

## SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

### Bighorn National Forest – July 1 to September 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” column	Spring/ Summer, 2005	Bernie Bornong, (307) 674-2685, 2013 Eastside 2nd Street, Sheridan, WY 82801	Initial scoping completed on 1/31/ 2001. Comments welcome at any time. See “Other Information” for more details.	EIS	This will result in a revision of the existing Forest Plan.	Effects analysis of draft plan alternatives complete. The Draft Revised Plan/Draft EIS is scheduled to be released in early July, followed by several public input meetings throughout the region.  Documents and maps are at <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/</a>
Northern Rockies Lynx Amendment	Forest wide. 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”	Joan Dickerson - Region 1, USDA Forest Service, Missoula, MT. Phone: (406) 329-3314	Scoping Completed. Open house informational meeting held February 19 <sup>th</sup> in Sheridan. Draft EIS released January 2004. Final decision scheduled for fall/winter 2004.	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 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. <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/planning/lynx.html</a>
Winter Travel and ORV Orders	Forestwide. WY; Big Horn, Johnson, Sheridan, Washakie Counties.	2/20/2004	June 2004	Loren Poppert (307) 548-2515. 604 E. Main St. Lovell, WY 82431	Completed. Decision signed 6/2004.	CE	N	Decision signed 6/2004. Proposal involves closure of groomed snowmobile trails to 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, 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 released. 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) 684-9863 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**

Paintrock Allotment Management Plan	WY, Big Horn County, Medicine Wheel - Paintrock Ranger District, T52N, R88W	05/2002	09/2004	Dave Morris, (307) 548-6541, 604 E. Main St., Lovell, WY 82431	In progress	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 <sup>nd</sup> St. Sheridan, WY 82801	Scoping	CE	No	Blowdown & spruce beetle treatment
Bench Restoration Project	WY, Big Horn County, Medicine Wheel District, Douglas-fir beetle outbreak in Shell Canyon	06/2004	07/2004	Scott Hill (307) 674-2600 2013 Eastside 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. Sheridan, WY 82801	Initial Scoping	CE	No	Over 5000 acres adjacent to the Shell Canyon Visitor Center are at risk due to fire exclusion, fuel loadings, and beetle activity. This includes 12 miles of Wyoming state scenic byway - a major route to Yellowstone National Park.
Shell Falls Reconstruction	Highway 14, Big Horn County – Medicine Wheel – Paintrock Ranger District	07/2004	08/2004	Loren Poppert, (307) 548-6541, 604 E. Main St., Lovell, WY 82431	Scoping	CE	No	Reconstruction in place of Shell Falls Visitor center

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POWDER RIVER RANGER DISTRICT								
Clear/Crazy Designated Motorized Trail System Project	WY; Johnson County; Powder River Ranger District.	11/2003	September 2004	Craig Cope (307) 684-2862 1415 Fort St. Buffalo, WY 82834	In progress	EA	No	Purpose of this project is to designate an ORV trail system in the Project Area in conjunction with the prohibition of off-road/off-trail motorized travel.
Southwest Fuels	WY; Washakie and Johnson Counties. Powder River Ranger District. SW of Meadowlark Lake	12/2002	March, 2005	District Ranger (307) 684-7806 1415 Fort Street Buffalo, WY 82834	In progress	EA/CE	No	Prescribed fire and mechanical treatments to reduce fuel loading.
Tie Hack Reservoir Land Exchange	WY; Johnson and Crook Counties; Powder River Ranger District;	Comment period closed 3/2/2004	September, 2004	Gayle Laurent 2013 Eastside 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
Battle Park/Misty Moon Allotment Management Plan Revision	Paintrock watershed, Powder River Ranger District, Bighorn National Forest. Big Horn County, Wyoming.	Summer 2004	Fall 2005	Scott Gall (307) 684-9869 1415 Fort Street Buffalo, WY 82834	Scoping and data collection	EA	No	Revise allotment management plans on two allotments in the Paintrock watershed.

**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 (EA), or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
5. Do we anticipate Forest Plan Amendment may be necessary for implementation?
6. Other information