



**Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)**  
07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

**Custer Gallatin National Forest**

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .				

Custer Gallatin National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R1 - Northern Region
<b>Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/08/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2021	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Mariah Leuschen 406-587-6735 mariah.leuschen@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50185">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50185</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Ecotonal Habitat Restoration Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/30/2019	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Joshua Hemenway 406-587-6739 joshua.hemenway@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56145">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56145</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest</b>	<b>Ashland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>Ash Creek Restoration and Resiliency Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/05/2020	Expected:11/2020	10/2021	Todd Erdody 406-587-6706 todd.erdody@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57357">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57357</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest</b>	<b>Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
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<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest</b>	<b>Beartooth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>Fishtail/Little Rocky Range Assessment</b> EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chauntelle Rock 406-222-1892 chauntelle.rock@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Greater Red Lodge Vegetation and Habitat Management Project</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 06/19/2020	Expected:12/2020 Actual: 05/19/2015	12/2020	Victoria Regula 406-848-7375 Victoria.Regula@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41368">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41368</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest</b>	<b>Bozeman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>Deer Creek Trailhead Reconstruction</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Watershed management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 04/23/2020	08/2020	Wendi Urie 406-522-2535 wendi.urie@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest</b>		<b>Bozeman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Hyalite Shooting Restriction</b> CE	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Corey Lewellen 406-522-2531 corey.lewellen@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> Prohibition on discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun within the Hyalite Drainage.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Hyalite Drainage approximately 13 miles south of Bozeman, Montana.					
<b>Middle Fork Willow Creek Rock Pit</b> CE	- Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Allison Stringer 4065222525 allison.stringer@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Whitebark Pine Cycle 6 Test Plantation</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Research and Development	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/21/2018	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Clay Demastus 406-522-2553 clay.demastus@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bozeman Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T4S, R5E S. 23. Bozeman Ranger District, Little Bear Drainage, Moose Jaw Creek Vicinity.					

<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest</b>	<b>Gardiner Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest</b>	<b>Gardiner Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>Cooke City Fuels and Forest Health Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ashley Sites 208-926-8952 ashleysites@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Viola, Private property access request</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Adam McClory 907-754-2352 amccclory@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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%u2019 width.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest</b>	<b>Hebgen Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>South Plateau Timber and Fuels Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:01/2021	02/2021	Ameer Rief 406-823-6975 Ameer.Rief@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest</b>	<b>Hebgen Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>Yellowstone Airport Terminal Improvement Project</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2020	Expected:04/2021	06/2021	Jason Brey 218-666-0040 jbrey@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> This FAA Project will improve the Yellowstone Airport terminal & surrounding infrastructure and authorize the placement of water and sewer lines across NFS lands from town in order to serve the Airport and the West Yellowstone Interagency Fire Centre					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - T.13S., R5E, Sections 15, 21, 22, 27, 28. Adjacent to the town of West Yellowstone, extending approximately 1 mile north to Yellowstone Airport.					

<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest</b>	<b>Yellowstone Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>East Paradise Range Recession</b> EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chauntelle Rock 406-222-1892 chauntelle.rock@usda.gov
<b>Description:</b> This is to study six open grazing allotments and determine if reauthorization of grazing is warranted					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41485">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41485</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Sibanye Stillwater Mining Company's East Boulder Mine Stage 6 Tailings Storage Facility Amendment</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/15/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Robert Grosvenor 406-848-7375 ext.28 rgrosvenor@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55061">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55061</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>South Crazy Mountains Land Exchange</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/03/2019	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Dee Closson 970-327-4261 X4341 daclosson@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56687">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56687</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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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