



# Typical National Park Service NEPA Planning Process

✱ The highlighted text is typically where public input and review occurs in the NPS National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning process. Additional public engagement may occur depending on the needs of a particular project or plan.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

INTERNAL SCOPING

PUBLIC SCOPING

DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES

CONDUCT ANALYSIS OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

IDENTIFY AGENCY-PREFERRED  
ALTERNATIVE

PUBLIC REVIEW &  
COMMENT ON EA

IMPACTS SIGNIFICANT?

■ YES

■ NO → ISSUE FINDING  
OF NO SIGNIFICANT  
IMPACT (FONSI)

IMPLEMENT SELECTED  
ALTERNATIVE

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

INTERNAL SCOPING

ISSUE NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

PUBLIC SCOPING

DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES

CONDUCT ANALYSIS OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

IDENTIFY AGENCY-PREFERRED  
ALTERNATIVE

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT  
ON DRAFT EIS

REVISE ALTERNATIVES  
AS APPROPRIATE

UPDATE ANALYSIS

PUBLIC REVIEW OF FINAL EIS

ISSUE RECORD  
OF DECISION (ROD)

IMPLEMENT SELECTED  
ALTERNATIVE