



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

Custer Gallatin National Forest

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Custer Gallatin National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)	R1 - Northern Region
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Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/08/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2019	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Mariah Leuschen 406-587-6735 mariah.leuschen@usda.gov
<p>Description: The Custer Gallatin National Forest is undergoing Forest Plan Revision. The Forest Plan is a comprehensive overarching document that guides forest management, use, and protection providing broad direction, standards and guidelines for years to come.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50185</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Custer Gallatin National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana, South Dakota. COUNTY - Carbon, Carter, Gallatin, Madison, Meagher, Park, Powder River, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Harding. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Custer Gallatin National Forest.</p>					
Ecotonal Habitat Restoration Project CE <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/30/2019	Expected:11/2019	04/2020	Joshua Hemenway 406-587-6739 joshua.hemenway@usda.gov
<p>Description: To restore ecotonal habitats- aspen, whitebark & limber pine, meadow/ grassland & forest interface riparian areas, woody draws, & montane ponderosa pine- where assessment (App. A), shows a departure from desired conditions & can support restoration.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56145</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Custer Gallatin National Forest All Units. STATE - Montana, South Dakota. COUNTY - Carbon, Carter, Gallatin, Madison, Meagher, Park, Powder River, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Harding. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Restoration of ecotonal habitats could occur in suitable habitats across the Custer Gallatin NF, w/ except that montane ponderosa pine restoration would only occur on Yellowstone & Beartooth RDs.</p>					

Custer Gallatin National Forest Ashland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Ashland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Threemile Restoration and Resiliency Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 04/19/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Victoria Regula 406-848-7375 Victoria.Regula@usda.gov
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.					

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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
DNRC Red Lodge Creek Road Easement EA *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.					
Fishtail/Little Rocky Range Assessment EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chauntelle Rock 406-222-1892 chauntelle.rock@usda.gov
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.					

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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Group Ten Metals, Stillwater West Phase 2 project Plan of Operations for mineral exploration. EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/29/2019	Expected:02/2020	07/2020	Dan Seifert 406-446-2103 dan.seifert@usda.gov
	Description: Exploratory core drilling for locatable minerals at 35 sites over the course of seven years in the Iron Mountain and Chrome Mountain area of the East Boulder Plateau on Beartooth and Yellowstone Ranger Districts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55033				
Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater, Sweet Grass. LEGAL - Drill site locations are at T4S, R13E, Sections 33, 34; T5S, R13E, Sections 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13 and 14; T5S, R14E, Sections 7 and 18. Iron Mountain and Chrome Mountain area of the East Boulder Plateau on Beartooth and Yellowstone Ranger Districts.					
Northwestern Energy Natural Gas Line Extension CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/23/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Ken Coffin 970-878-6001 ken.coffin@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of a natural gas line to provide service to private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Stillwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Work Center Horse Pasture and West Fork Rock Creek Road #2071 located in T8S, R20E, section 6.				

Custer Gallatin National Forest	Bozeman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Deer Creek Trailhead Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/07/2017	Expected:03/2020	08/2020	Wendi Urie 406-522-2535 wendi.urie@usda.gov
	Description: Improve recreational access in the Deer Creek area while improving safety and restoring damaged streambanks along the Gallatin River. See other project information for more detail.				
	Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T6S, R4E, NE1/4 Section 23 and NE1/4 Section 22 Standard Parallel. Gallatin Canyon, Highway 191, Deer Creek Trail. Gallatin Canyon, Highway 191, Deer Creek Trailhead.				

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Custer Gallatin National Forest		Bozeman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region
Hyalite Shooting Restriction CE *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Corey Lewellen 406-522-2531 corey.lewellen@usda.gov
	Description: Prohibition on discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun within the Hyalite Drainage.				
	Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Hyalite Drainage approximately 13 miles south of Bozeman, Montana.				
Middle Fork Willow Creek Rock Pit CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Allison Stringer 4065222525 allison.stringer@usda.gov
	Description: Open a native rock source along the Middle Fork Willow Crk. road just above the Forest Boundary. Rock will be used to surface and stabilize the North & Middle Forks of Willow Crk & Jackson Crk. roads to reduce sediment delivery & improve drivability.				
	Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Middle Fork Willow Creek approximately 9 miles NW of Livingston, Montana, along the east slope of the Bangtail Mountains, Park County. Forest Service Road #6600 near the Forest Boundary.				
Porcupine Creek Phone Line CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/27/2019	08/2019	Kathryn Nash 406-587-6713 knash@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation and maintenance of a copper phone cable along Porcupine Creek Road within the existing right of way, and bore the Gallatin River or hang a conduit on Porcupine Creek Bridge. Install 120 feet of new line for service to private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located within the Porcupine Creek road right of way in T7S, R4E, section 16, Gallatin County, MT.				

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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Hebgen Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Operation and Maintenance of Red Cliff Shooting Range CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/25/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Jason Brey 406-823-6963 jbrey@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is analysis the environmental effects of authorizing, through a special use permit, the operation and maintenance of the Red Cliff Shooting Range by an responsible club or other community entity. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55699				
	Location: UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Township 8 South, Range 4 East, Section 16. Adjacent to HWY 191 approx. mile marker 39.				
Quake Lake Fiber Optic Upgrade CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 06/27/2019	08/2019	Kathryn Nash 406-587-6713 knash@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation and maintenance of a new fiber optic cable to provide high speed broadband service to Quake Lake Visitors Center. The fiber cable will be 9784 feet long with a 20 foot wide right of way (within the powerline utility corridor).				
	Location: UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in T12S, R2E, sections 34, 35, 36, and will provide service to the Quake Lake Visitors Center.				
Whitebark Pine Cycle 6 Test Plantation CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Research and Development	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/21/2018	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Clay Demastus 406-522-2553 clay.demastus@usda.gov
	Description: Test objectives will evaluate durability of seven rust resistant traits under natural inoculum, the effective population size, & other environmental agents such as insects/disease/drought, & cold snaps. Monitoring will be done approx. every 5 yrs.				
	Location: UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Custer Gallatin NF, Taylor Fork/Deadhorse area, off NFSR #136.				

Custer Gallatin National Forest	Sioux Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Sioux Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Sioux Ranger District Outfitter/Guide Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/01/2016	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Meghan Reedy 605-797-4432 meghan.reedy@usda.gov
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.					

Custer Gallatin National Forest	Yellowstone Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
East Paradise Range Recession EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chauntelle Rock 406-222-1892 chauntelle.rock@usda.gov
Description: This is to study six open grazing allotments and determine if reauthorization of grazing is warranted					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41485					
Location: UNIT - Yellowstone Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Yellowstone Ranger District, south of I-90 each of Hwy. 89 S. Grazing allotments: Suce Cr C&H, 6-Mile Cr S. C&H, Mill Creek C&H, Pine Cr C&H, Elbow C&H.					
Miminagish Organization Camp CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Rebecca Hammargren 402-222-1892 rebecca.hammargren@usda.gov
Description: Master Plan development and conversion of obsolete Special Use Permit to current format for the Miminagish Organization Church Camp in the Main Boulder canyon, Yellowstone Ranger District					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=38106					
Location: UNIT - Yellowstone Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sweet Grass. LEGAL - T5S, R12E, Section 26. Main Boulder Road.					

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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Yellowstone Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Powerline Big Creek CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/22/2019	09/2019	Kathryn Nash 4065876713 knash@fs.fed.us
Description: Installation of an underground powerline and fiber optic cable along the Big Creek Road to provide service to private property. The power will be buried 48 inches deep and fiber 12 inches deep.					
Location: UNIT - Yellowstone Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along Big Creek Road in T6S, R7E, section 18 and T6S, R6E, section 13.					
Sibanye Stillwater Mining Company's East Boulder Mine Stage 6 Tailings Storage Facility Amendment EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/08/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Robert Grosvenor 406-848-7375 ext.28 rgrosvenor@fs.fed.us
Description: SSMC East Boulder Mine proposes expanding the existing TSF an additional 14 ft. elevation using the same construction and operation methods as approved in stages 1 to 5. Final crest elevation is designed at 6,344 feet.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55061					
Location: UNIT - Yellowstone Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sweet Grass. LEGAL - Township 4 South, Range 13 East, Sections 2 and 11, Principal Meridian. East Boulder Mine (EBM), Sweet Grass County, approx.. 16 miles south of McCloud, MT in the East Boulder drainage. Access is by State Route #298 and Forest Service Road #205.					
South Crazy Mountains Land Exchange EA *NEW LISTING*	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/21/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:03/2020	03/2020	Dee Closson 970-327-4261 X4341 daclosson@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service is proposing to exchange approximately 3,225 acres of National Forest System lands for approximately 3,797 acres of non-Federal lands located in south central Montana, northeast of Livingston and northwest of Big Timber.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56687					
Location: UNIT - Yellowstone Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Park, Sweet Grass. LEGAL - Federal Land: T.2N.,R.11 E.,Secs.2,4,8,and 12: T.2N.,R.12E.,Sec.8. NonFederal Land: T.2N.,R.11E.,Sec.1: T.3N.,R.11 E.,Secs.11,13,21,31,and 33. South central Montana, northeast of Livingston and northwest of Big Timber.					

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