



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020

Black Hills National Forest

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Black Hills National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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RNA and BA Mineral Withdrawal EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special area management - Minerals and Geology - Land ownership management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/24/2015 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2019	Expected:01/2020	05/2020	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 lmconroy@fs.fed.us
Description: 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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45590					
Location: 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.					
Rushmore Connector Trail Project EIS *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Special use management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 lmconroy@fs.fed.us
Description: 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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44935					
Location: 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.					

Black Hills National Forest Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region
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Crook Country FRTA Easements CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/30/2018	Expected:11/2019	01/2020	John Kelley 605-642-4622 johnmkelley@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Select roads within the Bearlodge Ranger District of the Black Hills National Forest.				

Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Lithograph Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2019	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	Meagan Buehler 605-673-9345 mkbuehler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Land Adjustment				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southern Hills.				
Virginia Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gary Haag 605-673-9199 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				

Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
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Cutty Sark Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				
Golden Meadow Placer Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2020	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				
Phase II Pactola Basin Rapid Creek Habitat Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 10/22/2019	11/2019	Steven Hirtzel 605-673-9200 shirtzel@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	Description: Improve trout habitat and stream stability of Rapid Creek below Pactola Basin through the use of natural materials such as log and boulder structures.				
	Location: 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.				

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Triple G/Rallo's Roost Placer Mining project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2019	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: 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.				

Black Hills National Forest	Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Aspen Hills Road Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 10/08/2019	10/2019	Paul Bosworth 605-642-4622 pbosworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Aspen Hills Homeowners association has requested a road use permit to allow for re-grading of FSR 661 near the intersection of FSR 134 to reduce grade and mitigate safety hazards under icy conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56761				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along Aspen Hills Road (FSR 661) near the intersection with Tinton Road (FSR 134) approximately 5 miles south of Spearfish, SD.				
Qwest Rural Fiber Optic Installation CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/11/2019	Expected:07/2019	08/2019	Callie Ackerman 307-283-1361 callieackerman@fs.fed.us
	Description: Qwest Communications is proposing the installation of approximately 58 miles of fiber optic line within existing utility corridors across the northern Black Hills. Both underground and aboveground line would be installed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56239				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within existing utility corridors across the northern Black Hills.				

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Red Bat Pond Dam Repair CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/20/2019	Expected:09/2020	10/2020	Valerie McKean 605-642-4622 valeriemckean@fs.fed.us
	Description: Repair of the existing dam to maintain important wildlife habitat at Red Bat Pond along with installation of a water line and stock tank for potential future range management use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56883				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Red Bat Pond, approximately four miles south of Whitewood, SD.				

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