



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Custer Gallatin National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Nancy Rusho 202-731-9196 nancy.rusho@usda.gov
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.				

Custer Gallatin National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/08/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Mariah Leuschen 406-587-6735 mariah.leuschen@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50185				
	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.				

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Custer Gallatin National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
Ecotonal Habitat Restoration Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/30/2019	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Joshua Hemenway 406-587-6739 joshua.hemenway@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56145				
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.					

Custer Gallatin National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R1 - Northern Region
Group Ten Metals, Stillwater West Phase 2 project Plan of Operations for mineral exploration. EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 02/04/2020	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 - Yellowstone Ranger District, 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.					

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					
Ash Creek Restoration and Resiliency Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Todd Erdody 406-587-6706 todd.erdody@usda.gov
	Description: Restore and improve resiliency in forested and non-forested ecosystems within the Ash Creek Fire and other fires that have occurred within the last 25 to 30 years from Highway 212 to the northern most boundary of the Ashland Ranger District.				
	Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bounded on the west, north and east by the Ashland district boundary and on the southwest by US Highway 212 and the 3 Mile project boundary and southeast by roads 4467 and 47853.				
Threemile Restoration and Resiliency Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 03/03/2020	06/2020	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				
Tongue River Electric Communications Site Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Kimberly Vivian 406-784-2344 kimberlyvivian@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renew and update and existing permit.				
	Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River. LEGAL - T35, R47E, Sec. 4. Home Creek Butte Electronic Communications Site, T35, R47E, Sec. 4.				

Custer Gallatin National Forest	Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Fishtail/Little Rocky Range Assessment EA	- 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.				
Greater Red Lodge Vegetation and Habitat Management Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/27/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2020	Expected:09/2020 Actual: 05/19/2015	10/2020	Victoria Regula 406-848-7375 Victoria.Regula@usda.gov
	Description: Fuels reduction within the wildland urban interface (WUI). Increase the diversity of vegetation, including aspen and deciduous riparian species. Manage for resilient conditions in face of large disturbance events.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41368				
	Location: UNIT - Beartooth Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Carbon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West Red Lodge Creek, Nichols Creek, Willow Creek on the Beartooth Face, Carbon County MT.				
Northwestern Energy Natural Gas Line Extension CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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	
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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:04/2020	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.				
Hyalite Shooting Restriction CE	- 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.				

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Custer Gallatin National Forest		Bozeman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region
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:04/2020	04/2020	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 - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T4S, R5E S. 23. Bozeman Ranger District, Little Bear Drainage, Moose Jaw Creek Vicinity.					

Custer Gallatin National Forest		Gardiner Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region
Cooke City Fuels and Forest Health Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2020	Expected:07/2021	10/2021	Ashley Sites 208-926-8952 ashleysites@fs.fed.us
Description: Reduce the fire intensity risk within the wildland urban interface surrounding Cooke City and Silver Gate. While also increasing forest resiliency to insect and disease infestation.					
Location: UNIT - Gardiner Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T 09 S, R 14 E Sections 2, 11-15, 23-27, 34-36 and T 09 S, R 15 E, Sections 6, 7, 17-22, 28-30, 33-34 Montana and Idaho Principal and Boise Meridians. In the area of Silvergate and Cooke City Montana.					
Viola, Private property access request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2020	Expected:08/2020	09/2020	Adam McClory 907-754-2352 amccclory@fs.fed.us
Description: Request for motorized access to private property along Wolverine Cut-off trail #323 and existing non-system two-track road. If authorized, entire length of authorized access would be 2 miles, with a 20% width.					
Location: UNIT - Gardiner Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T. 9 S., R. 14 E., Sec. 5, 8, and 9, Principal Meridian, Montana. Site access is via Daisy Pass Trail Road and National Forest System Road 3219 (Lake Abundance), approximately 6 miles northwest of Cooke City, MT.					

Custer Gallatin National Forest		Hebgen Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region
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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Hebgen Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
South Plateau Timber and Fuels Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Amee Rief 406-823-6975 Amee.Rief@usda.gov
	Description: Intermediate and regeneration harvest to reduce the risk or extent of and increase the resiliency to insect and disease infestation while providing wood products to local mills. Reduce fuels to increase fire suppression effectiveness and safety.				
	Location: UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Sections within T14S, R 44E, T14S, R45E, T15S, R44E and T15S, R45ENational Forest System lands. The project is located south and southwest of West Yellowstone, Montana near South Plateau.				

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	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Meghan Reedy 605-797-4432 megan.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	
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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Yellowstone Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
East Paradise Range Recession EA	- 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	Cancelled	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.					
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 03/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	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.					

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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Yellowstone Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
South Crazy Mountains Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/03/2019	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	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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