



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Ashley 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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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:12/2020	01/2021	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 *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 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 *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2021	Expected:07/2021	09/2021	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 03/2021	Expected:03/2022	03/2022	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	- 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
	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		
Forest Wide Range Improvement Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2021	Expected:03/2022	06/2022	Sandra Remund-Kaminski 435-781-5221 sbremundkaminski@fs.fed.us
	Description: The construction of various range improvements, including water systems, drift fences, and spring exclosures, to improve cattle distribution on the Vernal and Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59258				
Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District, Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne, Uintah. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On multiple allotments across the Vernal and Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger Districts.					

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		
Little Pond Forest Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/24/2020	Expected:03/2021	06/2021	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 Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
Pacific and Atlantic Soda Project EIS *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 02/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	Description: The BLM is considering a trona mine proposal from Pacific and Atlantic Soda Company. A portion of the proposal involves construction of a water line across the northern end of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area on the Ashley National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59259				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Sweetwater. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The water line would be located across the northern end of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area south of Green River, WY.					
Union Wireless Cell Tower CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2021	Expected:02/2021	06/2021	Rhett Burkman 435-781-5133 rhett.burkman@usda.gov
	Description: The Ashley National Forest is considering a proposal from Union Wireless to build a cell tower at the existing Dutch John Gap communications site. This tower is required to support developing wireless technology.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59224				
Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dutch John Gap Approximately three miles northwest of the community of Dutch John, Utah.					

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Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region		
West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/06/2019	Expected:01/2021	06/2021	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		
Moon Lake Salvage Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2021	Expected:06/2021	07/2021	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 lesley.tullis@usda.gov
	Description: 250 acres of timber salvage and 762 acres of tree seedling planting approximately 1 mile south of Moon Lake. This area experienced uncharacteristic stand-replacement fire in ponderosa pine during the 2020 East Fork Fire.				
	Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 1 mile south of Moon Lake along Forest Service Road (FSR) 10131.				
Raspberry Ridge Guzzler Replacement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Robert Christensen 435-781-5232 rchristensen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace an existing guzzler on Raspberry Ridge of the Duchesne/Roosevelt RD that has been damaged beyond repair.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58043				
Location: 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.					

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Uinta Basin Railway Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/30/2020 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2021	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.					

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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 *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Special area management - Watershed management - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2020	Expected:05/2021	05/2021	Leann Colburn 435-781-5163 lscolburn@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Ashley N.F. is preparing to develop a management plan for the Congressionally designated Ashley Karst National Recreation and Geologic Area. This may be an administrative plan rather than an EA if no site-specific proposed actions are involved.				
	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 northwest of Vernal, Utah, along the southern slopes of the Uinta Mountains within Uintah County.					

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