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2.1 General Organization. The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is headed by a Commissioner. The Commissioner, Chief of Staff, a principal Deputy Commissioner¹, and two Deputy Commissioners comprise the immediate office of the Commissioner. All organizations outside of the Commissioner's immediate office report to one of the three Deputy Commissioners. Headquarters functions are primarily carried out by offices located in Washington, D.C., and Denver, CO (see [organization chart](#)). Activities outside Washington, D.C., are generally confined to 17 Western States. Work is also performed in other states, territories, and foreign countries on a case-by-case basis, as requested, and authorized.

2.2 Regional and Field Structure. The area of the 17 Western States falls within the following six Department of the Interior Unified Regions: Missouri Basin, Arkansas-Rio Grande-Texas-Gulf, Upper Colorado Basin, Lower Colorado Basin, Columbia-Pacific Northwest, and California-Great Basin. The regional office boundaries are defined on the attached map entitled "12 Unified Regions Based on Watersheds." Each Reclamation regional office is headed by a regional director, who reports to the Deputy Commissioner, Operations. Area managers report to regional directors and provide project and water resources management services over areas in the Western States. Specialized offices also report to regional offices and generally perform construction and field power operations. See 155 DM 10 for additional information on field office structure and geographical areas.

¹ The principal Deputy Commissioner is typically a Schedule C, politically appointed position.

12 Unified Regions Based on Watersheds

