



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

Ashley National Forest

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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation EIS <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	Expected:12/2019	12/2019	John Shivik 801-625-5667 johnashivik@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: The Forest Service is considering amending its land management plans to address new and evolving issues arising since implementing sage-grouse plans in 2015. This project is in cooperation with the USDI Bureau of Land Management.</p> <p>Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units, Boise National Forest All Units, Bridger-Teton National Forest All Units, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest All Units, Dixie National Forest All Units, Fishlake National Forest All Units, Salmon-Challis National Forest All Units, Sawtooth National Forest All Units, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest All Units, Manti-La Sal National Forest All Units, Caribou-Targhee National Forest All Units, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache All Units. STATE - Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Jackson, Moffat, Routt, Adams, Blaine, Bonneville, Camas, Caribou, Cassia, Elmore, Fremont, Madison, Churchill, Clark, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lincoln, Nye, Pershing, Washoe, White Pine, Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Daggett, Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Morgan, Piute, Rich, Salt Lake, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Washington, Wayne, Weber, Platte, Sublette, Teton, Weston, Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sagebrush lands in National Forests of Nevada, Utah, southern Idaho, southwest Montana, southwest & south-central Wyoming and northern Colorado.</p>					

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Western Area Power Administration Right-of-Way Maintenance and Reauthorization Project EIS	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	David Loomis 303-275-5008 dloomis@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.					

R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis Project (Ashley and UWC National Forests) EIS *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Paul Cowley 801-999-2177 pcowley@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project will evaluate the effects of continued domestic sheep grazing in the High Uintas Wilderness (HUW). There are 10 sheep allotments located on the north and south slopes of HUW and are located in both the Ashley and Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NFs.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44503				
Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District, Evanston-Mountain View RD. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne, Summit. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the High Uintas Wilderness in both Duchesne and Summit counties. The project is located northeast of Duchesne, UT and southwest of Manila, UT.					

Ashley National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Ashley National Forest - Forest Plan Revision EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/10/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2020	Expected:03/2021	03/2021	Cathleen Neelan 435-781-5120 cneelan@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Ashley National Forest is currently revising the Forest Plan. The Ashley's existing Forest Plan is from 1986 and needs to be updated to reflect current natural resource conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49606				
Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett, Duchesne, Summit, Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project will involve the entire Ashley National Forest.					

Ashley National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
East Side Recreation Facilities Decommissioning EA	- Recreation management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Stephanie Anderson 435-781-5283 stephanieanderson@fs.fed.us
	Description: We are proposing to decommission 12 developed recreation sites on the Flaming Gorge-Vernal Ranger District. These sites were chosen because of their limited use by the public, outdated facilities, and/or aging infrastructure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43630				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District, Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Daggett, Uintah, Sweetwater. LEGAL - T14NR108WSEC34;T2NR18SEC14;T2N22ESEC29;T3NR21E;SEC28;T2NR21ESEC35;T1SR20ESEC12;T2NR21ESEC21;T1NR22ESEC20;T2NR20ESEC9;T1SR21ESEC30;T2NR19ESEC12;T3NR21ESEC19;. 9 sites on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District and 3 sites on the Vernal Ranger District. Sites range from Sweetwater County WY, to Daggett and Uintah counties, UT.					

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Argyle Shaded Fuel Break CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/14/2019	Expected:09/2019	11/2019	Nicholas Ostrom 435-781-5173 nicholas.ostrom@usda.gov
	Description: Create a shaded fuel break along FS boundary and Argyle Badland Cliff access road by removing hazardous fuels by means of limbing and thinning to compliment UT State Forestry and Fire and private landowner firewise efforts in the area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56451				
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Township 7 South, Range 8 West Section 12 and Township 7 South, Range 7 West, Sections 7 & 8. South from Duchesne UT on HWY 191 for 28.25 miles, turn east on Argyle Canyon Rd, in 1/2 mile turn North on road that access Badland Cliffs, 0.3 miles road T's project starts here going east for 2 mi.					
Sowers Creek Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Ryan Mower 435-781-5170 rmower@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action would involve restoring the stream and subsequently the water table. The proposed action would include construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of new and existing rock grade control structures.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55466				
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Uintah Special Meridian Township 9 S, Range 5 W Section 7. The project is located 14.5 miles southwest of Duchesne Utah. On the East Side of Forest Road 152 directly after crossing the Forest Boundary.					
Uinta River Trail Beaver Reroute CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 07/17/2019	08/2019	Samuel Wiswell 435-781-5230 swiswell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Roughly 0.15 miles of the Uinta River Trail have been covered in water by newly constructed beaver dams. This has made the trail impassible to hikers and stock. A 0.25 mile trail reroute is proposed to address the loss of trail access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56080				
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - SE1/4 NW1/4 ,Section 13, T3N R3W. 40.65998 N, 110.1772 W ~ 3 miles from the Trailhead.					

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High Uintas Wilderness Colorado River Cutthroat Trout (CRCT) Habitat Enhancement. EIS *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 07/23/2019	Expected:10/2019	05/2020	Ronald Brunson 435-781-5202 rbrunson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cooperative project with UDWR to restore and enhance CRCT populations within the High Uintas wilderness through the use of piscicide rotenone to remove non-native fish from selected streams and lakes. CRCT would be reintroduced following treatment Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31640				
	Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. High Uintas Wilderness Area Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District.				
Revised Duchesne Roosevelt District Wide Range Improvement Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/03/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	Todd Irish 435-781-5205 todd.irish@usda.gov
	Description: The Ashley NF proposes to modify the Sowers Canyon portion of the Duchesne Roosevelt District Wide Range Improvement Project. The project includes an additional 4 miles pipeline, 5 additional trough locations and two 10,000 gal storage tanks. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56463				
	Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 35 T 6 S, R 6 W, Salt Lake Base Meridian. The project location is approximately 25 miles Southwest of Duchesne, Utah.				
Uinta Basin Railway Project EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/19/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2020	Expected:10/2021	08/2023	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kgroves@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Surface Transportation Board is proposing to build a railroad along HWY 191 through Indian Canyon. The route would go from Kayune, UT to Myton, UT, passing just south of Duchesne, UT Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56603				
	Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The preferred route would travel from Kayune, UT to Myton, UT, passing south of Duchesne, UT, along Indian Canyon. About 10.5 miles of the route would be located on FS lands.				

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