



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Bighorn National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">*NEW LISTING*</p>	- 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.					

Bighorn National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

Invasive and Other Plant Management on the Bighorn NF EIS <p style="color: blue; text-align: center;">*NEW LISTING*</p>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 05/2020	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Bernie Bornong 307-674-2685 bbornong@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest, through the application of an integrated treatment strategy, proposes to continue to treat invasive and other plant species. Treatments include aerial and ground-based herbicides, approved biological control methods, and education.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57457					
Location: UNIT - Bighorn National Forest All Units. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan, Washakie, Big Horn, Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bighorn National Forest.					

Bighorn National Forest Medicine Wheel Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region

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Bighorn National Forest Medicine Wheel Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Bad Medicine Ride CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/16/2020	03/2020	Alan Grubb 307-548-5308 agrubb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Multi-year event permit for a bicycle race the crosses a portion of the Bighorn National Forest. The use of Forest Service land occurs for one day in September.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57467				
Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The route used is FS 17 and HWY 14.					
Communication Technologies Communication Use Lease Reissuance CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Travis Fack 307-674-2683 tfack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a new 10 year Communication Use Lease to Communication Technologies at the Medicine Mountain Communication Site to replace their current expired lease.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57420				
Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Medicine Mountain Communication Site.					
East fork Outfitters CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Alan Grubb 307-548-5308 agrubb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request for an assigned site at the Battle Park Trail Head. The assigned site will have tent platforms, parking, and a corral and be used from June 15 - November 15 annually. An above-ground poly pipe will be laid from a tributary of Battle Creek t				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57470				
Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T. 50 N. R.87 W. Sec 15. Battle Park Trail Head.					
Legend Communications Of Wyoming, LLC Communication Use Lease Reissuance CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Travis Fack 307-674-2683 tfack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue new 10 year Term Communication Use Lease to Legend Communications of Wyoming, LLC at the Medicine Mountain Communication Site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57421				
Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Medicine Mountain Communication Site.					

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Lost Creek Outfitters CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/27/2020	Expected:03/2020	03/2020	Alan Grubb 307-548-5308 agrubb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Recreation special uses permit renewal for 54 days priority service use days for mountain lion hunting in lion area 21. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57789				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Wyoming Lion Area 21.				
Ranger Creek Guest Ranch change of Ownership Special Use Permit Issuance CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:03/2020	04/2020	Travis Fack 307-674-2683 tfack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of Special Use Permit to Operate Ranger Creek Ranch as a public resort under new ownership. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57426				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Ranger Creek Guest Ranch is located off Forest Service Road 17.				
Shell Adventure Lodge CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2020	Expected:01/2020	01/2020	Alan Grubb 307-548-5308 agrubb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request for 50 user days at #14, 200 user days at #15, 100 user at #16 for their existing priority permit for horseback riding, fishing and dude ranch operations on weekdays. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57471				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Shell Creek at Shell reservoir #14, #15, and #16.				
White Mountain Outfitters CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2020	Expected:04/2020	08/2020	Alan Grubb 307-548-5308 agrubb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Two-year priority permit for an assigned site at T. 56 N. R.91 W. Sec 25 and 135 user days in Upper Porcupine Creek #17 for horsemanship workshop campouts in August. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57469				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T. 56 N. R.91 W. Sec 25. Upper Porcupine Creek #17.				

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Bighorn National Forest Powder River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Munkres Blowdown Salvage CE	- Forest products - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Bernie Bornong 307-674-2685 bbornong@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage harvest of trees blowdown in a late June 2019 storm near Munkres Pass.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56430				
Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - T48N, R85W, Sections 10 & 11. Powder River Pass.					
Paradise Guest Ranch Pasture Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:02/2020	04/2020	Travis Fack 307-674-2683 tfack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue 20 year Special Use Permit for use of horse pasture in conjunction with the Paradise Guest Ranch, to replace their current expired permit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57423				
Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Location of the Horse Pasture is NFS lands surrounding the Private inholding of the Paradise Guest Ranch.					
South Fork Mountain Resort, LLC Resort Special Use Permit Reissuance CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:03/2020	04/2020	Travis Fack 307-674-2683 tfack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue new 20 Year Term Special Use Permit for the Operation and Maintenance of South Fork Mountain Resort, to replace the current expired permit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57427				
Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South Fork Mountain Resort is located off US Hwy 16.					

Bighorn National Forest Tongue Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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Bighorn National Forest Tongue Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Lovcom, Inc. Communication Use Lease Reissuance CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Travis Fack 307-674-2683 tfack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue new 20 Year Communication Use Lease to Lovcom, Inc. to replace their current expired lease.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57422				
Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bosin Rock Communication Site.					
Spear-O-Wigwam Communication Tower change of ownership, new special use permit. CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Travis Fack 307-674-2683 tfack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue new special use permit to new ownership of Spear-O-Wigwam Guest Ranch to maintain and operate communication tower and equipment located on the Park Reservoir Dam.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57425				
Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Communication Tower is located on the Park Reservoir Dam.					
Spear-O-Wigwam guest Ranch change of ownership. CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/06/2020	03/2020	Travis Fack 307-674-2683 tfack@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a Special Use Permit for the Occupancy/use of Spear-O-Wigwam Guest Ranch and associated Beaver lakes Camp to be operated as a Resort under new ownership.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57424				
Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Resort known as Spear-O-Wigwam Ranch located off Forest Service Road 293.					

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Tie Flume Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/01/2020	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Christopher Jones 307-674-2627 christopherdjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create a diverse and healthy forested ecosystem by implementing a variety of vegetation and prescribed burn treatments. Treatments will enhance resiliency to insect/disease outbreaks and reduce the potential for large-scale wildfire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54192				
Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - T54N, R87W,Section 3-10 and 17-18 T55N, R87W,Section 4-9, 16-22 and 26-35 T55N, R88W,Section 1-36 T55N, R89W,Section 1 T56N, R87W,Section 28-33 T55N, R88W, Section 31-36 . Along the Black Mountain Road corridor from US Highway 14 to the south and east and along the Taylor Mine Road corridor up toward the old Gloom Creek Timber Sale.					

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