

Town of Frisco Backyard Fuels and Trails Project

July 2022 Project Update

 **SE GROUP**





- Outdoor recreation and community planning firm with extensive NEPA expertise
- Long history supporting Town of Frisco in community planning and the White River National Forest (WRNF) in environmental review processes
- Mission is sustainable and accessible outdoor recreation opportunities and this is our “backyard” too
- Recently completed or actively engaged in several forest health projects within CO mountain communities



Backyard Proposal – Then and Now



Then

- High level
- Approximately 230 acres
- Trails radiating from fuels treatment areas (hub and spoke)
- Treatments focused closer to town center

'Streamlined' EA Process

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Official "Project Proposal Letter" (PPL)
Submitted by Proponent to USFS

- PPL submitted by Proponent to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

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USFS Evaluation of PPL and
Proposal Acceptance

- PPL reviewed for consistency with the Forest Plan, USFS Direction, and the Master Development Plan.
- Based on predicted environmental impacts, the USFS determines if an EA would be necessary to analyze the proposal.
- Project proposal accepted by USFS, if appropriate.

August 2022

Proposed Action Development

- USFS Interdisciplinary Team (ID) Team resource specialists work with Proponent to develop Proposed Action, project design criteria, and mitigation and monitoring measures to minimize environmental impacts.

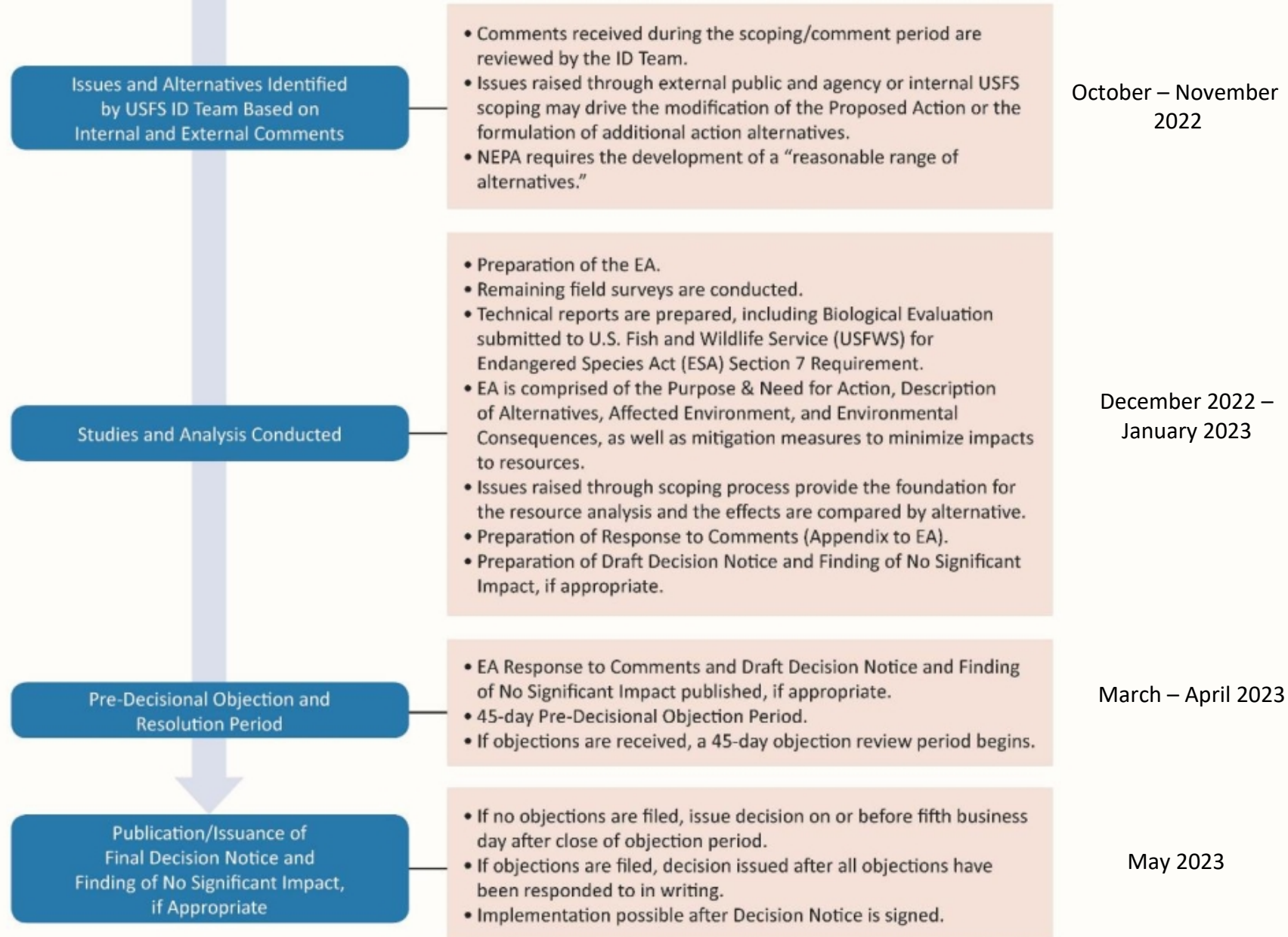
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NEPA Process Begins:
Public Scoping/Comment Period
(Public Comment Opportunity)

- Notice of Proposed Action, including project purpose and need, description, and Preliminary Findings mailed to the public and agencies.
- Scoping period initiated when the Legal Notice is published in the newspaper of record.
- Public has opportunity to present comments on the project specific website and/or in writing, by fax, by email, or in person.
- Public Open House may be held during scoping/comment period (the opportunity for the public to be informed of the project proposal, ask questions, and submit comments).

October 2022





Next Steps

- Fieldwork – Occurring Now!
- Work with WRNF to refine proposal
- Estimate costs and strategies for larger treatment area
- Prepare for public scoping (tentatively October)

