



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2009 to 06/30/2009

Nebraska National Forest

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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	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.					
Indian Creek Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/05/2004	Expected:06/2009	06/2009	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
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Bessey Pedestrian Bridge EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 02/02/2009	Expected:05/2009	05/2009	Diana McGinn 308-432-4475 dmcginn@fs.fed.us
Description: Pedestrian bridge across the Middle Loop River					
Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Thomas. LEGAL - T 22 N, R 26 W, Sec 2, 6th PM. Bessey Ranger District.					

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Bessey Pool CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	Josh Voorhis 970-638-4516 jvoorhis@fs.fed.us
Description: Removal of the pool located on the Bessey Ranger District Recreation Complex and renovation of shower facility.					
Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Thomas. Bessey Ranger District Recreation Complex near Halsey, NE Thomas County.					
Nebraska National Forest Travel Management EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 01/11/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2009	Expected:09/2009	12/2009	Patricia Barney 308-533-2257 pbarney@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.					
Recreational Site Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	Josh Voorhis 970-638-4516 jvoorhis@fs.fed.us
Description: Renovation of the roads within the recreation complex/campground and replacement of restrooms and other upgrading of camground facilities.					
Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Thomas. Bessey Ranger District Recreation Complex near Halsey, NE. Thomas County.					
Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest Range Allotment Management Plan EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Grazing management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 10/17/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2009	Expected:08/2009	05/2010	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 move toward 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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Nebraska National Forest Fall River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Black Hills Electric Cooperative Special Use Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/30/2008	01/2009	Robert Novotny 605-745-4107 rnovotny@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction, operation, and maintenance of 32.84 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	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/29/2008	09/2008	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.				
Nebraska National Forest Travel Management EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 01/11/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2009	Expected:08/2009	12/2009	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 - Fall River 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.				
Plains Pipeline SUP CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/25/2009	Expected:04/2009	04/2009	Kevin Heikkila 308-432-0312 kheikkila@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of underground gas pipeline special use permit due to change in ownership. Pervious permit does not allow for reassignment or transfer.				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Starting T9 S, R 1 E, BHM Section 6 and leaving at T 9S, R 2 E, BHM Section 14. Fall River District, South of US Hwy 18 and West of Edgemont, SD.				

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Red Shirt Fiber Optic Line Special Use Permit EA	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Kevin Heikkila 308-432-0312 kheikkila@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.				
SD National Guard Bivouac EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	06/2009	Michael Erk 605-745-4107 merk@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special Use Permit for the SD National Guard to establish four summer camp bivouac sites on the National Grassland				
	Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Pennington. LEGAL - T2S, R11E, BHM; Sec 19; T3S, R12E,BHM, Sec 8 & 18; and T4S, R11E, BHM, Sec 19, 20, 29, & 30. NE end of the Fall River Ranger District.				

Nebraska National Forest	Pine Ridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Nebraska National Forest Travel Management EIS	- Road management - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 01/11/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2009	Expected:09/2009	12/2009	Phillip Dobesh 308-432-0383 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.				

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Nebraska National Forest Pine Ridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Paleontological Research at Toadstool Geologic Park CE	- Research - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/28/2008	07/2008	Charles Marsh 308-432-0393 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	- Road management - Special use management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 05/06/2008	05/2008	Charles Marsh 308-432-0393 crmarsh@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	- Road management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/14/2008	10/2008	Roger Keepers 308-432-0300 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.				

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	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				

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Homestake Mine Fiberoptic Line Installation (REED Project) CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/26/2008	08/2008	Ruben Leal 505-638-5526 rleal@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 of Fort Pierre along west side of Hwy 83, then east on south right of way of County Line Road.				
Nebraska National Forest Travel Management EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 01/11/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2009	Expected:09/2009	12/2009	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.					
South Dakota Public Broadcasting Tower EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/26/2009	Expected:09/2009	09/2009	Randall Griebel 605-279-2125 rgriebel@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct a microwave relay tower on the Wall Ranger District. Approximately 1.3 acres impacted.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - T1S, R19E, SEC 15, NE. Approximatley 4 1/2 miles east of Cottonwood, South Dakota along County Road 26.				

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Southwest Fence Relocation and Waterline Project EA	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:08/2009	10/2009	Ruben Leal 605-224-5517 rleal@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install several watering tanks and water pipeline from existing pipeline taps in Kennedy-West, Stoney Butte-#2, West Engen-West Engen, Horsethief-East, and Dry Hole-Chester. Move fence from present location at Booth Dam to north of FS Road 227.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones, Lyman. LEGAL - T106N R79W Sections 6,7,8; T107N R79W Sections 31; T1N R31E Sections 21, 22, 27, 34. Southwest corner of the Fort Pierre National Grassland, approximately eight miles northwest of Vivian, SD and 24 miles south of Fort Pierre, SD. Located on FS Road 227.				
West 83 Prescribed Burn CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 10/01/2008	04/2009	Tonya Weisbeck 605-224-5517 kdunlap@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribe burn on the Fort Pierre National Grassland to improve wildlife habitat, maintain grass productivity, and reduce vegetative fuels.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Jones, Lyman. 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.				
Wounded Knee Ride CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2009	Expected:09/2009	09/2009	Randall Griebel 605-279-2125 rgriebel@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special Use Permit to allow one overnight stay on Forest Service property on December 24 each year. Camping will be allowed for the participants of the Wounded Knee Ride, an annual event consisting of a horse ride from N. Dakota to Wounded Knee, SD.				
	Location: UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2S, R17E, SEC 3, SE, SE. On Forest Service property located at intersection of Big Foot Rd. and 248th St. (west side of Big Foot Road).				

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