04/2009	05/2009	Paul Bosworth 605-642-4622 pbosworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rehabilitation of riparian habitat including restoring stream to its original channel, stabilizing the stream bank, re-vegetating bare soils with native plants, and preventing vehicle access to the riparian area.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Western 1/2 of Section 30, T6N, R2E, BHM. Johnston Gulch approximately 4.5 air miles southwest of Spearfish, SD.				
Lew Wight Mining CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@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.				
Little Elk Creek Rehabilitation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	06/2009	Melissa Dempsey 605-642-4622 mdempsey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rehabilitation of riparian habitat in the Little Elk Creek drainage. Rehabilitation activities will include re-vegetating bare soils and laying slash, placing boulders, and potentially constructing a fence to prevent motorized use in the area.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Meade. LEGAL - T3N, R5E, Sections 11 and 12; T3N, R6E, Sections 7 and 8. The Little Elk Creek Watershed near Piedmont, SD.				

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Malsam/BHP Road and Utility Access CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance/modification of special use permits to allow road and utility access to private property surrounded by National Forest System (NFS) lands. Road will cross 1/3 mile of NFS land, and power line will cross 1/4 mile of NFS land.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T5N R2E SEC 33. Twelve air miles south of Spearfish, South Dakota in Mineral Survey 1691.				
Merchant 3JS Placer Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/14/2007	Expected:04/2009	04/2009	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.				
NHRD 2009 Outfitter/Guide Permits CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/12/2009	Expected:05/2009	05/2009	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of six 10-year permits to different organizations for guided activities including guided horseback riding, hiking, kayaking, biking, cross-country skiing, hunting, and educational activities.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Meade, Pennington. Various locations on the Northern Hills Ranger District.				
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.				

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Steamboat Forest Management Project EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 06/2009	Expected:06/2010	09/2012	Jackie Groce 907-747-4234 jgroce@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation and fuel treatments to enhance vegetative and structural diversity; manage fuel loads; and decrease susceptibility of forested stands to mountain pine beetle infestation.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Meade, Pennington. Southeast portion of the Northern Hills Ranger District.				
Steel Wheel FLPMA Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2005	Expected:07/2009	07/2009	Jackie Groce 605-642-4622 jgroce@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a 30-year FLPMA private road easement to allow access across National Forest System land to private property. The access would utilize an existing route. No new road construction would be required.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T4N R4E Section 18, Lawrence County, Black Hills Meridian. Off Highway 385 at the bottom of Strawberry Hill.				
Telegraph Forest Management EIS	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/20/2009 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2009	Expected:06/2009	10/2009	Christopher Stores 650-642-6422 cstores@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.				
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.				

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