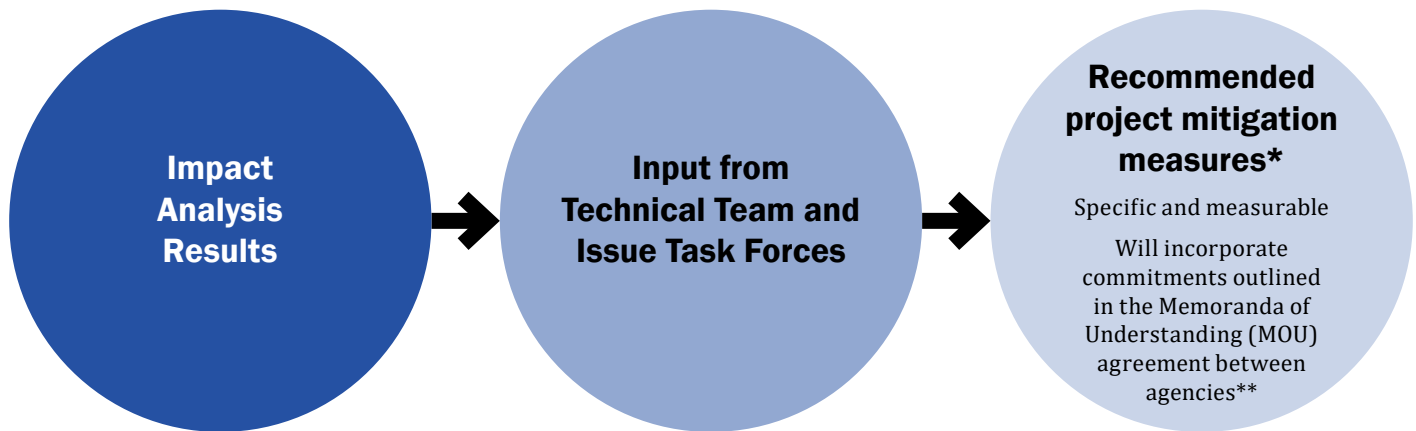




Once a proposed action has been selected, appropriate design options incorporated (e.g. trail location), and design advanced to a more detailed level (around 10% for this project), the project team environmental resource specialists will conduct impact analyses for the following resources:

- Air Quality
- Noise
- Hazardous Materials
- Wetlands and Waters of the U.S.
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Wildlife
- Vegetation
- Water Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Section 4(f) (Historic and publicly owned recreation facilities)
- Paleontology
- Environmental Justice
- Land Use
- Transportation (including operations, safety, and multimodal)
- Visual Resources



* Due to the lack of full project funding and the likelihood for phased implementation, some measures will be deferred until the project is in final design or construction. One example of this is the Section 404 (wetland and waters of the U.S.) permitting process. Due to time limits on permit validity, the project will commit to following the Section 404 process and may identify potential mitigation strategies, but a permit will not be obtained as part of the overall project EA. Additional mitigation requirements may be required as part of these types of permits.

** MOU's for the I-70 Mountain Corridor include ALIVE (A Landscape Level Inventory of Valued Ecosystems), which considers wildlife and SWEEP (Stream and Wetland Ecological Enhancement Program), which considers water quality and wetlands.