



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2016 to 09/30/2016

Ashley National Forest

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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

Western Area Power Administration Right-of-Way Maintenance and Reauthorization Project EIS *UPDATED*	- 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.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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)

Energy Gateway South 500 kV Powerline (EGS) EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/01/2011 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2014	Expected:03/2015	01/2020	Charles Call 435-865-3730 ckcall@fs.fed.us
	Description: This proposed 500 kV transmission line is designed to deliver power to Rocky Mountain Power utility costumers in Utah and the intermountain west. Generation sources are located in central Wyoming.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42534				
	Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District, Pine Valley Ranger District, Richfield Ranger District, Price Ranger District, Fillmore Ranger District, Heber-Kamas Ranger District, Spanish Fork Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Beaver, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Iron, Juab, Millard, Piute, Sevier, Uintah, Wasatch, Weber. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project initiates in central Wyoming and crosses public, private, and state lands in Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah. Project terminates at the Mona substation in central Utah.				

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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: NOI in Federal Register 12/01/2015 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2017	Expected:06/2018	06/2018	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.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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.				
Transwest Express 600 kV Direct Current Powerline (TWE) EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/18/2011 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2013	Expected:12/2014	03/2018	Charles Call 435-865-3730 ckcall@fs.fed.us
	Description: This proposed 600 kV direct current transmission line is designed to carry renewable energy (primarily wind power) from generation sources in central Wyoming to markets in the Pacific Southwest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42526				
	Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District, Pine Valley Ranger District, Richfield Ranger District, Fillmore Ranger District, Ferron Ranger District, Heber-Kamas Ranger District, Spanish Fork Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Beaver, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Iron, Juab, Millard, Piute, Sevier, Uintah, Wasatch, Weber. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This project initiates in central Wyoming and crosses public, private, and state lands in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and Nevada.				

Ashley National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)

R4 - Intermountain Region

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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	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/07/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2016	Expected:11/2016	01/2017	Molly Ryan 435-781-5282 mollymryan@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes decommissioning 12 Developed Recreation sites on the Flaming Gorge (9 sites) and Vernal Districts(3 sites). These sites were chosen because of their limited use by the public, outdated facilities, and/or aging infrastructure.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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;. This project proposes decommissioning 12 Developed Recreation sites on the Flaming Gorge (9 sites) and Vernal Districts(3 sites). Sites range from Sweetwater County WY, to Daggett and Uintah County,UT.				

Ashley National Forest		Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R4 - Intermountain Region	
Amber Onyx Mine EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 06/27/2016	06/2016	David Herron 435-781-5218 daherron@fs.fed.us	
	Description: A proposal for small-scale open pit mining operation at the proposed Amber Onyx Mine. Large blocks of decorative calcite would be removed from the mine. Up to 2.5 acres active disturbance proposed. Disturbed areas not needed would be reclaimed.					
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46249					
	Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - New mine site, to be located near center of Section 28, T2N R8W, Uinta Meridian. The Amber Onyx Mine would be in the Blind Stream drainage of the Duchesne District of the Ashley NF. Alongside Forest System road 121, near the center of Section 28, T2N R8W, Uinta Meridian.					

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Ashley National Forest Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R4 - Intermountain Region					
Duchesne/Roosevelt District Wide Range Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/01/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2016	Expected:11/2016	11/2016	Sandra Remund-Kaminski 435-781-5221 sbremundkaminski@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of 5.7 miles of fence and extend 11 livestock water systems which would include pipe installation, new troughs and water holding tanks. All proposed water developments will connect into existing livestock water systems.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48152				
	Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. District wide.				
High Uintas Wilderness Colorado River Cutthroat Trout (CRCT) Habitat Enhancement EIS *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/24/2013 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2017	Expected:03/2017	04/2017	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.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=31640				
	Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. High Uintas Wilderness Area Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne Ranger District.				
Honeycomb Mine EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 05/11/2016	06/2016	David Herron 435-781-5218 daherron@fs.fed.us
	Description: A new Plan of Operations was submitted for continued operations at the Honeycomb Mine. Large blocks of decorative calcite will be removed from the mine. Up to 2.5 acres active disturbance proposed. Disturbed areas not needed would be reclaimed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46248				
	Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Mine located within North 1/2 of Section 28, T2N R8W, Uinta Meridian. The Honeycomb Mine is within the Blind Stream drainage of the Duchesne District of the Ashley NF. At the end of Forest System road 121, in the North 1/2 of Section 28, T2N R8W, Uinta Meridian.				

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Lake Fork Fuels Reduction and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robert Christensen 435-781-5232 rchristensen@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of this project is to reduce fuels in several vegetative communities, to provide additional protection to values at risk in the Lake Fork Drainage, and to improve wildlife habitat and ecological conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44374				
	Location: UNIT - Roosevelt Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project located in the Lake Fork drainage of the Roosevelt/Duchesne RD of the Ashley NF.				
Strawberry Peak Livestock Conversion EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress:	Expected:07/2016	08/2016	Amber Helmus 435-738-5205 ahelmus@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District proposes to convert the Strawberry Peak allotment on the Ashley National Forest from sheep to cattle.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=38715				
	Location: UNIT - Duchesne Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Duchesne. LEGAL - Strawberry allotment occurs in portions of: 1) T4S. R9W. 2) T5S. R9W. 3) T5S. R9W. 4) T5S. R10W. 5) T6S. R9W. 6) T6S. R10W. USM. The Strawberry Peak allotment is located on the South Unit of the Ashley National Forest.				

Ashley National Forest Flaming Gorge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R4 - Intermountain Region
Antelope Flat Vegetation Management Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	David Olsen 435-781-5181 dwolsen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Pinyon and juniper trees encroaching into sagebrush communities will be mulched or lopped, scattered and otherwise left in place. Objective is to maintain the sagebrush community for sage-grouse and to maintain native vegetative diversity.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43849				
	Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - T3N, R21E, portions of Sections 25, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, 36, and R22E portions of Sections 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 in Daggett County, Utah. Project is located along the North side of Dutch John Mountain and Antelope Flat. The project is bisected by the Antelope Flat boat launch road and runs parallel and easterly across Hwy 191.				

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Half Whiskey Moon Lookout Forest Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/29/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 08/2016	Expected:11/2016	01/2017	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 ltullis@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would include a variety of timber and fuels vegetative management activities totaling 1,106 acres within a 1,787-acre project area. Trees killed by beetles or infected by dwarf mistletoe would be removed to achieve project objectives.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41959				
	Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located in the vicinity of Half Moon Park, Whiskey Creek, and the historic Ute Lookout Tower on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest.				
Spirit Lake Forest Restoration Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/31/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2017	Expected:06/2017	07/2017	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 ltullis@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial timber harvest as well as non-commercial vegetation management across 665 acres of heavy mountain pine beetle caused mortality and lodgepole pine dwarf mistletoe infection.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49165				
	Location: UNIT - Flaming Gorge Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - All Salt Lake Meridian: T1N, R17E, all or portions of sections 3 and 10; T2N R17E, all or portions of sections 24, 25, 26, 34, and 35; and T2N R18E, all or portions of sections 18, 19, and 30. The project area is located approximately 13 miles southwest of Manila, Utah along Forest Service Road 001 between Hickerson Park and Spirit Lake.				

Ashley National Forest Vernal Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R4 - Intermountain Region
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East Park Reservoir and Little Brush Creek Waterline CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/04/2015	Expected:05/2016	06/2016	Gina Reese 435-781-5133 greese@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renew a special use permit to the Division of Wildlife Resources to operate and maintain the East Park Reservoir, dam, and spillways. Renew a special use permit to the Sunshine Canal Company to operate and maintain a waterline in Little Brush Creek.				
	Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - East Park Reservoir - Sec.27,28,33,34,T1N,R21E,SLM. Little Brush Creek Waterline - Sec.30,T1S,R22E,and Sec.24,25,T1S,R21E,SLM. East Park Reservoir located ~30 miles north of Vernal, Utah on Hwy.191 and FSR #020. Little Brush Creek Waterline located ~22 miles north of Vernal, Utah on Hwy.191 and FSR #278.				
Highway 191 Barrier Rock Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/21/2016	Expected:12/2016	01/2017	Leann Colburn 435-781-5163 lscolburn@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project would involve building a short administrative road for the Forest to access barrier rock to be used in a variety of projects.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49626				
Lambson Draw Allotment Livestock Conversion EA *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Daggett. LEGAL - SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 17, T 1 N, R 22 E, Salt Lake Base Meridian. The project is located about 20 miles north of Vernal, Utah on Highway 191, and about one mile north of Red Springs campground on the west side of the road.				
	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/24/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2016	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Garry Brown 435-781-5168 gdbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Vernal-Flaming Gorge Ranger District proposes to convert the Lambson Draw On/Off Allotment from sheep use to cattle and horse use on the Ashley National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47570				
	Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - Salt Lake Meridian, Township 1 North, Range 23 East, and portions of sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16. The project is located approximately 40 miles northeast of Vernal, Utah and can be accessed by permission from the land owner using Highway 191, the Diamond Mountain Road, the Davenport Road and the Lambson Draw Road.				

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Whiterocks Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 06/10/2016	07/2016	Lesley Tullis 435-781-5103 ltullis@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project includes campground vegetation management, fuel breaks, an emergency pullout, and ponderosa pine restoration and maintenance in Whiterocks Canyon.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43220				
	Location: UNIT - Vernal Ranger District. STATE - Utah. COUNTY - Uintah. LEGAL - T2N R1E, sections 5-7; T2N R1W, sections 1 and 12; T3N R1E, sections 30-32; T3N R1W, sections 21-28 and 35-36; all Uintah Meridian. Whiterocks Canyon (on the southwestern edge of the Vernal Ranger District).				

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