

## Determination of NEPA Adequacy: FONSI / Decision

RICHARD: If you've decided that an existing EA is adequate for your new proposed action, you need to decide if you need to prepare a FONSI for your new action, that is, a Finding of No Significant Impact.

You have to prepare a FONSI if the new proposed action is similar to, but not exactly the same as the selected alternative in the existing EA.

You also have to prepare a new FONSI if the new proposed action was an alternative analyzed in the EA, but wasn't the selected alternative. You don't need to prepare a new FONSI if the new proposed action is a feature of the selected alternative analyzed in the existing EA for which a FONSI has already been prepared. And, of course, if you are relying on an EIS, you don't need to prepare a FONSI for a new proposed action.

MEAGAN: For a new action that doesn't already have a decision document, you will need to prepare another decision document subsequent to your DNA worksheet. This decision should be prepared in accordance with program requirements. Some examples of when you would be preparing a decision is when you are moving from a broad scale analysis to a site-specific action. For a new action, such as a geothermal lease for a specific tract, then you would need to prepare both the DNA worksheet and a decision meeting program requirements.

In another example, you have already analyzed and made a decision to permit an OHV race. If you decide to go ahead and permit a motorcycle race, you will require both the DNA worksheet and a separate decision.

While the use of a DNA is not subject to protest or appeal, the decision that we make may be subject to protest and appeal.