

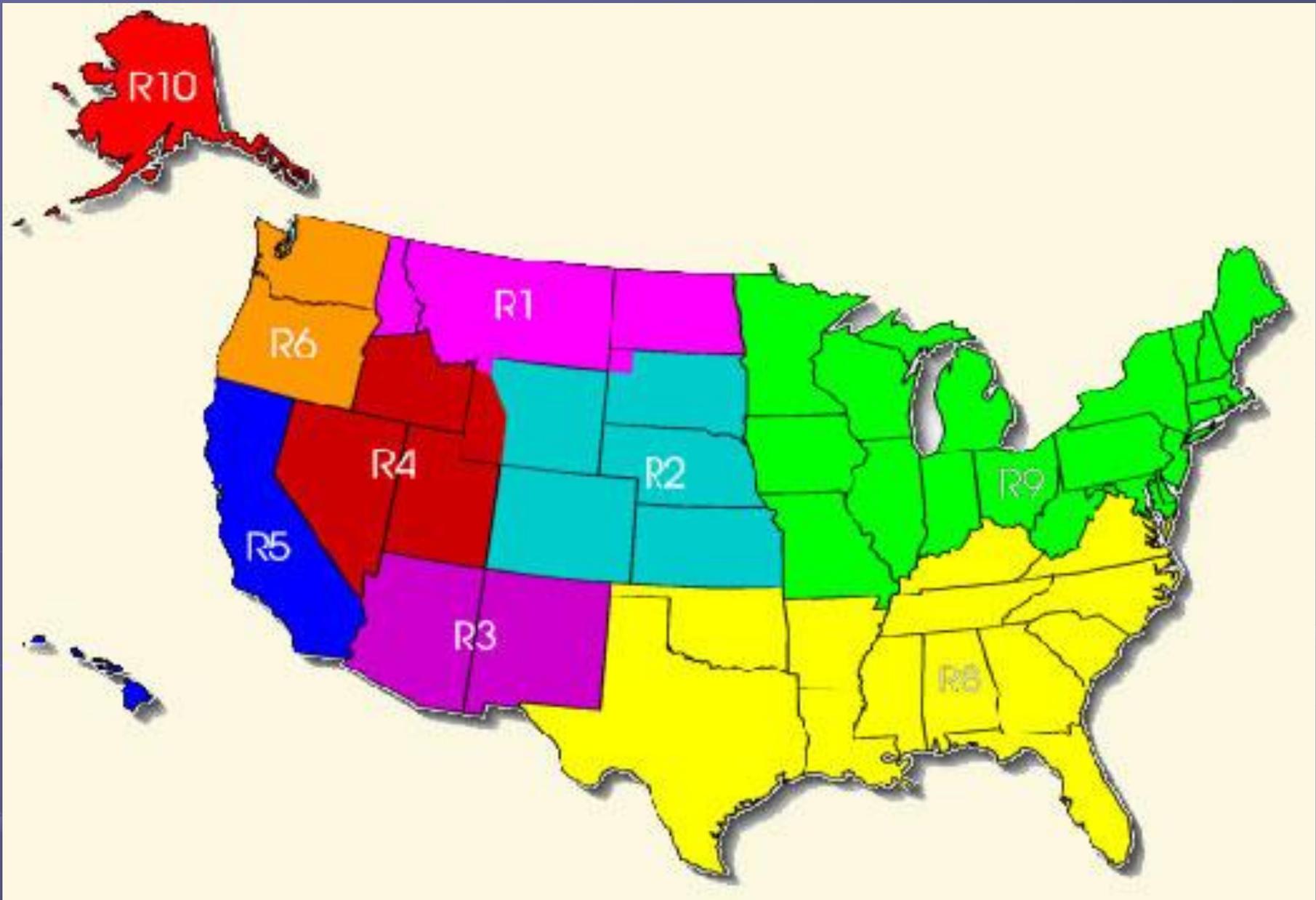
Solid Leasable Permitting and Leasing Process

Roles and Responsibilities of the U.S. Forest Service

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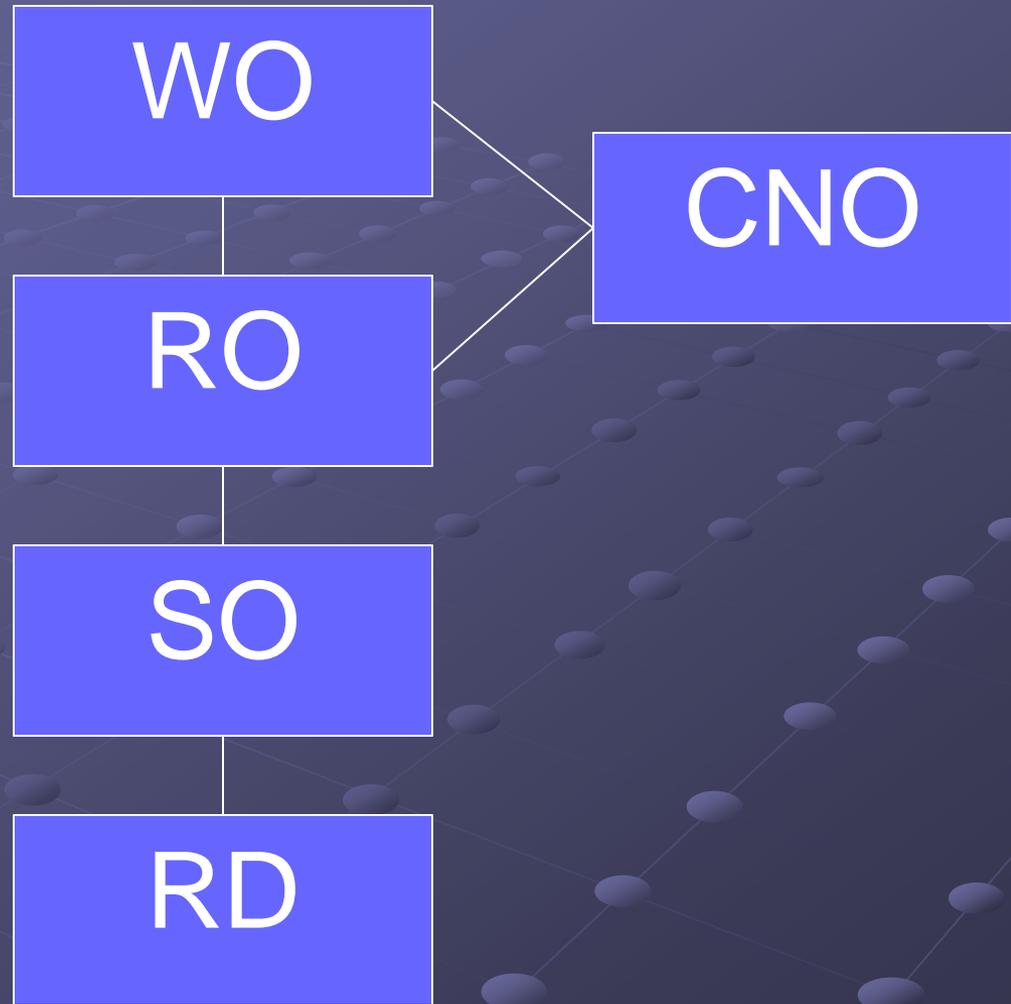


FOREST SERVICE MINERALS PROGRAM POLICY

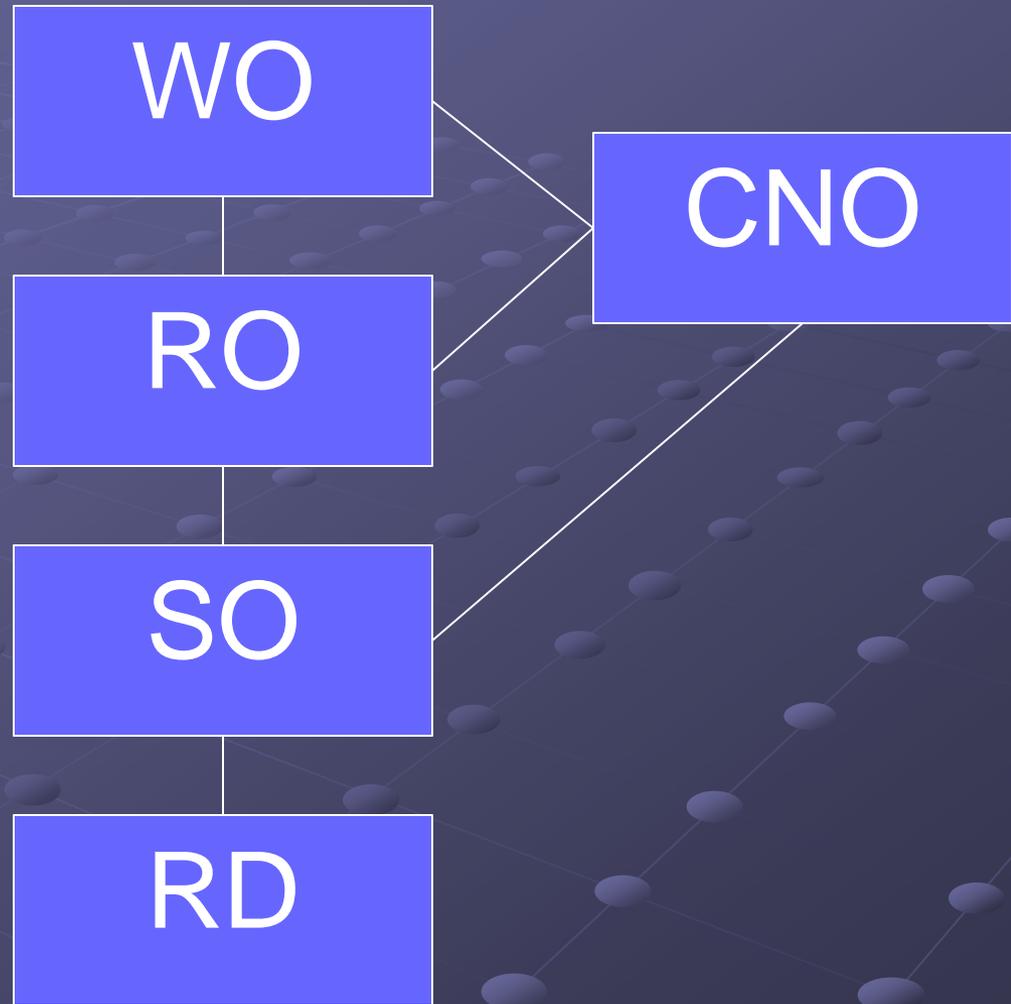
The Federal Government's policy for minerals resource management is expressed in the Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970, "foster and encourage private enterprise in the development of economically sound and stable industries, and in the orderly and economic development of domestic resources to help assure satisfaction of industrial, security, and environmental needs." Within this context, the National Forests and Grasslands have an essential role in contributing to an adequate and stable supply of mineral and energy resources while continuing to sustain the land's productivity for other uses and its capability to support biodiversity goals.

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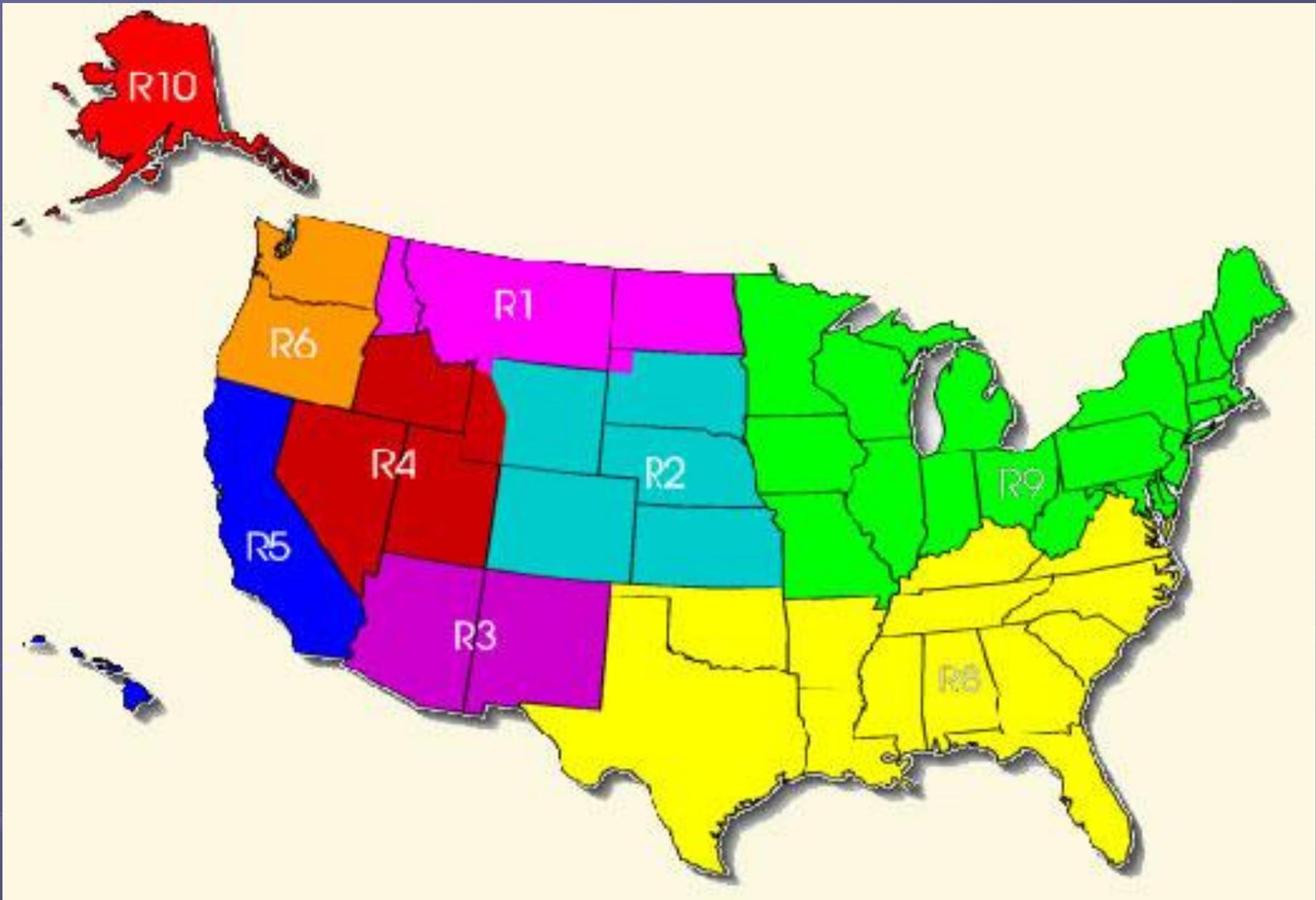


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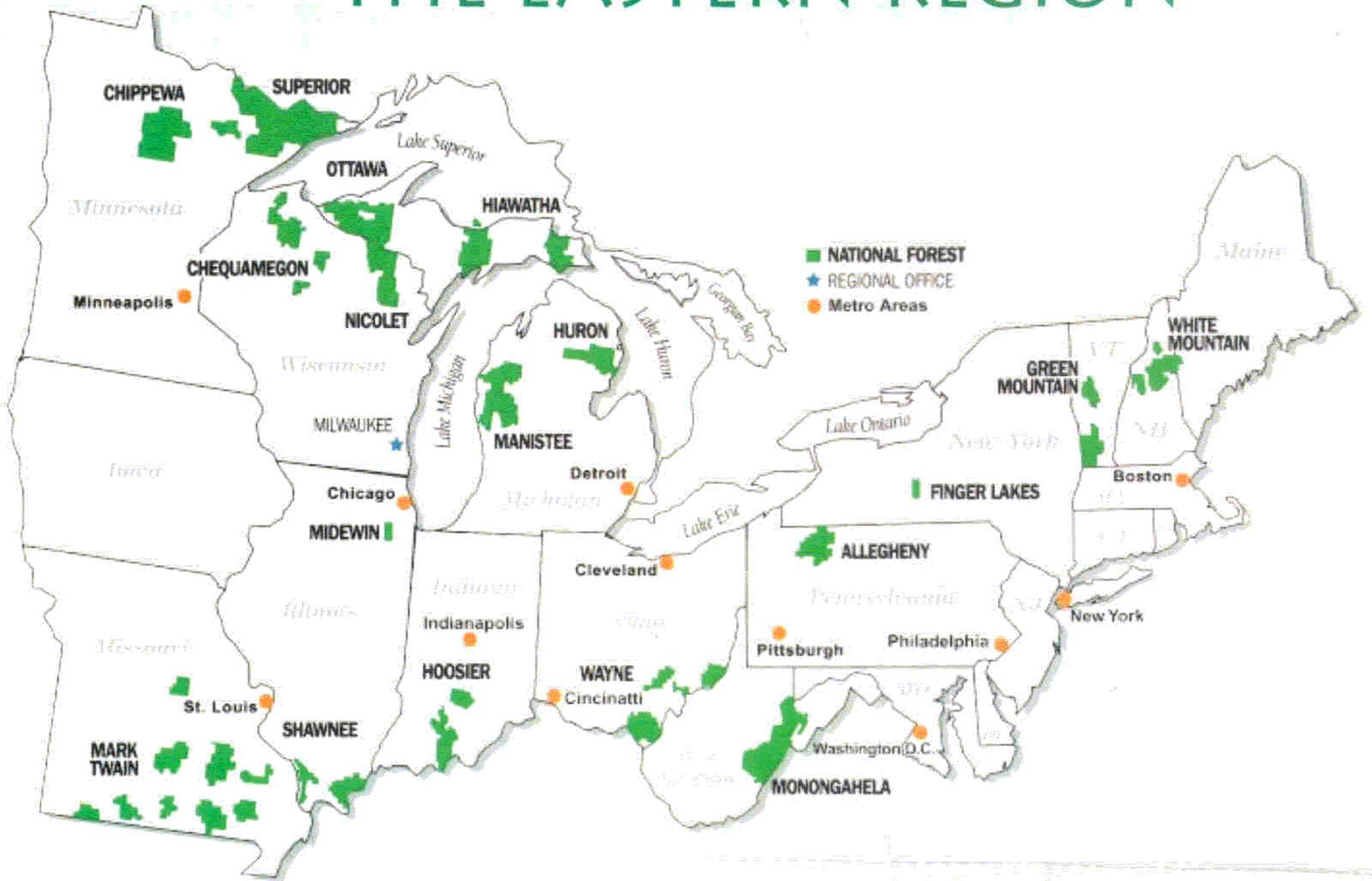


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1897 – Organic Act

Organic Act of June 4, 1897, 16 U.S.C. 473-78, 480-82, 551. Authorized mineral exploration within National Forest Reserves.



1917 – Mineral Resources on Weeks Law Land Act

This is the authority for leasing Hardrock minerals on lands acquired under provisions of the Weeks Law.



1920 – Mineral lands Leasing Act of February 25, 1920

Provided the exclusive permit/lease system for coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas and sodium.

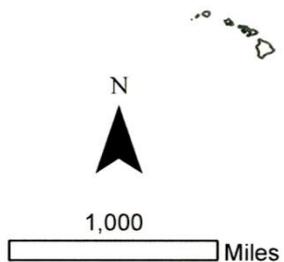
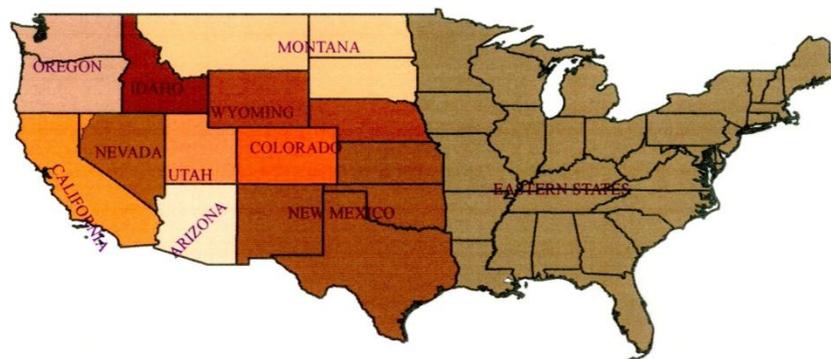
1946 – Reorganization Plan No. 3

§402, 60 Stat. 1099, effective July 16, 1946. This transferred the authority over leasing Hardrock minerals on National Forest lands acquired under the Weeks Law from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of Interior.

1947 - Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands

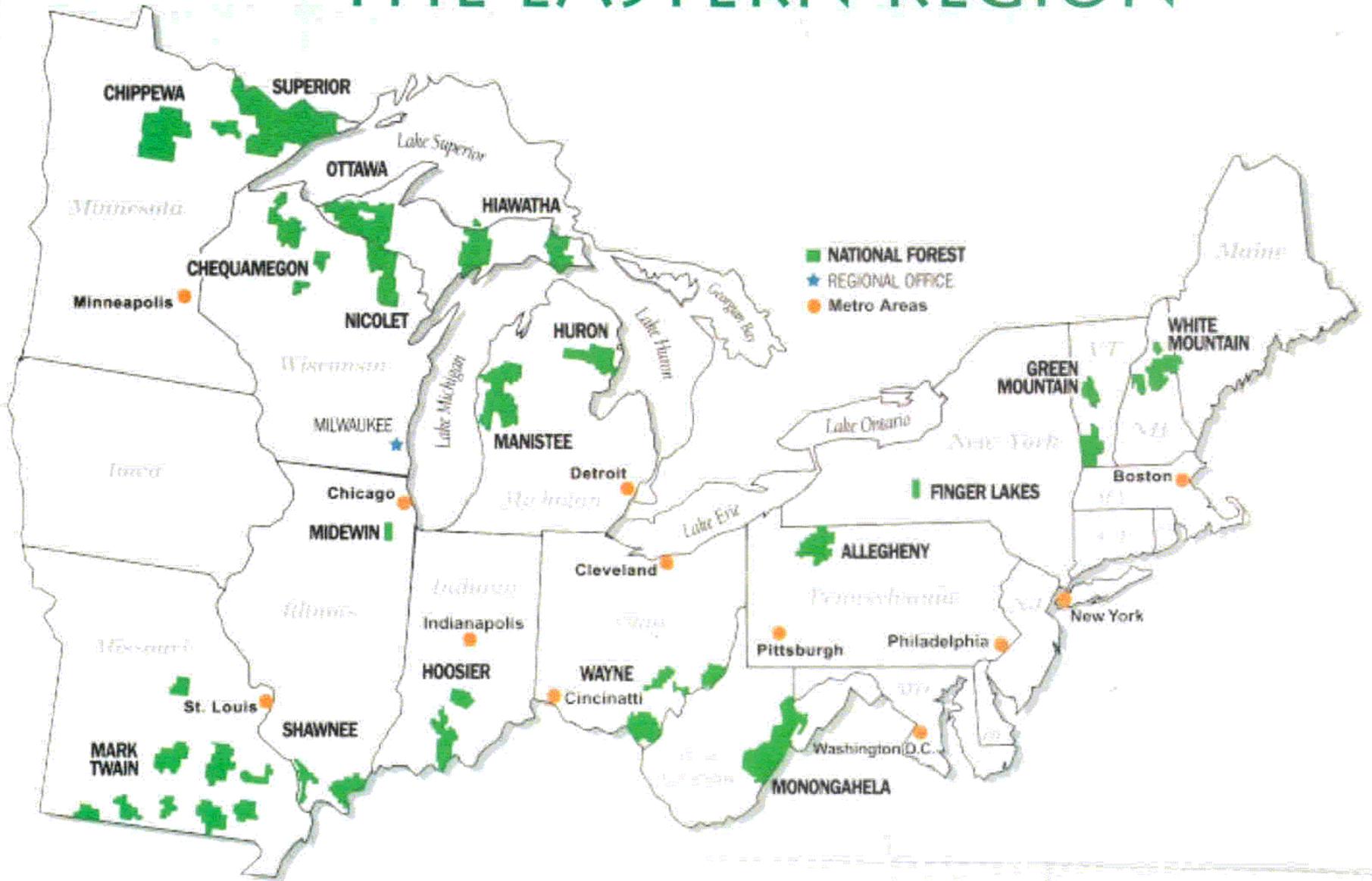
Extended provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 to acquired National Forest system lands.

Bureau of Land Management Administrative Areas



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Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeastern States Field Office

(NSFO) Organization Chart

BLM NSFO Staff Directory

http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/info/directory/MFO_Dir.html

Authorities and Direction

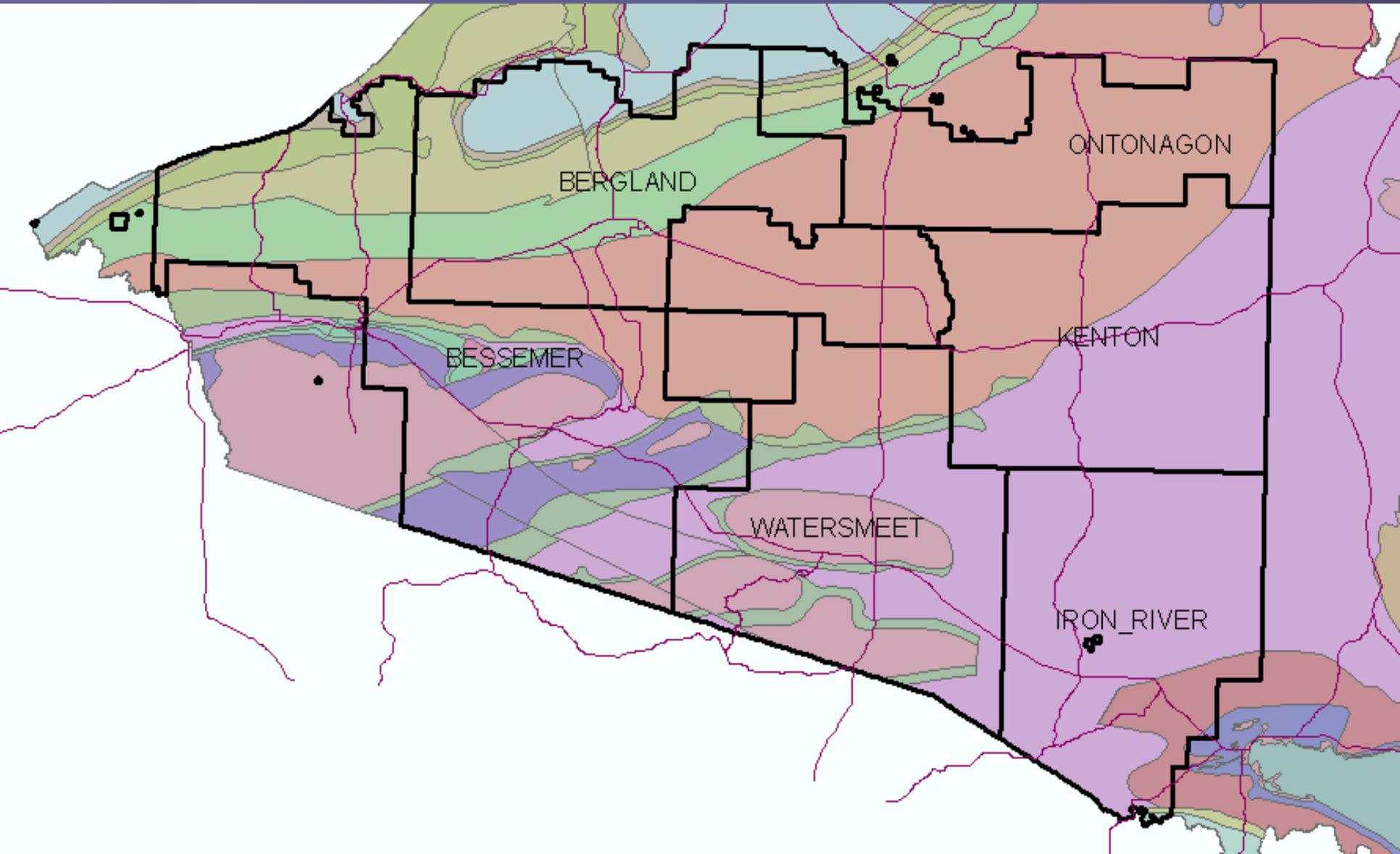
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- IA
- MOU
- [CFR](#)

The principal laws relating to Forest Service activities.

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Initial Interest



Surface Geophysics



Permit:

FS-2700-4 – Special Use Permit

FS-2800-14 – Application for PP

FS-2800-15 – Geophysical PP

Surface Geophysics



NEPA:

CE/DM

FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30

31.11 (a) (3), 31.12, 8., 31.2, 8.

Acquisition of Mineral Rights

BLM Prospecting Permit – 43 CFR
3503.20 (b):

For acquired lands, the BLM must have written consent from the surface management agency before a prospecting permit can be issued.

Acquisition of Mineral Rights

BLM Prospecting Permits – 43 CFR
3505

NEPA:

- Case By Case EA/DN
- BLM Cooperating Agency
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Acquisition of Mineral Rights

BLM Exploration Licenses – 43 CFR
3506

Consultation and conditions of approval

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Core Drilling

Consultation and
conditions of approval

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Acquisition of Mineral Rights

BLM Preference Right lease – 43 CFR
3507.19 (c):

For acquired lands, the BLM must have written consent from the surface management agency before a lease can be issued.

Preference Right or Noncompetitive Leasing

NEPA:

EIS/ROD

Joint via MOU

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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?



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