



DIRECTORY OF REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROGRAMS OF FEDERAL NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCIES

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NOTE TO READERS:

The contact information provided in this *Directory* is accurate as of the April 2014 publication date. As more information about regional deployments of other Federal natural resource agencies for climate change adaptation becomes available the information in the *Directory* will be updated as resources allow. Corrections or additions to the *Directory* may be provided to Elana Goldstein in the EPA Office of Water (water_climate_change@epa.gov).



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INTRODUCTION

The President's *Climate Action Plan*, released in June of 2013, describes efforts that Federal agencies will take to respond to climate change in three key areas:

- Cut carbon pollution;
- Prepare the United States for the impacts of climate change; and
- Lead international efforts to address global climate change.

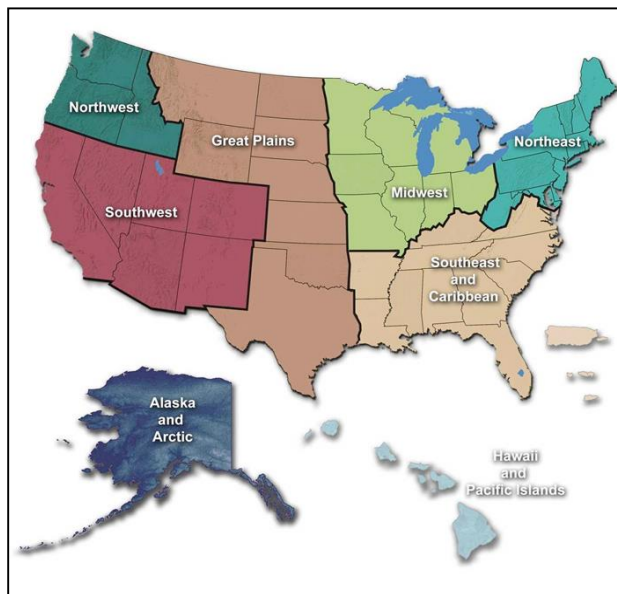
Federal agencies are implementing diverse actions to help prepare for the impacts of climate change including developing and implementing climate change adaptation plans. Several Federal natural resources agencies have also organized multi-state, regional programs or initiatives to deliver climate change adaptation information and assistance at a regional level.

This *Directory* was developed as a tool for EPA Regional offices to use to strengthen coordination with the regional programs developed by other Federal natural resources agencies to assist in preparing for a changing climate. It may also serve to help Federal agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, and other stakeholders be informed about the Federal agency resources that are deployed on a regional basis to build resilience to a changing climate and to facilitate coordination among Federal agencies at the regional level.

The first section of this *Directory* provides a short summary of Federal natural resource agency programs that are deployed on a regional basis to support climate change adaptation and a map of the region or area served by the program. As these maps illustrate, the Federal agency programs serve somewhat different regional areas based on the needs and interests of the agency.

The second section of the *Directory* is organized by the eight regions described in the 2014 *National Climate Assessment* produced by the US Global Change Research Program. The *National Climate Assessment* includes chapters addressing the climate change impacts expected in each of these regions:

- Northeast;
- Southeast and Caribbean;
- Midwest;
- Great Plains;
- Southwest;
- Northwest;
- Alaska and Arctic; and
- Hawaii and Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.



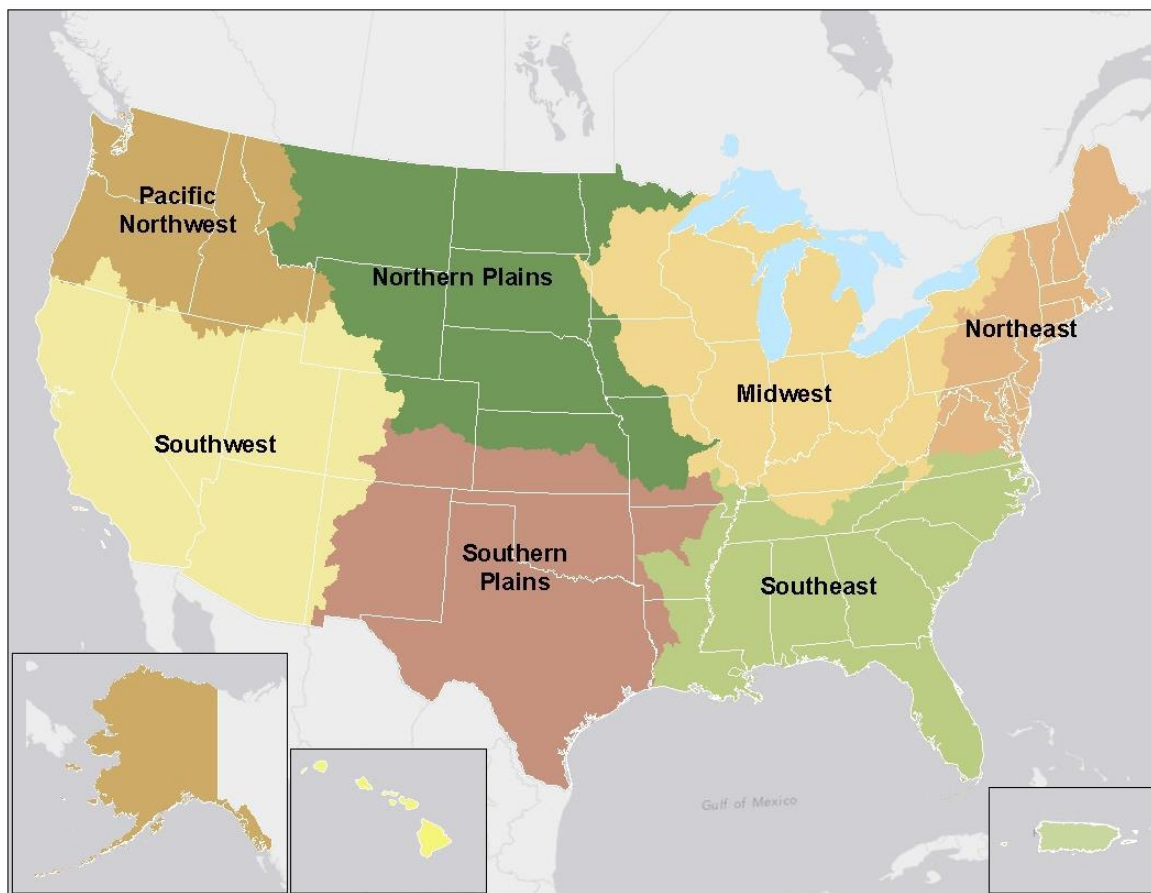
For each of these eight regions, the Federal natural resources agency regional organization best associated with that region is identified and contact information for key personnel is provided. Some Federal agency regional organizations serve more than one of these *National Climate Assessment* Regions and in this case the organization is listed under both regions.

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USDA's regional hubs will deliver information to farmers, ranchers and forest landowners to help them adapt to climate change and weather variability. The Hubs will build capacity within USDA to provide information and guidance on technologies and risk management practices at regional and local scales. To learn about how climate change and weather variability are affecting agriculture in your area, click on a region of the map above. For more information on the Climate Hubs, see the following resources:

- [Climate Hubs Webinar Presentation](#)
- [USDA Regional Hubs for Risk Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change Factsheet.](#)
- [Climate Hubs Charter](#)
- Press Release: [Secretary Vilsack Announces Climate Hubs Locations \(February 5, 2014\)](#)
- To learn more about USDA's approaches to climate challenges, visit the [USDA Climate Solutions](#) page.



Department of Interior (DOI)

Three key organizations within the Department of Interior assist natural resource managers in responding to climate change:

- the **National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center** (NCCWSC) provides natural resource managers with the tools and information they need to develop and execute management strategies that address the impacts of climate change on fish, wildlife and their habitats (see contact information below);
- eight regional **Climate Science Centers** (CSCs) provide fundamental scientific information, tools, and techniques that land, water, wildlife, and cultural resource managers and other interested parties can apply to anticipate, monitor, and adapt to climate change impacts (see map below); and
- twenty-two **Landscape Conservation Cooperatives** (LCCs) form a network of resource managers and scientists who share a common need for scientific information and interest in conservation to better integrate science and management to address climate change and other landscape scale issues.

Collectively, the NCCWSC, the Climate Science Centers (CSCs), and Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) form the cornerstones of DOI's integrated approach to climate change science and adaptation, addressing the full range of natural and cultural resources. CSCs prioritize delivery of usable science, research data products, and decision-support tools to meet the needs of the LCCs and other resource managers within their respective regions. The NCCWSC relies on stakeholder input for the identification of research needs, the prioritization of projects, and the elevation of research products. The NCCWSC has three primary vehicles for stakeholder input - each representing slightly different segments of the stakeholder community: LCCs, CSCs, and the Federal Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (ACCCNRS).

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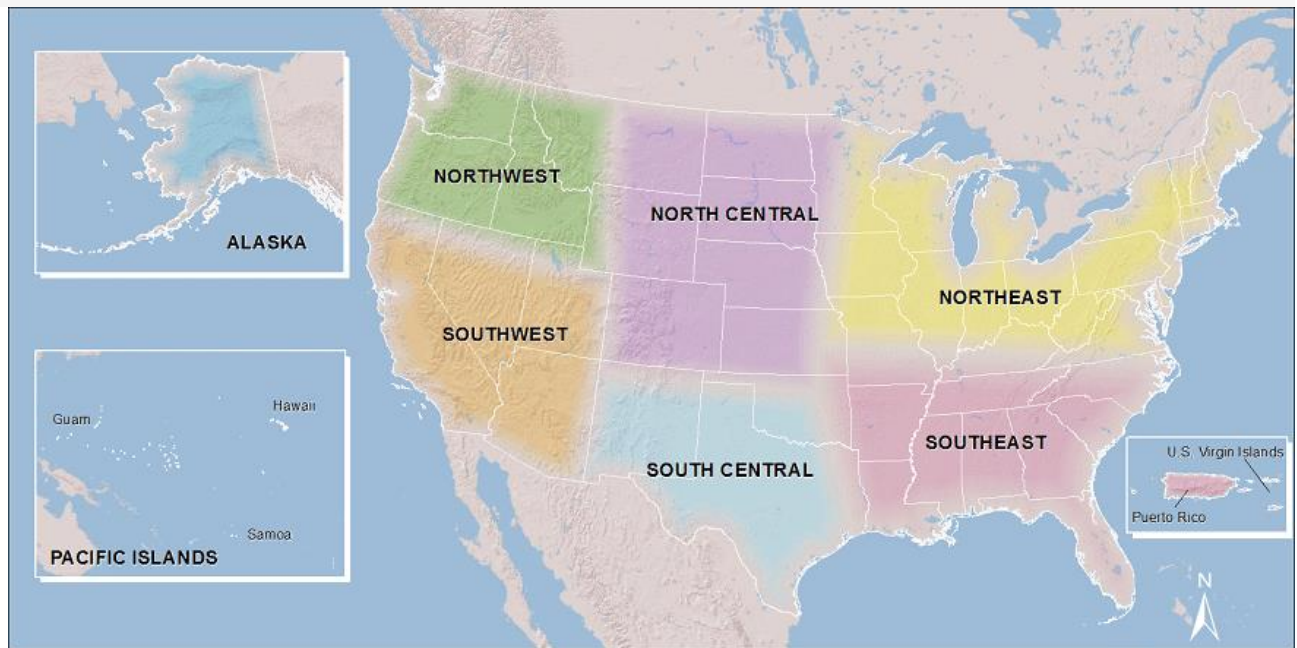
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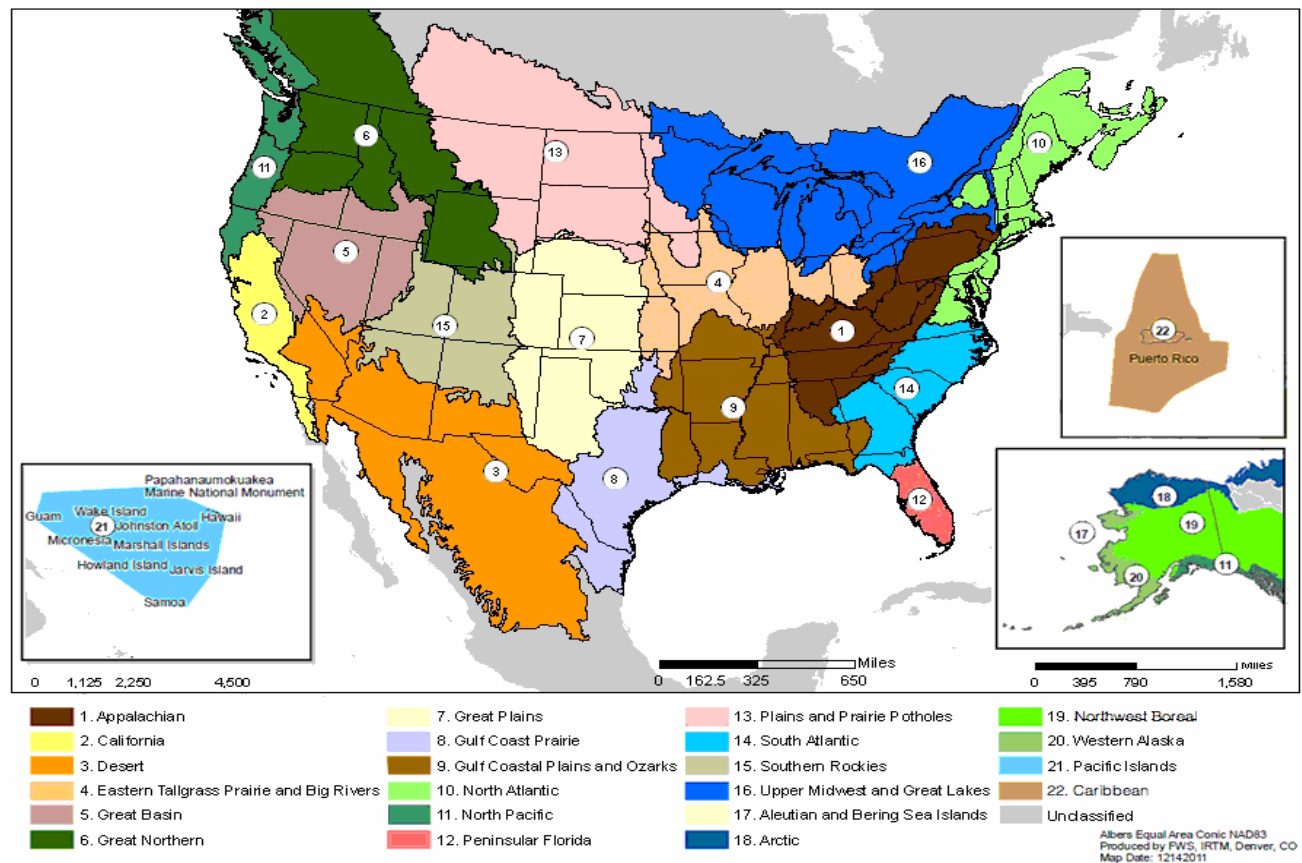
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- advance understanding of policy, planning and management contexts;
- develop knowledge on impacts, vulnerabilities, and response options through interdisciplinary research and participatory processes;
- innovate products and tools to enhance the use of science in decision making; and
- test diverse governance structures for managing scientific research.

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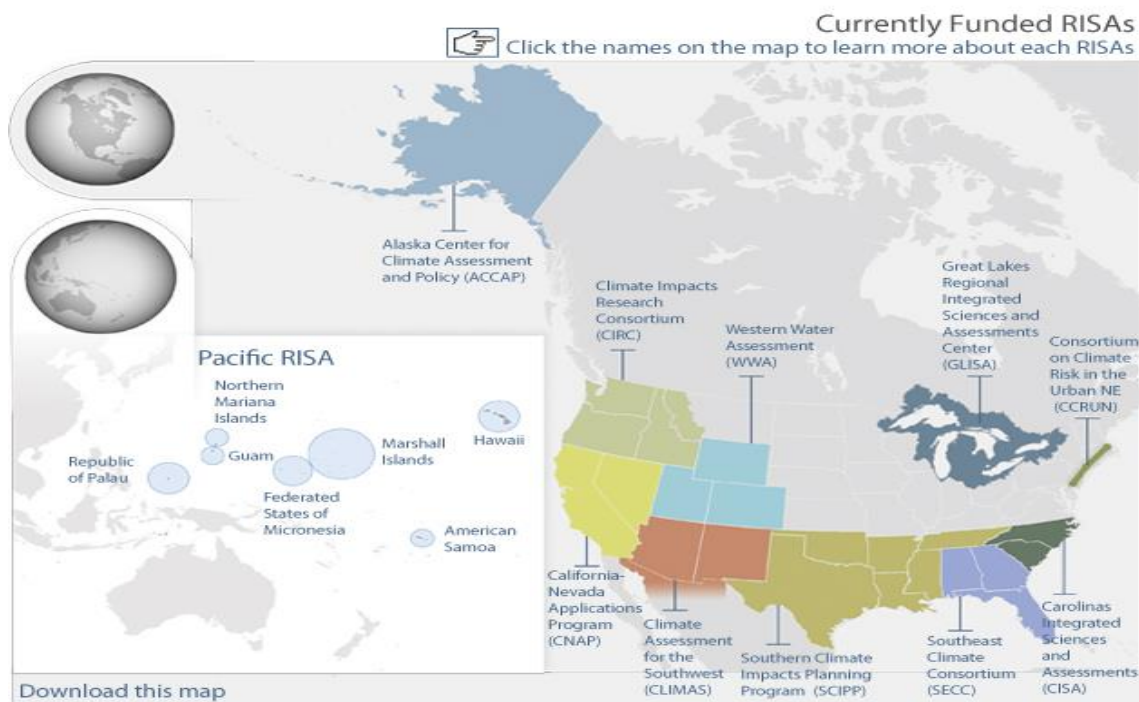
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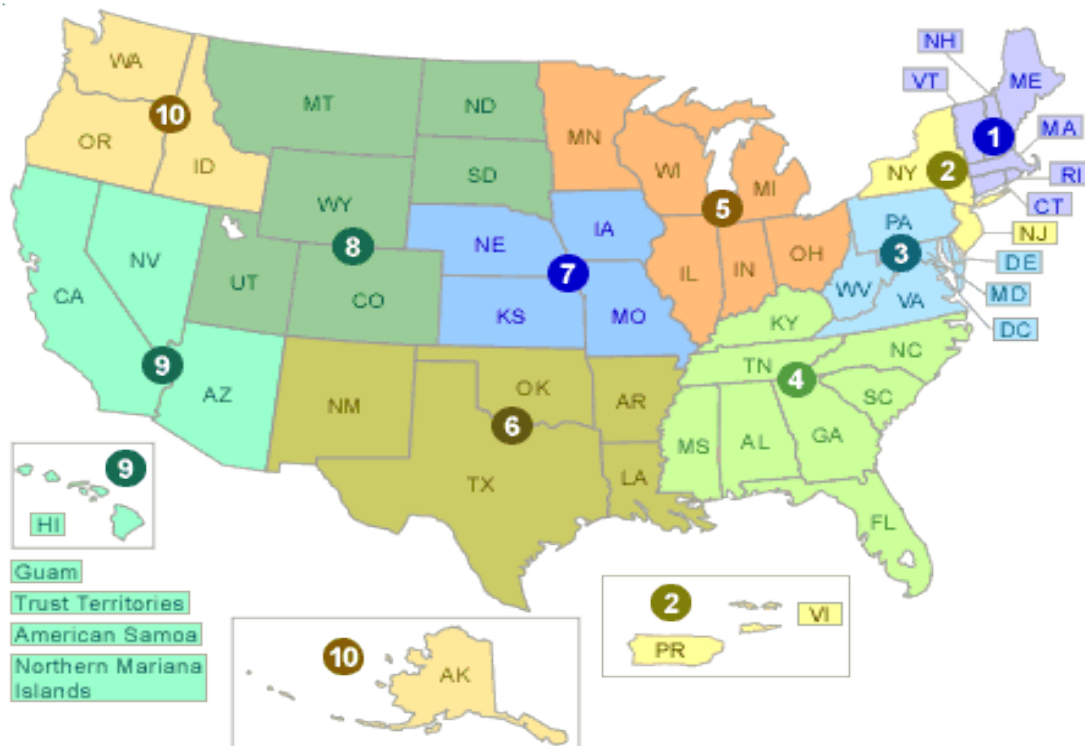
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4. Mississippi Valley Division (MVD);
5. Southwestern Division (SWD);
6. South Pacific Division (SPD);
7. Northwest Division (NWD); and
8. Pacific Ocean Division (POD).

These divisions covering multiple States and Tribal areas are broken up into districts as shown below. The divisions and districts work with their local partners and stakeholders and Tribes in authorized activities supporting Civil Works and Military Missions programs and operations. Effective climate change preparedness and resilience is especially important for USACE because the hydrologic processes underlying water resources management are very sensitive to changes in climate and weather and also because those same changes affect our military support missions, both nationally and internationally.

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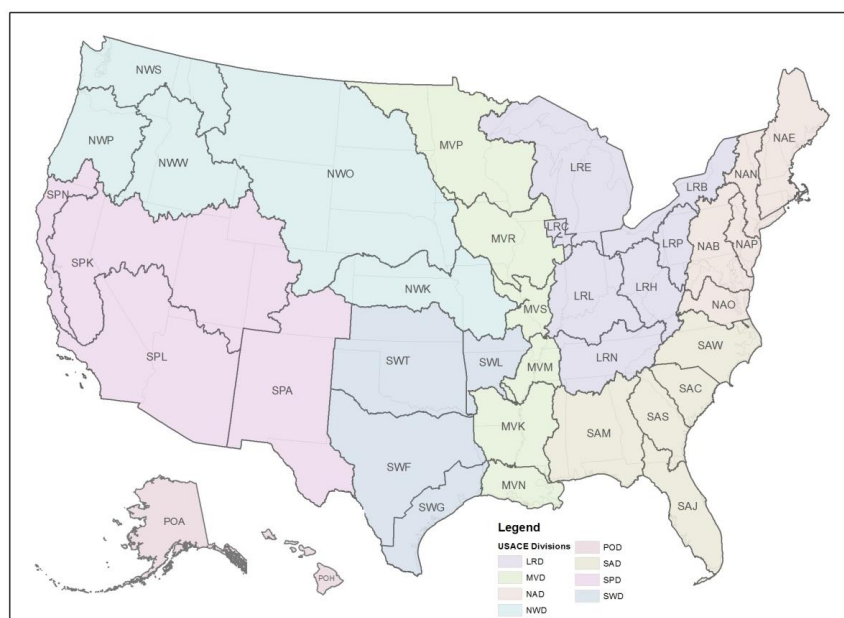
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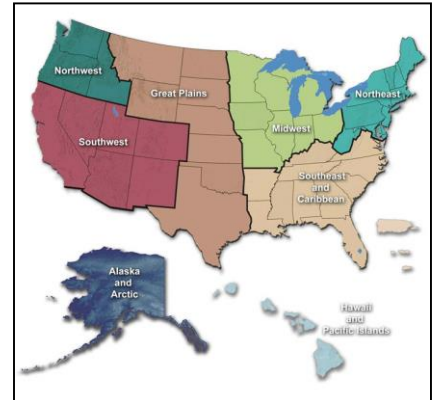
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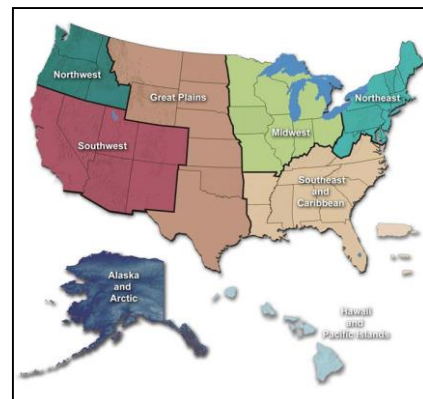
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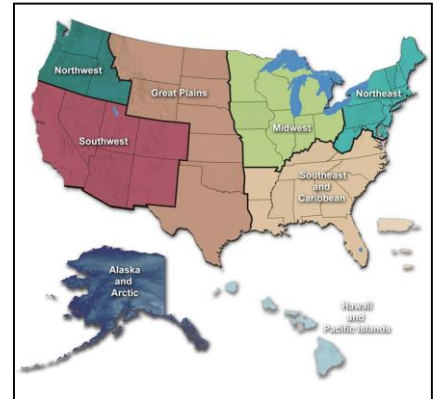
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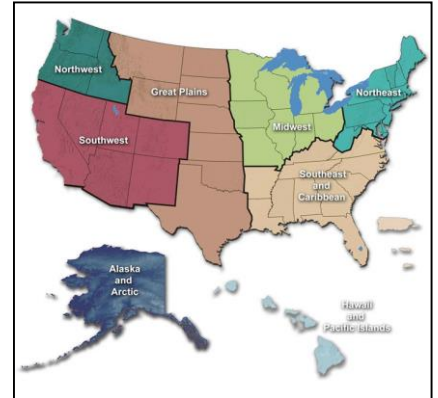
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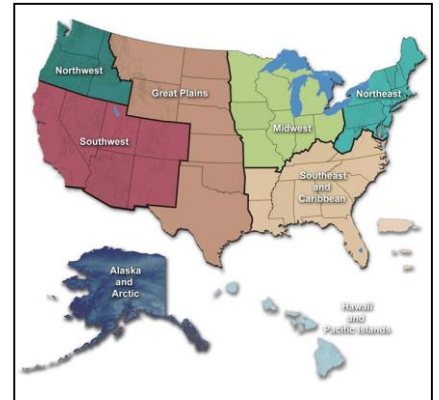
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