### Projects Occurring Nationwide

**Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.**

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**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](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](https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions).

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### Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

**Western Area Power Administration Right-of-Way Maintenance and Reauthorization Project**

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<td>- Special use management</td>
<td>In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/27/2013 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2020</td>
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<td>Matthew Custer 719-852-6206 <a href="mailto:mscuster@fs.fed.us">mscuster@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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**Description:** Update vegetation management activities along 278 miles of transmission lines located on NFS lands in Colorado, Nebraska, and Utah. These activities are intended to protect the transmission lines by managing for stable, low growth vegetation.

**Web Link:** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30630](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30630)

**Location:** UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units, Grand Valley Ranger District, Norwood Ranger District, Yampa Ranger District, Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, Pine Ridge Ranger District, Sulphur Ranger District, East Zone/Dillon Ranger District, Paonia Ranger District, Boulder Ranger District, West Zone/Sopris Ranger District, Canyon Lakes Ranger District, Salida Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District, Mancos/Dolores Ranger District. STATE - Colorado, Nebraska, Utah. COUNTY - Chaffee, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, Grand, Gunnison, Jackson, Lake, La Plata, LaRimer, Mesa, Montrose, Routt, Saguache, San Juan, Dawes, Daggett, Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Linear transmission lines located in Colorado, Utah, and Nebraska.
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| Nebraska National Forest Bessey Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | - Forest products  
- Fuels management | Completed | Actual: 06/18/2020 | 09/2020 | Tedd Teahon  
308-533-8108  
tedd.teahon@usda.gov |
| Nebraska National Forest Fall River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | - Minerals and Geology | In Progress:  
605-745-8212  
matthew.lucas@usda.gov |
| Nebraska National Forest Fort Pierre Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) |

**Description:**

- The purpose of this project is to restore and or maintain the functional ecological value of the native grasslands and hand-planted forests in the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest.

- Analyze and disclose environmental effects that may result from implementing one vertical oil and natural gas well. Project includes proposed construction, drilling, completion, production and reclamation.

**Web Link:**

- [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57670](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57670)
- [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58585](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58585)
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| Prairie Restoration Research Project | - Land management planning  
  - Special area management  
  - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants  
  - Vegetation management (other than forest products)  
  - Research and Development | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/31/2020  
  Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2020 | Expected:06/2021 | 06/2021 | Ruben Mares  
  605-224-5517  
  rmares@fs.fed.us |
| Oglala National Grassland Dam Repairs and Enhancements | - Recreation management  
  - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants  
  - Grazing management  
  - Watershed management  
  - Facility management | Completed | Actual: 09/25/2020 | 10/2020 | Erin Considine  
  308-432-0383  
  erin.considine@usda.gov |
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**Description:**
- Approximately 50% of the Grassland is now dominated by invasive, cool-season exotic grasses, particularly smooth brome and Kentucky bluegrass. The proposed project aims to identify techniques to restore a dominance of native vegetation on the FPRD.

**Location:**
- UNIT - Fort Pierre Ranger District.  
  - STATE - South Dakota.  
  - COUNTY - Jones, Lyman.  
  - LEGAL - Not Applicable.  
  - The Prairie Restoration Research Project is located across the Fort Pierre Ranger District in central South Dakota.

**Web Link:**
- [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58724](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58724)

**Location:**
- UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District.  
  - STATE - Nebraska.  
  - COUNTY - Dawes, Sioux.  
  - LEGAL - Not Applicable.  
  - Agate, Boardgate and Rock Bass Reservoirs on the Oglala National Grassland.

**Web Link:**
- [http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58172](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58172)
**Eastern Pennington County Waterlines and Stock Tanks EA. EA**

Project Purpose:
- Grazing management
- Vegetation management (other than forest products)
- Watershed management

Planning Status: Developing Proposal
Est. Scoping Start: 10/2020

Decision: Expected: 01/2021

Project Contact: Alex Grant
307-745-2424
abgrant@fs.fed.us

**Location:**
UNIT - Wall Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project occurs in the Missile, Hillary, Wall-Quinn, and South Whitewater 1 allotments within Pennington County, SD on Wall Ranger District.

**Description:**
This project proposes 6.37 miles of waterline and twelve water tanks on four grazing allotments in Pennington County, SD on the Wall Ranger District. New tank locations and pipelines will provide reliable water sources and management of resources.

**Web Link:**
http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57712

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