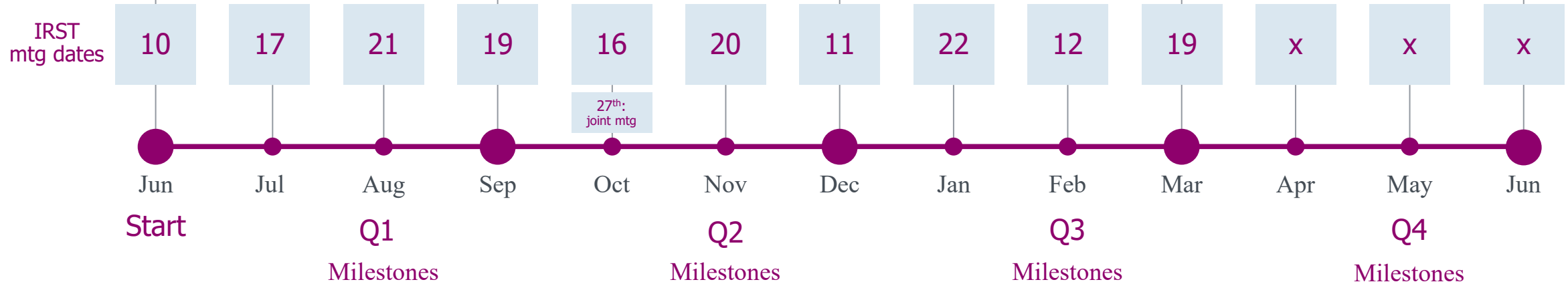


FY26 IRST Workplan

<p>10 June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRST meeting Review draft RFP and evaluation process Review FY26 workplan draft 	<p>Jul-Sept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft RFP process AMPC research agenda Scope reviewers for submitted RFP proposals Amphibians (Q1&2): literature & ad hoc committees scoping proposal Draft IRST FY26 workplan Begin draft of research topics chronology Clarify IRST & AMPC roles in rule and research life cycle 	<p>Oct-Dec</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct: Joint AMPC-IRST meeting Amphibians scoping proposal Finalize RFP process Draft and finalize Eastern Oregon RFP solicitation Draft Road-Stream RFP solicitation Begin succession planning for co-chair 	<p>Jan-Mar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan: Amphibians (Q1&2) scoping proposal due INR year in review Feb: start amphibians (Q3) scoping proposal Finalize Road-Stream RFP solicitation Mar: Issue RFPs Nominate co-chair 	<p>Apr-Jun 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on amphibians (Q3) scoping proposal May: Review submitted research proposal Effectiveness monitoring Review IRST process documents (i.e., charter, etc.)
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- Amphibians' species accounts reports in hand
- Research topic chronology on website

- RFP process finalized
- Nov 1 work plan finalized (in rule)**
- IRST & AMPC roles

- RFPs announced and open
- Submit amphibians scoping proposal (Q1&2)
- Co-chair elected

- Roads-stream project awarded
- E. Oregon steep slopes project awarded
- IRST process documents reviewed and revised, as needed

Expected FY26 Tasks

General Tasks

- **Further clarify the specific roles of the IRST and AMPC:** in rule and in the IRST research process life cycle
- **Enhance understanding of appropriate and intended uses of data:** data disclaimer (best use of data), data agreement, IRST statement about data for each research area (rfp, website, report, during public meetings)
- **Address bias that may exist during the research process life cycle:** document the types of bias that may exist, and share IRST recommendations and strategies to minimize bias (e.g., conflict of interest disclosures, # of reviewers)
- **Document research topic chronology:** add to “IRST products” web page for each topic – steep slopes, road-stream, amphibians
- **Succession planning:** Planning for selection of new co-chair
- **Other tasks** as they arise

Roads Tasks

Road-Stream Connectivity RFP

- Establish ad hoc sub-committee for roads-stream RFP (technical portion) –
- Schedule ad hoc sub-committee meetings, if needed
- Draft technical portion of RFP - questions per component? Incorporate AMPC response to clarifying questions
- Review and revise full RFP
- Finalize and approve full RFP
- Review RFP overall process, including, but not limited to:
 - Rubric for proposal evaluation
 - Criteria for, identifying, and selecting reviewers)
 - Where RFPs will be announced and groups to receive announcement
- Announce RFP
- Review submitted proposal
- Award project

Steep Slopes Tasks

Eastern Oregon Steep Slopes RFP tasks

- Establish ad hoc sub-committee for E Oregon steep slopes RFP (technical portion)
- Schedule ad hoc sub-committee meetings, if needed
- Draft technical portion of RFP - Draft scope of work
- Review and revise full RFP
- Finalize and approve full RFP
- Review RFP overall process, including, but not limited to:
 - Rubric for proposal evaluation
 - Criteria for, identifying, and selecting reviewers)
 - Where RFPs will be announced and groups to receive announcement
- Announce RFP
- Review submitted proposal
- Award project

Amphibians Tasks

Amphibians Scoping Proposals

- Establish ad hoc sub-committee for amphibians scoping proposal and schedule meetings
- Review literature review process for amphibians
- Assist in the review of some of the literature
- Contribute literature for the review
- Draft or review sections of the literature review
- Help draft proposal options
- Review knowledge contributions, budget estimates, and timelines of options
- Review full scoping proposal
- Individual IRST members submit track changes in document to INR
- INR compiles track changes into one document
- IRST meeting where compiled track changes document is reviewed
- Final edits made to overall scoping proposal
- **SUBMIT** – Q1&2 scoping proposal to AMPC seven months after Q1&2 questions finalized
- **SUBMIT** – Q3 scoping proposal to AMPC nine months after Q1&2 scoping proposal submitted