

## Creating a Project Summary Website: Summary

In this module, we learned a quick and easy way to communicate with the public through the internet what we're doing from our office's standpoint and NEPA. We accessed and logged in to Back Office, which is where websites are created. We navigated around Back Office to locate an existing project or a new project that we wanted to put on the web.

We created a Project Summary Website from a new project that we had recently created. It's best to do that with smaller projects such as categorical exclusions or DNAs. For a larger project like an EA or an EIS, we'd probably want to create a Project Website, which is the subject of another module.

Finally, we learned about updating a Project Summary Website. In this case, where we completed a project and we wanted the public to know about it.

So you know it's real, let's take a quick look at what the public might see on the web from our project standpoint. From the national webpage we make the public work a little bit to find our NEPA documentation, so fasten your seatbelts and let's take a ride, as the public might, to find a NEPA document.

First we'll go to Planning, then to ePlanning, then to ePlanning Resources, and then Find NEPA ePlanning Documents. And finally, we'll go to the BLM NEPA Register. That was a lot of steps. What you might consider if you do a mailing to

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the public would be to include the internet address at the top of the page here, rather than all those steps.

Once the public arrives here, you'll notice that they find a search image engine that looks very much like the one you used in Back Office. So let's be the public and search for that project you just published.

Once again starting from the left, we'll choose the State, the Field Office, Type of Document, and the Year to narrow our search. And as before, we'll see what the public sees. In this case, they'll have a live link to the project, and of course they can't edit it. When we hit that live link, we'll see the page that looks very much like the one we created, and down at the bottom, there's the map of the project. When the public opens that, they can see where we are. In this case, we've included a 508 compliance message to make sure that the document is compliant for that segment of the public.

As you can see, creating a webpage is really easy and it keeps the public informed about what we're doing. If you have any further questions about creating a Project Summary Website, feel free to contact myself, check the ePlanning workbook, or the ePlanning Community of Practice SharePoint site for further information. You could also contact a super user in your office or a member of the ePlanning team at the National Operations Center. Thanks for viewing this module on Project Summary Website construction.