



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

Nebraska 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 .					

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Western Area Power Administration Right-of-Way Maintenance and Reauthorization Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/27/2013 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2020	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Matthew Custer 719-852-6206 mscuster@fs.fed.us
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					
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)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
McKelvie Woody Encroachment 2 Project CE	- Forest products - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 06/18/2020	09/2020	Tedd Teahon 308-533-8108 tedd.teahon@usda.gov
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57670				
Location: UNIT - Bessey Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Cherry. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The entirety of the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest in Cherry County, Nebraska.					

Nebraska National Forest Fall River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Bulge #1-8 EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 08/28/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Matthew Lucas 605-745-8212 matthew.lucas@usda.gov
	Description: 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=58585				
Location: UNIT - Fall River Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - SE SE NE Section 8 T11S R1E. SE SE NE Section 8-T11S-R1E Fall River County, South Dakota.					

Nebraska National Forest Fort Pierre Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
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Nebraska National Forest Fort Pierre Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Prairie Restoration Research Project EA *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58724				
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.					

Nebraska National Forest Pine Ridge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Oglala National Grassland Dam Repairs and Enhancements CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
	Description: Repair and protect Agate, Rock Bass and Bordgate Reservoirs in order to enhance riparian and pond habitat on the Oglala National Grassland.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58172				
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.					

Nebraska National Forest Wall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
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Nebraska National Forest Wall Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Eastern Pennington County Waterlines and Stock Tanks EA. EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:01/2021	01/2021	Alex Grant 307-745-2424 abgrant@fs.fed.us
	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				
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.					

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