



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2017 to 06/30/2017

Custer National Forest

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R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Stillwater Mining Company's Iron Creek and West Fork Stillwater Exploration Plan of Operations EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/30/2017	Expected:09/2017	09/2017	Dan Seifert 406-446-4520 dseifert@fs.fed.us
Description: Stillwater Mining Company (Stillwater) is proposing exploratory drilling at up to thirty-six drill sites over a six year period in the Iron Creek area and a single drill site in the area of the West Fork of the Stillwater River.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48921					
Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sweet Grass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T5S, R14E, Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15 and 16 and T5S, R135E, Section 1, Sweetgrass County, MT.					

Custer National Forest Ashland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region

Rosebud County Communications Site Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2014	Expected:02/2015	04/2015	Kimberly Vivian 406-784-2344 kimberlyvivian@fs.fed.us
Description: Renewal of communications sit, private mobile radio service special use permit.					
Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Rosebud. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ashland Ranger District.					

Custer National Forest Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region

Beartooth District - Pryor Mountains Unit Abandoned Mine Closure CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:09/2017	05/2018	Robert Grosvenor 406-848-7375 ext.28 rgrosvenor@fs.fed.us
Description: Identification, assessment, and closure of abandoned mine features that pose a physical or environmental safety hazard on lands in the Pryor Mountains unit of the Beartooth District.					
Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pryor Mountains Unit on the Beartooth Ranger District.					

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Beartooth Electric Cooperative Special Use Permit Renewal CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2014	Expected:12/2014	01/2015	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gaillplovanic@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use renewal for electric cooperative.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon, Stillwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Across Beartooth Ranger District.				
Big Horn Electric Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2014	Expected:06/2015	06/2015	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gaillplovanic@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use permit renewal for electric transmission lines.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Pryor Mountain land unit.				
DNRC Red Lodge Creek Road Easement EA	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:09/2018	11/2018	Ken Coffin 406-446-4529 kcoffin@fs.fed.us
	Description: DNRC is seeking an all rights easement across National Forest Lands to access approximately 9 sections of state land in the Red Lodge area.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Red Lodge Creek Area.				
Kanvick Communications Site Lease Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2014	Expected:01/2015	02/2015	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gaillplovanic@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of special use permit for single user communication site.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Beartooth Ranger District.				

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Main Fork Rock Creek Road Maintenance and Watershed Improvement Project CE	- Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/31/2011	Expected:04/2015	06/2015	Amy Waring (406) 683-3948 amywaring@fs.fed.us
	Description: Conduct road mtc, reconstruction, & minor alignment adjustments along the length of the road (approx. 10.7 mi). Activities include gravel re-surfacing, ditch maintenance, replace & add culverts, replace Hellroaring bridge & vegetation clearing.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T9S, R19E, Sec(s) 7, 8, 18, & 19; T9S, R18E, Sec(s) 24, 25, 26, & 33-35. Main Fork Rock Creek Road.				
Northwestern Energy Red Lodge Mountain Special Use Modification CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2015	Expected:02/2016	04/2016	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gaillplovanic@fs.fed.us
	Description: Minor re-route of Northwestern Energy distribution line. Amendment to existing special use permit.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area.				
Project Telephone Special User Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2014	Expected:03/2015	05/2015	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gaillplovanic@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of Special Use Permit to Project Telephone.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon, Stillwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Beartooth Ranger District.				
Switchback Ranch Roads Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2014	Expected:04/2015	05/2015	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gaillplovanic@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renew special use permit for private roads.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Vicinity of Red Lodge Creek.				

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Switchback Ranch Roads Special Use Permit Re-issuance CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2016	Expected:01/2017	02/2017	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a new special use permit to Switchback Ranch for a 30 year term authorizing several short sections of road accessing private land across NF lands to replace existing permit expired on 12/31/2014 and existing Luoma Road permit expired 12/31/2015				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T7S, R18E, Sec. 3. Switchback Ranch road segments crossing NF lands are to access buildings and homes located on adjacent private lands located inside National Forest boundary on the Beartooth Ranger District, Custer NF.				
Yellowstone Radio Club Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2014	Expected:03/2015	05/2015	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gaillplovanic@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special Use Permit renewal for single user communication site.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Beartooth Ranger District.				

Custer National Forest Sioux Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Programmatic Decision Memo Sioux Ranger District Hazardous Mine Opening Closures CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 02/27/2017	06/2017	Robert Grosvenor 406-848-7375 ext.28 rgrosvenor@fs.fed.us
	Description: Closure and reclamation of abandoned and inactive mine features on the Sioux District of the Custer Gallatin National Forest. The abandoned sites consist of uranium prospect pits, rock dumps, and other associated mining features.				
	Location: UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - Montana, South Dakota. COUNTY - Carter, Harding. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Districtwide.				

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Sioux Ranger District Outfitter/Guide Permit Renewal CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2016	Expected:10/2016	10/2016	Meghan Reedy 605-797-4432 mrreedy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of priority use outfitter/guide permit totaling 25 day use service days in the South Cave Hills, Slim Buttes and East Short Pines of South Dakota. Crooked Creek Outfitters has 25 service days for hunting in the aforementioned land units.				
	Location: UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Harding. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South Cave Hills, Slim Buttes and East Short Pines land units of the Sioux Ranger District.				
Waimen Water Transmission Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2014	Expected:03/2015	05/2015	Kimberly Vivian 406-784-2344 kimberlyvivian@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of water transmission line special use permit.				
	Location: UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - Montana, South Dakota. COUNTY - Carter, Harding. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sioux Ranger District.				
West River Telephone Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2014	Expected:02/2015	04/2015	Kimberly Vivian 406-784-2344 kimberlyvivian@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of special use permit for RUS telephone lines on NFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Sioux Ranger District. STATE - Montana, South Dakota. COUNTY - Carter, Harding. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sioux Ranger District.				

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