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<h2 class="western">General Comment</h2>
<p>The National and Regional CASCs serve as a cornerstone of the
nation's climate adaptation strategy, bridging federal science
capabilities with state, local, and tribal natural resource managers.
Annual performance and financial reports provide transparent
accountability, enabling the USGS National CASC to track milestone
delivery, ensure fiscal compliance, and adapt regional research
agendas to pressing on-the-ground management needs. <br/>
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has reasonably scoped the reporting burden, distributing an estimated 2,590 total annual burden hours across 307 structured responses. The allocation of 200 hours for a comprehensive 5-year host institution proposal appropriately reflects the depth required for institutional grant bidding, while the modest 2.5 to 5-hour estimates for annual reports prevent administrative burnout among partner organizations. This represents a lean, balanced approach to federal grants management.

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