



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021
Bighorn 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 .				

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

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Bighorn National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Bighorn National Forest Salvage and Sanitation Treatments CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2020	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Matthew Rathbone 970-625-6854 mrathbone@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve forest health by responding to tree mortality events and ongoing chronic insect and disease issues. Utilize commercial harvesting or non-commercial thinning to salvage dead or dying trees or control the spread of existing insect and disease.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58971				
Location: UNIT - Bighorn National Forest All Units. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan, Washakie, Big Horn, Johnson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forestwide - Bighorn National Forest.					
Invasive and Other Plant Management on the Bighorn NF EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/03/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2021	Expected:12/2021	01/2022	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		
Fink Cabin CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/02/2020	11/2020	Alan Grubb 307-548-5308 agrubb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cabin owner proposes constructing a new cabin further back from Adelaide Trail on lot C of the Shell Summer Home Group, removing the existing cabin, constructing a leach field and well.				
	Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T.53N R. 88W S.20. Lot C Shell Summer Home Group.				

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Bighorn National Forest	Medicine Wheel Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Paintrock Radio Repeater CE *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management	Completed	Actual: 11/17/2020	06/2022	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize installation of USFS radio tower for employee and public safety. There will be no permanent foundation and the tower is temporary but intended for long term use. Tower is less than 40' tall and will have buck and rail fencing.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58996				
Location: UNIT - Medicine Wheel Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Big Horn. LEGAL - T51N R88W S 26. The Paintrock Repeater will be located along Forest Road 355 in T51N R88W S 26.					

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Bighorn National Forest	Powder River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Camp Comfort special use authorization for fence CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Traci Weaver 307-684-4625 traci.weaver@usda.gov
	Description: Authorization of 100 year old fence partially on NFS lands and adjacent to private land where removal is not practicable.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59111				
Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Johnson. LEGAL - Section 8,T. 50N., R. 83 W., 6th P.M. Approximately ten miles southwest of Buffalo, Wyoming, adjacent to private land owned by Camp Comfort, Inc.					
Munkres Blowdown Salvage CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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.					

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Bighorn National Forest Powder River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Tensleep Canyon Climbing Management Plan EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Christopher Jones 307-674-2627 christopherdjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Respond to increased development and impacts from rock climbing. Considers protection of the following: soil, vegetation, geologic, water, cultural, wildlife, and social resources. Considers protection of resources via restrictions/permits/education.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59115				
Location: UNIT - Powder River Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Washakie. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tensleep Canyon: From Meadowlark lake and southwest on either side of the U.S. Highway 16 corridor to the Forest boundary at the bottom of the canyon. Leigh Creek Canyon is also included.					

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Bighorn National Forest Tongue Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Sheridan Municipal Watershed EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/07/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2020	Expected:12/2021	06/2022	Jon Warder 307-674-2631 jwarder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce hazardous fuels that could support a more severe and widespread wildfire in this municipal watershed and adjacent lands. Restoration of riparian and aspen habitat will be considered. Maintain and improve water quality by sediment reduction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58965				
Location: UNIT - Tongue Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sheridan. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Sheridan Municipal Watershed encompasses Big Goose Creek and its tributaries on the Bighorn National Forest.					

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