

Permitting and Environmental Information Mapping Application

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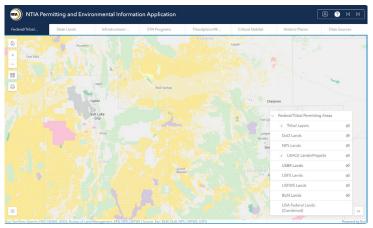
GIS-Based Permitting and NEPA Tool



The NTIA Permitting and Environmental Information Application can help identify permit requirements and avoid potential environmental impacts when deploying broadband infrastructure.

WHAT IS THE PERMITTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION APPLICATION?

The <u>Permitting and Environmental Information Application</u> was created to help with permitting planning and environmental review preparation efforts by providing access to multiple maps from publicly available sources, including federal review, permitting, and resource agencies.



Sample of the USA Federal Lands (Combined) Layer taken from NBAM on 4/8/2024.

Uses of the tool may include:

- Identify and understand the types of permits that may be required for deployment
- Plan routes to utilize existing
 Rights-of-Way and avoid sensitive
 environmental resources
 - Print maps to pdf or export data to existing GIS systems

Layers in the application include multiple publicly available data sources including federal lands, Tribal lands, state lands, existing rights-of-way and other infrastructure, EPA programs, floodplains and wetlands layers, critical habitats for threatened and endangered species, and historic places.

HOW TO USE THIS TOOL

The <u>Permitting and Environmental Information Application</u> is publicly available at https://broadbandusa.ntia.gov/assistance/permitting and includes a tutorial video explaining how to use the mapping tool to help identify potential permit requirements and environmentally sensitive areas.

The NTIA Permitting and Environmental Information Application should be used for informational purposes only and is intended solely to assist users with preliminary identification of broadband deployments that may require permits or planning to avoid potentially significant impacts to environmental resources subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other statutory requirements. Use of the Application presumes familiarity with training information provided for the tool. The Application is not an exhaustive or complete resource and does not and is not intended to substitute for, supersede, modify, or otherwise alter any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements, or the specific application requirements set forth in any NTIA NOFO, Terms and Conditions, or Special Award Condition. In all cases, statutory and regulatory mandates, and the requirements set forth in NTIA grant documents, shall prevail over any inconsistencies contained in these templates.



