

# ESA Process Timeline – Central WUCC

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## September

1. Distribution of draft declaration form for member and public comment.
2. Send letter notifying members, state agencies, and the public that the ESA process is commencing.
3. Letter requesting that ESA holders affirm that they intend to retain their existing ESAs. This is simply a way to get a count of which ESA providers intend to maintain their ESAs. In the event that an ESA holder does not affirm, the area will be added to the declaration process.

## October

1. Introduce WUCC ESA timeline, procedures, and scoring rubric.

## November

1. Vet and finalize ESA declaration forms, procedures and scoring rubric.
2. Distribute declaration form to WUCC members and municipalities.

## December

1. Accept ESA declaration forms.
2. Identify areas in conflict. Inform conflicted declarants of the opportunity to work together to resolve conflict. Identify unclaimed areas.
3. Determine schedule of meetings and/or presentations for any conflicted areas.
4. Inform conflicted declarants of schedule.

## January

1. Request public comment on conflicted areas.
2. Hold meetings and presentations on areas in conflict for ESAs. Multiple meetings may be necessary depending on the number of conflicts. Conflict resolution sessions may be necessary.

## February

1. Come to consensus on ESA providers. A quorum is necessary for any voting.
2. If necessary, involve PURA to resolve remaining conflicts; WUCC review and action on any PURA recommendations.

## March

1. Approve preliminary ESA document for distribution and comment by the public, municipalities, COGs, DPH, DEEP, PURA, and OPM.
2. WUCC review and action on any PURA recommendations.

## April – May

1. Hold second public comment period.
2. WUCC review and action on any PURA recommendations.
3. Adopt final ESA boundaries.
4. Send unresolved ESA boundaries to DPH for decision.

## June

1. Approve ESA document for submission to DPH.