



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2007 to 12/31/2007

Ashley 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:10/2007	10/2007	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.					
National Forest System Land Management Planning - Proposed Rule EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/31/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2007	Expected:01/2008	02/2008	Kevin Lawrence 202-205-2613 klawrence01@fs.fed.us
Description: The Agency proposes to publish a rule at 36 CFR part 219 to finish rulemaking on the land management planning rule issued on January 5, 2005 (2005 rule). The 2005 rule guides development, revision, and amendment of land management plans.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/2007_planning_rule.html					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - All units of the National Forest System. Agency-wide.					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Designation of Energy Corridors on Federal Land in the 11 Western States EIS *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minerals and Geology - Land management planning 	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/28/2005 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2008	Expected:09/2008	10/2008	Peter Gaulke 202-205-1521 pgaulke@fs.fed.us
Description: In accordance with Sec 368 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, "...The Sec of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy and Interior, in consultation with FERC, States, tribal or local units of government shall designate energy corridors on federal land. Web Link: http://corridoreis.anl.gov/					
Location: UNIT - Fernan Ranger District, Butte Ranger District, Jefferson Ranger District, Missoula Ranger District, Superior Ranger District, Norwood Ranger District, Ouray Ranger District, Yampa Ranger District, Douglas and Thunder Basin Ranger District, Clear Creek Ranger District, Sulphur Ranger District, Nogales Ranger District, Williams Ranger District, Tusayan Ranger District, Chino Valley Ranger District, Cave Creek Ranger District, Payson Ranger District, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Pine Valley Ranger District, Beaver Ranger District, Carson Ranger District, Ely Ranger District, Spanish Fork Ranger District, Los Angeles River, Descanso Ranger District, Mount Whitney Ranger District, Hat Creek Ranger District, Big Valley Ranger District, Doublehead Ranger District, Cajon Ranger District, Yolla Bolla Ranger District, Mt. Shasta Ranger District, McCloud Ranger District, Yuba River Ranger District, Truckee Ranger District, Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District, Bly Ranger District, Lakeview Ranger District, Paisley Ranger District, Skykomish Ranger District, North Fork John Day Ranger District, Cle Elum Ranger District, Ogden Ranger District, Silver Lake Ranger District, Ninemile Ranger District, Black Mesa Ranger District, Mesa Ranger District, Flaming Gorge Ranger District, Bridgeport Ranger District, Ruby Mountains Ranger District, Trabuco Ranger District, Mono Ranger District, Goosenest Ranger District, Devils Garden Ranger District, Hayfork Ranger District, American River Ranger District, North Bend Ranger District, Dillon Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District, Heber Ranger District, Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers, Mad River Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest All Units, Entiat Ranger District, Wenatchee River Ranger District, Mancos/Dolores Ranger District, Dubois Ranger District, Chiloquin Ranger District, Salida Ranger District, Washington Office (National Headquarter). STATE - Wyoming, Washington, Utah, Oregon, New Mexico, Nevada, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, California, Arizona. COUNTY - Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Navajo, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Los Angeles, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Trinity, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Dolores, Grand, Gunnison, La Plata, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Routt, San Miguel, Clark, Kootenai, Shoshone, Beaverhead, Jefferson, Mineral, Missoula, Silver Bow, Elko, Lyon, Mineral, Washoe, White Pine, Clackamas, Columbia, Crook, Deschutes, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Umatilla, Union, Wasco, Beaver, Carbon, Daggett, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Tooele, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Washington, Weber, Chelan, King, Kittitas, Snohomish, Natrona, Sweetwater. LEGAL - 11 Western States, excluding Alaska & Hawaii. 11 western states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) .					

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R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study for Utah National Forests EIS	- Watershed management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 04/30/2007 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2007	Expected:03/2008	08/2008	Catherine Kahlow 435-783-4338 r4_utah_rivers@fs.fed.us
	Description: A Legislative EIS is being prepared concerning the suitability of approx. 80 rivers on the Ashley, Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-La Sal, Uinta, and Wasatch-Cache National Forests in Utah for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.				
	Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units, Dixie National Forest All Units, Fishlake National Forest All Units, Uinta National Forest All Units, Wasatch-Cache National Forest All Units, Manti-Lasal National Forest All Units. STATE - Wyoming, Utah, Colorado. COUNTY - Montrose, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Kane, Millard, Piute, Salt Lake, San Juan, Sevier, Summit, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Washington, Weber, Uinta. Ashley, Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-La Sal, Uinta, and Wasatch-Cache National Forests.				

Ashley National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Roosevelt-Duchesne & Vernal Ranger Dist Grazing Allotment Reauthorizations CE	- Grazing management	Completed	Actual: 06/28/2007	10/2007	Allen Huber 435-722-5018 ahuber@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reauthorize grazing on 6 allotments on the Ashley National Forest. On D2: Davenport Draw, Jackson Draw, Lambson Draw, Pot Creek. On D3: Antelope, Anthro Mountain.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/range_allotments/d2_34_reauthorization/28jun07_d34_dm.pdf				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District, Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne, Uintah. D2: Davenport Draw, Jackson Draw, Lambson Draw, Pot Crk. D3 Antelope, Anthro Mtn..					
Roosevelt/Duchesne & Flaming Gorge Ranger Dist's Travel Management Plan EIS	- Road management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 10/2007	Expected:11/2008	05/2009	Kris Rutledge 435-781-5196 krutledge@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop motor vehicle route designations on the Forest (Roosevelt, Duchesne, and Flaming Gorge districts) that manage the use of off-road vehicles through the designation of routes and areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/travel_management/index.shtml				
Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District, Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming, Utah. COUNTY - Daggett, Duchesne, Sweetwater. LEGAL - Roosevelt, Duchesne & Flaming Gorge Ranger Districts. Ashley National Forest.					

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Ashley National Forest Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Avalon additional seismic exploration CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/05/2007	09/2007	David Herron 435-781-5218 daherron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Conduct additional exploration along a second seismic line, about 9 miles, using vibrator truck methods. No new roads required, and no vegetation would need to be cleared or removed. Taking place in late summer 2007 for about 7 days.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/				
	Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Wasatch. LEGAL - T5S R10W, Uinta Special Meridian. Strawberry Peak and Twelve Hundred Dollar Ridge.				
Enhance & Restore Colorado River Cutthroat trout in Timber Creek EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/30/2007	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	Ronald Brunson 435-781-5202 rbrunson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to implement the use of rotenone (fish toxicant) in Timber Creek (Duchesne RD) to remove competing and predatory brown trout and enhance the restoration of Colorado River Cutthroat trout (CRCT) as recommended by UDWR.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/timbercrk_enhance_crct/newsrelease.pdf				
	Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. Timber Creek in the Duchesne RD South Unit, tributary to Strawberry River .				
Honeycomb Mine Gate CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/20/2007	Expected:11/2007	11/2007	David Herron 435-781-5218 daherron@fs.fed.us
	Description: To place a gate at Shamrock Mining along FS Road #121 to the Honeycomb Mine. Purpose is to minimize health & safety risks, reduce theft of rock & vandalism of equipment & supplies. Gate will restrict vehicle access to last 2,400 feet of the road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/honeycomb_gate/20jun07scoping.pdf				
	Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Section 28, T2N R8W, Uinta Special Meridian. Forest System Road #121, Blind Stream Plateau.				

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Roosevelt-Duchesne District Prescribed Fire Projects CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/13/2007	Expected:11/2007	11/2007	Allen Huber 435-722-5018 ahuber@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed burn treatments will occur over a six-year period starting in the spring of 2007, ending the fall of 2013. Areas include Dry Gulch, Lt Fork Indian Cyn, Pole & Farm Crk, Antelope Cyn, Reservation Ridge, Anthro Mtn, Lake Cyn, \$1200 Ridge.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/apr07sopa/scoping_d34_rx_fire_mar07.pdf				
Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. Roosevelt - Duchesne District.					
Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District Range Improvements CE	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2007	Expected:10/2007	10/2007	Amber Helmus 435-738-5205 ahelmus@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct six water developments and three fence projects on the Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts with the construction to begin in summer of 2007. Target and project areas are delineated for water developments and fence projects.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/d34_range_impr/10may07_scoping_d34range.pdf				
Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts.					
South Unit Oil and Gas Development EIS	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/29/2007 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2008	Expected:11/2008	03/2009	David Herron 435-781-5218 daherron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Berry Petroleum is proposing to drill up to 400 oil and gas wells on the South Unit of the Ashley National Forest at the northern portion of the South Unit, roughly between Antelope and Sowers Canyons.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/berry_south_og/scoping_5sept2007.pdf				
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. Northern portion of the South Unit, roughly between Antelope and Sowers Canyons..					

Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Cedar Springs-Deer Run-Mustang Campgrounds Fuels Reduction Project CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/13/2007	Expected:11/2007	11/2007	Donald Catron 435-781-5268 rcatron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce potential for severe wildfires and property damage within the Cedar Springs, Deer Run and Mustang Campground areas by mechanically reducing the density of pinyon-juniper within approximately 544 acres surrounding and within these campgrounds.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/d1_cg_fuels_apr07/scoping_d1_13apr07_cgfuels.pdf				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, T2N., R22E., Sec. 9, 16, 17 and 21, SLM. Cedar Springs-Deer Run-Mustang Campgrounds Fuels Reduction Project.					
Flaming Gorge RD multiple permits renewal CE	- Road management - Special use management - Special area management - Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/15/2007	Expected:11/2007	11/2007	Donald Kranendonk 435-781-5245 dkranendonk@fs.fed.us
	Description: These are all minor permits and are existing conditions. No changes or amendments to the original terms of the permits are requested at this time.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/fg_multipermits/13mar07minor_spec_use.pdf				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming, Utah. COUNTY - Daggett, Sweetwater. LEGAL - Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Flaming Gorge Ranger District.					
Lucerne Marina Permit Renewal and RV Park EA	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/13/2007	Expected:11/2007	01/2008	Donald Kranendonk 435-781-5245 dkranendonk@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose and need for this project is to reissue the Lucerne Marina Special Use Permit for a standard 30 year term and to assess the construction of a full service RV Park.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/lucerne_marina/lucerne_scoping13mar07.pdf				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming, Utah. COUNTY - Daggett, Sweetwater. Lucerne Valley Marina is located on the Wyoming / Utah Border seven miles east of Manila Utah..					

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Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Moose Pond Enhancements Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2007	Expected:11/2007	11/2007	Donald Catron 435-781-5268 rcatron@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve the safety for Moose Pond visitors along Hwy 44. Also to enhance fishing access, hiking & sight-seeing opportunities, including ADA access, and enhance fish habitat within Moose Pond.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/scoping_moosepond_10jan07.pdf				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. Moose Pond within Flaming Gorge NRA along Hwy 44 and Uintas National Scenic Byway..					

Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Grizzly Ridge Communication Site Management Plan EA	- Facility management	Completed	Actual: 07/26/2007 07/26/2007	09/2007	Peter Kempenich 435-781-5114 pkempenich@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace the 1973 site plan and develop a narrative management plan that includes designation as a multi-user site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/griz_ridge/26jul07_dn_fonsi_griz_ridge.pdf				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. Grizzly Ridge Approximately 19 miles north of Vernal, UT.					
Potholes Prescribed Fire Project EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/26/2006 Est. Objection Period Legal Notice 01/2008	Expected:01/2008	05/2008	Bill Hayes 435-781-5181 bhayes@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prescribed fire would be used to treat approximately 5,951 acres in six areas. Hand and aerial ignition. Chainsaws used to create fuel breaks to protect grazing and recreational improvements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/potholes_scoping_1_26_06.pdf				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - T1N, R23E, all or portions of sections 26,27,34,35 and T1S, R22E all or portions of sections 1,2,3,10,11,12,13,14,15. In the Potholes watershed which encompasses the upper portions of Potholes Creek.					

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Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Vernal Ditch Bill Easement CE	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	12/2007	Jerry Bird 801-236-3463 jkbird@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approve application for irrigation and stockwatering easement including operating and maintenance conditions.				
	Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - T1S, R20E, Sections 1 & 12; T1N R19E, Section 34; T1N, R19E Sections 16 & 21. Oakes Park Reservoir, Long Park Reservoir, Upper & Lower Goose Lakes and Ashley Twin Lakes..				
Vernal Ditch Bill Easement CE	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	12/2007	Jerry Bird 801-236-3463 jkbird@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approve application for irrigation & stockwatering easement including operating and maintenance conditions.				
	Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - T2N, R1E, Section 18. Ralphs Canyon.				
Vernal Ditch Bill Easement CE	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	12/2007	Jerry Bird 801-236-3463 jkbird@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approve application for irrigation & stockwatering easement including operating and maintenance conditions.				
	Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - T5N, R1W, Sections 28, 29, 32, & 33; T4N, R18E, Protraction Block 42 Uintah Meridian and T3N, R1E, Sections 6, 7 and 8 SLM. Chepeta Lake, Moccasin Lake, Papoose Lake, Wigwam Lake, Paul Lake, Little Elk Lake, and Paradise Park Reservoir.				
Vernal Ditch Bill Easements CE	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2007	Expected:12/2007	12/2007	Jerry Bird 801-236-3463 jkbird@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approve application for irrigation & stockwatering easement including operating and maintenance conditions.				
	Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - T4N, R1E, Sections 28, 33, and 34, T3N, R1E, Sections 3, 10, and 15. Blanchett Park and Dry Creek.				

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Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Vernal Ranger District Travel Management Plan EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Road management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 10/2007	Expected:04/2009	05/2009	Kris Rutledge 435-781-5196 krutledge@fs.fed.us
	Description: Develop motor vehicle route designations for Vernal Ranger District to manage the use of offroad vehicles through the designation of routes and areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/travel_management/index.shtml				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - Vernal Ranger District. Ashley National Forest.					

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