Providing Effective Public Comments

How to Effectively Provide Comments During the Scoping Process

Get Involved

• Your comments are important
• Public comments help to define the scope of the Master Plan and EA
• Public comments can improve the accuracy of the EA

Helpful Comments

• Raise issues of concern early in the scoping process
• Are clear, concise, and relevant to the analysis
• Are solution oriented and provide specific examples
• Identify environmental resources of particular concern
• Suggest sources of relevant information to be considered
• Suggest additional alternatives to be considered

Please be sure your comments are postmarked or received by February 12, 2016

Provide comments to:
Dept. of Commerce Boulder Laboratories
Master Plan Comments
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
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Or by email to:
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Scoping and other materials associated with the Master Plan and Environmental Assessment will be posted to the following website as they are available for public review: www.nist.gov/director/ofpm/boulder-master-plan.cfm

Existing Conditions

• The Department of Commerce (DOC) requires that its agencies have a physical master plan for their sites. The current Boulder Laboratories Campus Master Plan was developed in 1992.
• Campus and research programs have changed and now require the following:
  – Flexible, efficient, and collaborative space to promote advancing research
  – Accommodations for the advanced research and measurement science that demand highly controllable research environments
• Deficiencies in existing facilities and campus organization include the following:
  – Lack of organizing concept that gives the campus cohesion or identity
  – Aging and obsolete research buildings
  – Congestion and confusion in visitor screening

Confusing Intersection

Inefficent, Temporary Buildings

Obsolete Research Buildings

Congested Screening Area
Master Plan Vision

Goals

• Comprehensive and coordinated framework for future development
• Appropriate buildings and infrastructure for advanced research
• A plan that respects the local community and previous agreements
• Facilities that encourage collaboration, welcome outside colleagues
• Attractive campus that addresses sustainable design goals
• A plan for gradual change

Prescribed Actions

The Master Plan will prescribe the following types of general actions throughout the campus:

• Construction of new facilities
• Demolition of existing facilities
• Renovation of existing facilities
• Reconfiguration of roads, parking areas, and pedestrian pathways
• Landscaping improvements