# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

First Quarter, January - March 2002

Dakota Prairie Grasslands 240 West Century Avenue Bismarck, ND 58503

#### Hello!

Enclosed is the Schedule of Proposed Actions for the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

Each year we conduct environmental analysis and planning for a wide variety of projects. Your participation in the analysis for these projects can promote better decisions by informing us of your concerns regarding the potential impacts of our proposed projects and by reviewing our analysis and alternatives.

This Schedule is produced quarterly and includes project proposals we anticipate working on in the coming months. Some of the projects on this list are repeated from the previous Quarter, while projects, which are just getting underway appear here for the first time.

The Schedule is not exhaustive. Analysis of some projects may start and finish before the next Schedule is published and mailed. When this happens, we will include the project in the Schedule as "completed".

The Schedule is used solely to provide notice to interested and affected agencies, organizations, and individuals of upcoming proposals, which may undergo environmental analysis and documentation. The purpose of the schedule is to give early, informal notice of proposals so the public can become aware of Forest Service activities and indicate their interest in specific proposals. It is not intended as a substitute for routine scoping described in Section 11 of the NEPA Handbook.

This schedule is not a NEPA document nor is it a solicitation for comments. Comments addressed to this schedule do not provide standing for appeal purposes. There is a contact person listed for each project, feel free to contact that person for additional information on projects that interest you.

If you have general questions or suggestions regarding this Schedule, please call our NEPA Coordinator, Charlene Bucha Gentry, at (701) 250-4443.

A map is included to show approximate proposal locations.

If you are no longer interested in receiving the Schedule, please let us know and your name will be removed from the mailing list.

Thank you for your interest in the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

Sincerely,

Dave Pieper

David M. Pieper Grasslands Supervisor

#### **NEPA Decision Terms**

The Forest Service documents decisions in different ways depending on the type of environmental analysis conducted to inform the decision.

**ROD (Record of Decision)** - This type of decision is used when an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been produced. Decisions documented in a Record Of Decision are subject to administrative appeal.

**EIS (Environmental Impact Statement)** - This document discloses the environmental impacts to be expected from the proposed action and from specific alternatives to the proposed action. An EIS is prepared when significant environmental impacts are anticipated. Your comments are requested within 45 days of release of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). **Your comments are considered prior to making the final decision** and are responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

**DN (Decision Notice)** - This type of decision is used when an Environmental Assessment (EA) is conducted and it is concluded that no significant environmental impact will result from implementing the preferred alternative. (If a significant environmental impact will result, an EIS must be prepared.) Decisions documented in a Decision Notice are subject to administrative appeal unless there has been no expression of public interest in the action.

**EA** (Environmental Assessment) - This document discloses the environmental impacts to be expected from the proposed action and from specific alternatives to the proposed action. An EA is prepared when significant environmental impacts are not anticipated or when there is a question as to the extent of the impacts. Your comments are requested within 30 days of release of an EA. Your comments are considered prior to making the final decision and are responded to in an appendix to the EA.

**DM** (Decision Memo) - This type of decision is used when the environmental analysis has been "categorically excluded" (CE) from documentation in an EA or an EIS. Ordinarily, decisions documented in a Decision Memo are not subject to administrative appeal.

**CE (Categorical Exclusion)** - A number of categories of action have been determined from prior experience and analysis to result in no significant impact to the environment. If a proposed action falls into one of these categories, and if no extraordinary circumstances exist which might cause a significant impact in the specific case, these actions can be "categorically excluded" from documentation in an EA or EIS. Unlike an EA or EIS, there is no formal predecision comment period with a categorical exclusion (except for scoping).

The following categories have been created to provide consistency in the Project Status portion of the Schedule. Please refer to this table if you have questions regarding the meaning of a specific status.

**Public Involvement:** Public Involvement also described as scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying significant issues related to a proposed action. During scoping the Forest Service invites participation from anyone interested in the proposed action, as well as affected Federal, State and local agencies and Indian Tribes. Scoping is often accomplished through letters, meetings, field trips, or telephone.

**Developing Alternatives:** For an EA or EIS, alternatives are developed to address issues raised during scoping. Alternatives considered in detail must respond to the purpose of the project.

**Analysis:** The analysis phase includes managing issues identified during scoping, developing alternatives to the proposed action, and analyzing effects.

**Comment Period:** There is a 30-day comment period for an EA. There is a 45-day comment period on a Draft EIS. Solicitation of comments for an EA and EIS will include a legal notice in the Forest's Newspaper of Record. The appropriate decisional document is prepared for each project. Once a decision has been made, a legal notice is published in the Bismarck Tribune or the Rapid City Journal. The next step is to implement the project.

Decision Pending: Comments received on the proposal will be considered in decision-making.

**Project Status** 

**Completed:** Once a Decision Notice, Record of Decision, or Decision Memo is signed it will be entered in the Schedule as completed.

## **Grassland-Wide Assessments, Amendments**

Dave Pieper, Grasslands Supervisor

Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
N/A	Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service Off- Highway Vehicle Plan Amendment for Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota	Jerry Majerus (BLM) 406-538-1924	A joint proposal between the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management for managing off-highway vehicle (OHV) use on public land.	January 2001	Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision signed January 4, 2001 Appealed
N/A	Northern Great Plains Land Management Plan Revisions	Northern Great Plains Planning Team; USDA Forest Service, 125 North Main St., Chadron, NE 69337 308-432-0300	The Northern Great Plains Management Plans Revisions is a combined planning effort of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands, Medicine Bow-Routt, and Nebraska National Forests. This effort will revise the Three Land and Resource Management Plans for the National Grassland units on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, all the units of the Nebraska National Forest, and the Dakota Prairie Grasslands. The three Management Plans describe the desired conditions for these public lands and set direction to maintain or move toward those conditions.	April 2002	FEIS and Revised Plans released July 27, 2001. Six-month comment period through January 22, 2002. Comments can be submitted to Chadron or the Dakota Prairie Grasslands Office in Bismarck, ND.
N/A	Forest Service Roadless Area Conservation	Scott Conroy National Forest System Roadless Project, PO Box 96090 Washington, DC 20090- 6090 703-605-5299	Forest Service proposes new regulations to protect certain roadless areas within the National Forest System. The proposed action would prohibit road construction and reconstruction in inventoried roadless areas and require responsible Forest Service officials to evaluate whether and how to protect roadless characteristics as part of the forest planning process at the next forest plan revision.	January 2001	FEIS and Record of Decision signed January 5, 2001 - In Litigation - Enjoined - Under Review

Northern Great Plains Land and Resource Management Plan Revision Update The Northern Great Plains Land and Resource Management Plan Revision process has been underway for four years. On July 27, 2001 the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the FEIS and Revised LRMP was published in the Federal Register. This began a 180-calendar day comment period, which ends on January 22, 2002.

Comments can be submitted to either the Dakota Prairie Grasslands Office in Bismarck (address on this flyer) or to the Northern Great Plains Planning Team, 125 North Main Street, Chadron, Nebraska, 69337. Comments received during the comment period need to be substantive in nature and should reference specific pages or sections in the documents. Following review of all comments we will identify any new issues that were not raised during the comment period following the draft EIS. Action or responses to substantive comments and new issues will be incorporated in the FEIS as appropriate and will be made available to the public.

Miscellaneous Projects Map No. – S = Sheyenne R.D., GR = Grand River R.D., MC = McKenzie R.D. and ME = Medora R.D.

Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
S-1	Richland County Drain #10 Management	Colleen Rufsvold 701-683-4342	Proposal to grant Richland County Water Resource District a long term Special Use Permit for the purpose of day-to-day maintenance of 3.5 miles of the drain.		Information gathering
GR-5	Cedar River/Grand River Prescribed Burns	Bob Anderson 605-374-3592	Proposal to prescribed burn approx. 400 acres on the Cedar River NG and 1000 acres on Grand River	April 2002	Public Involvement
MC-1	Bear Paw Energy, L.L.C., Burlington Resources Oil and Gas, McKenzie Grazing Association – pipeline relocation	Jess Anne Knutson 701- 842-2393	Proposed relocation of existing buried gas, all product, and stockwater pipelines washed out during heavy 2001 spring rains.	September 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 9/20/01
ME-6	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 300 feet of 7.2KV electric line to connect to Westport 41-27 oil well to electric service.	November 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 11/21/01
ME-10	Bear Paw Energy, Gas Pipeline	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 3,000 feet of 4 inch poly pipeline to connect Aviara 30-2 well to main gas collection line.	July 2001	COMPLETED Decision Memo Signed 7/11/01
ME-37	Aviara Saltwater Disposal Pipeline	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 3,000 feet of saltwater pipeline to Aviara 30-2 oil well. Pipeline is 3 inch poly.	July 2001	COMPLETED Decision Memo Signed 7/11/01
ME-38	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 17,877 feet of 7.2KV electric line to connect to Upton #3-1H oil well to electric service. (Incorrectly entered as 3-14 in last quarterly)	Spring 2002	Analysis
ME-39	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 1143 feet of 7.2 KV electric line to connect the Westport Fed 21-29 oil well to electric service.	January 2002	Public Involvement
ME-40	Golden West Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 5,500 feet of 14.4 KV electric line to connect the BTA 24-23 & BTA Red Tail oil wells to electric service.	July 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 7/6/01
ME-41	Slope Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 461 feet of 14.4 KV electric line to connect the Continental Bucklin 14-20H oil well to electric service.	January 2002	Public Involvement
ME-42	Slope Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 171 feet of 14.4 KV electric line to connect the Continental Mosquito 14-17H oil well to electric service	January 2002	Public Involvement
ME-43	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 1,117 feet of 14.4 KV electric line to connect the Slawson 5-1 oil well to electric service.	Spring 2002	On Hold
ME-44	Golden West Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 4,000 feet of 14.4 KV electric line to connect the Westport 24-15 oil wells to electric service.	August 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 9/28/01
ME-45	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 4,295 feet of 14.4 KV electric line to connect JV Tower Butte Tank Battery and oil well to electric service.	Spring 2002	On Hold
ME-55	West Plains Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to replace 8,505 feet of 7.2 KV electric line to existing water well.	October 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 11/21/01

# **Miscellaneous Projects Continued**

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ME-56	West Plains Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to replace 2,898 feet of 7.2 KV electric line to connect Westport #1-1 oil well to electric service.	Spring 2002	On Hold
ME-57	BTA saltwater Disposal Pipeline	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 707 feet of saltwater pipeline to connect JV-P Morgan #1 well to existing pipeline.	October 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 10/3/01
ME-58	West Plains Electric Coop, Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 120 feet of 120/240V electric line to connect to West digital Repeater	November 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 11/21/01



**Roads Projects** Map No. – S = Sheyenne R.D., GR = Grand River R.D., MC = McKenzie R.D. and ME = Medora R.D.

Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
ME-11	West Plains Electric Coop . Electric Line	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to bury 2898 feet of 7.2KV electric line to connect to Westport #1-1 oil well	July 2001	Project on Hold
ME-12	Billings County Road Reconstruction	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposed reconstruction of existing road and replacement of existing bridge	December 2001	Decision Pending
ME-16	Billings and Golden Valley County – W. River Road (FH #12) Corridor Study	Tina Thornton 701-225-5151	Proposal to upgrade and realign Forest Highway 12 (West River Road) from Interstate I-94 to Bell Lake. NEPA document will be completed by Dept. of Transportation.	2002	Analysis
GR-2	Pasture 9 Road Reconstruction	Mary Haase 605-374-3592	Proposal to upgrade approx. 6 miles of road in Pasture 9 due to safety concerns	Summer 2002	Public Involvement
MC-17	Pasture 6 Two-Track Relocation	Kim Brunelle 701-842-2393	Relocation of approximately 475 feet of two track road to mitigate erosion concerns.	Spring 2002	Public Involvement pending

**Minerals, Oil, and Gas Projects** Map No. – S = Sheyenne R.D., GR = Grand River R.D., MC = McKenzie R.D. and ME = Medora R.D.

Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
ME-2	Upton Oil Well Pad and Access Road 2-23	Mark Sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5-acre well pad and approximately .25 miles of access road. This well would develop Private minerals.	July 2001	On Hold
ME-3	Amerada Hess MHMU 32H Oil well pad and access road	Roy Swalling 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5-acre well pad and approximately 1200 feet of access road. This well would develop outstanding (private) and federal mineral estate.	Spring 2001	On Hold
ME-4	Upton 13-1 Oil Well pad and access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5acre well pad and approximately 3500 feet of access road. This well would develop Private minerals.	April 2002	Public Involvement
ME-5	Summit Resources Seismic	Roy Swalling 701-225-5151	Proposal to conduct 2D shothole seismic	December 2001	Analysis
ME-7	Westport 21-29 Oil well pad and access road	Roy Swalling 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5-acre well pad and approximately .25 mile of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	Fall 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 8/21/01
ME-14	Upton 12-3 Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2-acre well pad and approximately 3500 feet of access road. This well would develop Private minerals.	February 2002	Public Involvement
ME-15	Upton 4-3 Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2-acre well pad and approximately 2100 feet of access road. This well would develop Private minerals.	February 2002	Public Involvement
ME-18	Upton 7-3 Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2-acre well pad and approximately 2000 feet of access road. This well would develop Private minerals.	February 2002	Public Involvement
ME-20	Belco Energy Corp. Federal 4-21H Oil well pad and access road.	Roy Swalling 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5-acre well pad and reconstruction of approximately .5 miles of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	Winter 2001	On Hold
ME-21	Westport Tree 14-33 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Roy Swalling 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2 acre oil well pad and approximately 500 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	Winter 2002	Public Involvement
ME-22	Upton 10-3 Oil well pad and access road	Mark Sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.8 acre oil well pad and approximately 3,400 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	October, 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Notice Signed 10/11/01
ME-23	Upton 4-2 Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2-acre well pad and approximately 2900 feet of access road. This well would develop Private minerals.	February 2002	Public Involvement
ME-24	Upton 2A-11 Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2-acre well pad and approximately 1500 feet of access road. This well would develop Private minerals.	March 2002	Public Involvement

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Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
ME-25	Upton 12-2 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.6 acre oil well pad and approximately 2,700 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	January 2002	Analysis
ME-26	Westport 24-29 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Roy Swalling 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.4 acre oil well pad and approximately 500 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	Winter 2002	Public Involvement
ME-27	Camwest 14-8 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Mark Sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 900 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	October 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Notice Signed 10/12/01
ME-28	Camwest 22-6 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Mark Sexton 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 4,400 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	October 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Notice Signed 10/12/01
ME-30	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-8H Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 400 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	January 2002	On Hold
ME-31	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-17H Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately .5 miles of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	January 2002	Analysis
ME-32	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-18H Oil Well Pad and access Road	Cheryl Enderud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately .75 miles of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	January 2002	Analysis
ME-34	Equity Oil Company, 32-4 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Roy Swalling 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately .5 miles of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	Late Summer 2001	On Hold
ME-35	Equity Oil Company, 34-14 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Roy Swalling 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 100 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	Fall 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Notice Signed 11/16/01
ME-36	Upton 1A-11H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.7 acre oil well pad (4 wells) and approximately 2,000 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	March 2002	Public Involvement
ME-46	Upton 10-2 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2 acre oil well pad and approximately 50 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	March 2002	Public Involvement
ME-48	Upton 1-23H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.7 acre oil well pad and approximately 2000 feet of access road. This well would develop Outstanding private minerals.	April 2002	Public Involvement

# Minerals, Oil, and Gas Projects Continued

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Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
ME-52	Upton 2-23 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2 acre oil well pad and approximately 600 feet of access road. This well would develop Outstanding private minerals.	April 2002	Public Involvement
ME-53	Upton 2-23 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 3.2 acre oil well pad and approximately 2100 feet of access road. This well would develop Outstanding private minerals.	April 2002	Public Involvement
ME-54	Westport Tree Top 31-3 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Roy Swalling 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 800 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	Winter 2002	Public Involvement
ME-51	Slawson 6-1 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Cheryl Endrud 701-225-5151	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 1800 feet of access road. This well would develop Federal minerals.	December 2001	Analysis
MC-3	Nance Petroleum Seismic	Emler Nordsven 701-284-2393	Proposal to conduct shot hole seismic exploration.	May 2002	Public Involvement
MC-4	Nance Petroleum 13- 3 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Marvin Giese 701-284-2393	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately 1.2 miles of access road.	March 2002	Analysis
MC-14	True Oil Company Seismic	Emler Nordsven 701-284-2393	Proposal to conduct shot hole seismic exploration.	September 2001	COMPLETED, Decision Memo Signed 10/03/01
MC-15	Headington Oil Seismic	Emler Nordsven 701-284-2393	Proposal to conduct shot hole seismic exploration.	Spring 2002	Public Involvement Pending
MC-16	Nance Petroleum 1- 11 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	Marvin Giese 701-284-2393	Proposed construction of 2.5 acre oil well pad and approximately .5 miles of access road.	December 2001	Decision Pending

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## **Range and Vegetation Management Projects**

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Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
Sheyenne District Wide	Allotment Management Plans	Bernadette Braun 701-683-4342	Proposal is to develop or revise 33 Allotment Management Plans on the Sheyenne National Grasslands.		ON HOLD
Cedar River National Grassland	Cedar River National Grassland Vegetation Management Plan	Kurt Hansen 605-374-3592	Proposal is to evaluate vegetation management on the Cedar River National Grasslands utilizing such tools as livestock grazing and prescribed fire. This project will result in the revision of the Allotment Management Plans on 9 allotments.	June 2002	Analysis/data collection
Cedar River/Grand River District Wide	Cedar River/Grand River Prescribed Burns	Bob Anderson 605-374-3592	Proposal to prescribed burn approx. 400 acres on the Cedar River NG and 1000 acres on Grand River NG	May 2002	Public Involvement
Grand River District Wide	Grand River National Grasslands Wells	Kurt Hansen 605-374-3592	Proposal is to evaluate the effects of installing water wells in several grazing allotments across the Grand River National Grasslands.	Spring 2002	Content Analysis
MC-10	NE McKenzie Range Project	Libby Knotts 701-842-2393	Update allotment management plans for pastures12,13, and 14.	July 2003	Public Involvement
MC-11	Fencing	Kim Brunelle 701-842-2393	Proposal to1) fence approximately 40 acres to promote rehab of abandoned oil well pads and 2) Relocate approximately 2 miles of fence in Pasture 2-5	February 2002	Analysis
MC-12	Fencing	Kim Brunelle 701-842-2393	Proposal to fence woody draw in Pasture 2-5 for rehabilitation purposes.	February 2002	Analysis
MC-13	Fencing	Kim Brunelle 701-842-2393	Proposal to relocate 3/8 of a mile of fence around headcut in Pasture 9-1.	October 2002	COMPLETED Decision Memo Signed 11/30/01
Sheyenne District Wide	2002 Vegetation Manipulation	John Kouns 701-683-4342	Spring and fall prescribed fire and mowing	February 2002	Project initiation

### **Dakota Prairie Grasslands Annual Monitoring Report**

The DPG has completed their annual Land and Resource Management Plan Monitoring Report for FY 1999 and 2000. The report is available on CD-ROM, in hardcopy printed format, or on the web at <u>www.fs.fed.us/r1/dakotaprairie/resources.htm</u>.

To obtain the CD-ROM or a printed copy contact Katie Walz at Dakota Prairie Grasslands, 240 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58503; by phone at 701-250-4443; or by email: kwalz@fs.fed.us.

# **Recreation Projects**

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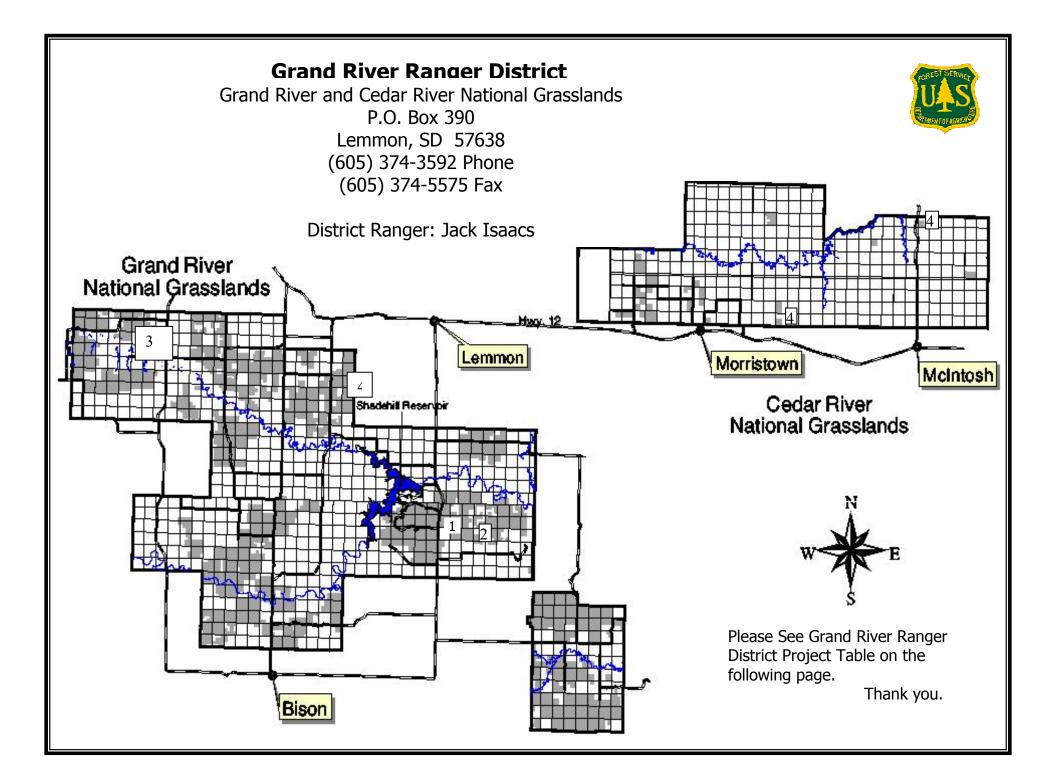
Map No.	Project Name	Contact or Team Leader	Project Description	Tentative Decision Date	Project Status
GR-1	Little Egypt Road and Recreation Area Improvement	Mary Haase 605-374-3592	Proposal is to improve approximately 1.5 miles of system road for better access, construct approximately 5 miles of trail and trail head at the Pasture 9 reservoir.	Summer 2002	Analysis
MC-5	Tobacco Garden Lewis & Clark Overlook/Interpretive Trail	Gary Foli 701-842-2393	Proposal to build an Overlook and interpretive trail along the shores of Lake Sakakawea.	Winter 2002	Public Involvement
MC-2	Corral Creek Bridge	Marvin Giese 701-842-2393	Proposal to construct a trail bridge across Corral Creek.	Winter 2002	Public Involvement
MC-6	Little Knife Outfitters – Outfitter & Guide Permit	Tom Turck 701-250-4443	Proposal to issue a five year term special use outfitter and guide permit for guiding trail rides	May 2002	Public Involvement
ME-47	Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Outfitter & Guide Permit	Tom Turck 701-250-4443	Proposal to issue a five year term special use outfitter and guide permit for guiding trail rides	May 2002	Public Involvement
ME-49	Logging Camp Ranch Outfitter & Guide Permit	Tom Turck 701-250-4443	Proposal to issue a five year term special use outfitter and guide permit for guiding big game archery hunts.	August 2002	Public Involvement

### Hike the North Country National Scenic Trail for a Great Adventure!

The Sheyenne National Grassland is home to 25 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail which when completed will run from Crown Point, New York to Lake Sakakawea, North Dakota. Along the walk in the grasslands you will see the Greater Prairie Chicken, remnants of tallgrass prairie, bur oak savannahs, and rare plants. The trail offers an array of outdoor experiences such as hiking, horseback riding, camping and picnicking. Whatever your interest, the North Country Trail invites you to come, explore, relax, and enjoy all that the Sheyenne National Grassland has to offer!

### Off-Highway Vehicle Travel (OHV)

Remember: Please keep your wheeled, motorized vehicles on existing roads and trails. Don't drive where roads/trails are posted as "closed".



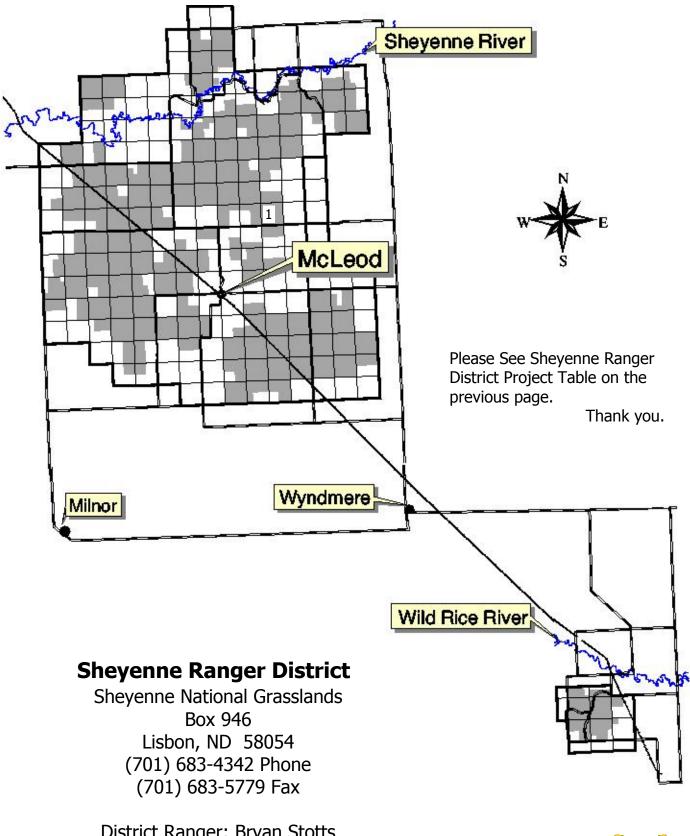
# Grand River Ranger District Project Table

MAP NO.	PROJECT NAME	Email address for Contact or Team Leader	Other Information
1	Little Egypt Road and Recreation Area Improvement	mhaase@fs.fed.us	Analysis
2	Pasture 9 Road Reconstruction	mhaase@fs.fed.us	Public Involvement
3	Perkins County Rural Water users	<u>mhaase@fs.fed.us</u> or Ron Melhouse, Bureau of Reclamation 701-250- 4242 ext.3614	Analysis
4	Cedar River/Grand River NG Prescribed Burns	banderson02@fs.fed. us	Public involvement
District Wide	Apiary permit	mhaase@fs.fed.us	Public Involvement Pending
District Wide	Grand River National Grasslands Wells	kahansen@fs.fed.us	Analysis area includes the entire Grand River National Grasslands as a result it is not identified on the map.
District Wide	Cedar River National Grasslands Vegetation Management Plan	kahansen@fs.fed.us	Analysis area includes the entire Cedar River National Grasslands as a result it is not identified on the map.



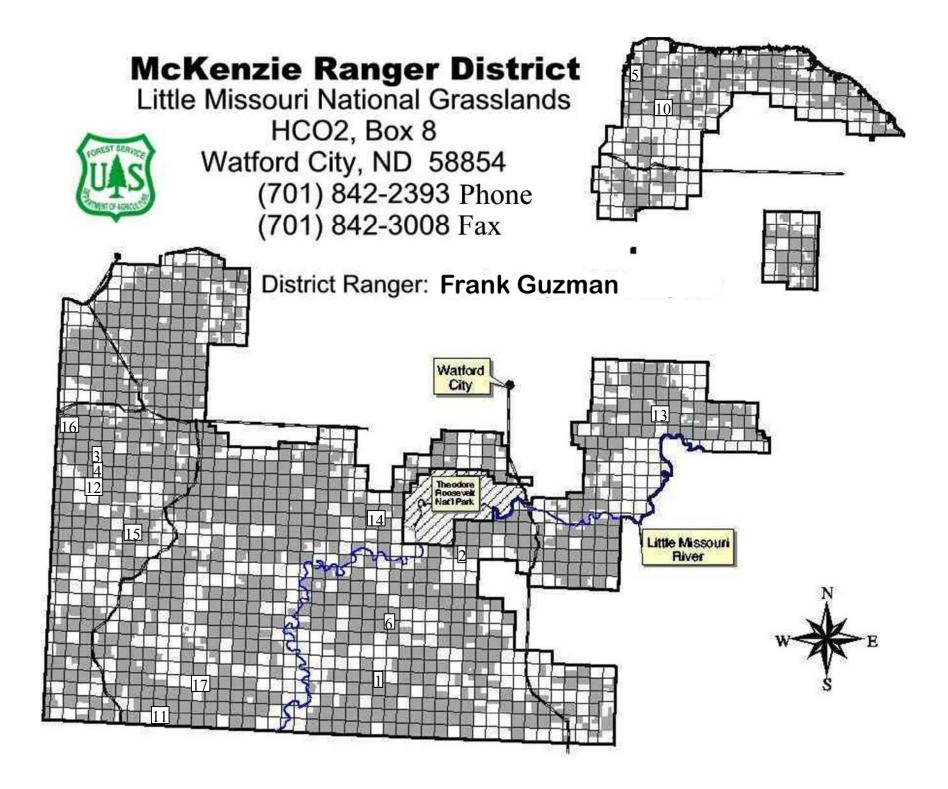
# Sheyenne Ranger District Project Table

MAP NO.	PROJECT NAME	Email address for Contact or Team Leader	Other Information
1	Richland County Drain #10 Management	crufsvold@fs.fed.us	INFORMATION GATHERING
District Wide	2002 Vegetative Manipulation	jkouns@fs.fed.us	30-Day Comment Period
District Wide	Allotment Management Plans	bbraun@fs.fed.us	ON HOLD





District Ranger: Bryan Stotts



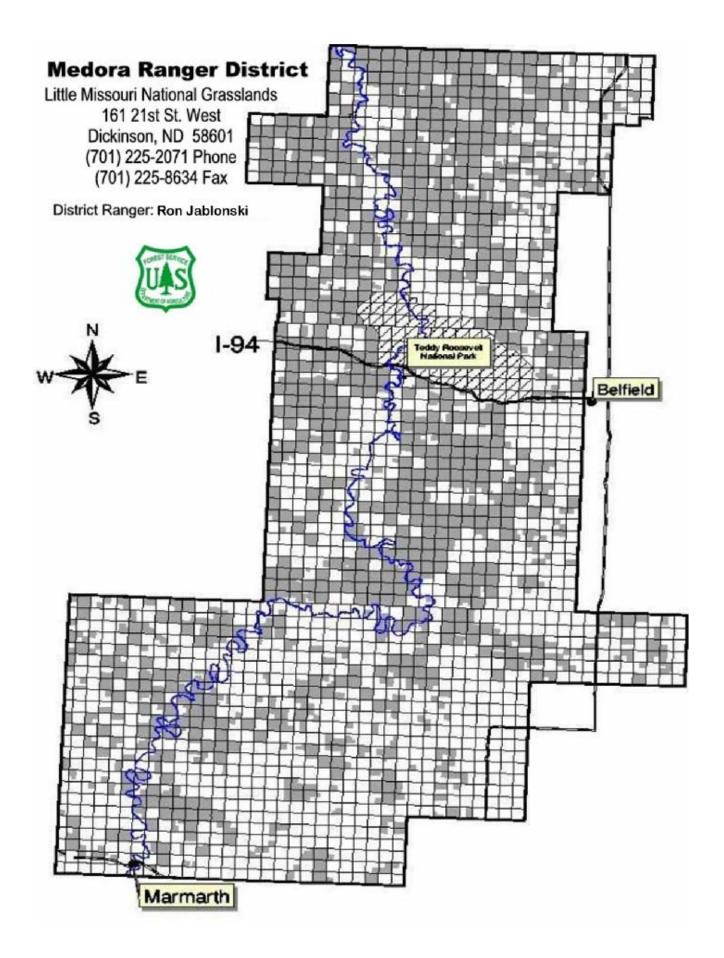
# McKenzie Ranger District Project Table

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1	Multiple Pipeline Relocation	Jknutson01@fs.fed.us	
2	Corral Creek Trail Bridge	mgiese@fs.fed.us	
3	Nance Petroleum Seismic	enordseven@fs.fed.us	
4	Nance Petroleum 13-30 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	enordseven@fs.fed.us	
5	Tobacco Garden Lewis & Clark Overlook	gfoli@fs.fed.us	
6	Little Knife Outfitters O&G Permit	tturck@fs.fed.us	
10	Pasture 12,13,&14 AMP Updates	lknotts@fs.fed.us	
11	Fencing Pasture 2-5	kbrunelle@fs.fed.us	
12	Fencing Woody Draw Pasture 2-5	kbrunelle@fs.fed.us	
13	Fencing Pasture 9-1	kbrunelle@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
14	True Oil Seismic Permit	enordsven@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
15	Headington Oil Seismic Permit	enordsven@fs.fed.us	
16	Nance Petroleum Oil Well Pad and Access Road	mgiese@fs.fed.us	
17	Two Track Relocation	kbrunelle@fs.fed.us	

### Check out NEPA and NFMA on the World Wide Web!

Here is a list of a few of the many sites out there...

USDA Forest Service (FS)	http://www.fs.fed.us/forum/nepa/welcome.htm			
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	http://www.epa.gov/			
President's Council on Environmental Quality	http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/			
USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	http://www.blm.gov/			
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	http://www.fws.gov/			
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission http://www.fedworld.gov/ferc/ferc.html				
USDI National Park Service (NPS)	http://www.nps.gov/index.htm			
Government Printing Office (GPO online)	. http://www.access.gpo.gov/index.html			



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MAP NO.	PROJECT NAME	Email address for Contact or Team Leader	Other Information
2	Upton 2-23, Well Pad and Access Road	msexton@fs.fed.us	ON HOLD
3	Amerada Hess MHMU 32H, Well Pad and	rswalling@fs.fed.us	ON HOLD
	Access Road		
4	Upton 13-1 Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
5	Summit Resources Seismic	rswalling@fs.fed.us	
6	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line to Westport 14-27 Well	mthornton@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
7	Westport 21-29, well pad and access road	rswalling@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
10	Bear Paw Energy Gas Pipeline	mthornton@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
11	Wst Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
12	Billings County Road Reconstruction	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
14	Upton 12-3 Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
15	Upton 4-3 Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
16	Billings and Golden Valley County – W. River Road (FH #12) Corridor Study	mthornton@fs.fed.us	
18	Upton 7-3 Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
20	Belco Energy Corp Federal 4-21H Well Pad &	rswalling@fs.fed.us	ON HOLD
20	Access Road		ONTIOLD
21	Westport 14-33, Well Pad and Access Road	rswalling@fs.fed.us	
22	Upton 10-3 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	msexton@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
23	Upton 4-2 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
24	Upton 2A-11 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
25	Upton 12-2 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
26	Westport 24-29, Well Pad and Access road	rswalling@fs.fed.us	
27	Camwest 14-8 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	msexton@fs.fed.us	
28	Camwest 22-6 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	msexton@fs.fed.us	
30	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-8H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
31	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-17H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
32	Whiting Petroleum Corp. 1-18H Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
34	Equity Oil Company 32-4 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	rswalling@fs.fed.us	
35	Equity Oil Company 34-14 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	rswalling@fs.fed.us	COMPLETED
36	Upton 1A-11H Oil Well Pad (4 wells) and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
37	Aviara Saltwater Disposal Pipeline	mthornton@fs.fed.u <u>s</u>	COMPLETED

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38	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>s</u>	
39	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>s</u>	
40	Golden West Electric Coop Electric Line	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>s</u>	COMPLETED
41	Slope Electric Coop Electric Line to Continental Bucklin 14-20H well	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>s</u>	
42	Slope Electric Coop Electric Line to Continental Mosquito14-17H well	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>s</u>	
43	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>S</u>	ON HOLD
44	Golden West Electric Coop Electric Line	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>S</u>	COMPLETED
45	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>s</u>	ON HOLD
46	Upton 10-2 Oil Well Pad (4 wells) and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
47	Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation O&G Permit	tturck@fs.fed.us	
48	Upton 1-23H Oil Well Pad (4 wells) and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
49	Logging Camp Ranch O&G Permit	tturck@fs.fed.us	
51	Slawson 6-1 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
52	Upton 2-23 Oil Well Pad (4 wells) and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
53	Upton 2-23 Oil Well Pad (4 wells) and Access Road	cenderud@fs.fed.us	
54	Westport Tree Top 31-3 Oil Well Pad and Access Road	rswalling@fs.fed.us	
55	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>s</u>	COMPLETED
56	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>S</u>	ON HOLD
57	BTA Saltwater Disposal Pipeline	mthornton@fs.fed.u <u>s</u>	COMPLETED
58	West Plains Electric Coop Electric Line	<u>mthornton@fs.fed.u</u> <u>S</u>	COMPLETED



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