



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2008 to 12/31/2008

Nebraska National Forest

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Black -tailed Prairie Dog Management EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Land management planning 	Completed	Actual: 07/17/2008	12/2008	Mike McNeill 605-745-4107 MMcNeill@fs.fed.us
Description: To amend the LRMP to specify a 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.					

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Buffalo Gap (West Geographic Area) and Oglala National Grasslands Grazing RAMP EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants 	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 03/2008	Expected:01/2009	04/2009	Robert Novotny 605-745-4107 rnovotny@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.					

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Indian Creek Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/05/2004	Expected:11/2008	12/2008	Randall Griebel 605-279-2125 rgriebel@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.				

Nebraska National Forest Bessey Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Nebraska National Forest Travel Management EIS	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 01/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Daniel Frodsham 308--533-2257 dfrodsham@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine the roads, trails, and areas that will be available for motorized travel and the effects on soils, vegetation, and wildlife.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska/travelmanagement				
Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Blaine, Cherry, Thomas. Nebraska National Forest, Bessey Ranger District in Thomas and Blaine counties, Nebraska and Samuel R. McKelvie NF in Cherry county, NE.					
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 09/2008	Expected:03/2009	05/2009	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.				

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Black Hills Electric Cooperative Special Use Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:04/2008	05/2008	Robert Novotny 605-745-4107 rnovotny@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction, operation, and maintenance of 31.35 miles of overhead 7.2 KV three phase distribution line				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River. LEGAL - Several Scattered lines on Fall River Ranger District. Buffalo Gap National Grasslands.				
Golden West Telecom Fiber Optic Line Addition-Oelrichs Exchange CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/10/2008	Expected:06/2008	07/2008	Kevin Heikkila 308-432-0312 kheikkila@fs.fed.us
	Description: To amend existing special use permit to install and maintain additional fiber optic line. This is extra capacity for the line going to Pine Ridge, SD and replacing existing buried copper cable.				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Numerous locations, T11S, R7E, Secs. 25,28. T12S, R7E, Secs12,13. etal. Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Fall River Ranger District.				
Red Shirt Fiber Optic Line Special Use Permit EA	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:06/2008	06/2008	Robert Novotny 605-745-4107 rnovotny@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install an bury a fiber optic line across approximately two miles of Buffalo Gap National Grassland to the Oglala Sioux Reservation community of Red Shirt, SD, using exisiting highway ROW.				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T 4 S, R 10 E, BHM, Sections 14, 23, 24, and 26. Red Shirt, SD.				

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Nebraska National Forest Travel Management EIS	- Road management - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 01/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Phillip Dobesh 308-432-4475 pdobesh@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine roads that will be open for motorized travel by considering effects on natural resources such as soil, water, wildlife, and vegetation.				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes, Sioux. Nebraska National Forest - Pine Ridge Ranger District and Oglala National Grassland.				
Paleontological Research at Toadstool Geologic Park CE	- Research - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2008	Expected:02/2008	05/2008	Kevin Atchley 308-432-4475 crmarsh@fs.fed.us
	Description: Eastern Oregon University, Principle Investigator Dr. Joseph Corsini collecting fossil turtles at Toadstool Park				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Sioux. LEGAL - T33N, R53W, Sec. 5. Toadstool Geologic Park, 9 miles north and 4 miles west of Ft. Robinson State Park.				
Request for Private Road SU Permit - McCance Ranches, Inc. CE	- Watershed management - Special use management - Road management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 10/22/2007	Expected:04/2008	05/2008	Thomas Matza 308-432-4475 tmatza@fs.fed.us
	Description: Application received for private road special use permit for ingress/egress to private residence and maintain existing access road which crosses perennial creeks in seven places.				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes. LEGAL - T. 31 N., R. 51 W., part of Sec 24, SW1/4SW1/4, and part of Sec 25 NW1/4NW1/4, West Ash Creek - Pine Ridge Ranger District.				
Roberta Coleman Private Road Special Use Permit Request CE	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2008	Expected:05/2008	05/2008	Roger Keepers 308-432-4475 rkeepers@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction, reconstruction, maintenance and use of a an existing private road within the Nebraska National Forest.				
	Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes. LEGAL - T33N, R48W, Sec. 31: NE1/4SE1/4. Dawes County, two miles South of Chadron, NE.				

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Nebraska National Forest Wall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Cottonwood Prescribed Burn CE	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2008	Expected:09/2008	04/2009	Randall Griebel 605-279-2125 rgriebel@fs.fed.us
	Description: Conduct prescribed burn on 38 acres of FS land to enhance regeneration of riparian shrub/tree component and set-back non-native vegetation such as sweet clover and crested wheatgrass. Reduce accumulated fuel build-up near the town of Cottonwood.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - T1S, R18E, SEC 13, NW. Approximately 1/4 mile west of Cottonwood, SD.				
Fort Pierre National Grassland Travel Management EA	- Land management planning	Completed	Actual: 07/30/2008	10/2008	Kelly Phillips 605-224-5517 kaphillips@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.				
Homestake Mine Fiberoptic Line Installation (REED Project) CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2008	Expected:06/2008	07/2008	Anthony DeToy 605-224-5517 adetoy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of fiberoptic line (approximately 6.4 miles in ROWs on FPNG). This project will connect Homestake Mine to six universities, the University Center in Sioux Falls, EROS, and state government all of which are in South Dakota.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Stanley. LEGAL - Sec. 9 T 109N R 79W: Sec. 33 T 109N R 79W: Sec. 34 T 109N R 79W: Sec. 32 T 109N R 78W: Sec. 2 T 108N R 78W: Sec. 1 T 108N R 78W: Sec. 6 T 108N R 77W: Sec. 5 T 108N R 77W. Reoute is south ofFort Pierre along west side of Hwy 83, then east on south right of way of County Line Road.				

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Livestock Watering Tanks EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:05/2008	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.				
Nebraska National Forest Travel Management EIS	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 01/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Randall Griebel 605-673-4853 rgriebel@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine which roads, trails and areas will be open for motorized travel on the national forest and the effects on soils, vegetation and wildlife.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska/travelmanagement				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jackson, Pennington. LEGAL - That portion of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland primarily lying east of the Cheyenne River in SD. Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Wall Ranger District.				
Nebraska National Forest Travel Management EIS	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 01/2008	Expected:01/2009	02/2009	Robert Hodorff 605-745-4107 rhodorff@fs.fed.us
	Description: Determine which roads, trails, and areas will be available for motorized travel on the national forests and grasslands, and the effects on soils, vegetation, and wildlife.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River, Pennington. LEGAL - Buffalo Gap NG lands west of the Cheyenne River in SD. Buffalo Gap National Grassland, Fall River District.				
Prescribed Fires: Southwestern FPNG Combination EA	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2008	Expected:05/2008	08/2008	Tonya Weisbeck 605-224-5517 tkweisbeck@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribe burn approximately 4500 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; W1/2, SE1/4, S5; S1/2 S8; T106N R79W. Richland Southwest and Northwest, Farlow Winter Quarter, Far West, Glenn, and Number Two; Chester Middle, Dryhole.				

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