

<u>NEPA Stage</u>	<u>Agency Action</u>	<u>Collaborative Action</u>	<u>General Rocky Timeline</u>
<p><b>Purpose and Need Statement:</b> Create a statement that describes the purpose and need for management in the planning area. These are short, descriptive statements that answer “why”</p>	<p>Provide information to the collaborative on how this is included into the Forest’s priorities. Listen to hear new aspects that could be included into the Purpose and Need Statement.</p>	<p>Provide information on what members see as needs for management in the planning area or possibly help draft a purpose and need statement</p>	<p>Ongoing 2015</p>
<p><b>Proposed Action:</b> Create a proposal to recommend an action in response to the identified purpose and need</p>	<p>Assist in organizing a field tour in areas that show a good representation of existing conditions and unique aspects of the project.</p> <p>On field tours, provide maps about the planning area, plant association groups (PAGs), wildlife species and habitat, and unique land designations.</p>	<p>Organize a field tour with agency staff to identify stops that will get discussion going on topics that the collaborative has not encountered.</p> <p>Provide input on what the general course of action for the project could be. Identify areas that people would like more information on and areas that might have conflicts on how to manage.</p>	<p>Ongoing 2015</p>
<p><b>Scoping:</b> Identify points of disagreement, debate or dispute with the Proposed Action. Identify possible effects caused by the Proposed Action, other actions needed and potential alternatives</p>	<p>In addition to regular public outreach, assist in organizing a field tour in areas that provide examples of where the proposed action would take place and solicit feedback from the collaborative.</p> <p>Provide maps about new data that has been collected since the last tour.</p>	<p>Organize the field tour with agency staff to identify stops that will get discussion going on topics related to the proposed action.</p> <p>Possibly bring in additional scientist to provide information on current research or additional depth of a topic. It is very important to coordinate this with agency staff on the Forest.</p>	<p>October 30-November 30</p>

		Identify areas with differing opinions resulting from or issues not covered in the proposed action.	
<p><b>Alternatives:</b></p> <p>Modify the Proposed Action or develop alternatives to the Proposed Action that fulfill the stated Purpose and Need.</p>	Assist in organizing another field tour if needed to visit areas that were not discussed earlier.	<p>Organize another field tour with agency staff for topics that have not been discussed with the collaborative.</p> <p>In the field or in the office, document zones of agreement and provide them to the agency staff as collaborative input.</p>	November/December 2015
<p><b>Effects Analysis:</b></p> <p>Quantify the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed action and alternatives.</p>	Share information as data is collected and when the final analysis is complete.	Hold meetings or field tours to discuss new information and the possible effects of the proposed action and alternatives. Providing documented feedback is best	January 2015
<p><b>Objections:</b></p> <p>Provide an opportunity for pre-decisional administrative review of proposed projects in Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements</p>	Objection resolution meetings are opportunities to engage in mutual learning. Encourage members of the forest collaborative to attend. Update members of the group on the timeline for the objection resolution meetings.	Objection resolution meetings are public and members of forest collaborative can attend and participate at the discretion of the reviewing officer.	April 2015
<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>The Responsible Official will select an alternative and issue a Decision based upon the effects disclosed in the analysis and how well the alterative meets the</p>	Update the collaborative group on the Final Decision.	Review the final decision and look for implementation monitoring opportunities.	June 30, 2015.

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<b>Litigation</b>	If litigation is filed, update the collaborative group on the process and timeline.		