



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

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)

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Western Area Power Administration Right-of-Way Maintenance and Reauthorization Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/17/2020 11/17/2020	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 Rangers 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.					

Nebraska National Forest	Fall River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Bulge #1-8 EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 12/11/2020	12/2020	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 *UPDATED*	<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 12/2020	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		
Aristocrat, West Ash, & Coffee Mill Butte Fire Reforestation Project CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land management planning - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/23/2020	Expected:03/2021	04/2021	Michael Gould 308-432-0384 michael.gould@usda.gov
	Description: Hand plant 112 container ponderosa pine seedlings throughout & near various areas where forest fires consumed ponderosa pine forested stands & their seed source. Approximately 50-200 seedlings/ac would be planted depending on terrain & microclimates.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59162				
Location: UNIT - Pine Ridge Ranger District. STATE - Nebraska. COUNTY - Dawes. LEGAL - Not Applicable. (1) Aristocrat T32N, R48W, Sections 5 & 6; T33N, R48W, Sections 33 ; (2) West Ash T31N, R51W, Sections 13, 24, 25, & 26; T31N, R50W, Sections 18, 19, 29, 30, 31, & 32; (3) Coffee Mill Butte T31N, R49W.					

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 01/2021	Expected:03/2021	06/2021	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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