






# PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## Description of the Project Area

The FirstNet Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement project area would cover the geography of 50 states, 5 territories, the District of Columbia, and 566 Federally recognized tribes. Over the past 30 years, wireless operators have invested tens of billions of dollars in terrestrial networks covering over 60% of the U.S. land mass. The NPSBN is intended to provide nationwide service, and it is intended to include milestones that address wilderness and rural coverage gaps.

The project area is divided into five regions:

-  **East** – comprised of FEMA regions 1, 2, and 3 (with the exception of PR and USVI)
-  **Central** – comprised of FEMA regions 5, 7, and 8
-  **South** – comprised of FEMA regions 4 and 6
-  **West** – comprised of FEMA regions 9 and 10 (except for AK and the Pacific Islands)
-  **Non-Contiguous** – comprised of AK, HI, PR, USVI, CNMI, AS, and Guam

