



PRESENTATION



FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT

**An Overview of the
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process
to be Conducted for the Friedman Memorial Replacement Airport
in the Wood River Region of South Central Idaho**



Purpose of Tonight's Presentation

- ✦ Introduce the FAA's EIS Team
- ✦ Describe the FAA's EIS Process
- ✦ Answer questions about the FAA's study of the proposed Friedman Memorial Replacement Airport
- ✦ Listen to your input



FAA's EIS Team

- ✦ Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region
Seattle Airports District Office (ADO)
 - Bill Watson, Section Supervisor
 - Cayla Morgan, Environmental Specialist
 - Patricia Deem, Legal Counsel
- ✦ Bureau of Land Management
 - Lori Armstrong, Field Manager
 - Tara Hagen, Realty Specialist
 - Jack Peterson, Sr. Program Manager (IDSO & WO)



FAA's EIS Team

- ✦ Landrum & Brown – lead consultant
 - Mark Perryman, Project Manager
 - Shari Cannon-Mackey, Deputy Project Manager
 - Dave Rickerson, Lead Aviation Planner
 - Barb Castro, Project Administrator



FAA's Process

- ✦ Prepare an EIS to evaluate the impacts of developing and operating an airport that would replace Friedman Memorial Airport (SUN)
- ✦ The EIS Process will be conducted in accordance with:
 - *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969*
 - Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations Implementing NEPA
 - FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*
 - FAA Order 5050.4B, *NEPA Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*



FAA's Process

- ✦ FAA serves as the Lead Federal Agency on the EIS.
- ✦ FAA directs the work performed by the Consultant.
- ✦ FAA will conduct a process that provides for the independent review of the Airport Sponsor's Proposal (i.e., development of a replacement airport) and other reasonable and feasible alternatives that meet the identified purpose and need.
- ✦ The Airport Sponsor (FMAA) will assist the FAA in acquiring data and in assisting with the public involvement and outreach components of the EIS.
- ✦ The Consultant (L&B) works as an extension of the FAA.



The L&B Team



The Context of This EIS

Building on previous work

Site Selection Study and

Extensive Environmental Overview

Challenges

Reconciliation of Important Values

- ✦ Need for economic development & air service

- ✦ Need for preservation of unique environment ...
a key underpinning of the local economy

Very open process

Public, tribes, agencies, businesses, other interested parties



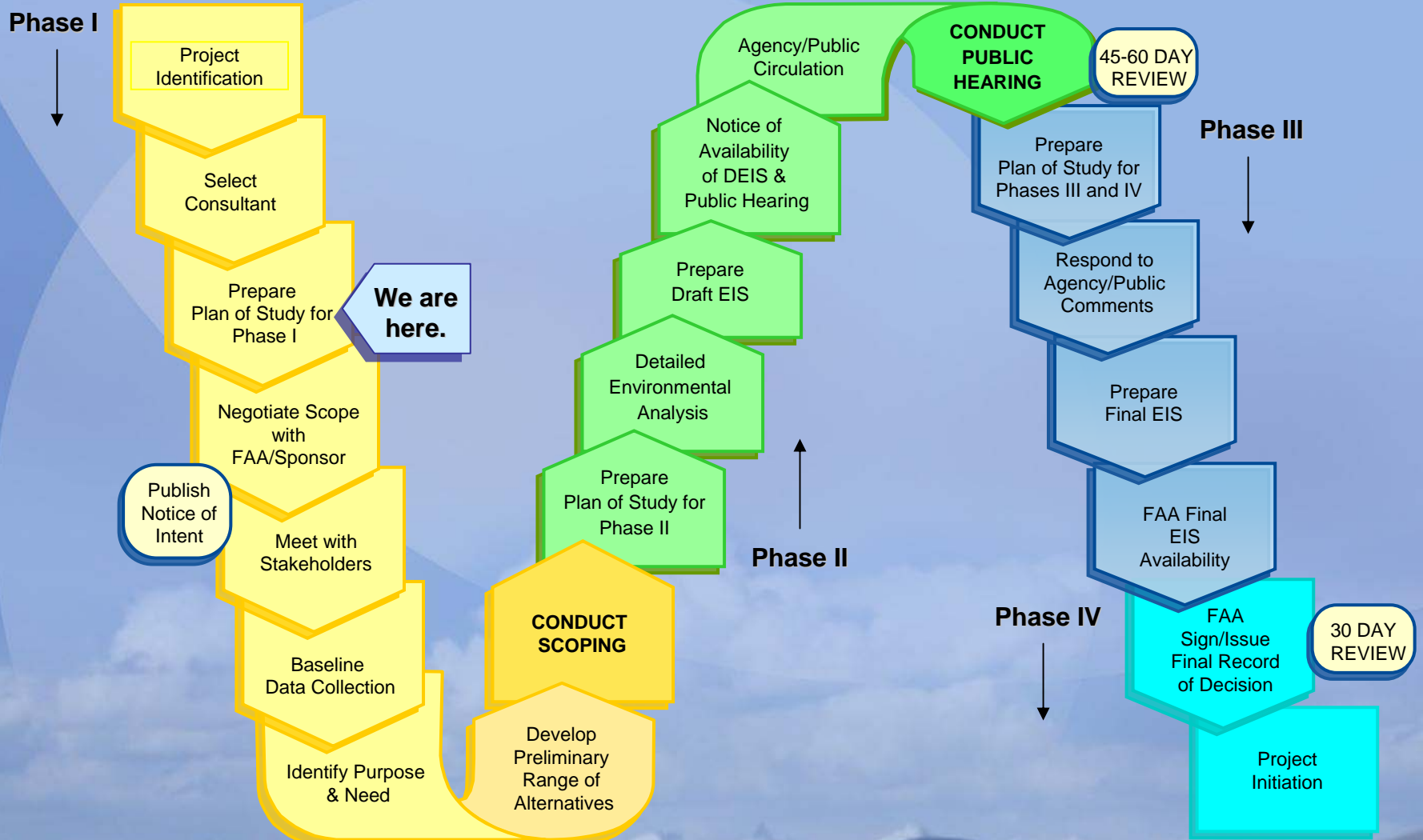
The Goals of the Process

Completion of an EIS (process and product) that can withstand public and legal scrutiny while providing answers to critical questions:

- ✦ Site location, layout, and access
- ✦ Community and regional socio-economic conditions
- ✦ Public land management
- ✦ Tribal interests and treaty rights
- ✦ Natural and cultural resource impacts
- ✦ Cumulative impacts



NEPA Process Proposed for this EIS



Our Process/Approach

Phase I - Scoping and Review of Alternative Sites

Phase II – Preparation of the Draft EIS

Phase III – Preparation of the Final EIS

Phase IV – Assistance w/Record of Decision



Phase I of the EIS

Activities to be conducted during Phase I of the EIS:

- ✦ Publication of the *Notice of Intent* to Prepare an EIS (FAA)
- ✦ Development of an unconstrained aviation forecast
- ✦ Business, airline passenger, and airline user input
- ✦ Review of potential airport sites
- ✦ Analysis of regional socio-economic conditions
- ✦ Meetings with stakeholders and the public (scoping)
- ✦ Tribal consultation
- ✦ Development of a statement of Purpose and Need
- ✦ Determination of reasonable alternatives for further detailed environmental evaluation



Public Involvement and Outreach

FAA and L&B will work with local, State, and Federal agencies; stakeholders; and the public to identify and review issues and provide information on issues pertinent to the EIS process.

- ✦ Opportunities during the EIS Process will include:
 - Outreach efforts (meetings, newsletters, kiosks)
 - Scoping workshops
 - Review and comment on the Draft EIS
 - Public Hearing on the Draft EIS
 - Review and comment on the Final EIS



Review of Alternative Sites

- ✦ Alternative Site Review
 - Location, design parameters, access
- ✦ Purpose and Need
- ✦ Reasonable Alternatives
 - Verify limitations of current airport
 - Review alternative site locations
 - Camas County or Lincoln County airport sponsorship
 - Other Options

Tentative Schedule

☀ Phase I – Scoping and Alternative Site Review

- Notice of Intent – Summer 2007
- Outreach Efforts – Summer 2007-Spring 2008
- Scoping Workshops – Spring 2008

☀ Phase II – Preparation of the Draft EIS

- Kick-off field work – Summer 2008
- Draft EIS published for public review - 2009





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Questions / Comments

