



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2018 to 09/30/2018

Custer National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Sibanye-Stillwater Mining Company's Iron Creek & West Fork Stillwater Exploration Plan of Operations EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 06/01/2018	07/2018	Dan Seifert 406-446-4520 dseifert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sibanye-Stillwater Mining Company 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 - Stillwater, Sweet Grass. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T5S, R14E, Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15 and 16 and T5S, R135E, Section 1, Sweetgrass County, MT.					
Threemile Restoration and Resiliency Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/04/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2018	Expected:01/2019	05/2019	Mark Slacks 406-255-1450 mslacks@fs.fed.us
	Description: Manage this fire adapted ecosystem towards a mosaic of forest, woody draw, & grassland vegetation that restores & improves ecosystem resiliency. Use commercial timber harvest, prescribed fire, and non-commercial treatments to achieve this outcome.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52677				
Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 9 air miles southeast of Ashland, MT in the Home Creek, Threemile Creek, and Tenmile Creek drainages. South of Hwy. 212 bounded on the north, south and west sides by non-FS lands.					
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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				

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Beartooth District - Pryor Mountains Unit Abandoned Mine Closure CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2018	Expected:04/2019	06/2019	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.				
Beartooth Electric Cooperative Special Use Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gailplovanic@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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gailplovanic@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 *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2018	Expected:02/2019	06/2019	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.				

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Fishtail/Little Rocky Range Assessment EA *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Andrew Kelher 775-752-3357 akelher@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Beartooth Ranger District of the Custer Gallatin NF is starting an environmental analysis for grazing management of the East and West Fishtail and Little Rocky range allotments.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater. LEGAL - Little Rocky:T5S,R16E, S(s).15-22,28,29;T7S,R15E,S13,MPM.West Fishtail: T5S,R16E,S(s)22,23,25,26,27,33-35;T6S,R16E,S(s)2&3 MPM. East Fishtail:T5S,R16E,S(s)25,26,35,36;T6S,R16E,S(s)1&2;T6S,R17E,S6,MPM. Stillwater Cnty. MT. The allotments are southeast of Nye, MT and southwest of Dean, MT.				
Group Ten Metals 2018 Stillwater West Exploration Plan of Operations CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/08/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2018	Expected:08/2018	08/2018	Robert Grosvenor 406-848-7375 ext.28 rgrosvenor@fs.fed.us
	Description: 1 year or less exploratory core drilling and reclamation for the presence of Platinum Group and other metals at 10 sites across the Yellowstone and Beartooth Ranger Districts in the Iron Mountain/Chrome Mountain area in 2018.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54131				
Kanvick Communications Site Lease Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gailplovanic@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.				
Northwestern Energy Red Lodge Mountain Special Use Modification CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gailplovanic@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.				

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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.				
Sibanye-Stillwater Mining Company 13800 Blitz Ventilation Raises CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/28/2018	Expected:07/2018	08/2018	Dan Seifert 406-446-4520 dseifert@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction and operation 2 mine ventilation raises to surface. Vent raises would connect to Stillwater Mine underground workings. Surface preparation work would be helicopter supported beginning August 2018. Project would be completed by Oct. 2018.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54258				
Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater. LEGAL - T5S, R15E, Section 24. Nye Creek watershed.					
State of Montana DNRC West Fork Rock Creek stream gage. CE	- Watershed management - Land ownership management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2017	Expected:11/2017	11/2017	Jeff Gildehaus 406-446-4584 jgildehaus@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed stream gage installation would comprise of mounting 2%u201D galvanized pipe and 1%u201D poly pipe to the underside of the Silver Run Road Bridge. Included is a hand dug trench and a 6'x6' stream gage house.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - T8S, R19E, Section 11. West Fork Rock Creek bridge at Silver Run Trailhead.				
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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Yellowstone Radio Club Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gail Plovanic 406-848-7375 gailplovanic@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.				

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Custer National Forest Sioux Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
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 *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kimberly Vivian 406-784-2344 kimberlyfvivian@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.				

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West River Telephone Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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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