

Permits needed for projects on NF Lands

- **HPA or WDFW/FS Habitat MOU**
- **NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act**
- **ESA (ARBO II) - Aquatic Restoration Biological Opinion II**
- **RGP-8 – Regional General Permit**
- **Section 106 - Heritage**

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WDFW/Forest Service Habitat MOU

To streamline the permitting process on Forest Service projects.

Includes project design criteria/BMPs to follow.

Key Criteria - Projects designed and implemented on FS Lands, where the FS is not primarily responsible for implementation or contract administration, are not covered by the MOU

More flexibility in the MOU than in the past, requires WDFW support.
Much more streamlined than HPA

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NEPA

The FS environmental public review process

Stand Alone NEPA - CE/EA or Reg 6 Restoration EA

Integrated NEPA – cover projects under larger EA like UWPP

Timelines – CEs or Reg 6 EA can take 2-4 months. Integrated NEPA can take 2 years +/-

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ESA

ARBO II – Aquatic Restoration Biological Opinion 2nd Edition

Includes project design criteria/BMPs to follow.

Covers most aquatic restoration actions.

Side boards include instream work windows, high complexity projects require more technical review, and other requirements.

Quite streamlined, but high complexity projects take more time.

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RGP-8 – Regional General Permit for Washington

Streamlines permitting process for federal and state water quality permits.

Includes project design criteria/Best Management Practices to follow.

Federal - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps): Section 10 and Section 404.

State - Washington Department of Ecology: 401 Water Quality Certification. RGP-8 includes a Water Quality Certification Request that is certified by WA DOE as meeting the federal Clean Water Act

Does not cover

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife: HPA