

# Consultant's Role

- Provide technical expertise to project proponent and federal agency
- Preparation of documents for action agency (EA, EIS, BA...)
- Attend meetings on behalf of project proponent
- Go between for agency and project proponent.
- Conduct field assessments/surveys
- Submit annual reports to appropriate agencies
- Submit electronic survey data to appropriate agencies



# Consultants--

- Do not make effect determinations in survey reports.
  - Done by Federal agency
- Do not request concurrence or consultation.
  - Done by Federal agency
- Act on behalf of agencies only when requested to do so.



# Biological Assessment/ Section 7 Resources

## National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) courses:

- Developing a Biological Assessment – Online course
  - CSP3153
  - 5 weeks
- Interagency Consultation for Endangered Species (Section 7)
  - CSP3116
  - 4 days at NCTC campus

## National Park Service

- Biological Assessment Guidebook 2015
- Templates



# More Information

- Endangered Species Act of 1973
  - <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/index.html#esa>
- 50 CFR 402
  - <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/searchECFR?idno=50&q1=402&rgn1=PARTNBR&op2=and&q2=&rgn2=Part>
- The Section 7 Consultation Handbook
  - <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/>
- Additional species information
  - [http://ecos.fws.gov/species\\_profile/SpeciesProfile?spcode=B074](http://ecos.fws.gov/species_profile/SpeciesProfile?spcode=B074)
- Utah Conservation Data Center
  - <http://dwrcdc.nr.utah.gov/ucdc/>

