What is Scoping?

Scoping is the First Step in the Tier 1 EIS Process

- Identifies what should be studied
- Allows for early coordination and outreach

Helps Guide “Scope” and Content of Tier 1 EIS

- Purpose and need
- Alternatives to be studied
- Impacts to be evaluated
- Evaluation methods to be used

Notify Public and Agencies

- Tier 1 EIS being prepared
- Solicit input on process and corridor

Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement Process

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Official Agency and Public Opportunity for Comment during Tier 1 EIS Process

EIS = Environmental Impact Statement
ROD = Record of Decision