

NEPA – A DECISION- MAKING PROCESS

Purpose & Need

- Collect Existing Conditions Information
- Define Primary Purpose and Secondary Goals
- Identify a Range of Alternatives
- **Public & Regulatory Agency Input**

Alternatives Analysis

- Consider Potential Impacts (Natural & Cultural Resources, Social & Economic)
- Eliminate Alternatives that do not meet the Purpose & Need
- **Public & Regulatory Agency Input**

Preferred Alternative

- Select alternative that best meets Purpose & Need and balances secondary goals
- Continue assessment of impacts and compliance with regulations and policies with **Public Input**
- Identify mitigation for unavoidable impacts
- Document Decision & Commitments

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