



The NEPA Process

August - September 2014

Public Scoping Period

- Identify purpose of and need for action and the scope of the plan
- Identify specific problems, issues, opportunities the plan would resolve
- Identify preliminary alternative concepts
- Hold public meetings and comment period to gather information and feedback
- Public scoping period concludes September 30, 2014
- NPS reviews public scoping comments

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Fall 2015

Draft Plan/EIS Preparation and Public Review

- Refine and describe alternatives carried forward for analysis
- Document alternatives considered but dismissed from further study
- Describe existing conditions of resources that may be affected by the alternatives
- Analyze the environmental impacts of each alternative
- Release Draft Archeological Resources Management Plan/EIS for a minimum 45-day public review
- Hold public meetings on Draft Plan/EIS

Fall 2016

Final Plan/EIS and Decision Document

- Respond to substantive public comments received on the Draft Plan/EIS
- Document decision including mitigation commitments in a Record of Decision (ROD)
- Notify public of the availability of the Final Plan/EIS and ROD