



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Custer Gallatin National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- 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 apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				

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: Objection Period Legal Notice 07/09/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2021	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	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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Ecotonal Habitat Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/30/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	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	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	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/05/2020	Expected:12/2020	10/2021	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57357				
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.					

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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Ashland Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
South Otter Landscape Restoration and Resilience Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2020	Expected:09/2021	09/2022	Daniel Pliley 4065876892 Daniel.Pliley@usda.gov
Description: The proposed project is to help restore and maintain the structure, function, composition and ecological connectivity of the forest landscape in order to increase resiliency to future natural disturbance events like wildfire, insects, and disease.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58396					
Location: UNIT - Ashland Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Powder River, Rosebud. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area lies in Powder River and Rosebud Counties, bounded on the east, west, and south by the district boundary and on the northeast by Ten Mile Road and northwest by district boundary.					

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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 *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Cancelled	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	
Greater Red Lodge Vegetation and Habitat Management Project EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
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.					

Custer Gallatin National Forest	Bozeman Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
Hyalite Shooting Restriction CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology - Road management 	Cancelled	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:11/2020	11/2020	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	- 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
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 10/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	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%u2019 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	
Hebgen Basin Fire District-Station Development CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Jason Brey 406-823-6961 jbrey@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to authorize, through a special use permit, the construction, operation, and maintenance of a Fire Station for a single fire engine to enhance and extend coverage for wildland fire response by the Hebgen Basin Fire District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58664				
	Location: UNIT - Hebgen Lake Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Gallatin. LEGAL - Township 12 South, Range 4 East, Section 5. Adjacent to HWY 287 approx. mile marker 13. . The site is on US-287, approximately 8.5 miles west of the intersection of US-287 and US-191, on the north side of the highway across from Hebgen Lake.				
South Plateau Area Landscape Treatment Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/16/2020	Expected:02/2021	04/2021	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57353				
	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.				
Yellowstone Airport Terminal Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:03/2021	06/2021	Jason Brey 218-666-0040 jbrey@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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				
	Location: 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.				

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Custer Gallatin National Forest	Yellowstone Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region	
East Paradise Allotment Management Plan EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2020	Expected:02/2021	02/2021	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.					
Sibanye Stillwater Mining Company's East Boulder Mine Stage 6 Tailings Storage Facility Amendment EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/11/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	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	- 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
	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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