

We're going to do a debrief on our cause-and-effect exercise, Exercise 2. You'll recall you've looked through the issue with the proposed project forest plan work in designating habitat that is habitat for Bicknell's Thrush and is also suitable for high density winter recreation -- that's the basic problem -- and figuring out what kind of impact indicator we'd use.

So what we're going to do is just working through this cause-and-effect matrix for the Bicknell's Thrush as a resource discipline.

First off, the potential impact is, if you're designating, and this is a programmatic planning analysis, so sometimes those can be challenging, but we can make the assumption if that we're designating habitat as suitable for high density winter recreation, we can make the assumption that that is going to have an adverse effect on the Bicknell's Thrush in that area. Make that assumption right now. So with that, the potential impact is designation of Bicknell's Thrush coniferous habitat for high density winter recreation.

The impact indicator, because we do know the acreage of that habitat, we do know the acreage that would be designated, the impact indicator is fairly simple. It would be acres of habitat designated for high density winter recreation because of our assumption that that would have an adverse impact on Bicknell's Thrush.

The data needs are, we need to know what is the habitat for Bicknell's Thrush. We need to know the boundaries of the footprint of the area that's going to be designated for high density recreation. And we really need to summarize the type of activities that that high density winter recreation entails so we can assess the relative impacts on Bicknell's Thrush.

And the methodology would basically be taking our survey data, if it's existing,

and overlaying our project footprint over the Bicknell's Thrush habitat and calculating those acres that fall into that high density winter recreational designation and then comparing how many of those acres would be impacted by high density winter recreation in the future compared with the existing acreage that's out there to get our context and severity.

In a nutshell, that's a good cause and effect for this particular resource and allows you to do a good quantitative analysis for it.