

Programmatic Consultations

Programmatic consultations are useful in evaluating the effects of multiple related actions within a particular geographic area and in assessing federal agency programs that establish standards, guidelines or governing criteria for future actions. Increased use of programmatic consultations will streamline the consultation process, increase predictability and consistency for federal agencies and applicants, and improve conservation outcomes.

Deadline for Informal Consultation

Establishing a deadline for informal consultation will help ensure informal consultations are completed in a timely fashion and provide regulatory certainty to federal agencies and applicants.

Reinitiation of Consultation

Amending the regulations with respect to reinitiation of consultation on land or resource management plans of the Bureau of Land Management or Forest Service aligns them with existing practice and congressional action, an important consideration in the West, where large portions of many states are managed by these two agencies.