

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

Bighorn National Forest – April 1 to June 30, 2004

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FOREST WIDE DOCUMENTS								
Forest Plan Revision	Forest wide – Bighorn National Forest Land Management Plan – 1985. WY; Big Horn, Johnson, Sheridan, Washakie Counties.	See “Status of Environmental Analysis”	Winter, 2005	Bernie Bornong, (307) 674-2685, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, WY 82801	Initial scoping completed on January 31, 2001. Comments welcome at any time. See “Other Information” for more details.	EIS	Yes	Interdisciplinary Team completed initial work on “Goals and Objectives”, “Forest-Wide Standards and Guidelines”, “Management Area Standards and Guidelines” a DRAFT of Chapter 1 of the EIS (“Purpose and Need”) and 6 “Preliminary Alternatives”. Documents and maps are at our Web Site, http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/ Fall/Winter of 2003 will be spent analyzing the effects of the alternatives. The Draft Revised Plan/Draft EIS is scheduled to be released in spring 2004, followed by several public input meetings.
Northern Rockies Lynx Amendment	Forest wide - Bighorn National Forest Land Management Plan – 1985. Applies to Lynx Habitat Units – primary in the northern part of the National Forest – Maps available at the Sheridan Office – Other Forests in this Amendment include the Idaho Panhandle, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lolo, Kootenai, Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Helena, Bitterroot, Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Gallatin, Custer, Shoshone, Salmon-Challis, Targhee, Ashley, Bridger-Teton	09/2001	2004 – See “Other Information”	Jon Haber - Region 1, USDA Forest Service, Missoula, MT. Phone: (406) 329-3399	Scoping Completed. Open house informational meeting held February 19 th in Sheridan. Draft EIS released January 2004. Final decision scheduled for fall/winter 2004. (Dates are different than what appeared in the last SOPA.)	EIS	Yes	Amendment adopts standards and guidelines necessary for the protection of the Canada Lynx, a threatened species listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Canada Lynx is a rare forest-dwelling cat of the northern latitudes that feeds primarily on snowshoe hares. In the western states, lynx occur in spruce/fir forests at higher elevations. This action is a requirement of the “Lynx Conservation Agreement” signed by the Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in February, 2000. http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html
Winter Travel and ORV Orders	Forestwide. WY; Big Horn, Johnson, Sheridan, Washakie	2/20/2004	Spring/ Summer	Loren Poppert (307) 548-2515. 604 E.	Scoping Completed	CE	N	Proposal involves closure of groomed snowmobile trails to

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	Counties.		2004	Main St. Lovell, WY 82431	3/22/2004			wheeled vehicles on specific dates, consolidation of existing closure orders to snowmachines, close downhill ski runs to snowmachines, prohibit dogs on Sibley Cross County trails during groomed season, assist State of Wyoming in enforcing/managing ORV registration program, and develop rules for storage, use and occupation for extended periods.
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TONGUE RANGER DISTRICT

Woodrock Project	WY, Sheridan County, Tongue District - Located east of Highway 14 between Owen Creek CG and Granite Pass, T54N, R88W, Sec. 1	08/1997	07/2004	Scott Hill, (307) 674-2600, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, WY 82801	Draft EIS released. Comment period closed 1/9/04. Reviewing public comments.	EIS	No	Environmental impact statement on a proposed timber sale and travel management in the Woodrock area.
Tongue Allotment Management Plan	WY, Sheridan County, Tongue District - North Tongue, South Tongue and Tongue River watersheds.	05/1999	08/2004	David Beard, (307) 674-2600, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, WY 82801	Draft EIS release d. Comment period closed 3/8/04. Reviewing public comment	EIS	No	Analysis on twenty-three grazing allotments (173,000 acres) to determine management of livestock and revision of allotment management plans in the Tongue River drainage.
Switchback Restoration Project	Highway 14 on the face of the mountain. From the northernmost switchback to one mile west of Sand Turn. Sec 15 & 22, T56N, R87W	05/2004	08/2004	Warren Roberts (307) 684-2863 1415 Fort Street Buffalo, WY 82834	Scoping	CE	No	Roadside fuel hazard reduction and limited pre-commercial thin and prescribed burn.

MEDICINE WHEEL/PAINTROCK RANGER DISTRICT

Devils Canyon AMP Allotment Management Plan	WY, Big Horn County, Medicine Wheel - Paintrock Ranger District, North of HWY 14A.	08/2000	06/2004	Dave Morris, (307) 548-6541, 604 E. Main St., Lovell, WY 82431	Decision Notice expected about 6/2004	EA	No	Includes planning for three cattle allotments, some sagebrush burning, and other range and watershed improvements.
Paintrock Allotment Management Plan	WY, Big Horn County, Medicine Wheel - Paintrock Ranger District, T52N, R88W	05/2002	06/2004	Dave Morris, (307) 548-6541, 604 E. Main St., Lovell, WY 82431	Responding to comments.	EA	No	Includes planning for associated cattle allotments a small amount of sagebrush burning and other range and watershed improvements.
Bald Mtn Salvage	Near Bald Mtn. Campground. WY, Big Horn County – Medicine Wheel – Paintrock Ranger District	03/2004	06/2004	Megan Smith (307) 674-2629 2013 Eastside 2 nd St. Sheridan, WY 82801	Scoping	CE	No	Blowdown & spruce beetle treatment
Bench Restoration	WY, Big Horn County,	04/2004	06/2004	Scott Hill	Initial Scoping	CE	No	Over 5000 acres adjacent to the

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Project	Medicine Wheel District, Douglas-fir beetle outbreak in Shell Canyon			(307) 674-2600 2013 Eastside 2 nd St. Sheridan, WY 82801				Shell Canyon Visitor Center are at risk. This includes 12 miles of Wyoming state scenic byway - a major tourist route to Yellowstone National Park. Fire exclusion, high fuel loadings, and recent beetle mortality have increased the risk of catastrophic fire
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POWDER RIVER RANGER DISTRICT								
Clear/Crazy Designated Motorized Trail System Project	WY; Johnson County; Powder River Ranger District.	11/2003	August 2004	Craig Cope (307) 684-2862 1415 Fort St. Buffalo, WY 82834	ongoing	EA	No	Interested parties may contact Craig Cope to be placed on mailing list. Anticipated mailing date of April or May.
Southwest Fuels	WY; Washakie and Johnson Counties. Powder River Ranger District. SW of Meadowlark Lake	1/2003	Winter, 2005	Kevin Pfister (307) 548-6541 604 East Main, Lovell, WY 82431	Data Collection in progress	EA	No	Prescribed fire and mechanical treatments to lower fuel loading and reduce risk of catastrophic fire.
Tie Hack Reservoir Land Exchange	WY; Johnson and Crook Counties; Powder River Ranger District;	Comment period closed 3/2/2004	Summer/ Fall 2004	Gayle Laurent 2013 Eastside 2 nd St. Sheridan, WY 82801 (307) 674-2656	In progress	CE	No	Proposal to exchange federal lands in Johnson County for non-federal lands in Crook County, Wyoming
Muddy Creek Aspen Restoration	Located near Muddy Creek guard station adjacent to Hwy 16	March 30, 2004	May 2004	Harold Golden 2013 Eastside 2 nd St. Sheridan, WY 82801 (307) 674-2681	Initial stages	CE	No	Regenerate an approximately 30 ac. aspen stand and remove competing conifers within and adjacent to the stand. Fence treated stand to protect from ungulate browsing. No new road construction.

Dates are subject to change.

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1. State, County, and (Ranger District Legal Description where appropriate.)
2. Name, phone number, and address.
3. Include dates of any Federal Register or other legal notices, dates of decision documents planned or previously published or issued, and the estimated implementation date(s).
4. Categorical Exclusion (CE), Environmental Assessment (ES), or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
5. Do we anticipate Forest Plan Amendment may be necessary for implementation?
6. Other information