



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2007 to 09/30/2007

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:08/2007	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	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management - Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/08/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2007	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..					
Texas Tech Soil Cores CE *NEW LISTING*	- Research	Completed	Actual: 05/15/2007	07/2007	Diana McGinn 308-432-4475 dmcginn@fs.fed.us
Description: Dig 3 soil cores on ONG					
Location: UNIT - Nebraska National Forest All Units. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Sioux. LEGAL - T. 33N., R 53 W. Sec 4. Oglala National Grassland, Toadstool Geologic Park area.					

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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.				
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.				
Middle Loup Land Exchange CE	- Land ownership management - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/06/2006	Expected:08/2007	09/2007	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.				

Nebraska National Forest Bessey Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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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	Completed	Actual: 01/08/2007	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..				
Environmental Assessment for Sale of the Hasting Tree Research Tract EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/21/2007	Expected:07/2007	11/2007	Kevin Heikkila 308-432-0312 kheikkila@fs.fed.us
	Description: This 144.86 acre parcel, administered by the Bessey Ranger District is proposed for sale under FY05 Pilot Conveyance Authority P.L. 107-63, Sec. 329 (a), as amended.				
	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. Located between the community college and Whelan Energy Center.				
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 mecroxen@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
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Nebraska National Forest		Fall River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Ardmore, Edgemont, Oral & Buffalo Gap Exchange Fiber Optic Line Installation & Maintenance EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 05/03/2007	Expected:07/2007	07/2007	Marsha Fish 308-432-0319 rnovotny@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Golden West Telecommunications Coop, Inc has requested to amend the master special use permit FRD43 to add those portions of the Oral and Buffalo Gap fiber optic line exchanges that cross national grassland in Fall River and Custer County, SD.					
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Parts of T5S, R9E, Sec 25 & 26; T6S, R8E, Sec 10; T9S, R8E, Sec 12, T9S, R9E, Sec 7 & 9. Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Fall River Ranger District, Custer & Fall River County.					
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.					

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:10/2007	01/2008	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.					

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Livestock Watering Tanks EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2007	Expected:02/2008	05/2008	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 07/2007	Expected:09/2007	09/2007	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 Combination CE	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:03/2008	04/2008	Tonya Weisbeck 605-224-5517 tkweisbeck@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribe burn about 3500 acres of grassland to reduce fuels, maintain grass productivity, and improve wildlife habitat.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones. LEGAL - All or part of S3, S4, S7, S9, S10, S13, S14, S18, S19, T2NR31E. Richland Southwest and Northwest, Farlow Winter Quarter, Far West, Glenn, and Number Two Southwest. .				
Saddle Pass Recreation Trail CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/02/2007	Expected:07/2007	08/2007	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.3S., 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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