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What is an Environmental Impact Statement?

Understanding the Northwest Forest Plan

Environmental Impact Statement

Federal agencies prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) if a proposed major federal action is determined to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. The regulatory requirements for an EIS are more detailed and rigorous than the requirements for an Environmental Assessment.

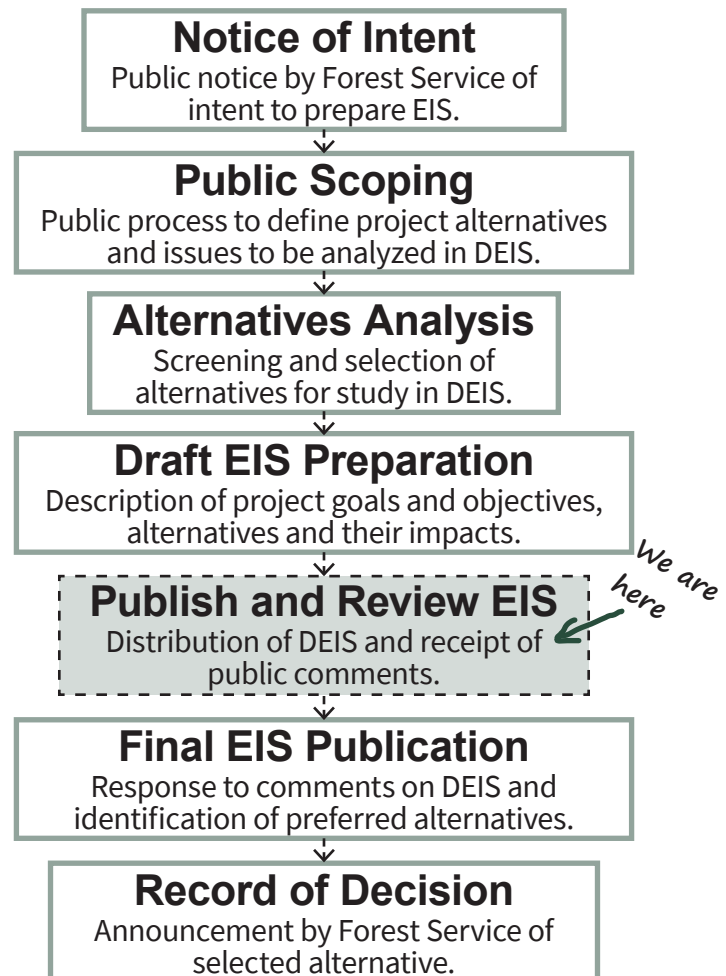
What is included in an EIS?

The environmental impact statement will explain the purpose of and need for action, describe the proposed action (and any modifications as informed by scoping and evolving internal understanding of the potential impacts of the amendment), any action alternatives, and explain any environmental and socioeconomic consequences for each alternative considered. It will also include information that explains what laws and regulations apply and provide rationale that demonstrates compliance with these laws/regulations, to include but not limited to the:

- National Environmental Policy Act;
- National Forest Management Act and the associated 2012 planning rule;
- Endangered Species Act;
- National Historic Preservation Act; and
- Clean Water Act.

For more EIS information visit <https://www.epa.gov/nepa/national-environmental-policy-act-review-process>

THE EIS PROCESS



For more information about the proposed amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan, including how to comment, scan the QR code or visit: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/nwfp

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