

Defining the Project and a Well-Written Project Description

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Choice-Limiting Actions (24 CFR 58.22)

Choice-limiting actions are described in [24 CFR Part 58.22\(a\)](#) and **prohibit:**



Define the Project

Before beginning the environmental review process, define the project:

- Identify all funding sources that may be used for the project.
- Determine all activities involved in the project (regardless of funding source).
- Determine if there are any other activities occurring on or near the site that are closely related to the project, such as off-site improvements required for project operations.
- Consider future, affiliated projects that may occur in the next 3 to 5 years.



Project Description Details

The project description should cover specific activities of the project including:

- Exact location(s)
- Existing conditions
- Size of the site parcel and existing/proposed buildings
- Proposed changes to land and structures
- Beneficiaries (numbers, types), impacts to the community



Include Construction Details

The project description should include:

- **Ground Disturbance**
 - Location, dimensions, including depths
 - May impact archaeological and paleontological resources, encounter contaminated soil, or cause soil erosion
- **Construction Equipment**
 - May impact air and water quality or cause soil erosion.
- **Construction Schedule**
 - Needed to determine any impacts to biological resources or protected species



Aggregation

If your project is part of a larger program or plan, you must group together and evaluate all activities as a single project. For instance, multiple phases or the same program impacting different areas should be analyzed as one.

