



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Ashley National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS *NEW LISTING*	- 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 will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)					
Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation EIS *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	John Shivik 801-625-5667 johnashivik@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381				
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.					
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.					

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R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis Project (Ashley and UWC National Forests) EIS	- Grazing management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2020	Expected:08/2020	08/2020	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	
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 01/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	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.					

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Ashley National Forest Aspen Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/22/2019	Expected:02/2020	05/2020	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kgroves@fs.fed.us
	Description: Programmatic restoration of aspen stands on the Ashley National Forest outside of Wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57075				
Location: UNIT - Ashley National Forest All Units. STATE - Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Daggett, Duchesne, Summit, Uintah, Wasatch, Sweetwater. LEGAL - All Ashley National Forest lands outside of wilderness. All aspens stands on the Ashley National Forest outside of wilderness.					

Ashley National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
East Side Recreation Facilities Decommissioning EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Facility management	Cancelled	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.					

Ashley National Forest	DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Ashley National Forest DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Badlands Lop and Scatter Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 02/03/2020	08/2020	Robert Christensen 435-781-5232 rchristensen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Wildlife habitat improvement project targeting the removal of encroaching conifers (pinyon, juniper, and Douglas fir), located on the South Unit of the Ashley National Forest. Treatment would be done through mechanical means using chainsaws.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57243				
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located on the west side of the South Unit of the Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest, approximately 20 miles southwest of Duchesne Utah.					
Badlands Trail Project - Part 2 CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/27/2019	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Stephen Larrabee 435-781-5114 stephen.larrabee@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of an OHV trail connection on the South Unit of the Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District. The segment would connect Sowers Canyon Road to Forest Service Road 497. This segment would be approximately 3.3 miles.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57244				
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located south of Highway 40 at the junction of Sowers Canyon Road and Forest Service Road 497, approximately 6.15 miles south of the Bridgeland turn off.					
Little Pond Forest Restoration Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/21/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 lesley.tullis@usda.gov
	Description: A timber and forest health project that includes aspects of public safety, watershed restoration, and fuels reduction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57505				
Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne, Wasatch. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On the western end of the Duchesne Ranger District, east of Wolf Creek Summit. Landmarks in the area include Little Pond, Left Fork Rhoades Canyon, and Mill Fork.					

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Ashley National Forest DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Sowers Creek Restoration CE	- 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.					

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Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Dutch John Mountain ATV Connector Trail CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Daniel Depaolis 435-781-5240 - Daniel DePaolis Daniel.Depaolis@usda.gov
	Description: Creation of ATV trail from Dutch John, UT to connect with existing road system on BLM land near Goslin Mountain via Dutch John Canyon				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57138				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - T.2 N., R. 22 E., Northeast corner of section 2. Trail to start in Dutch John, Utah. Trail Passes through Dutch John Canyon to the North of town through current state gravel pit and abandoned gravel pit.					
West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jason Kelton 435-781-5181 jason.kelton1@usda.gov
	Description: The project will remove conifer species from shrub community types through lop and scatter on 19,682 acres. The project intent is to maintain native vegetation diversity, watershed stability, reduce wildfire potential, and improve wildlife habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57157				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah, Wyoming. COUNTY - Daggett, Sweetwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. West Northwest Region of the Flaming Gorge District in Utah and Wyoming. The project spans from the eastern to western edge of the district primarily south of Manila.					

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Ashley National Forest ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
High Uintas Wilderness Colorado River Cutthroat Trout (CRCT) Habitat Enhancement. EIS *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 01/13/2020	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.				
Mill Park Forest Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/10/2020	Expected:06/2020	06/2020	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 lesley.tullis@usda.gov
	Description: A timber and forest health project that includes aspects of public safety, watershed restoration, and fuels reduction. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57204				
	Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. At the head of Hells Canyon. Landmarks in the area include Mill Park, Center Park, and Long Park in the northern portion of the project area and Bear Park and Flea Flat in the southern portion.				
Uinta Basin Railway Project EIS	- 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. See https://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com for more information. 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.				

Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Ashley Karst National Recreation and Geologic Management Plan EA *NEW LISTING*	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Special area management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2020	Expected:03/2021	05/2021	Leann Colburn 435-781-5163 lscolburn@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Ashley National Forest is preparing to develop a management plan for the Congressionally designated Ashley Karst National Recreation and Geologic Area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57865				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is NW of Vernal.					
Big Brush Creek - Outlaw ATV Trail Reroute Project CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Joseph Ellsworth 435 781 5179 joseph.ellsworth@usda.gov
	Description: This project would reroute a popular section of a multi-use trail to provide an improved recreational experience and to improve resource conditions. An additional trail (<50")would be constructed from the current trail to a turn around near the cave.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57151				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project is located in Uintah County, north of Vernal, UT. The project area is located approximately between Iron Spring Campground and Taylor Mountain Road Forest Road 044.					
Highline ATV Trail Reroute Project CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Joseph Ellsworth 435 781 5179 joseph.ellsworth@usda.gov
	Description: Rerouting and reconstructing a motorized section of the Highline Trail between Highway 191 and East Park Reservoir. The project purpose is to improve the visitor experience and minimize impacts such as erosion to the resources of the area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57148				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett, Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located along Highway 191, north of Vernal, Utah at the trailhead and ends at the intersection of North East Park Forest Road 212.					

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Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Northwest Pipeline Cell Tower Special Use Renewal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	Description: Special use renewal of an existing cell tower facility that is specifically used for controlling an automated pipeline system for oil and gas transport.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57971				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - NW 1/4 of Section 17, T. 1 S, R 22 E., Salt Lake Meridian. The project is approximately 22 miles N of Vernal and 0.75 miles west of Hwy 191.					
Round Park Hardened Stream Crossing Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 12/16/2019	08/2020	Kevin Faucher 435-781-5189 kfaucher@fs.fed.us
	Description: Two stream crossings in the Round Park area will be upgraded with hardened ford structures in order to stop the degradation of fish habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57137				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - T1S R21E Sec 2. The proposed project is on the Vernal Ranger District of Ashley National Forest and is within Dagget County. The general location is Round Park off of FS Road 020. The crossings are located about 1/2 of a mile off FS 020 and are located on FS 547 and FS 047.					

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