This map depicts regional and subregional ecological units developed according to the classification scheme of the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (Ayers et al., 1994). The map presents the first iteration of subsections, which nest within and refine successively larger ecological units (Bailey et al., 1995, revised), ultimately being bounded by delineations of the Humid Temperate and Humid Tropical Domains of the continental United States and Puerto Rico.

Ecological Units are identified at all hierarchical levels by the integration of physical and biological components of the environment, which include climate, landform, geomorphology, geology, soils, hydrology, potential vegetation, and water. All components are considered and evaluated in the placement of boundaries, but their importance varies with scale.

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