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11.1 Regional Organization. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is organized on the landscape into seven regions in support of the 12 Department of the Interior (DOI) Unified Regions as specified in paragraph 11.2. A full description of the Unified Regions is found at 105 DM 3. Within their assigned regions, Regional Directors are responsible for the execution of all USGS science programs including research and development activities; investigative studies; data collection and integration; tools, technologies and protocol development; and data dissemination, technical assistance, and assessment. This includes:

A. Providing leadership to ensure quality and relevance of science and information products; and providing quality and consistency in the application of management policies and procedures with full authority and responsibility for all science programs and field-based administrative support activities.

B. Providing scientific leadership, management, and direction for the entire breadth of USGS science; providing capabilities to the science centers and multidisciplinary project personnel within the region of responsibility; and providing bureau-wide leadership for national-level issues or administration priorities with strong regional implementation requirements.

C. Serving as the key representative for the Director and the USGS with customers, partners, and stakeholders in their respective region and as the primary representative for regional congressional relations.

D. Working with the USGS Office of Communications and Publishing to communicate USGS programs, capabilities, and relevance to the news media, USGS constituents, and customers.

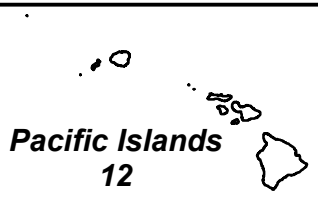
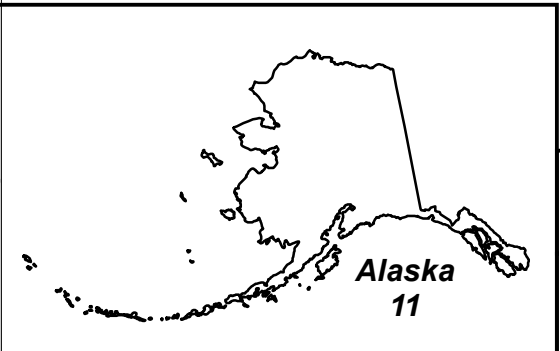
E. Managing the science and science support activities of the region through immediate staff and the science center directors. The Regional Directors oversee staff to support the formulation, execution, and management of regional science and science support activities. The staff provides support for long-range strategic planning and performance monitoring,

regional program execution, and contributes to bureau-level program planning, policy, and budget formulation.

F. Coordinating with DOI Regional Directors to provide needed scientific expertise to other Departmental Bureaus and Offices located in the Unified Regions, particularly in the areas of recreation, permitting, and collaborative conservation. In addition, the USGS Regional Director shall support regional administrative shared services activities managed by the Interior Regional Director.

11.2 Regional Offices and Locations. USGS offices align with the DOI Unified Regions. See map in Appendix 1. Offices are managed by Regional Directors with line authority and responsibility for managing science programs and related support activities within their assigned region. The regions of responsibility for the USGS Regional Directors and how they align with the Unified Regions are listed in the table below.

UNIFIED REGIONS	USGS OFFICES/STATES
Region 11/Alaska	Alaska
Region 5 (Missouri Basin) and Region 3 (Great Lakes)	Midcontinent/Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, part of eastern Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin
Region 1 (North Atlantic-Appalachian)	Northeast/Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia
Region 9 (Columbia-Pacific Northwest) and Region 12 (Pacific Islands)	Northwest-Pacific Islands/Hawaii, Idaho, part of western Montana, Oregon, Washington, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other U.S. possessions in the Pacific
Region 7 (Upper Colorado Basin)	Rocky Mountains/Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah
Region 2 (South Atlantic-Gulf), Region 4 (Mississippi Basin), and Region 6 (Arkansas-Rio Grande-Texas-Gulf)	Southeast/Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands
Region 8 (Lower Colorado Basin) and Region 10 (California-Great Basin)	Southwest/Arizona, California, Nevada



*Region 12 Includes: Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other US possessions in the Pacific

