



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2014 to 09/30/2014

Black Hills National Forest

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R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Black Hills National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grasslands Power 230 Kv Line EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/27/2013 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2014	Expected:08/2014	09/2014	Edward Fischer 605-673-9207 efischer@fs.fed.us
	Description: TECKLA-OSAGE-LANGE 230Kv Transmission line				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=30774				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District, Douglas and Thunder Basin Ranger District, Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Pennington, Weston, Campbell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On the Black Hills NF, running approximately from the SD/WY border to Pactola substation to Lange substation NW of Rapid City, SD.				

Black Hills National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

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National Guard Aviation Training Operations CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2014	Expected:06/2014	06/2014	Edward Fischer 605-673-9207 efischer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The SD Army National Guard has requested authorization to conduct helicopter training exercises including touch-and-go landings at certain locations on the Black Hills NF.				
	Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Lawrence, Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area includes points from just southwest of Jewel Cave north to Cheyenne Crossing, and from Mystic west to the state line.				

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

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Black Hills National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Schwiesow FLPMA Road Easement CE	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2013	Expected:07/2014	07/2014	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of an easement to a private land owner to construct, use, and maintain a new 0.25 mile route across National Forest System lands and to improve, use, and maintain an existing 1 mile route to secure legal access to the land owner's property.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District, Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Meade. LEGAL - T3N, R6E, Sections 32 and 33; T2N, R6E, Sections 4 and 5 (Black Hills Meridian). About 4 miles south of Piedmont, South Dakota and 4 miles east of Nemo, South Dakota.				

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	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 03/28/2014 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2014	Expected:11/2015	01/2016	Jeanette Timm 307-283-1361 jmtimm@fs.fed.us
	Description: Development of rare earth minerals mine. The name of this project was changed from the RER Mineral Development Project.				
	Web Link: http://tinyurl.com/BearlodgeMineProject				
Bearlodge Travel Management 2012 EA	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bearlodge Mountains.				
	- 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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Black Hills National Forest	Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Cook Lake Recreation Facility Maintenance CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/24/2013	Expected:07/2014	07/2015	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	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2014	Expected:12/2014	01/2015	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/Togus Motorized Trails CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal	Expected:12/2015	06/2016	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 ekrueger@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construction of approximately 6 miles of motorized trail from Reuter Trailhead to NFSR 838.2D to provide system connectivity.				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Three miles northwest of Sundance, Wyoming.				

Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Atlantic Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/16/2014	Expected:05/2014	06/2014	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Removal of waste rock from an existing mine for use in landscaping/decorative stone. Approximately 100-500 tons of material will be removed on an annual basis. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43418				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T3S, R4E, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 5. The mine is approximately 4.5 miles northwest of Custer, South Dakota.				

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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: Recommendation to BLM a withdrawal from mineral entry to protect cultural resources of significant interest within and surrounding Craven Canyon in portions of T 7 S, R 2E and T 7S, R 3 E for approximately 3,968 acres of National Forest System land				
	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.				
Elk Mountain Reforestation CE CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/29/2013	Expected:12/2014	03/2015	Nancy Bayne 307-746-2782 x3868 nbayne@fs.fed.us
	Description: To provide ponderosa pine regeneration in areas where high fire intensities left vast areas deforested with no available natural seed source for regeneration.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43364				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T4S, R1E, Sec. 5, 6, 7, 8, 18. T43N, R60W, Sec. 9, 10, 15, 22. T4S R1E Sec 5, 6, 7, 8, & 18. T43N R60W Sec 9, 10, 15, & 22. The Elk Mountain area.				
French Creek Road Obliteration and Stream Crossing Rehabilitation CE	- Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/13/2014	Expected:07/2014	08/2014	Leslie Gonyer 605-716-1884 lgonyer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed to obliterate approximately 3.0 miles of non-system road and rehabilitate 11 low water crossings of French Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43783				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Township 3S, Range 3E, Sections 13, 24. Township 3S, Range 4E, Section 19. The proposed project is located south of the junction of the Custer Limestone Road, NFSR 284, and Upper French Creek Road, NFSR 286, and west of Custer, SD.				

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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.				
Green Valley Placer Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project involves using a two-inch gasoline powered suction dredge to mine the gravels in a placer claim along Lower French Creek. The claimant also proposes to use a gasoline powered highbanker for ore processing.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T4S, R5E,SE1/4, Section 3, Pennington County, South Dakota. The proposed mining operation is located on FSR 341 (French Creek Rd) 5.6 miles southwest of Custer, SD.				
Iowa Moonwort Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Wendy Steuerwald 605-673-4853 wsteuerwald@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project name was changed from, Cascade Allotment Iowa Moonwort Habitat Improvement Project. The objectives of the project are to enhance Iowa moonwort habitat, improve overall ecosystem function and to reduce existing fuel accumulations.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Fall River. LEGAL - T7S R5E, Sec 34. Hell Canyon Ranger District.				
Jewel Cave Withdrawal EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/31/2014 Est. Objection Period Legal Notice 04/2014	Expected:05/2014	05/2014	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Withdrawal of 2,387 acres of Forest Service land from mineral entry to protect cave resources underlying this land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=40708				
Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Portions of sections in T3-4S, R2-3E, Black Hill Meridian. Approximately miles west of Custer South Dakota.					

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Kinney Hazard Tree Removal Project CE	- Forest products - Road management	Completed	Actual: 04/01/2014	05/2014	Todd Hoover 307-746-2782 trhoover@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cutting and brushing of dead and dying hazard trees along roads and fencelines in the Kinney fire area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43720				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Pennington. LEGAL - T1S, R1E and T2S, R1E. Approx 6 miles northwest of Newcastle, Wy.				
Red Quartz Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2013	Expected:04/2014	05/2014	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Feldspar and quartz will be removed at this existing mine site. Traditional mining techniques (drilling & blasting) will be used at the site.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43419				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian, T4S, R5E, NE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8. The mine is located approximately 4.5 miles southeast of Custer, South Dakota and is located off of Glen Erin Road.				
Redbird STA CE	- Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@fs.fed.us
	Description: Convey portion of road crossing private parcels for a witches lane that is not needed for public access.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - T3S R1E S1/2 Section 9. Redbird Canyon, including FSR 376.				
Rocky Homeowners' Association Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/26/2013	Expected:05/2014	09/2014	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@fs.fed.us
	Description: FLPMA Private Road Easement to members of the Rocky Homeowners' Association				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41964				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 5 East. America Center Road to Rocky Road.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Well Pole Creek Road Obliteration and Crossing Restoration CE	- Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/18/2013	Expected:08/2014	08/2014	Leslie Gonyer 605-716-1884 lgonyer@fs.fed.us
Description: To restore stream and wetland areas adjacent to Well Pole Creek which have been impacted by non-system roads adjacent to and across the creek. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43361 Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Section 13, T4S, R4E. Custer County, South Dakota, Sec. 13, T4S, R4E.					
Wolf Track Improvement District FLPMA Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2013	Expected:05/2014	09/2014	Laura Burns 605-673-4853 lburns@fs.fed.us
Description: FLPMA Private road easement issued to the Wolf Track Improvement District Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41969 Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. Carroll Creek Road to Elenbecker Road-Carroll Creek Ranch HES 360.					

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Alexander FLPMA Private Road Easement CE	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/12/2010	Expected:11/2014	12/2014	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.					
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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Black Hills National Forest Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Copper Mountain Ranch LLC FLPMA Private Road Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/22/2009	Expected:11/2014	12/2014	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.				
Crown Point Road District FLPMA Private Road Easement CE	- Land ownership management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/24/2014	12/2014	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 x3552 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grant a FLPMA Private Road Easement to Crown Point Road District (Brendan P. Casey).				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. Sections 31 and 32, T1S, R6E, BHM.				
Garnet Mining Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/04/2014	Expected:09/2014	10/2014	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.				
Golden Years Mining Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/10/2014	Expected:10/2014	11/2014	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.				

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High Place Placer Mining Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/10/2014	Expected:10/2014	11/2014	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.				
Holy Terror Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2013	Expected:11/2014	12/2014	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.				
Juniper Mine Closure CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2013	Expected:07/2014	08/2014	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: There are at least two adits at the site which pose a physical hazard to the public. These adits are step-sided and at least one is connected to an open vertical shaft. Expanding foam will be used to close these adits.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - BHM, T2S, R6E, SW 1/4, Section 5. 1 mile northwest of Keystone, SD.				
Reynolds FLPMA Private Road Easement CE	- Land ownership management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/08/2011	Expected:10/2014	11/2014	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 x3552 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grant a FLPMA Private Road Easement to Leonard and Margaret Reynolds.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 36, T2N, R2E, BHM.				

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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.				
Silver Mica Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 04/01/2014	06/2014	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mining an exposure of mica schist for landscape stone.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T2S, R4E, SW 1/4, Section 8. The proposed mining operation is approximately 5.75 miles southwest of Hill City, SD.				
Slate Creek Quarry CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/07/2014	Expected:07/2014	09/2014	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: The operation will consist of drilling and blasting 3 to 4 times per year for the removal of slate. It is estimated that 500-1000 tones of slate will be removed from the quarry on an annual basis.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian, T1N, R4E, SW 1/4 of Section 15. The proposed Slate Creek Quarry project is located approximately 7 miles north-northwest of Hill City, South Dakota.				
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.				

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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.				
Tomaha Ridge Sanitary District PAH537 CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/09/2013	Expected:07/2014	08/2014	Rodney Brown 605-343-1567 x3552 rwbrown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install well water lines, electrical service and access road. Water supplied from well will be stored and made available to members of the Tomaha Ridge Sanitary District. Anticipate Special Use Permit to be issued for these activities.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T1N, R6E, Section 16, BHM. South of Hisega, SD.				
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.				

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2013 Motorcycle Trail Reroutes and Connections CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjones@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.				

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Benchmark Enterprises Mineral Exploration (Karlie No. 1 Claim) CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/30/2014	Expected:08/2014	08/2014	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.				
Besant Park Unit-Wildcat Allotment Tank Relocation CE *NEW LISTING*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/06/2014	Expected:08/2014	08/2014	Tom Smith 605-642-4622 tsmith01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Move an existing stock tank 3000 feet south of its current location to improve livestock distribution within the pasture. Plastic 1.5 inch pipe will be buried 6 to 18 inches deep and will connect the tank to an existing spring box.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T3N, R2E, Sections 21, 27, and 28 Black Hills Meridian. The Besant Park pasture of the Wildcatt Grazing Allotment.				
Black Hills Nordic Ski Club Permit Renewal CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/02/2013	Expected:10/2014	10/2014	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a new special use permit for a new 5-year term to allow the Black Hills Nordic Ski Club to continue to groom the Big Hill Trail system for cross-country skiing and to hold its annual cross-country ski race.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T5N, R2E, Section 05, Black Hills Meridian. The Big Hill Trail system off of Tinton Road (NFSR 134).				
Butte Electric Vanocker Reroute CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2014	Expected:08/2014	08/2014	Hillarie Jackson 605-642-4622 hljackson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replacement of a three phase overhead power line with a new three phase underground line.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T5N, R4E, Sections 23, 24, 25, and 36; T5N, R5E, Sections 31, 32, and 36; T4N, R4E, Section 1; Black Hills Meridian. Along and north of the Galena Road about 2 miles east of Galena, SD.				

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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.				
Nelson FLPMA Road Easement CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/30/2012	Expected:07/2014	07/2014	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.				
Rochford Road Meadow Enhancement CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/28/2013	Expected:10/2014	10/2014	Valerie Carlson 605-642-4622 vcarlson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use of hand tools to remove small diameter pine from an historic meadow to prevent conversion of the meadow to a pine stand and improve scenic quality along a road corridor. Material will be piled and either burned or chipped on site.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T4N, R3E, Sections 30 & 31, Black Hills Meridian. Along Rochford Road near the Lead Country Club south of Lead, SD.				
SDSA Governor's Ride Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/13/2014	Expected:10/2014	10/2014	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a new special use authorization for a new five-year term to the South Dakota Snowmobile Association for conducting its annual Governor's Ride event. The group event is limited to use of the existing snowmobile trail system.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The snowmobile trail system located on the Northern Hills Ranger District.				

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Steamboat Rock Picnic Ground Mineral Withdrawal EA	- Recreation management - Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Scott Haas 231-745-4631 x 3131 sehaas@fs.fed.us
	Description: Recommendation to the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw from mineral entry the Steamboat Rock Picnic Ground to protect recreational opportunities and capital investments.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. The Steamboat Rock Picnic Ground adjacent to Nemo Road.				
Tinton Trail "Crangle" Reroute CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/23/2014	Expected:07/2014	07/2014	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bjjones@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reroute a 1-mile section of a non-motorized trail so the trail is located outside of a drainage bottom. The trail is eroding in its current location. The new trail will be hand constructed and 24 inches wide. The old trail will be re-vegetated.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44668				
Trail 8251 Reroute and Rehabilitation CE	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T5N, R1E, Section 28, Black Hills Meridian. A section of the Tinton Trail just north of the Old Baldy Trail.				
	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/24/2014	07/2014	Melissa Dempsey 605-642-4622 mdempsey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reroute a 0.4 mile segment of Motorized Trail 8251 to eliminate three low water crossings along West Fork Estes Creek. Rehabilitate the existing segment of trail once the reroute is complete.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43871				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - T2N, R5E, Section 5. Approximately 3 miles southwest of Nemo, South Dakota.				

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Virkula Forest Management Project EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management 	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Christopher Stores 605-642-4622 cstores@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation treatments designed to reduce fire hazard and insect risk ratings and improve habitat for wildlife on about 23,500 acres of National Forest System land. The proposal may also address motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Meade. LEGAL - Not Applicable. About 5 miles south of Sturgis, South Dakota and immediately west of Piedmont, South Dakota.				

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