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## Action Area

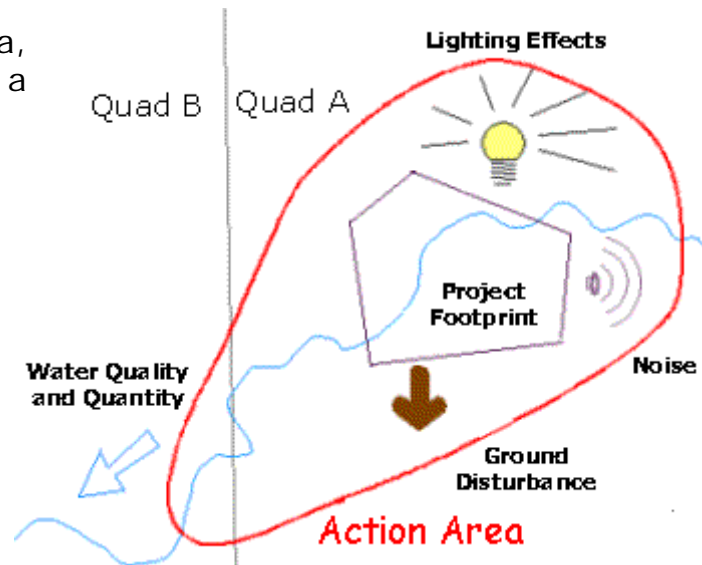
*For consultation under the Endangered Species Act*  
It's more than the project footprint

*Project Action Area* refers to the area directly *or indirectly* affected by the proposed action. This area will usually be larger than the project footprint.

To determine your action area, mark the project footprint on a topo map.

Identify the range of impacts such as:

1. Ground disturbance
2. Changes in water quality and quantity (both surface *and* underground water)
3. Air quality
4. Lighting effects
5. Noise disturbance



Draw a line around all of the affected areas. This is the action area. Send us a copy of the map when you initiate consultation.

Example: In the diagram on this page, the project affects water quality or quantity downstream. So the applicant should obtain a species lists for both Quad A and Quad B.

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