

Proposal Submission

- Project Sponsor drafts proposal for submission to the applicable State FSA office;
- *Timeline – This is continuous process, however for consideration in next national review cycle the proposal must be submitted to FSA State Office by the scheduled and announced review cycle.*

State Review

- State-level team will review the proposal and provide written comments to the BCAP Program Manager along with SED recommendation on further environmental review.

National Review

- BCAP Program Manager and the national-level team will review the proposal and provide written comments to the Deputy Administrator of Farm Programs;
- Determination of the need for additional environmental review will be made at this point;
- *Timeline - National review periods may be scheduled and announced by Farm Service Agency (FSA).*

Negotiations

- Negotiations with the Project Sponsor may be necessary to resolve outstanding issues;
- Project Sponsor must provide written responses to address items raised during review; and
- If applicable, further environmental review is completed;
- *Timeline – Length of time to complete will vary based on ability to reach consensus and time required to develop appropriate environmental documentation.*

Final Agreement

- After consensus reached a final letter with agreed to provisions will be sent to Project Sponsor.
- *Timeline - Not more than 30 days following the latter of (1) receipt of written responses from Project Sponsor to final negotiations or (2) completion of environmental review process.*

Announcement

- FSA offices and the Project Sponsor conduct outreach, training, and promotional activities for the BCAP Project Area and program signup.