



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2007 to 06/30/2007

Nebraska National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Aerial Application of Fire Retardant EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/28/2006	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	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.					

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

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

Black -tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management II EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Recreation management - Land management planning - Grazing management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/29/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2007	Expected:10/2007	12/2007	Mike McNeill 605-745-4107 MMcNeill@fs.fed.us
Description: To amend the LRMP to specify the desired range of acres of prairie dog colonies to meet various multiple use objectives, and to identify what actions may be taken if the acreage substantially falls below or exceeds the desired range.					
Location: UNIT - Nebraska National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota, Nebraska. COUNTY - Blaine, Cherry, Dawes, Sioux, Thomas, Custer, Fall River, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Pennington, Stanley. Primary location of the project is the Buffalo Gap, Fort Pierre and Oglala National Grasslands..					

Nebraska National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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Nebraska National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Buffalo Gap (West Geographic Area) and Oglala National Grasslands Grazing RAMP EIS	- Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Abegglen (308) 432-4475 jsabegglen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Analyze the grazing allotments on the Oglala NG and Buffalo Gap NG (West GA) to determine the difference between existing conditions and desired conditions, and make adjustments to implement the new Forest Plan direction.				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District, Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota, Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes, Sioux, Fall River. All allotments on the Oglala National Grassland in Dawes and Sioux Counties, Nebraska and all allotments in the Southwest Geographic Area of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland in Fall River County, SD.				
Golden West Fiber Optic Line Installation - Ardmore and Edgemont Exchange EA	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/26/2007 01/26/2007 01/26/2007	01/2007	Robert Novotny (605) 745-4107 rnovotny@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install buried fiber optic line to replace existing buried copper telephone cable and equipment to provide reliable telecommunication service to rural Fall River County, SD and Sioux County, NE residences.				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District, Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota, Nebraska. COUNTY - Sioux, Fall River. LEGAL - T. 11 S., R. 4 E., T 12 S., R. 2 - 5 E., BHM; & T.34 N., R. 53-54 W.,6th PM crossing numerous sections. Buffalo Gap National Grassland - Fall River West and Oglala National Grassland.				
Indian Creek Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2007	Expected:12/2007	01/2008	Kevin Heikkila (308) 432-0312 kheikkila@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to Exchange 3801.38 acres of National Grassland in Custer County for 2956.50 acres of land in Pennington County and Jackson County owned by Dakota Partnership of Rapid City SD				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District, Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Jackson, Pennington. LEGAL - Fed: parts of T3S, R11E, Sec 26,35. T4S,R9E, SE3-5,6-10, 15,20,21,28,29. Non-Fed parts of T3S.,R11E,Sec 25, T3S, R12E, Sec 19,20,22,28,29,30-33, 35,36. T4S, R12E, Sec 2.. Fed land is approx. 8 miles east of Fairburn, SD. Non-Fed land is approx 7-10 miles west of Scenic, SD.				

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Middle Loup Land Exchange CE	- Land ownership management - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/06/2006	Expected:05/2007	08/2007	Kevin Heikkila (308) 432-0312 kheikkila@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed exchange of 171.18 acres of National Forest System land in Dawes County, NE, for 295.15 ac. of land owned by Nebraska Game & Parks Commission in Thomas county, NE.				
	Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District, Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes, Thomas. LEGAL - T. 32 N., R 49 W., Sec. 36, part of NW1/4NW1/4, & T. 23 N., R 27 W., Sec. 16 part of SW1/4. . Federal parcel is adjacent to Chadron State Park, Dawes County, NE. State parcel is adjacent to Bessey RD on Middle Loup River, Thomas County, NE.				
West River Water Development District Water Monitoring CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/05/2007	02/2007	Michael Erk 605-745-4107 rnovotny@fs.fed.us
	Description: The installation of two water quality monitoring stations one on French Creek and the other on Sage Creek. Goal of the project is to locate, identify, and document sources of nonpoint pollution.				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District, Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Pennington. LEGAL - T 4 S, R 9 E Section 34, E1/2 NE1/4(French Creek); T 1 S, R 14 E, Section 21, W1/2NE1/4(Sage Creek). French Creek and Sage creek .				

Nebraska National Forest	Bessey Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Bessey Hazardous Fuels II EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/07/2006	Expected:02/2007	03/2007	Michael Croxen 308-533-2257 mecroxen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Treat approximately 15,000 acres of handplanted forest and tree encroachment using mechanical thinning and prescribed fire.				
	Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Thomas. Forested portion for the Nebraska National Forest, Bessey Ranger District..				

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Nebraska National Forest Bessey Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Hasting Tree Research Tract Proposed Land Sale EA	- Facility management - Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/06/2006 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	11/2007	Kevin Heikkila 308-432-0312 kheikkila@fs.fed.us
	Description: This 144.06 acre parcel, administered by the Bessey Ranger District is proposed for sale under the FY05 Pilot Conveyance Program which has authorized the sale of certain administrative sites that are excess to the needs of the Forest Service.				
	Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Adams. LEGAL - Township 7 North, Range 9 West, Section 15, part of the NE1/4, Adams County, Nebraska. This parcel is located 2 miles east of Hastings, Nebraska on south side of Highway 6. It is located between the community college and power plant.				
Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest Range Allotment Management Plan EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 05/15/2006 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2007	Expected:09/2007	03/2008	Michael Croxen 308-533-2257 mccroxen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine the difference between existing and desired conditions on all grazing allotments on the SR McKelvie NF and implement grazing strategies to achieve desired conditions as outlined in the Forest Plan.				
	Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Cherry. All of the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest, approximately 40 miles southwest of Valentine, NE.				

Nebraska National Forest Fall River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Cortney Creek Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Special area management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/05/2004 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	09/2007	Robert Novotny (605) 745-4107 rnovotny@fs.fed.us
	Description: Exchange 640 acres of private land for for 658 acres of federal land.				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. Approximately eight miles east of Smithwick, SD.				

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Fort Randall Telephone Company Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/16/2007 01/16/2007	01/2007	Marsha Fish 308-432-0319 mfish@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewing special use permit after normal expiration of old permit. Use is for a buried copper telephone line and appertenance and service on the Fall River Ranger District.				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T3S, R11E; T4S, R9E; T4S, R10E; T5S, R9E; T5S, R10E. southwest part of Buffalo Gap National Grassland in Custer County.				

Nebraska National Forest Pine Ridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Pine Ridge Work Center Fuels Reduction Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 01/26/2007 01/26/2007	02/2007	Diana McGinn 308-432-4475 dmcginn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cut, pile, and remove fire killed trees				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes. Pine Ridge RD.				
Rehabilitation/Restoration for Spotted Tail and Robert's Tract Fires CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management - Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 01/29/2007 01/29/2007	02/2007	Diana McGinn 308-432-4475 dmcginn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Repair/Rehab FS Roads and trails, Rehab/Rebuild fences, cut hazard trees, site preparation for planting				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes. Pine Ridge RD.				

Nebraska National Forest Wall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
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Nebraska National Forest Wall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Fort Pierre National Grassland Travel Management EA	- Land management planning	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 01/31/2007	Expected:09/2007	09/2007	Glenn Moravek 605-224-5517 gmoravek@fs.fed.us
	Description: Designate system of roads and trails for use by motorized, wheeled vehicles in compliance with national Forest Service direction to designate motorized travel system.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones, Lyman, Stanley. LEGAL - Stanley, Jones, Lyman counties. National Forest System lands within the Fort Pierre National Grassland.				
Livestock Watering Tanks EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:10/2007	04/2008	Glenn Moravek 605-224-5517 gmoravek@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fort Pierre National Grassland--Install several watering tanks and water pipeline from existing pipeline taps in Kennedy, Stoney Butte, Number Two, Bomber, South Bombing Range, Dry Hole, West Engen, and War Creek Allotments.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones, Lyman, Stanley. Fort Pierre National Grassland-- Four tanks located approx. eight miles northwest of Vivian, SD, and four to nine tanks located approximately 12 miles south of Ft. Pierre, SD..				
Prescribed Fires CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2007	Expected:06/2007	08/2007	Glenn Moravek 605-224-5517 gmoravek@fs.fed.us
	Description: Burn two areas to reduce grass litter and fuels and to improve vigor of native plant species.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones, Lyman, Stanley. LEGAL - W1/2, SE1/4, S5; S1/2 S8; T106N R79W. Chester Allotment, Middle Pasture; Dryhole Allotment, Chester Pasture; Ft. Pierre National Grassland.				
Prescribed Fires: Southwestern FPNG CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2007	Expected:06/2007	08/2007	Tonya Weisbeck 605-224-5517 tkweisbeck@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribe burn about 4300 acres of grassland to reduce fuels, maintain grass productivity, and improve wildlife habitat.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones, Lyman, Stanley. LEGAL - All or part of S5, S8, T106NR79W; S3, S4, S7, S9, S10, S3, S14, S18, S19, T2NR31E. Richland Southwest and Northwest, Farlow Winter Quarter, Far West, Glenn, Number Two Southwest, Dry Hole Chester, Chester Middle. .				

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Saddle Pass Recreation Trail CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2007	Expected:06/2007	07/2007	Kevin Atchley 605-279-2125 katchley@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to construct and maintain a horse back riding/pedestrian recreation trail to be located in Jackson Co, South Dakota.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - T.3S., R19E., Sections 7-11,14-16,21-23; and T.3.S., R18E., Sec12 S1/2SE/14; BHM, Jackson Co, South Dakota. This is two miles south of Interstate 90, Exit 131 on the Buffalo Gap National Grassland.				

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