



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process



- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to consider potential environmental impacts before making a decision or taking action on their projects. The environmental review process under NEPA provides an opportunity for you to be involved in the Federal agency decision-making process. The views and comments of the public are important to the NEPA process and help determine the scope and content for the environmental analysis.
- The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) establishes a process to identify any historic properties that could be affected by the project or action, assess the effects of the project, and seek ways to avoid or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. GSA will pursue and complete compliance with NHPA during the NEPA process.



Project Background



- The Porthill Land Port of Entry (LPOE) is located in northern Idaho and processes personal vehicles, buses, pedestrians, and limited commercial traffic.
- The existing facilities at the LPOE are too small to accommodate the current staff. Additionally, current traffic flow through the LPOE is inefficient, which causes congestion and delays. This project seeks to expand and modernize the Porthill LPOE to meet the current operational needs.



Proposed Alternatives



The EA will consider two “action” alternatives and one “no action” alternative. The two “action” alternatives would consist of renovation and expansion activities at the existing Porthill LPOE. Both “action” alternatives could include the following activities:

- Construction and operation of a new main building for the port facility;
- Construction of a small port prototype;
- Addition of inspection lanes and associated canopy and booth spaces for commercial and personal vehicles; and
- Full or partial demolition of existing LPOE structures.

The “no action” alternative assumes that any demolition of existing facilities, construction of new facilities, and expansion of LPOE operations would not occur. The LPOE would continue to operate under current conditions.

Submitting Comments

1. Fill out a comment form and submit it during this meeting or throughout the comment period.

2. Email comment to PorthillLPOE@gsa.gov. Include “Porthill LPOE EA” in the subject line of the message.

3. Mail comment by June 5, 2023 to:

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