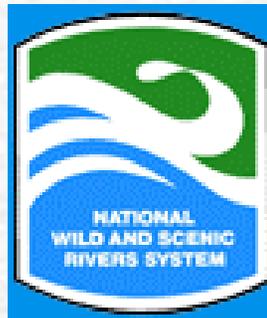


# *Pere Marquette River*

*A National Scenic River*



# Pere Marquette National Scenic River

- 66.4 miles of the mainstream designated as Scenic and included in the Wild and Scenic River System in 1978
- The first river in Michigan to be included in the Wild and Scenic River System

# Pere Marquette National Scenic River

- 1983 - River management plan completed
- 1990 - Management plan updated to reflect current conditions, uses, and demands on the river resource
- 2003–2004 - Update the river plan using the Limits of Acceptable Change process

# River Plan Update Process

The update process is guided by

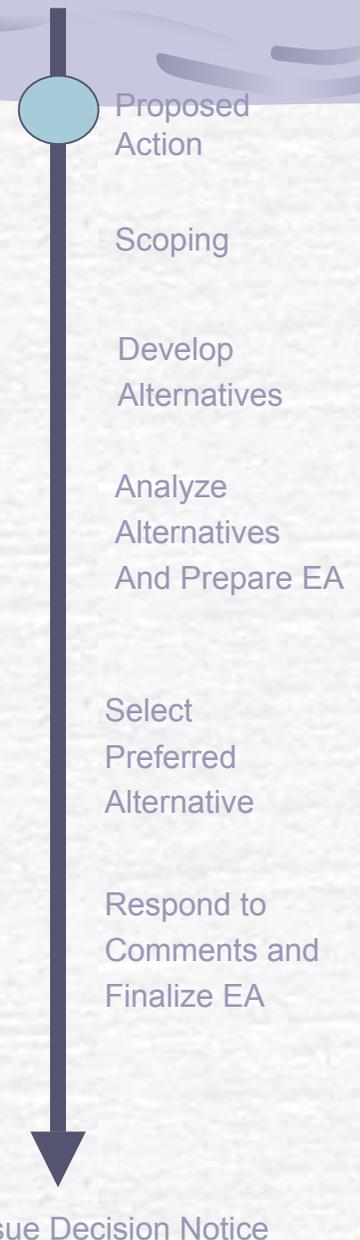
- The Wild and Scenic River Interagency Guidelines for Eligibility, Classification, and Management of Rivers

# River Plan Update Process

- Must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

# Proposed Action

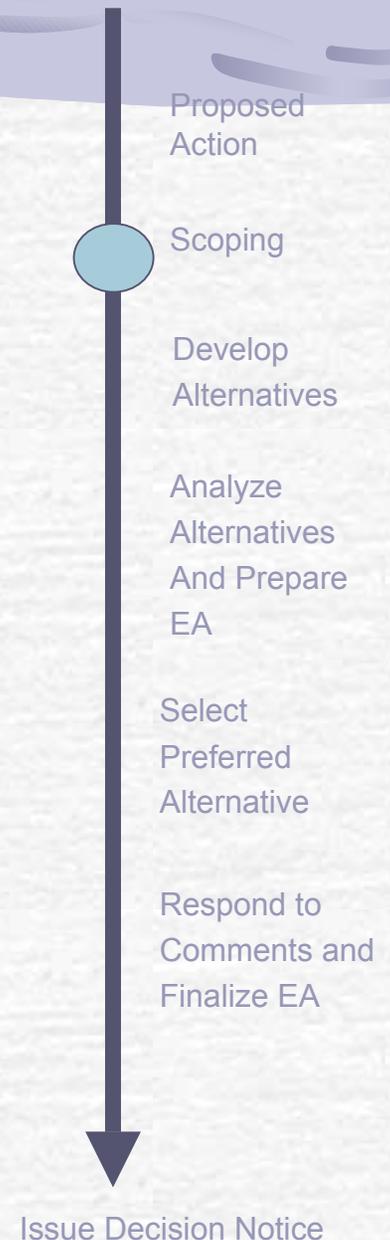
- Update the Pere Marquette National Scenic River Management Plan to reflect changes in use and resource conditions within the river corridor.
- Ensure that the river is managed to protect and enhance the **outstandingly remarkable values** for which the river was designated, while providing for public recreation and resource uses which do not adversely impact or degrade these values.



# Scoping

What is it?

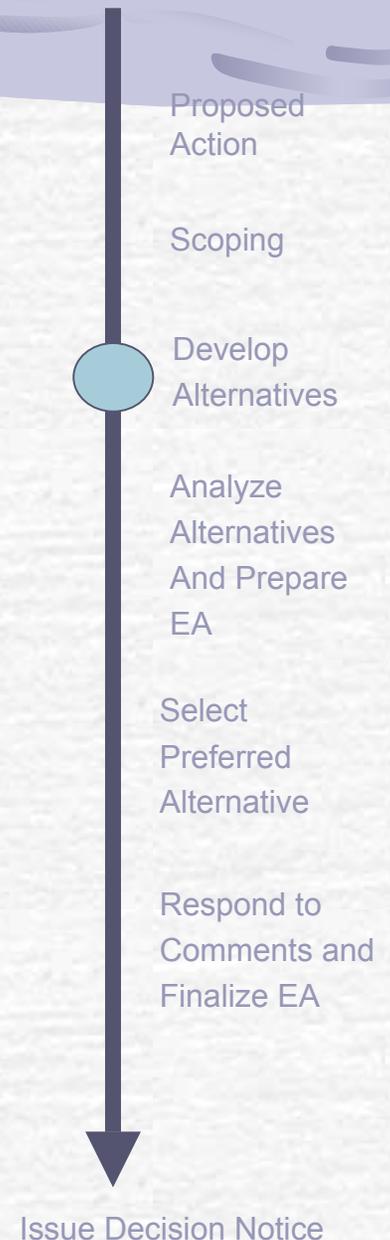
- ☛ The process we use to gather public comments & concerns about a proposed action.
- ☛ Comments can be made in writing, electronically, in person, by phone, or fax



# Develop Alternatives

➤ The Forest Service develops alternatives based on

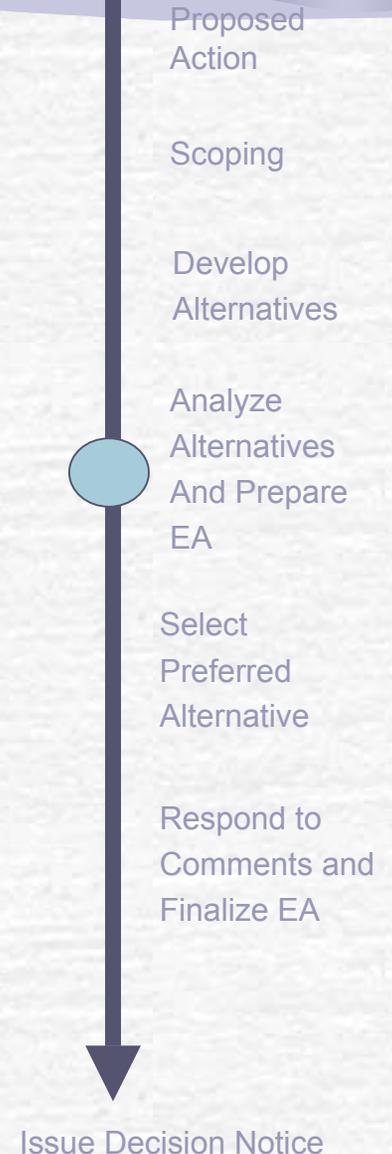
- Public comment
- Results from inventory and monitoring
- Must include a “No Action Alternative”



# Analyze Alternatives and Prepare EA

## The Forest Service:

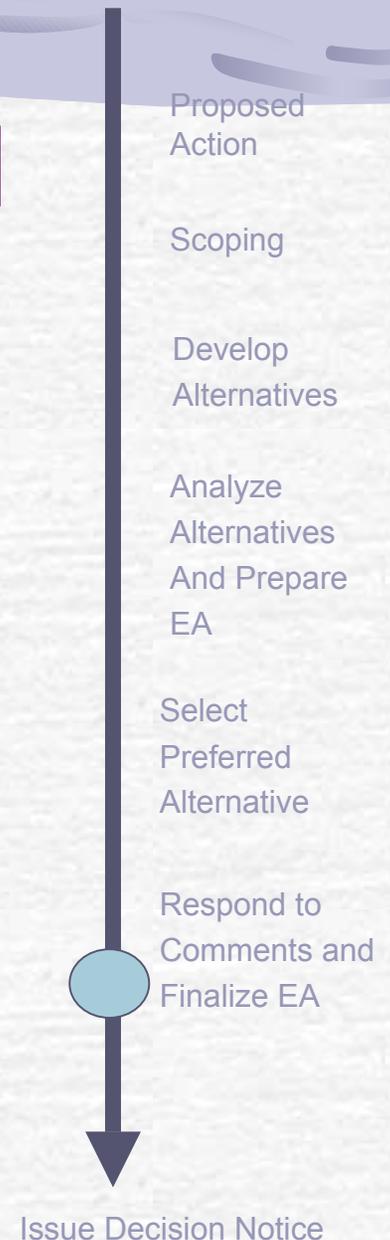
- Evaluates environmental impacts of management alternatives.
- Prepares an Environmental Assessment.



# Respond to Comments and Finalize EA

## The Forest Service:

- Determines if additional information or analysis is needed to respond to comments.
- Prepares Final EA.



# Issue Decision Notice

## The Deciding Official:

- Selects alternative to implement.
- Prepares a Decision Notice that includes the rationale for the selected alternative.

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Issue Decision Notice

# Appeal Process

- 45-day appeal period.
- A higher level Forest Service official reviews the decision.
- Must submit substantive comments during the 30-day comment period to file an appeal.

# Where are we at in the Process?

