



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2016 to 09/30/2016

Black Hills National Forest

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Black Hills National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Black Hills Forest Monitoring Plan Transition CE *NEW LISTING*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Land management planning	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2016	Expected:08/2016	08/2016	Edward Fischer 605-673-9207 efischer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Black Hills NF is modifying the Forest Plan monitoring plan to comply with the 2012 planning rule. The approval of the modifications would be administrative changes not subject to further review.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49470				
Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Weston, Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Black Hills National Forest.					
Black Hills Resilient Landscapes Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 07/2016	Expected:09/2017	10/2017	Rhonda OByrne 605-642-4622 rlobyrne@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fuel reduction, timber harvest, thinning, and other activities to increase ecosystem resilience, contribute to economy, and reduce risk of wildfire and insect infestation.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Weston, Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota and Wyoming.				
RNA and BA Mineral Withdrawal EA	- Special area management - Minerals and Geology - Land ownership management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 09/24/2015 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2017	Expected:09/2017	10/2017	Chelsea Monks 605-673-9343 chelseamonks@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed withdrawal of research natural areas and botanical areas from mineral entry. Necessary part of RNA designation process. Forest Service recommendation to BLM, who makes the decision. Project not subject to the objection process.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45590				
Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Custer, Lawrence, Pennington, Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This proposal addresses four Research Natural Areas and seven Botanical Areas totaling about 17,000 acres at various locations in South Dakota and Wyoming.					

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Rushmore Connector Trail Project EIS *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 07/2016	Expected:09/2017	10/2017	Anne Apodaca 505-753-7331 aapodaca@fs.fed.us
	Description: The State of South Dakota has applied for a permit to construct, operate and maintain a 14-mile non-motorized trail across the Forest connecting the Mickelson Trail to Mt. Rushmore National Memorial. The decision would amend Forest Plan direction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44935				
Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail would connect the existing Mickelson Trail, running east from US Hwy 385 to the Mt. Rushmore Memorial.					

Black Hills National Forest	Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Bear Lodge Project EIS	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeanette Timm 307-283-1361 jmtimm@fs.fed.us
	Description: Development of rare earth minerals mine. This project has been suspended.				
	Web Link: http://tinyurl.com/BearlodgeMineProject				
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bearlodge Mountains.					
Bearlodge Travel Management 2012 EA	- Recreation management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeanette Timm 307-283-1361 jmtimm@fs.fed.us
	Description: Additions and changes to travel management status of roads, trails, and campsites				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T51N R63W sec 4, 5, 9; T52N R63W sec. 19, 20, 29, 30, 32; T52N R63W sec. 4, 5, 8, 9, 33; dispersed campsites. Near Reuter Campground and elsewhere on district.				

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Cook Lake Recreation Facility Maintenance CE	- Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 ekrueger@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintenance activities at the recreation facility to enhance long-term functionality of the Cook Lake dam and increase public safety at the facility and in downstream areas.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41597				
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T. 53 N., R. 63 W., section 10, 6th P.M. Cook Lake, Bear Lodge Mountains, Crook County, Wyoming.					
Crook County FRTA Easements CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2013	Expected:08/2016	10/2016	Steve Kozel 307-283-1361 skozel@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of permit authorizing County jurisdiction over and maintenance of certain roads on National Forest System lands under the Forest Roads and Trails Act.				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various locations across Bearlodge Ranger District.				
Reuter Motorized Trail EA	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 ekrueger@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of approximately 9.3 miles of motorized trail from Reuter Trailhead to Trail 1041 to provide system connectivity. Relocation of approximately 2.2 miles of non-motorized trail. Improvement of Blacktail Trailhead.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42883				
Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Three miles northwest of Sundance, Wyoming.					

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Craven Canyon Mineral Withdrawal EA	- Heritage resource management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal to withdraw about 3968 acres of NFS lands from mineral entry to protect cultural resources of significant interest within and surrounding Craven Canyon. Forest Service would issue a recommendation to BLM, who would take the action.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=26623				
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T 7 S R 2 E, portions of Sections 12, 13, 24 & 25; T 7 S R 3 E, Sections 18, 19, 31, 32 and portions of Section 30.					
GCC Dacotah Dewey Conveyor EIS	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of an elevated conveyor to move material from a GCC Dacotah mine to a railhead, on both NFS and BLM lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T6S, R1E, Sec 9-10. Southern Elk Mountain, near Dewey.				
Virginia Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/28/2015	Expected:06/2016	07/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of Plan of Operations for the Virginia Mine. The operator proposes to continue the mining of feldspar. The disturbed area is 3.5 acres. As part of the renewal the operator is proposing to expand the operation by an additional 0.25 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47922				
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T5S, R5E, NW1/4, SW 1/4, Section 7. The project is located 9.75 miles south of Custer or 1.3 miles northeast of Pringle, SD.					

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Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
372 road decommissioning CE	- Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2014	Expected:03/2017	04/2017	Jessica Gould 605-343-1567 jgould@fs.fed.us
	Description: Obliterate/recontour 1 mile of the 372 road.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Deadman Gulch creek-Battle Creek watershed 101201090803, Foster Gulch area, Hippy Hollow/Battle Creek.				
Alexander FLPMA Private Road Easement CE	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/12/2010	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 x3552 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grant a FLPMA Private Road Easement to Alexander.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. NE 14 of Section 2, T2S, R3E, BHM.				
Autumn Flame Quarry Expansion CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/09/2015	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Autumn Flame quarry is an existing mining operation for slate which is used in landscaping, building facades and floor tiles. The proposal is to expand the existing quarry by 0.66 acres making a total operating area of 1.69 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian, T1N, R3E, NW1/4, NE1/4 of Section 24. The Autumn Flame quarry is located 9.5 miles northwest of Hill City, South Dakota on National Forest System Road 443.				
B4Time Mining Proposal CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/16/2016	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of Plan of Operations that expired on 05/31/2015. Mining will be limited to existing disturbed area of 0.77 acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - BHM, T1N, R4E, SW1/4 of Section 7. 12 miles northwest of Hill City, SD.				

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BHEC, Inc. Amendment to CEM14 Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/09/2016	Expected:03/2017	04/2017	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 x3552 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace existing single phase overhead power line with three phase overhead power line (7.2/14.4kV); replace existing power poles (35' class 5&6) with 35' (class 3&4).				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NFS lands between private property. Adjacent to Ghost Canyon Road (Custer County Road 360).				
Bengal Fen Road 304.1L Decommissioning CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/12/2014	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	Jessica Gould 605-343-1567 jggould@fs.fed.us
	Description: Obliterate/recontour 304.1L, Put a new road in storage and relocate a section of trail 6936				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Newton Fork watershed, 101201090 902, Located off the Newton road and adjacent to the Bengal Fen.				
Canyon City #4 Placer Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/12/2014	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to process gravels for gold that are in an adjacent to Rapid Creek. The gravels will be hand dug or suctioned and then processed by a highbanker powered by a 1/2-hp gasoline pump. Will operate project three time per year in summer.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T1N, R4E, NE 1/4 of Section 2. 1.8 miles west-southwest of Silver City,SD along the Deerfield Trail.				
Castle Creek Aquatic Habitat Structure Maintenance & Pool Enhancement CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Louie Conroy 605-716-1872 lmconroy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintenance of approximately 14 fish habitat structures in the Castle Creek Walk-In Fishery. Existing downed logs on adjacent hillsides will be anchored to existing wooden posts that are embedded in the stream bottom.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1N, R3E, Section 16 & 20. Castle Creek Walk-In Fishery located on the northside of Deerfield Dam. Approximately 2 miles along FSR 371.				

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Copper Mountain Ranch LLC FLPMA Private Road Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/22/2009	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 x3552 rwbrown@fs.fed.us	
	Description: The private landowners of the Copper Mountain Ranch LLC have requested a FLPMA Private Road Easement to access private property.					
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - National Forest System lands in Sect 36. T1S, R3C, Sect 36 (N1/2 SE1/4 NW 1/4) BHM, Pennington County, SD.					
Crooked Creek Quarry Expansion CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/16/2016	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us	
	Description: This project involves the quarrying of slate for landscape stone. The claimant proposes to remove between 4,000 and 5,000 tons of slate from the site on a yearly basis. Quarrying will be conducted using traditional drilling and blasting techniques.					
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1N, R3E, portions of Sections 13 & 24. The project area is in the Crooked Creek drainage. Access to the quarry from Hill City is via Deerfield Road then County Road C307 then onto FSR 429 and then FSR 443 which leads directly to the quarry entrance.					
Deer Creek and Trail #40 Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/13/2015	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Benjamin Schumacher 605-343-1567 bschumacher@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Reconstruction and relocation of a portion of Trail #40 and the access trail section from Deer Creek Trailhead.					
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2N R5E Section29. Located near the Deer Creek Trailhead, which is just west of US Highway 385 on Silver City Road.					
Garnet Mining Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/04/2014	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Area to be worked with mechanized equipment is mainly in the area of Foster Creek north of the private property in Section 1. Mechanized equipment used at the site includes a 3-inch suction dredge, high banker & skid steer loader or small track hoe.					
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - BHM, T2S, R6E, Section 1. 3.75 miles south of Rockerville, SD.					

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Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Golden Years Mining Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/10/2014	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mining will be mainly conducted using hand tools (pick, shovel, buckets, pry bar and brushes). The only mechanized equipment on-site will be a highbanker. The production rate is estimated at 40 cubic yards per year.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - BHM, T1S, R7E, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 17. 2.5 miles east of Rockerville, SD.				
Green Garnet Placer Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/12/2014	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: The claimant is seeking permission to access an area of his claim via 0.35 miles of closed road. No mechanized mining will be conducted; it will strictly be a pick & Shovel type operation.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1N, R4E, Sections 21 & 22. Approximately 6.75 miles northwest of Hill City, SD. 0.6 miles South-Southwest of Slate Creek Dam on south side on NFSR 530.				
Griffee Claims (Coffee Pot/Quiet Kay) Mining Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/14/2014	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: The claimant has submitted a Plan of Operations to gain access to his mining claims across 1-mile of closed road. No mechanized mining will be conducted. Hand tools will be used to mine in a shaft and to dig small exploration pits 2 to 3 feet deep.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T1N; R4E; Sections 26 & 35. 6 miles north-northwest of Hill City, SD.				
High Place Placer Mining Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/10/2014	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mechanized equipment to be used at the site includes a high banker and skid steer loader or small track hoe. The skid steer loader and/or small track hoe will be used for reclamation. ATVs will be used to transport mining equipment to project area.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - BHM, T1S, R6E, Sections 11 & 14. 1.5 miles northwest of Rockerville, SD.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Holy Smoke, Inc. Trail Ride Outfitter and Guide Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/10/2015	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Amy Ballard 605-343-1567 aballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renew existing 10 year outfitter and guide trail ride permit on existing roads and trails and assign 3600 priority use service days.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T1S, R6E, Section 32 and T2S, R6E, Section 5.				
Holy Terror Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: There will be 30 drill sites placed for the purpose of exploration with each drill site being approximately 40 ft X 40 ft. The drill sites will be located on existing trails. Drilling will be accomplished using a track mounted core type drill rig.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian, T2S, R4E, Section 5. The drill sites will be located approximately 1 mile northwest of Keystone, SD.				
Kempka #1 Placer Mining Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/14/2014	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: The claimant has submitted a Plan of Operations to gain access to his mining claim across 0.9 miles of closed road. No mechanized mining will be conducted on the claim; mining will be conducted using hand tools only.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T1N; R4E; SW 1/4; SE 1/4; Section 26. Approximately 6 miles north-northwest of Hill City, South Dakota.				
Sears Recreation Residence Lot Improvements Proposal (Beverly J. Sears Trust) CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Amy Ballard 605-343-1567 aballard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Demolish existing cabin and small out building. Build new cabin, increasing sq. footage to 960 sq. ft., plus an additional 640 sq. ft. porch. Add well, water lines, septic tank, bury electric line, and replace/move existing fence.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2N R5E Section 31. Silver City, SD.				

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Spring Creek Dams Improvement CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Facility management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	David Plummer 605-642-4622 dgplummer@fs.fed.us
	Description: USFS, in partnership with the SD Dept. Game, Fish & Parks proposes to make improvements to The Major & Mitchell Dams to meet federal dam safety requirements & improve the aquatic ecosystem by dredging silt that has been deposited into these lakes.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1S, R5E, Sec 28, 29; T1S, R5E, Sec 30. Mitchell Dam/Lake two miles east of Hill City along Hwy 16/385; Major is located within the community of Hill City, SD.				
Spring Creek Floodplain Restoration Near Oreville CE	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Leslie Gonyer 605-716-1884 lgonyer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project will remove an old road fill across the floodplain to re-establish flood flows across the blocked floodplain.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2S R4E Section 14 SWNW. The site is located just West of US Highway 16/385 and the Mickleson Trail. The site is just North of the old Oreville Mill Site.				
Two Dogz Fighting Mining Proposal CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposal is to mine for gold.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - NE 1/4 of Section 07, T1N R4E, Pennington County, SD. Approximately 8 miles northwest of Hill City, SD on Castle Creek.				
Wealthy Mine Shaft & Adit Closure CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2016	Expected:10/2016	11/2016	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: There is 1 vertical shaft and 1 adit that connects to the shaft at this location that is the main hazard to the public. The shaft will be covered with a grate and the adit will be gated.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T1S, R6E, NW1/4, NW1/4 of Section 28. The project is approximately 13 miles southwest of Rapid City via U.S. Highway 16. The project is on the north side of U.S. Highway 16.				

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2013 Motorcycle Trail Reroutes and Connections CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of a single track trail to connect Motorcycle Trails 8551 and 8575. Reroute of a segment of Motorcycle Trail 8501 to address resource concerns. The reroute would require construction of about 0.5 miles of new trail.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. Four miles southwest of Nemo, SD.				
2016 ATV Recreation Events CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2016 This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.	Expected:05/2016	06/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Off Road Riders has requested special use permits for a series of ATV events to be held on authorized motorized trails on the Northern Hills and Mystic Ranger Districts during the summer of 2016. These permits would be valid for one year.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48758				
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Meade, Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various trails and roads on the Black Hills NF Motorized Vehicle Use Map located across the Northern Hills and Mystic Ranger Districts.					
4x4 Recreation Events Special Use Permit CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2016	Expected:05/2016	06/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Local 4x4 clubs have requested special use permits to conduct a series of 4x4/rock crawler events on approved trails on the Northern Hills and Mystic Ranger Districts. Permits would be valid for 5 years.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Meade, Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Various trails across the Northern Hills and Mystic Ranger Districts that have been approved for use by 4x4 vehicles.				

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BHSU Rockclimbing Competition CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.		06/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
Description: The BHSU rockclimbing club has requested a 1 year permit to conduct a rockclimbing competition on established routes on the Sunshine Wall near Cheyenne Crossing, SD.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49391					
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Sunshine Wall in Spearfish Canyon near Cheyenne Crossing, SD.					
Benchmark Enterprises Mineral Exploration (Karlie No. 1 Claim) CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
Description: Mineral exploration involving use of a mini excavator to dig test sites and use of a skid-steer to transport material off-site for testing. Most of the mineral material would be returned to the site before reclamation activities commence.					
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - W 1/2 of the SE1/4, Section 19, T5N, R6E, Black Hills Meridian. Off of NFS Road 222 less than one mile east of the Wyoming border.					
Benchmark Motorcycle Trail CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/21/2015	Expected:07/2016	08/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
Description: Construction of a motorcycle trail to connect existing motorized trails 8551 and 8575.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46847					
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 12 miles south of Deadwood, SD and 4 miles west of Nemo, SD. The new trail would be located entirely east of US Hwy 385.					

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Black Hills Gold Endurance Ride Permit Renewal CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: The organizers of the Black Hills Gold Endurance ride, which is a competitive two-day horse endurance ride, have requested a new five-year special use permit to replace their existing permit, which is set to expire.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47769				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Meade. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The event will be held on established horse trails in the vicinity of the Hay Creek Horse Camp, which is located approximately 6 miles southeast of Deadwood, SD.				
Boxelder Creek Bridge Deck Replacement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2016 This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.	Expected:07/2016	09/2016	Paul Bosworth 605-642-4622 pbosworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replacement of a concrete bridge deck located on FSR 140 across Boxelder Creek. The existing deck would be removed by crane and a new pre-fabricated concrete deck would be installed by crane. No work would occur in the creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49574				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along FSR 140 (Boxelder Forks Rd.) immediately west of Nemo, SD.				
Deadman Trail Addition CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/20/2015	Expected:08/2016	09/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: A 15 mile non-motorized loop trail has been proposed to link existing trails managed by the City of Sturgis, the BLM and the USFS. The Deadman Trail would link the existing Centennial Trail with a newly developed trailhead on City of Sturgis property				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47768				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Meade. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed trail would begin in the City of Sturgis and traverse Deadman Mountain and the Sturgis Reservoirs to the south, linking into the existing Centennial Trail.				

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Fort Meade Remount Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/19/2016	08/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of a special use permit to conduct the Ft. Meade Remount, a horse riding event primarily held on Bureau of Land Management land, but that uses a portion of the Centennial Trail on NFS land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48598				
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Meade. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Centennial Trail, immediately south of Sturgis, SD.					
Gengler Road Use Permit CE	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/30/2016 This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.	Expected:05/2016	05/2016	Paul Bosworth 605-642-4622 pbosworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a road use permit to allow a private landowner to haul timber harvested from private land across National Forest System (NFS)land on a NFS road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48597				
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Existing unclassified forest road connecting to Forest System Road 186 in the vicinity of Terry Peak, southwest of Lead, SD.					
Gerlach Recreation Residence Deck Addition CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: The owners of a recreation residence cabin have requested approval to add a deck on to their cabin. The deck would be approximately 400 sq. feet and would wrap around two sides of the cabin.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The cabin is located in the McKay group of homes along the South Fork of Rapid Creek, west of Rochford, SD.				

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Iron Creek Triathlon Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/19/2016	08/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Renewal of 5 year special use permit to conduct the Iron Creek Triathlon on NFS land adjacent to Iron Creek Lake.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48435				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NFS roads and trails adjacent to privately-owned Iron Creek Lake, approximately 15 miles south of Spearfish, SD.				
Kelley FLPMA Road Easement CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a 30-year easement to a land owner for legal access to private property. The easement would be for use of an existing non-system road approximately 0.25 long. Road work is included to bring the road up to standard.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T2N, R5E, Section 10. Three miles south of Nemo, South Dakota near Forest Service Road 201.				
Little Spearfish/Old Baldy Trail Maintenance CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/15/2016 This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.	Expected:05/2016	06/2016	Paul Bosworth 605-642-4622 pbosworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintenance of the Little Spearfish and Old Baldy trails, including installation of lead-off ditches to divert water from the trails and repair of the section of Little Spearfish trail through Ranger Draw, which was used for a recent timber sale.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49020				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Little Spearfish and Old Baldy trails, located approximately 13 miles south of Spearfish, SD.				

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Nelson FLPMA Road Easement CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a 30-year private road easement to allow a land owner legal access to his property. The easement would be along an existing unclassified road, and in return the Forest Service would be provided legal access across the private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Meade. LEGAL - T3N, R6E, Section 32. Approximately one mile southwest of Piedmont, South Dakota.				
Steamboat Rock Fire Rings CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.		05/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of ground fire rings at Steamboat Rock Picnic Ground to allow tent campers to build campfires.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49017				
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Steamboat Rock Picnic Ground, approximately 4 miles southeast of Nemo, SD.					
Strawberry Hill Picnic Ground Tent Camping CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Completed This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.		05/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Would allow for tent camping at Strawberry Hill Picnic Ground, which was historically a campground. Fire rings and picnic tables would be installed at tent sites.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49018				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Strawberry Hill Picnic Ground, approximately 4 miles southeast of Lead and Deadwood, SD.				

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Strawberry Picnic Ground Tent Camping CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Cancelled This project has changed to a CE that does not require a written decision document and will be removed from the SOPA.	N/A	N/A	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of fire rings and additional picnic tables at the Strawberry Picnic Ground to accommodate tent camping.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Strawberry Picnic Ground, approximately 5 miles south of Deadwood, SD.				
Sturgis BAM Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/21/2016	07/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Black Hills Trails has requested a renewal of their five-year special use permit to conduct the Sturgis BAM mountain bike races, which include 34 mile and 85 mile races and, potentially, a new 20 mile race.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47772				
Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Meade, Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The bike races would use the Little Elk Canyon and Centennial trails and, potentially, the proposed Deadman trail system.					
Tinton Trail Addition to System CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/16/2014	Expected:04/2016	05/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Tinton trail has been used since 2001 for a popular Mountain Bike Race, The Dakota Five-O. This trail is also used by hikers and bikers throughout the year. The Northern Hills RD would like to add this trail to its non-motorized system.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tinton Trail starts south of Spearfish, SD where NFSR 134.1 crosses the Forest Boundary. The trail is approximately 40 miles long and connects with the Big Hill, Rimrock, and Old Baldy trail systems.				

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Tinton Trail Robison Gulch Reroute CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/15/2016	Expected:05/2016	06/2016	Paul Bosworth 605-642-4622 pbosworth@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reroute of approximately 1.5 miles of the non-motorized Tinton trail through Robison Gulch to reduce the number of creek crossings and subsequently reduce impacts to the creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49019				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Tinton trail through Robison Gulch, between Aspen Hills Rd. and the Big Hill trailhead, approximately 7 miles south of Spearfish, SD.				
Trophy Outfitters Outfitter and Guide Permit CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/11/2016	Expected:07/2016	09/2016	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjones@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: Trophy Outfitters has requested an outfitter and guide permit to conduct guided big game hunts in Hunting Area 4(Roubaix) in the south central portion of the Northern Hills Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49459				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hunting Area 4, centered around Roubaix Lake and US Hwy 385, located west of Nemo, SD.				

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