



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2019 to 06/30/2019

### Black Hills National Forest

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<b>RNA and BA Mineral Withdrawal</b> EA  <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">*UPDATED*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special area management</li> <li>- Minerals and Geology</li> <li>- Land ownership management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/24/2015 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 lmconroy@fs.fed.us
<p><b>Description:</b> Proposed withdrawal of research natural areas and botanical areas from mineral entry. Necessary part of RNA designation process. Forest Service recommendation to BLM, who makes the decision. Project not subject to the objection process.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45590">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45590</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Custer, Lawrence, Pennington, Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This proposal addresses four Research Natural Areas and seven Botanical Areas totaling about 17,000 acres at various locations in South Dakota and Wyoming.</p>					
<b>Rushmore Connector Trail Project</b> EIS  <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">*UPDATED*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Special use management</li> </ul>	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/07/2016 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 lmconroy@fs.fed.us
<p><b>Description:</b> The State of South Dakota has applied for a permit to construct, operate and maintain a 14-mile non-motorized trail across the Forest connecting the Mickelson Trail to Mt. Rushmore National Memorial. The decision would amend Forest Plan direction.</p> <p><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44935">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44935</a></p> <p><b>Location:</b> UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail would connect the existing Mickelson Trail, running east from US Hwy 385 to the Mt. Rushmore Memorial.</p>					

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<b>Cook Lake Recreation Facility Maintenance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Facility management	Completed	Actual: 03/05/2019	07/2019	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 ekrueger@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Maintenance activities at the recreation facility to enhance long-term functionality of the Cook Lake dam and increase public safety at the facility and in downstream areas. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41597">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41597</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T. 53 N., R. 63 W., section 10, 6th P.M. Cook Lake, Bear Lodge Mountains, Crook County, Wyoming.				
<b>Crook Country FRTA Easements</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/30/2013	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	John Kelley 605-642-4622 johnmkelley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Crook County, Wyoming claims historic right-of-way on select roads, however current right-of-way status is legally uncertain. The county would like to legally claim these roads as well as abandoning easements on other select roads.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Select roads within the Bearlodge Ranger District of the Black Hills National Forest.				
<b>Poplar Mineral Exploration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Karl Emanuel 605-642-4622 kemanuel@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project includes exploratory operations on 6 drill sites in the Mineral Hill area. Total disturbance is expected to be under 1 acre and new road construction, reconstruction, and maintenance under 1 mile total. Reclamation activities would occur.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T51N R60W Sections 20, 28, 29, 32. Exploratory activities are proposed on Mineral Hill located approximately 14.5 miles east of Sundance, WY.				

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<b>BF #1 Placer Mining Project</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/07/2018	Expected:06/2018	07/2018	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Construct a hardened stream crossing so that motorized vehicles can cross French Creek. The purpose for the crossing is to allow transportation of mining equipment to the eastern portion of BF#1 mining claim. Mining equipment used will be hand tools.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T3S, R3E; Sections 13 & 24. 5.5 miles west-northwest of Custer, SD. Access is via FS Road 286.1A.				
<b>Black Hills Electric Cooperative 306 &amp; 314 Projects</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/11/2019	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	Karina Hawley 605-673-9325 khawley@fs.fed.us
<b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	<b>Description:</b> The Black Hills Electric Cooperative is requesting to replace portions of their single-phase line with three-phase lines. Line reconstruction will include replacement of all poles within the corridor.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55712">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55712</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Segment of line from Custer to Pringle on the West side of highway 385.				
<b>Custer County Emergency Radio Services Renewal</b> CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 10/07/2018	10/2018	Karina Hawley 605-673-9325 khawley@fs.fed.us
<b>*UPDATED*</b>	<b>Description:</b> Custer county has an antenna on a Forest Service Tower for their emergency services. Renewal is for a period of 30 years.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54849">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54849</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On the Supervisors office Compound.				
<b>Lithograph Land Exchange</b> EA	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2018	Expected:02/2019	09/2019	Meagan Buehler 605-673-9345 mkbuehler@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Land Adjustment				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southern Hills.				

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<b>Lozano Access Road</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/01/2019	02/2019	Karina Hawley 605-673-9325 khawley@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Providing access to a private parcel across National Forest System lands.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T05S R04E Sec 10.					
<b>Phoenix 42 Placer Mining Project</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/13/2016	Expected:07/2017	09/2017	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Mining will consist of trenches approximately 150 ft. long x 50 ft. wide x 10 ft. deep. Gravels from the trenches will be processed through a trommel. Initially 5 yards of ore will be processed per hour. Mining will be conducted 10-12 hours per day.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51741">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51741</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian, T.3S., R.4E., SE1/4 of Section 28. The project is along Upper French Creek approximately three-quarters of a mile west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 16 and County Road 286 (Upper French Creek Road). Access via existing access rd.					
<b>Virginia Mine</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2017	Expected:01/2018	02/2018	Gary Haag 605-673-9199 ghaag@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Pacer Corporation the operator of the Virginia Mine has submitted a proposed amendment to their existing Plan of Operations. The amendment proposes to expand the Virginia Mine by 1-acre.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - BHM, T4S, R5E, SW 1/4, Section 7. The area of the proposed expansion is located approximately 1.4 miles northeast of Pringle, South Dakota.					

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<b>Century Link Sales Solutions, Inc. Special Use Permit Re-Issuance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/14/2016	Expected:05/2019	05/2019	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 x3552 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Re-issue Century Link a Special Use Permit for their existing buried and overhead copper wire and fiber optic cable lines on NFS lands. The term of the new permit will be for 20 years.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Existing buried and over head copper wire and fiber optic lines are located in the following areas: Cosmos, Custer Peak, McCurdy Gulch, Merritt Estes, and other forest-wide locations.				
<b>Cutty Sark Exploration Project</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The claimant proposes to do surface exploration using hand tools. They also propose to do sampling in the existing 120 ft. deep shaft. Exploration would be done using a winch attached to an ATV to lower a person into the shaft.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T2N; R4E; SE 1/4 Section 33. Access to the claim is via closed road FSR 231.1C which connects to the Mystic Road.				
<b>Golden Meadow Placer Exploration Project</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposal is to determine the value and extent of the gold bearing gravels on the claim. Test holes (approximately 75) will be dug in a grid pattern, approximately 50-100 ft. apart across the proposed exploration area.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T1S, R7E, NE1/4 Section 18. Access to the claim will be via NFSR 449 (Gondola Road) to the Taylor Quarry. At the quarry an existing two-track branches off to the northeast which directly accesses the claim.				

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<b>Mineral Mt. Resources Rochford Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Mineral Mt. Resources is proposing an exploration drilling project in the Rochford Area. Mineral Mt. proposes to construct a total of 21 drill sites. Generally the drill pads will be approximately 25 ft. x 40 ft. The approx. disturbed area is 2 acres				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52323">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52323</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T2N, R3E; Sections 26 & 35. Southeast of Rochford, SD.				
<b>Phase II Pactola Basin Rapid Creek Habitat Restoration</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/25/2018	Expected:05/2019	09/2019	Steven Hirtzel 605-673-9200 shirtzel@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Improve trout habitat and stream stability of Rapid Creek below Pactola Basin through the use of natural materials such as log and boulder structures.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T1N R5E Sections 1 & 2. The project area is between Tamarack Gulch and Placerville Church camp. Approximately 1.6 miles long.				
<b>Triple G/Rallo's Roost Placer Mining project</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Prospecting in previously mined placer deposits. Most of the mining will be pick and shovel. There will be one piece of mechanized equipment; a battery powered recirculating sluice 4ft. long by 1 ft. wide. Sluice will be set in 100 gal. tank.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian, T1N, R4E, Sections 21 & 22. Six miles west of Rapid City, South Dakota. Access is via State Highway 44 to Forest Service Road 167.				

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<b>2019 Black Hills Energy Utility Line Rebuilds</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Facility management	Completed	Actual: 03/05/2019	04/2019	Callie Ackerman 605-642-4622 callieackerman@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replacement of poles and utility lines along two corridors on the Northern Hills Ranger District. The Maitland corridor is located 4 miles south of Spearfish, SD and the Tinton corridor stretches from Savoy, SD to the area west of Iron Creek Lake.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55149">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55149</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along Maitland Road 4 miles south of Spearfish, SD and along the Tinton powerline corridor from Savoy, SD to west of Iron Creek Lake.				
<b>Kelley FLPMA Road Easement</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of a 30-year easement to a land owner for legal access to private property. The easement would be for use of an existing non-system road approximately 0.25 long. Road work is included to bring the road up to standard.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T2N, R5E, Section 10. Three miles south of Nemo, South Dakota near Forest Service Road 201.				
<b>Nelson FLPMA Road Easement</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of a 30-year private road easement to allow a land owner legal access to his property. The easement would be along an existing unclassified road, and in return the Forest Service would be provided legal access across the private property.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Meade. LEGAL - T3N, R6E, Section 32. Approximately one mile southwest of Piedmont, South Dakota.				

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<b>Tinton Trail Addition to Non-motorized Trail System</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/04/2019	Expected:04/2019	06/2019	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> The Tinton trail is an existing, single track trail that crosses approximately 46 miles of NFS land. The trail is currently an unofficial trail. The trail would be designated as an official NFS trail and marked as such on the ground and in brochures.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55369">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55369</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins south of Spearfish, SD at the Forest boundary. The trail forms a lollipop loop to the south, covering approximately 46 miles, with 11 of those miles overlapping other system trails.					
<b>Trail 8216 East Gimlet Creek Reroute</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 11/26/2018	06/2019	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> A portion of motorized trail 8216 would be closed and rerouted to move the trail away from East Gimlet Creek and reduce resource damage that is currently occurring.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54955">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54955</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Meade. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trail 8216 approximately 3.5 miles east of Rochford, SD.					

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