

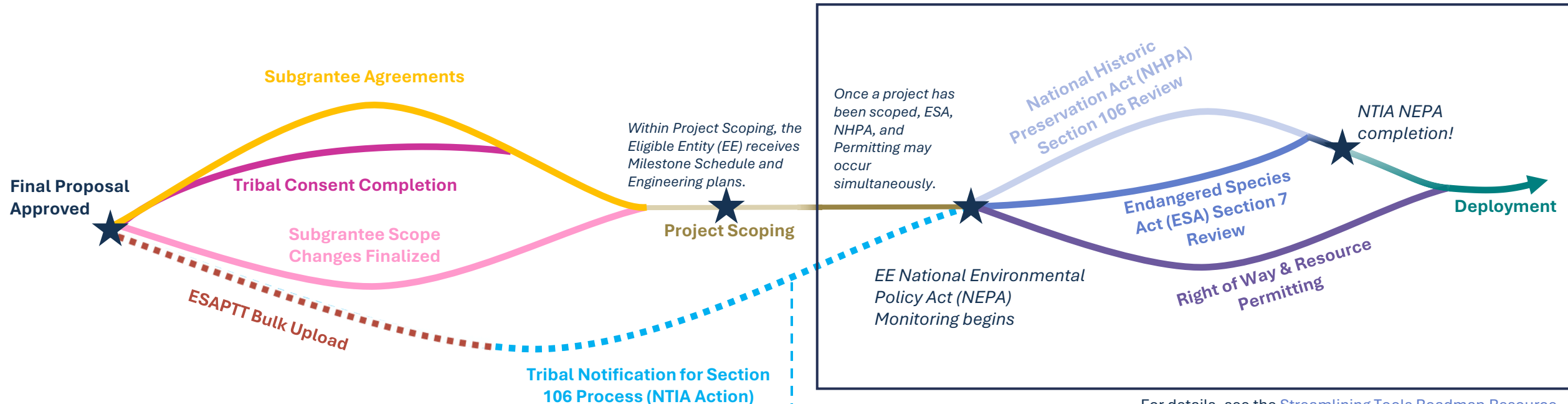
BEAD Process Map



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Tribal Consent is a Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) requirement tied to the Subgrantee Agreement, while Tribal Notification is a Section 106 process. They are distinct processes that occur once project data is uploaded into the Environmental Screening And Permitting Tracking Tool (ESAPTT).

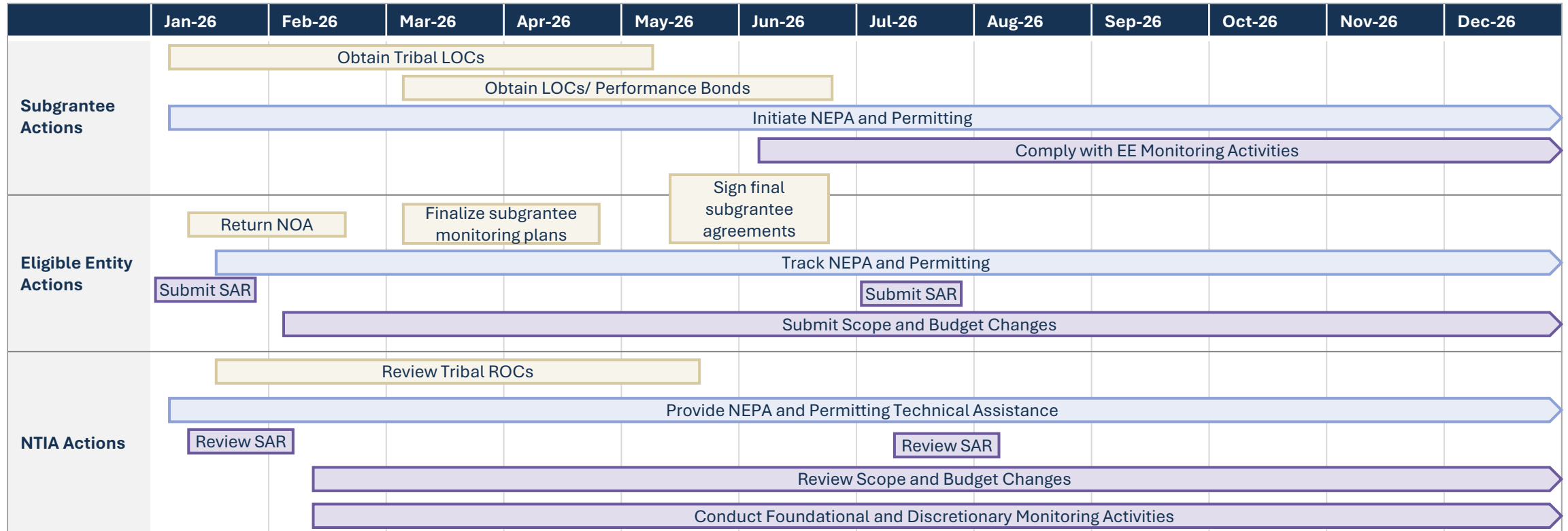


For details, see the [Streamlining Tools Roadmap Resource](#).

1. NTIA will initiate the Tribal Notification process for applicable project areas.
2. Tribes have 30 days to respond.
3. State Broadband Offices (SBOs) can begin environmental screening in ESAPTT by uploading Project Descriptions and maps. NTIA will notify SBOs via email when the Tribal Notification period concludes, project "Section 106" tabs are populated in ESAPTT, and the full Environmental Questionnaire is accessible.

BEAD Program Roadmap: Next 12 Months

Key priorities over the next 12 months include: EEs finalizing subgrantee agreements, EEs initiating EHP and permitting reviews, and NTIA refining processes to review post-award changes and monitor risks.



Key

- Finalizing Subgrantee Agreements
- LOC:** Letter of Consent
- EE:** Eligible Entity
- Supporting EHP and Permitting
- NEPA:** National Environmental Policy Act
- SAR:** Semi-Annual Report
- Monitoring and Reporting
- NOA:** Notice of Award
- ROC:** Resolution of Consent