



First Responder Network Authority  
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To: All Interested Parties

Subject: FirstNet – Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Western Region

On September 16, 2016, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) will release the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) in the Western Region of the United States (Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington).

FirstNet's mission is to ensure the building, operation, and maintenance of the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network for public safety. The NPSBN is intended to enhance the ability of the public safety community to perform more reliably, effectively, and safely; increase situational awareness during an emergency; and improve the ability of the public safety community to effectively engage in those critical activities. The Draft PEIS analyzes potential impacts of the deployment and operation of the NPSBN on the natural and human environment, in accordance with FirstNet's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Draft PEIS will be available for download from [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (FIRSTNET-2016-0004). A CD-ROM of this document will also be available for viewing at public libraries (see Chapter 14 of the Draft PEIS for the complete distribution list).

FirstNet will formally release the Draft PEIS via a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register on September 16, 2016, which will initiate a 60-day public comment period ending on November 15, 2016. As part of this process, members of the public, public agencies, and other interested parties are encouraged to submit comments, questions, and concerns about the project through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (FIRSTNET-2016-0004)] or mailed to:

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FirstNet will also hold public meetings in each of the six states. Attendees can obtain information regarding the project and/or submit a comment in person at the public meetings.



**FirstNet Western Region Public Meeting Schedule and Locations**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Location</b>
October 3, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Olympia, WA	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Olympia 415 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501 <a href="http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/washington/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-olympia-OLMCWDT/index.html">http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/washington/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-olympia-OLMCWDT/index.html</a>
October 4, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Los Angeles, CA	Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza 251 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 <a href="https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/los-angeles-california-plaza">https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/los-angeles-california-plaza</a>
October 5, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Sacramento, CA	Hyatt Regency Sacramento 1209 L Street, Sacramento, California 95814 <a href="https://sacramento.regency.hyatt.com/">https://sacramento.regency.hyatt.com/</a>
October 6, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Carson City, NV	Courtyard Carson City 3870 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 <a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rnocc-courtyard-carson-city/">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rnocc-courtyard-carson-city/</a>
October 12, 2016	3 to 8 p.m.	Salem, OR	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Salem, Oregon 1590 Weston Court NE, Salem, Oregon 97301 <a href="http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-salem-oregon-SLENSDT/index.html">http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-salem-oregon-SLENSDT/index.html</a>
October 18, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Phoenix, AZ	Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel 100 North 1st Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004 <a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phxbd-renaissance-phoenix-downtown-hotel/">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phxbd-renaissance-phoenix-downtown-hotel/</a>
October 20, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Pocatello, ID	Red Lion Hotel Pocatello 1555 Pocatello Creek Road, Pocatello, Idaho 83201 <a href="http://www.redlion.com/pocatello">http://www.redlion.com/pocatello</a>



FirstNet will review the information and public comments received during the 60-day public comment period for consideration in the development of the Final PEIS for the Western Region; all comments received will be compiled in an appendix to the Final PEIS. After publication of the Final PEIS, FirstNet will publish a Record of Decision identifying the potential impacts associated with the project and the selection of an alternative; this information will be made available on the FirstNet website.

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