

Table 5-1. Agency Coordination Points (Extracted from the H2H Coordination Plan)

This table has been extracted from the H2H Coordination Plan version 3 and updated to reflect the most current schedule. The table identifies key coordination points, timing, and then lists the methods as to how coordination will be conducted given the roles and interests of the lead, cooperating and participating agencies. Items in bold italics are tools that will be used to foster communication and project progress. Items in red text depict those items that require agency reviews or are agency action items.

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<p>Scoping</p>			
<p>Notice of Intent Publication (NOI)</p>	<p>July 2008</p>	<p>✓ Publish NOI in the <i>Federal Register</i> (July 11, 2008)</p>	
<p>Formal Scoping: Identify Issues and Concerns</p>	<p>July 2008 – October 2008</p>	<p>✓ Hold one-on-one meetings with cooperating and/or participating agencies as needed or requested (on-going) ✓ Prepare draft Coordination Plan and circulate to cooperating and participating agencies for their review and comment; Revise Coordination Plan based on agency comments ✓ Send Invitation/ scoping letters to cooperating and participating agencies ✓ Send Government-to-Government Consultation Letter to tribal governments. ✓ Alert agencies regarding a pending Agency Scoping Meeting ✓ Hold Agency Scoping Meeting (August 2008) ✓ Clearly identify and describe: -The project purpose -The needs for the project -Provide the rationale for how the project will address problems, issues and concerns ✓ Request agency comments ✓ Establish 30-day comment period on Purpose & Need ✓ Respond to agency comments directly and track comments and responses in a comment database ✓ Revise Purpose and Need based on comments</p>	<p>✓ Participate in one-on-one meetings as needed (on-going) ✓ Respond to invitation letter ✓ Review and comment on Coordination Plan ✓ Provide scoping comments ✓ Participate in Agency Scoping Meeting (August 2008) ✓ Identify issues and concerns that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other needed approval ✓ Provide comments on Purpose & Need statement within 30-day comment period</p>
<p>Purpose & Need Statement and Initial Alternatives</p>			

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<p>Conclusion of Formal Scoping Activities: Scoping Summary Report</p>	<p>August 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish Scoping Summary Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Summary of scoping activities -Updated Purpose and Need Statement -Identify significant issues, data gaps, sources of information -Identify full range of alternatives for screening • Distribute Scoping Summary Report to agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Scoping Summary Report and comment as needed
<p>Collaboration on Methodologies and Level of Detail for Analysis of Alternatives</p>	<p>December 2008 – September 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide to what level the alternatives should be developed such that impacts can be identified and evaluated and a comparison of the alternatives can be made • Decide what methodologies will be used • Prepare methodology papers as needed • Prepare Section 106 methodology paper (Section 106 Process) • Agreement on methodologies and level of detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate on the level the alternatives should be developed to such that impacts can be identified and evaluated and a comparison of the alternatives can be made • Collaborate on what methodologies should be used • Review and comment on methodology papers as needed
<p>Identification of the Range of Alternatives/ Screening Criteria</p>	<p>January 2009 – September 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hold one-on-one meetings • Identify the range of alternatives that could potentially satisfy the Purpose and Need. Include No-Action Alternative, activities that maximize the existing system, reasonable and feasible alternatives ✓ Develop screening criteria to determine the range of reasonable alternatives ✓ Hold Agency Scoping Meeting (October/November 2008 and August 2009) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Participate in one-on-one meetings as needed ✓ Participate in Agency Scoping Meeting (October/November 2008 and August 2009) • Provide comments on range of alternatives and screening criteria within 30-day comment period

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<p>Screening of Alternatives to Identify Reasonable Alternatives</p>	<p>April 2009 – March 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request agency comments • Hold Agency Meeting (February 2010) • Establish 30-day comment period on Range of Alternatives and Screening of Alternatives • Respond to agency comments and provide responses to agencies (comment database) • Revise range of alternatives and screening criteria based on comments • Prepare Historic Context Paper (Section 106 process) • Refine Area of Potential Effects (Section 106 process) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in one-on-one meetings as needed • Participate in Agency Meeting (February 2010) • Provide comments on the reasonable alternatives and screening results within 30-day comment period
<p>Reasonable Alternatives Report</p>	<p>November 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish Reasonable Alternatives Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Screening of alternatives -Identify reasonable alternatives for study in EIS • Distribute Reasonable Alternatives Development Report to agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Reasonable Alternatives Report and comment as needed

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<p>Environmental Impact Statement and Document Development</p>			
<p>Draft EIS</p>	<p>October 2009 – May 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide for a full discussion of environmental impacts resulting from the alternatives to the proposed action, including avoidance, minimization, and preliminary mitigation measures. • Identify historic properties, prepare eligibility determinations, and assess effects (Section 106 process) • Meet with agencies to discuss avoidance and minimization of impacts as alternatives are further developed (including for Section 106 resources) • Circulate Pre-Draft EIS to cooperating agencies • Establish 30-day comment period for Pre-Draft EIS • Revise Pre-Draft EIS based on comments • Make Draft EIS available; circulate copies to cooperating and participating agencies • Request comments • Establish 45-day comment period • Publish Notice of Availability in the <i>Federal Register</i> and local print media • Hold Public Hearing/Open House • Schedule one-on-one meetings • Respond to comments (comment database) • Revise EIS in response to comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in one-on-one and participating agency meetings • (Review Pre-Draft EIS and provide comments within 30-day comment period) • Review Draft EIS and provide comments within 45-day comment period • Attend Public Hearing/Open House if interested

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Final EIS	April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the preferred/recommended alternative, the basis for the decision, discuss impacts, compliance, prepare draft permit applications and present mitigation and commitments Resolve remaining Section 106 effects (Section 106 process) Circulate pre-Final EIS to cooperating agencies Establish 30-day comment period for Pre-Final EIS Revise pre-Final EIS based on comments Make Final EIS available; circulate copies to cooperating and participating agencies Establish 30-day review period Publish Notice of Availability in the <i>Federal Register</i> and local print media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Review Pre-Final EIS and provide comments within 30-day comment period) Review Final EIS within 30-day review period
Record of Decision (ROD)	June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explicitly describe the recommended alternative and the basis for the decision Develop Memorandum of Agreement, if needed (Section 106 process) Respond to any comments received on Final EIS (comment database) Publish Record of Decision (ROD) notice in local print media and in <i>Federal Register</i> Begin 180-day Statute of Limitations (SOL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read ROD
Permitting			
Permits, Licenses, Regulatory Approvals	July 2012 – December 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare draft and final permit applications Publish notice in <i>Federal Register</i> for Federal permits Begin 180-day Statute of Limitations (SOL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for comment on permits provided by permitting agencies during agency permitting process