



First Responder Network Authority  
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To: All Interested Parties

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

On August 12, 2016, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) released the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) in the Central Region of the United States (Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming).

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 is available for download from [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (FIRSTNET-2016-0003). A CD of this document is also available for viewing at public libraries (see Chapter 24 of the Draft PEIS for the complete distribution list).

FirstNet formally released the Draft PEIS via a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register on August 12, 2016, which initiated a 60-day comment period ending on October 11, 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-2016-0003] or mailed to:

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FirstNet will also hold public meetings in each of the 16 states. Attendees can obtain information regarding the project and/or submit a comment in person.



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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sept. 7, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Des Moines, IA	Hyatt Place Des Moines/Downtown 418 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309 <a href="http://desmoines.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html">http://desmoines.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html</a>
Sept. 7, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	St. Paul, MN	The Saint Paul Hotel 350 Market Street, St. Paul, MN 55102 <a href="https://www.saintpaulhotel.com/">https://www.saintpaulhotel.com/</a>
Sept. 13, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Indianapolis, IN	JW Marriott Indianapolis 10 S West Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 <a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/indjw-jw-marriott-indianapolis/">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/indjw-jw-marriott-indianapolis/</a>
Sept. 13, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Jefferson City, MO	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Jefferson City 422 Monroe Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101 <a href="http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/missouri/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-jefferson-city-JEFDTDT/index.html">http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/missouri/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-jefferson-city-JEFDTDT/index.html</a>
Sept. 14, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Topeka, KS	Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center Topeka 1717 SW Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, KS 66612 <a href="http://www.capitolplazahoteltopeka.com/">http://www.capitolplazahoteltopeka.com/</a>
Sept. 14, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Columbus, OH	Residence Inn Columbus Downtown 36 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215 <a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cmhrd-residence-inn-columbus-downtown/">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cmhrd-residence-inn-columbus-downtown/</a>
Sept. 15, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Lincoln, NE	The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel 333 South 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 <a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lmkfs-the-lincoln-marriott-cornhusker-hotel/">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lmkfs-the-lincoln-marriott-cornhusker-hotel/</a>
Sept. 20, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Denver, CO	Sheraton Denver West Hotel 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, CO 80228 <a href="http://www.sheratondenverwest.com/">http://www.sheratondenverwest.com/</a>
Sept. 20, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Bismarck, ND	Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel 800 South 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Bismarck, ND 58504 <a href="http://bismarck.bwramkota.com/">http://bismarck.bwramkota.com/</a>
Sept. 21, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Pierre, SD	Pierre ClubHouse Hotel & Suites 808 West Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501 <a href="http://pierre.clubhouseinn.com/">http://pierre.clubhouseinn.com/</a>
Sept. 21, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Cheyenne, WY	Fairfield Inn & Suites Cheyenne Southwest/Downtown Area 1820 West Lincolnway, Cheyenne, WY 82001 <a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cyssw-fairfield-inn-and-suites-cheyenne-southwest-downtown-area/">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cyssw-fairfield-inn-and-suites-cheyenne-southwest-downtown-area/</a>



Date	Time	City	Location
Sept. 27, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Salt Lake City, UT	Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek 75 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 <a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/slcut-salt-lake-marriott-downtown-at-city-creek/">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/slcut-salt-lake-marriott-downtown-at-city-creek/</a>
Sept. 27, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Madison, WI	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Madison 525 West Johnson Street, Madison, WI 53703 <a href="http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/wisconsin/double-tree-by-hilton-hotel-madison-MSNDTDT/index.html">http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/wisconsin/double-tree-by-hilton-hotel-madison-MSNDTDT/index.html</a>
Sept. 29, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Helena, MT	Lewis & Clark Library - Helena Branch 120 S Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601 <a href="https://www.lclibrary.org/129/Helena">https://www.lclibrary.org/129/Helena</a>
Sept. 29, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Springfield, IL	Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 <a href="http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/illinois/springfield/wyndham-springfield-city-centre/hotel-overview">http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/illinois/springfield/wyndham-springfield-city-centre/hotel-overview</a>
Oct. 6, 2016	4 to 8 p.m.	Lansing, MI	East Lansing Marriott at University Place 300 M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing, MI 48823 <a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lanea-east-lansing-marriott-at-university-place/">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lanea-east-lansing-marriott-at-university-place/</a>

Information and public comments received during the 60-day period will be reviewed for consideration in the development of the Final PEIS for the Central Region; all comments received will be compiled in an appendix to the Final PEIS. After 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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