

PNNST Comprehensive Plan-EIS NEPA Tasks

Task	Anticipated Date
Pre-NEPA data gathering by Forest Service PNNST program staff and resource specialists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with local land management agencies • Baseline scenery resource inventory • Lands inventory • Populate GIS database 	2012 – 2016
Form Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) of Forest Service resource specialists	Spring 2016
IDT members contact their counterparts at land/resource management agencies to gather data for Existing Conditions reports	Summer-Fall 2016
Responsible Official (Chief of the Forest Service) issues Project Initiation letter, kicking off the NEPA process	Fall 2016
IDT meets to develop Purpose & Need for the project and the Preliminary Proposed Action, which will likely include the following components of the Comprehensive Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature & Purposes, including trail uses • Trail corridor • Trail relocations (if any) • Trailwide objectives & practices (also called “standards & guidelines”) including how we will address carrying capacity 	Fall-Winter 2016
Forest Service conducts scoping on the Purpose & Need and Preliminary Proposed Action with the public and cooperating agencies, and conducts Government-to-Government consultation with Tribes	Spring 2017
IDT members complete Existing Conditions reports for their resources	April 2017
Based on comments received in scoping and issues identified, IDT develops alternatives, including mitigation measures and monitoring	Summer 2017
IDT members analyze impacts of each alternative and write this up in a Resource Report for each resource, and draft Biological Assessment	Fall-Winter 2017
Forest Service completes draft Comp Plan (CP) and Draft EIS (DEIS)	Winter-Spring 2018
Government-to-Government consultation with Tribes and review by cooperating agencies of the draft CP/DEIS	Summer 2018
Release and public comment period for draft CP/DEIS	Fall 2018
Forest Service analyzes and responds to comments on draft CP/DEIS	Winter-Spring 2019
Forest Service prepares draft Record of Decision (ROD) and EIS	Summer 2019
Public Objection Period	Summer-Fall 2019
Issue Final ROD	Fall 2019

Advisory Council
(comprised of citizens and officials from federal agencies and tribal, state, and local governments) provides recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on trail route, trail uses, public values and interests along the trail corridor, and long-term vision for management of the trail

Forest Service **PNNST staff** write the **Comprehensive Plan**.

An **Interdisciplinary team** (comprised of Forest Service resource specialists) prepares a programmatic **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** for the Comprehensive Plan.

Endangered Species Act consultation with **US Fish & Wildlife Service and NOAA**

Government-to-government consultation with **Tribes**

Public scoping meetings solicit issues for consideration in the EIS

Public comment on the Draft EIS (DEIS)

Objection period for the EIS

The **Chief of the Forest Service** (as the Responsible Official) issues a **Record of Decision (ROD)** for the EIS and **signs to approve the Comprehensive Plan**

The Forest Service submits the Comprehensive Plan to **Congress** and publishes the trail corridor in the **Federal Register**