



Public Involvement and Collaboration in Planning



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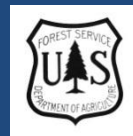
- Site Specific Projects Implementing Area Plan
- Different Types of Environmental Analysis
- Similar Processes for Public Involvement
- Collaboration



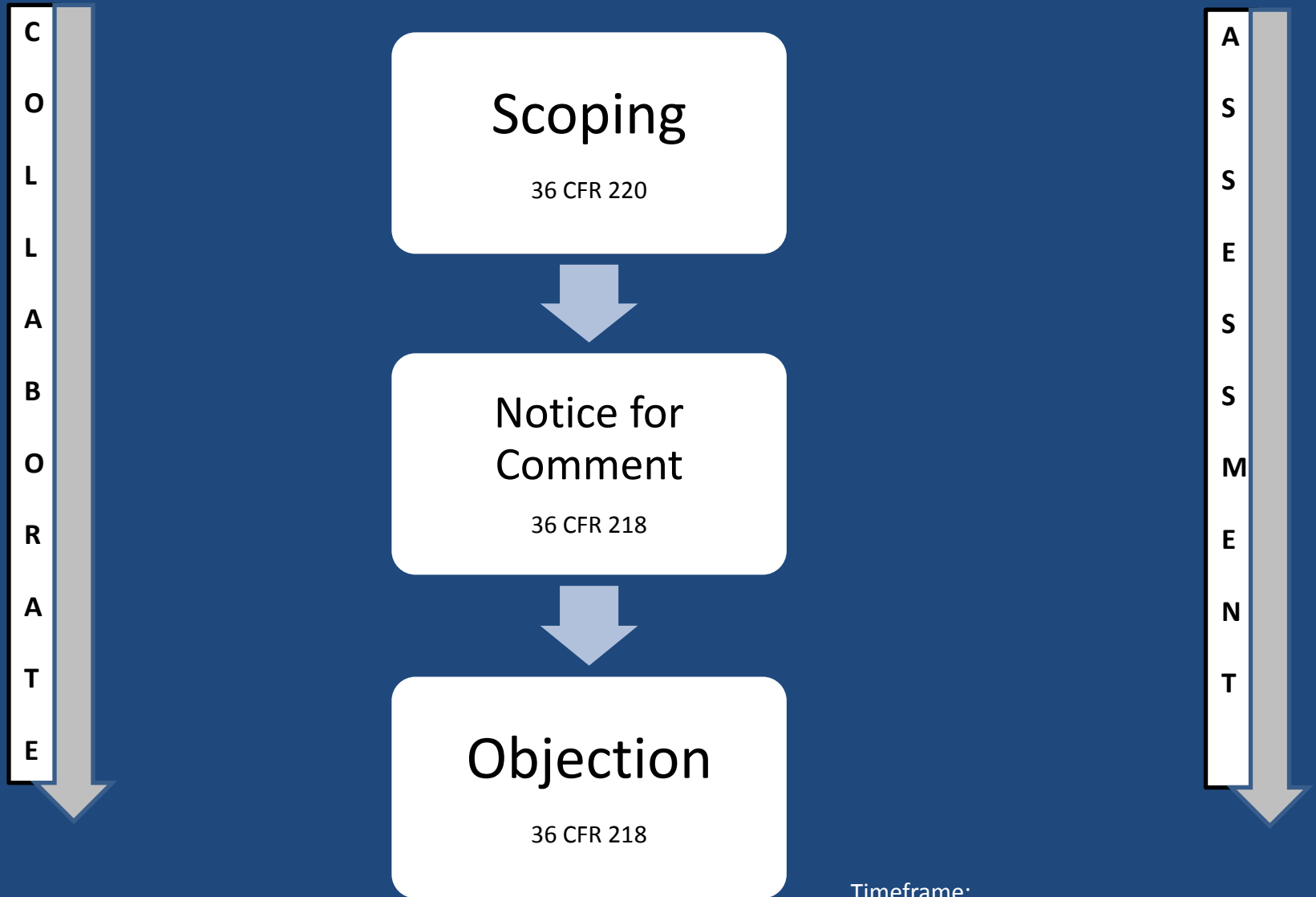


Basic Steps of NEPA

- FS Develops Proposal Based on Need
- **Early Public Involvement (Scoping)**
- FS Develops Issues, Alternatives, Environmental Analysis
- **More Public Involvement (Notice and Comment)**
- FS Completes Environmental Analysis and Draft Decision
- **Administrative Remedies (Objections)**
- FS Implements Project



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS



Timeframe:
60 Days or 105 Days or 150/180 Days plus IDT time

Definitions

- Public Involvement – Spectrum of informing, involving, consulting and collaborating with the public; including comment periods defined by NEPA and administrative procedures
- Collaboration – Bringing together diverse interests to explore critical issues and provide meaningful input to the agency's decision process





Collaboration



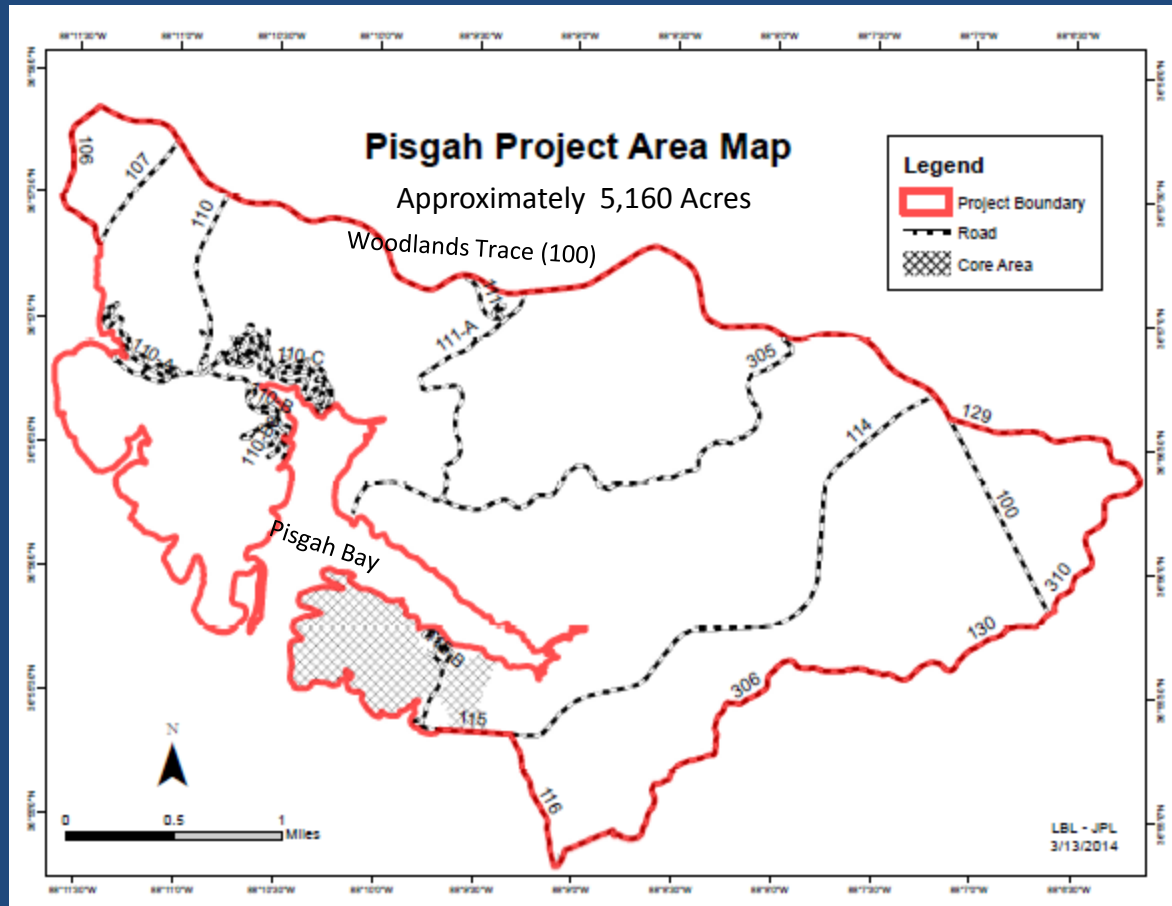
- Required by 2012 Planning Regulation and required for revisions to LBL's Area Plan
- Engages diverse interests and affected communities
- Exchanges information between the FS and the interested individuals and groups

Pisgah Bay Project

- Background for Today
- Where
- Purpose and need
- Proposed action
- Timeline



Pisgah Bay Project



Pisgah Bay Project

Purpose and Need

- Implement the Area Plan Vision
 - Vegetation Management
 - Watershed Condition (includes Roads)
 - Recreation
- Implement Opportunities Identified in the 2009 Ice Storm Assessment



Pisgah Bay Project Proposed Actions

- Upland Oak-Hickory Restoration and Regeneration
- Shortleaf Pine Restoration
- Price's Potato Bean Restoration
- Prescribed Fire



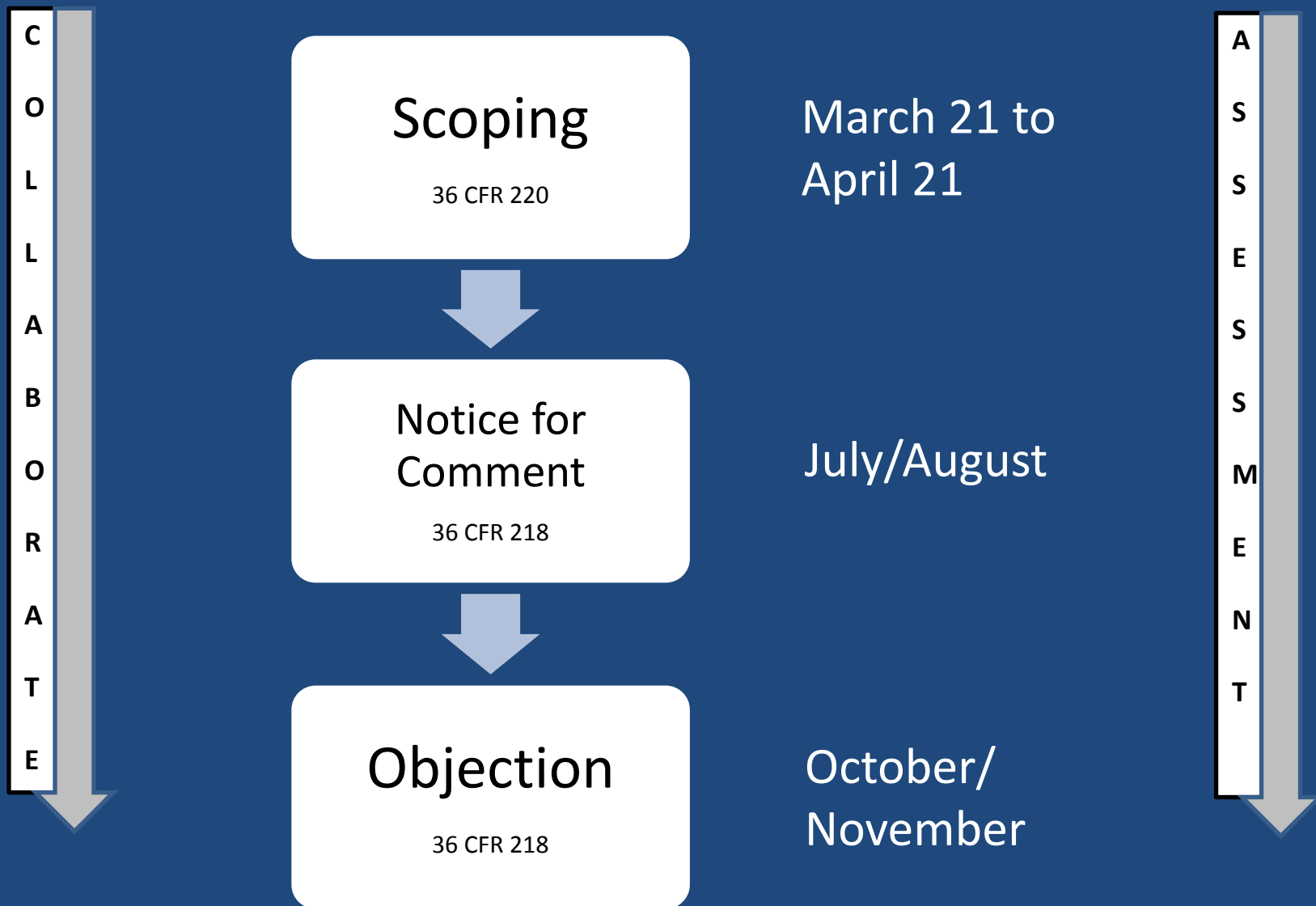
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Proposed Actions (cont.)

- Non-Native Invasive Treatments (herbicides, prescribed fire, mowing)
- Trail Re-routes
- Improve Roads, Including Culvert Replacement or Installation
- Scenery Management Along Roads and Trails



Pisgah Bay Project Timeline



Collaboration Recommendations

Now you are reminded of the interdisciplinary nature of planning.

We need your advice...



- Who?
(Groups, Individuals, Contacts)
- Method?
- When?
- Where?



Collaboration Discussion

