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40 CFR 51.308(i)(2) requires the State to provide each FLM with an opportunity for consultation, in person and at least 60 days prior to holding a public hearing on a SIP revision. The consultation must include the opportunity for the FLM to discuss their:

- assessment of visibility impairment in the Class I area
- recommendations on the development of the reasonable progress goal and on the development and implementation of strategies to address visibility impairment

Georgia EPD provided the FLMs (USFS, FWS, and NPS) with opportunities for consultation by way of packages mailed on December 18, 2008, and received by the agencies on December 22, 2008. Each package included a cover letter and a copy of the draft prehearing SIP on compact disk (CD).

A face-to-face meeting was held with USFS personnel on January 14, 2009, at their offices in Gainesville, Georgia. USFS' written comments on the SIP were received by Georgia EPD on March 2, 2009 (see Subappendix O.1). A teleconference was held on January 22, 2009, with FWS personnel in their offices at Lakewood, Colorado. By prior agreement, the FWS and NPS submitted their comments jointly. These were received by EPD on February 17, 2009 (see Subappendix O.2). EPD's responses to the comments from the FLMs are presented in Subappendix O.3.