



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

### Ashley National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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: <a href="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</a> .				

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

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<b>Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)</b>					
<b>Amendments to Land Management Plans Regarding Sage-grouse Conservation</b> EIS	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/02/2019	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	John Shvik 801-625-5667 johnashivik@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381">https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r4/home/?cid=stelprd3843381</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Western Area Power Administration Right-of-Way Maintenance and Reauthorization Project</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30630">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30630</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>R4 - Intermountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>High Uintas Wilderness Domestic Sheep Analysis Project (Ashley and UWC National Forests)</b> EIS	- Grazing management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2021	Expected:02/2021	05/2021	Paul Cowley 801-999-2177 pcowley@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44503">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44503</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Ashley National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>				<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>	
<b>Ashley National Forest - Forest Plan Revision</b> EIS	- 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49606">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49606</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Ashley National Forest Aspen Restoration Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kgroves@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Programmatic restoration of aspen stands on the Ashley National Forest outside of Wilderness.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57075">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57075</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Ashley National Forest DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>		
<b>Badlands Trail Project - Part 2</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 09/03/2020	09/2020	Stephen Larrabee 435-781-5114 stephen.larrabee@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57244">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57244</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Little Pond Forest Restoration Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/21/2020 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2020	Expected:03/2021	06/2021	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 lesley.tullis@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> A timber and forest health project that includes aspects of public safety, watershed restoration, and fuels reduction.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57505">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57505</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Sowers Creek Restoration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 07/16/2020	07/2020	Ryan Mower 435-781-5170 rmower@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55466">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55466</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>
<b>West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/06/2019	Expected:10/2020	06/2021	Jason Kelton 435-781-5181 jason.kelton1@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57157">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57157</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Ashley National Forest ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>
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<b>Ashley National Forest ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>		
<b>Mill Park Forest Restoration Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 08/19/2020	09/2020	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 lesley.tullis@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> A timber and forest health project that includes aspects of public safety, watershed restoration, and fuels reduction.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57204">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57204</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Raspberry Ridge Guzzler Replacement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2020	Expected:11/2020	11/2020	Robert Christensen 435-781-5232 rchristensen@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replace an existing guzzler on Raspberry Ridge of the Duchesne/Roosevelt RD that has been damaged beyond repair.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58043">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58043</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - The legal location of the project is T2N, R5W, Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 21. The guzzler is located southeast of Moon Lake on the ridge dividing Raspberry Draw and Mackentire Draw on Petty Mountain of the Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District.					
<b>Uinta Basin Railway Project</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/19/2019 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2020	Expected:10/2021	08/2023	Kristy Groves 435-781-5203 kgroves@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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 <a href="https://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com">https://www.uintabasinrailwayeis.com</a> for more information.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56603">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56603</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>
<b>Ashley Karst National Recreation and Geologic Management Plan</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Special area management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2020	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Leann Colburn 435-781-5163 lscolburn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Ashley National Forest is preparing to develop a management plan for the Congressionally designated Ashley Karst National Recreation and Geologic Area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57865">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57865</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is northwest of Vernal, Utah, along the southern slopes of the Uinta Mountains within Uintah County.					
<b>Big Brush Creek - Outlaw ATV Trail Reroute Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Joseph Ellsworth 435 781 5179 joseph.ellsworth@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57151">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57151</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Highline ATV Trail Reroute Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Joseph Ellsworth 435 781 5179 joseph.ellsworth@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57148">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57148</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R4 - Intermountain Region</b>
<b>Northwest Pipeline Cell Tower Special Use Renewal</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/03/2020	08/2020	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Special use renewal of an existing cell tower facility that is specifically used for controlling an automated pipeline system for oil and gas transport.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57971">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57971</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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 20 miles north of Vernal and 0.75 miles west of Hwy 191, accessed by Forest Road 056.					
<b>Strata Cell Tower</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Facility management	Completed	Actual: 07/21/2020	07/2020	Rhett Burkman 435-740-4918 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Strata Networks is constructing a new cell tower on Grizzly Ridge that is 120 feet tall. Site vegetation will be removed and a chain link fence installed at the site. The project area is approximately 0.5 acres in size with a footprint of 125'X90'.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58152">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58152</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Grizzly Ridge communication site is located approximately 20 miles north of Vernal and about 0.75 mile east of Highway 191, accessed off of Forest Road 056.					

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