



### What is an EIS?

- ▶ A report of the environmental effects of a proposed action
- ▶ Includes analysis of effects to environmental and social resources, such as:
  - Biological Resources
  - Water Resources
  - Cultural Resources
  - Natural Resources
  - Air Quality
  - Socioeconomics
  - Noise
  - Airspace Management
  - Safety
- ▶ Required by the National Environmental Policy Act
- ▶ Draft EIS published for review and comment by the public



### Public Involvement in the EIS Process

- ▶ Publication of a Notice of Intent (or NOI) to prepare an EIS formally begins the process.
- ▶ During the scoping period the agency provides information on the Proposed Action and solicits public comments on alternatives or impacts and relevant information, studies or analyses.
- ▶ Comments received during scoping are used to refine the alternatives and determine the environmental issues to address in the Draft EIS
- ▶ Once prepared, the Draft EIS is published for review
- ▶ The public is invited to provide specific comments on the analyses in the Draft EIS
- ▶ Those comments are addressed in the Final EIS
- ▶ The Record of Decision is published to formally document the agency's decision