

Common mistakes found when reviewing a BE:

1. Determinations do not match throughout the BE
2. Acres surveyed do not match throughout the BE
3. Acres surveyed not documented on the Survey Summary Sheet
4. Not taking credit for surveys at all
5. Not surveying for a species of concern when required to do so
 - If you say there is habitat present for a species then you must provide sufficient survey data.
6. When to say Affect vs. Impact?
 - Usually a cut and paste error. We “affect” T&E species and we “impact” sensitive species.
7. Maps not accurate
 - Make sure we are using the most current data available. If we know something is different on the ground than what is in the most recent layer, we need to provide the more current data.
8. Maps do not contain sufficient data
 - Maps need to include all information that is relevant to the project especially if it has been mentioned in the BE.
9. Claiming species habitat is/is not present
 - This could cause a lot of unnecessary work.
10. Not providing the most current survey data
 - It is up to the biologist to determine if the available survey data is sufficient and/or current enough to support the determination(s).
11. Grammatical errors
12. Citations not correct
 - We must be able to provide all data that is referenced in a BE/EA.
 - Make sure that the citations are correct.
13. Documents/items in a BE that do not really need to be there
 - Make sure all documents in a BE are relevant to making a species determination.
14. Not properly addressing cumulative effects
 - The main thing is that we need to address the permanent openings that are within the HMA.