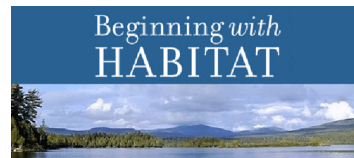






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-  To **inspire** and **inform** place-based conservation action nationwide
-  To increase the **pace** and **effectiveness** of land protection

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Land Trust Alliance

Fulfill land trusts' needs

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First-phase funding

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Defenders of Wildlife
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- State and local governments
- Land trusts
- Private landowners
- Environmentally engaged citizens
- Conservation community



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- 👁️ See and display your work in the context of local, regional and national conservation priorities
- 👁️ View detailed current aerial photography of your service area
- 👁️ Use simple online mapping tools to create, share and print maps of your conservation projects
- 👁️ Find baseline data and potentially create a baseline documentation map useful for planning and for complying with IRS requirements

Focus Group's Wish List



-  Create and save customized map views, link to them, and share them for presentations, proposals, e-mail
-  Share your land trust's mission, goals, and land holdings with a larger audience
-  Establish and connect with people from other communities and organizations who care about the land
-  Expand your constituencies and share your conservation vision with policymakers, partners and local supporters

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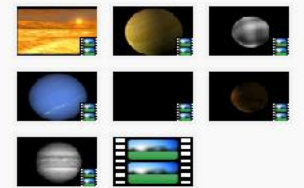
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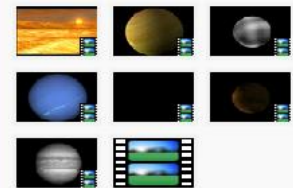
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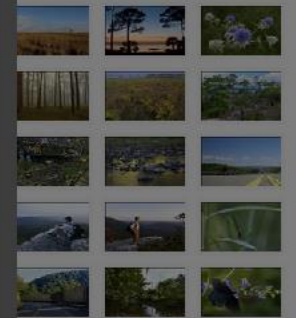
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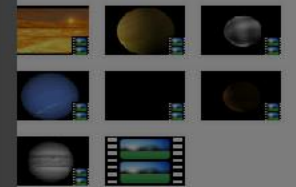
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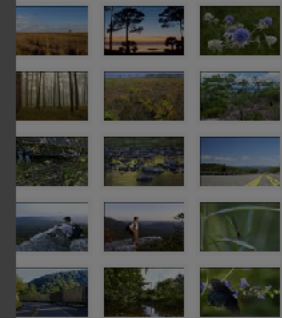
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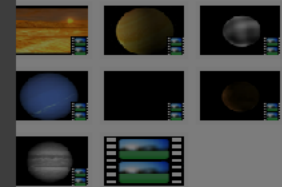
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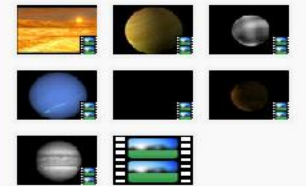
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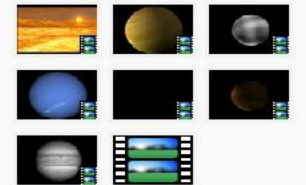
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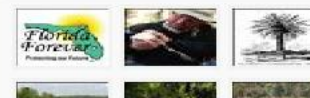
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Florida's conservation agencies and organizations work in partnership to target the best opportunities for conservation action and measure their success. These groups secure land for natural area preservation, manage the state's resources for long-term health, protect the vitality of native species, and monitor the state of conservation efforts.

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Apalachicola Prairies and Flatwoods

The Apalachicola River basin is a geographic area in the Florida panhandle that drains a watershed of some 20,000 square miles. The northern reaches of this basin include a dramatic landscape of steep bluffs and deep ravines, making these some of the most significant natural features of the southeastern Coastal Plain. The river and its surrounding forests,



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prairies, and coastal habitats are recognized as one of six biodiversity hotspots in the United States. This complex river ecosystem supports more than 1,500 species of native plants and animals, as well as numerous endemic species that exist only in this region. The river basin has the highest species diversity of reptiles and amphibians in the U.S. and Canada, with more than 40 species of amphibians and 80 species of reptiles. The Apalachicola National Forest, which borders the river, is one of the largest contiguous blocks of public lands east of the Mississippi River.

Fed by the Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers, the 107-mile-long Apalachicola River has the largest volume of water flow in Florida. It ranks as the 21st largest river in the U.S. and the fifth largest river entering the Gulf of Mexico. Regarded as one of the most productive estuarine systems in the Northern Hemisphere, Apalachicola Bay is a National Estuarine Research Reserve. The bay is designated an International Biosphere Reserve, by UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and is recognized as an Outstanding Florida Water by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The bay also supports one of the country's most productive fisheries, accounting for 13 percent of the nation's oysters and more than 50 percent of Florida's oyster catch.



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Climate Change in Florida

The global threat of climate change poses a particular challenge for Florida. Because Florida is almost surrounded by low-elevation coastline, sea-level rise is a concern for coastal ecosystems. A reasonable projection for global sea-level rise is 3 feet by 2100 (Mulkey 2007) which will certainly cause flooding and tremendous changes in coastal habitats. The Florida peninsula is also expected to become progressively more tropical as the frostline moves northward.



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Government agencies and conservation organizations have begun to address these issues but are hindered by the limitations of current data models. In 2007 Governor Crist established the Action Team on Energy and Climate Change to create the Florida Climate Change Action Plan which will include strategies to combat climate change.

For more information on the potential environmental impact of climate change in Florida, visit the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Climate Change website.

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Climate Change and Florida Scrub Jays

by Defenders of Wildlife

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge provides some of the most important remaining habitat for the **Florida scrub-jay**, the only bird whose entire range is restricted to Florida. The scrub-jay is officially listed as a threatened species as a result of its dramatic population declines in the face of the ongoing conversion, loss, and modification (including fire suppression) of its native oak-scrub habitat.

Established in 1963 as an overlay of NASA's famed John F. Kennedy Space Center on Cape Canaveral, Merritt Island NWR includes intact remnants of the oak scrub once found throughout the well-drained sandy soils in the Florida peninsula. In 2007, as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed its Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Merritt Island, Defenders of Wildlife analyzed the available scientific research on the Florida scrub-jay and identified several areas of concern related to climate change.

- Because hurricanes increase the extinction risk of coastal Florida scrub jay populations (Breininger et al. 1999), the increased storm intensity and frequency associated with global warming could further endanger Florida scrub jays.
- In wild areas without supplemented human food sources, scrub jays eat many energy-rich acorns (Fleischer et al. 2003). Researchers hypothesize that individuals that forage and handle more food breed earlier, suggesting that foraging efficiency might be a perceptual cue for breeding. Scrub jay breeding schedules rely heavily on nutritious food, so further research is necessary to determine negative effects of climate change on their food sources (mainly acorns, lizards, and frogs).
- Florida scrub jays are susceptible to inadequate fire management and fire suppression (Breininger et al. 1999, Breininger et al. 2006). Further research is necessary regarding the best scrub fire management as global warming increases drought and fluctuating fire regimes as expected.
- Current projections suggest that present habitat will not support Florida scrub jay populations for the next 60 years (Root 1998), especially since the populations are currently small and unlikely to survive a major epidemic or catastrophe. The best ways to overcome future population declines are to increase connectivity between populations and acquire and/or restore additional scrub habitat to optimal conditions (Breininger et al. 1999, Root 1998).
- Further research should determine how global warming could affect scrub habitat, since it characteristically occurs on well-drained sites with low nutrient levels and periodic fires — all factors that could be affected by climate change (Mumme et al).

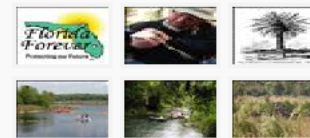
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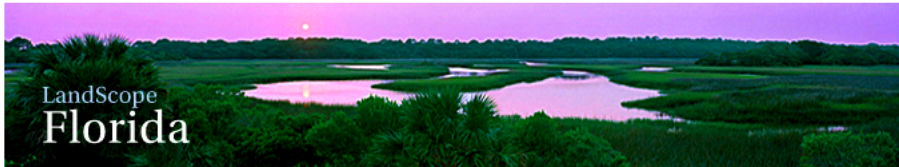


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The Florida scrub-jay, recognized in 1995 as a distinct species from the scrub-jays in the western United States, is the only bird species whose entire range is restricted to Florida. This species inhabits fire-dominated oak scrub habitat found on well-drained sandy soils in the Florida peninsula. Since Florida scrub-jays are both habitat-specific and sedentary, the species is dependent on the preservation of quality scrub communities for its continued existence.

Much of the state's original scrub has disappeared because of conversion to urban and agricultural uses as well as habitat modification such as the absence of sufficient fire. Continuing loss, fragmentation, and degradation of scrub habitat has resulted in a decline of 80 to 90 percent in the original presettlement population of Florida scrub-jays. An estimated 25 to 40 percent of this decline has occurred since the 1980's, with a 1992 range-wide estimate yielding an overall population of approximately 10,000 birds. The species is listed as threatened by both the federal and state governments, and a comprehensive habitat conservation plan is being developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Studies have indicated that conservation measures for this species will depend on preservation and long-term management of suitable scrub habitat. The fate of the Florida scrub-jay depends entirely on how the few remaining tracts of scrub are managed, both on public and private land.

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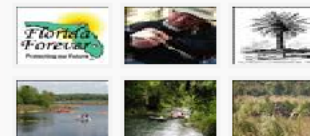
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Conservation Trust for Florida

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Our Mission

The mission of the Conservation Trust for Florida is to protect the rural landscapes of Florida. We focus on farms, ranches, working forests, and natural areas that provide landscape connections.

Our Focus

Important natural area or wildlife habitat; Working farms or ranchlands;

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Alachua County's Emerald Necklace

by Conservation Trust for Florida
Alachua County's "Emerald Necklace" initiative intends to create a protected network of trails, greenways and open spaces connected through several individual and adjacent projects.

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Wood Family Farm

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The Wood family recently finalized their dream of protecting their 172-acre farm in Evinston with a conservation easement that allows them to continue farming while also protecting a magnificent view and

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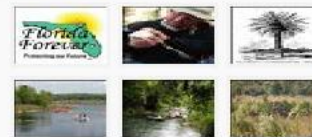
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Wood Family Farm

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Freddie Wood and his family recently finalized their dream of protecting their 172-acre family farm in Evinston with a conservation easement. The farm has been in the Wood family for over 100 years and has been designated as a Century Pioneer Family Farm by the Florida Agricultural Museum.



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The Alachua County Forever (ACF) program completed the purchase of the conservation easement on the farm this past summer. The easement will allow the Wood family to continue farming, but it will also protect a magnificent view and the shoreline along Orange Lake. The easement allows one additional home, for Freddie's son, to be built.

The process of protecting the farm started in 2004, when Freddie met with David and Peggy Carr to talk about ways that CTF could help save his farm.

Freddie agreed to submit a grant to the ACF program as a source of funds to purchase a permanent conservation easement. In conjunction with CTF, the ACF program submitted a grant to the USDA NRCS Farm and Ranchland Protection Program for 50% of the matching funds for the easement. The grant was awarded to the ACF program in 2005. The Wood farm preservation project was a great match for both programs – it protects important conservation land and habitat for sandhill cranes as well as helping to protect the water quality of Orange Lake – and it protects a working cattle ranch, which helps contribute to our local economy, and the land will stay on the tax roles and be managed by Freddie and future owners.

Evinston is a magical place – if you have ever driven around the area when the yellow coreopsis are in bloom all along the road side – you will fall in love with Old Florida.

The Evinston – Cross Creek – Micanopy area is also home to a large number of bald eagle nests, with the majority of the nearly 40 sites in Alachua County being concentrated in the "triangle of lakes" area of Orange, Lochloosa and Newnans Lake. Alachua County has the 10th highest count of bald eagles of any county in Florida.

CTF will resume working on the restoration of the Wood & Swink Old Store & Post Office, which is also owned by the Wood family, soon. We are raising funds to preserve the Wood & Swink with a historical facade easement and to protect the commercially zoned one-acre lot and the packing shed.

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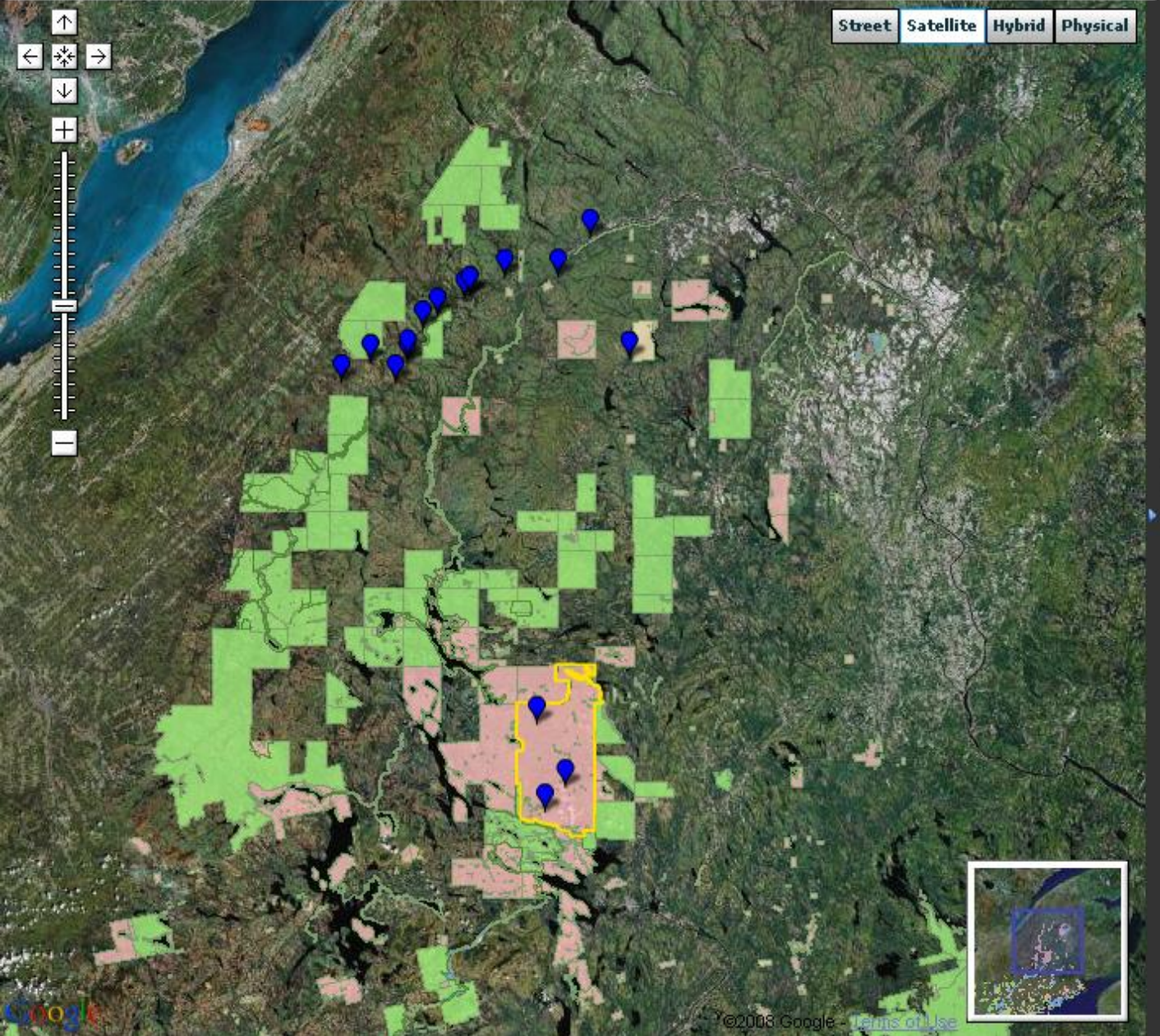
Wood and Swink Store and Post Office



Sean Dowle

Having helped Freddie and Annie Wood protect their 172-acre family farm through a conservation easement, the Conservation Trust for Florida will now turn attention toward preserving the historic Wood and Swink Store and Post Office. The Woods have owned the store since 1906, and a member of the family has served as the postmaster since 1913.





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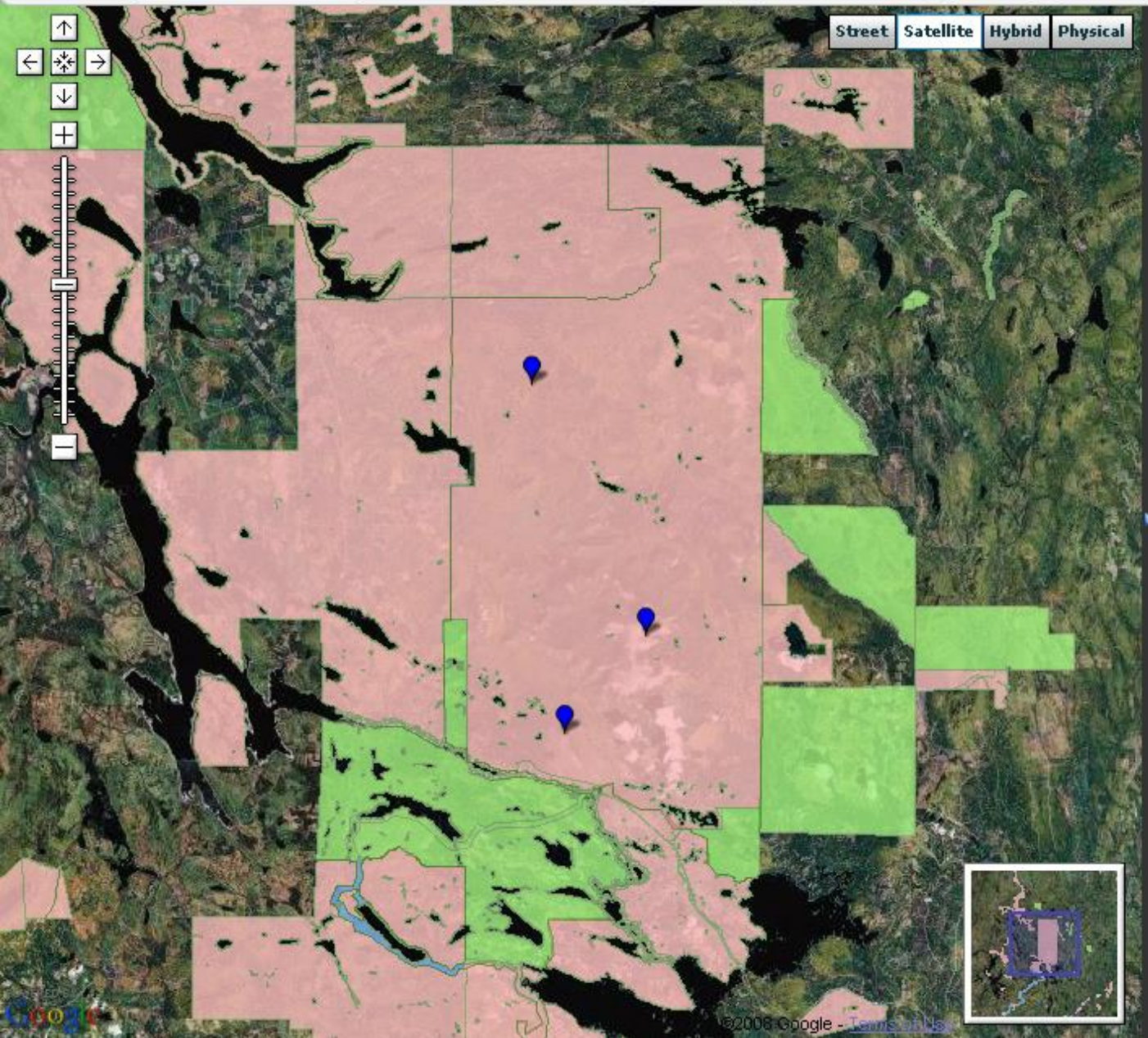
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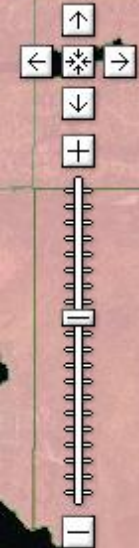
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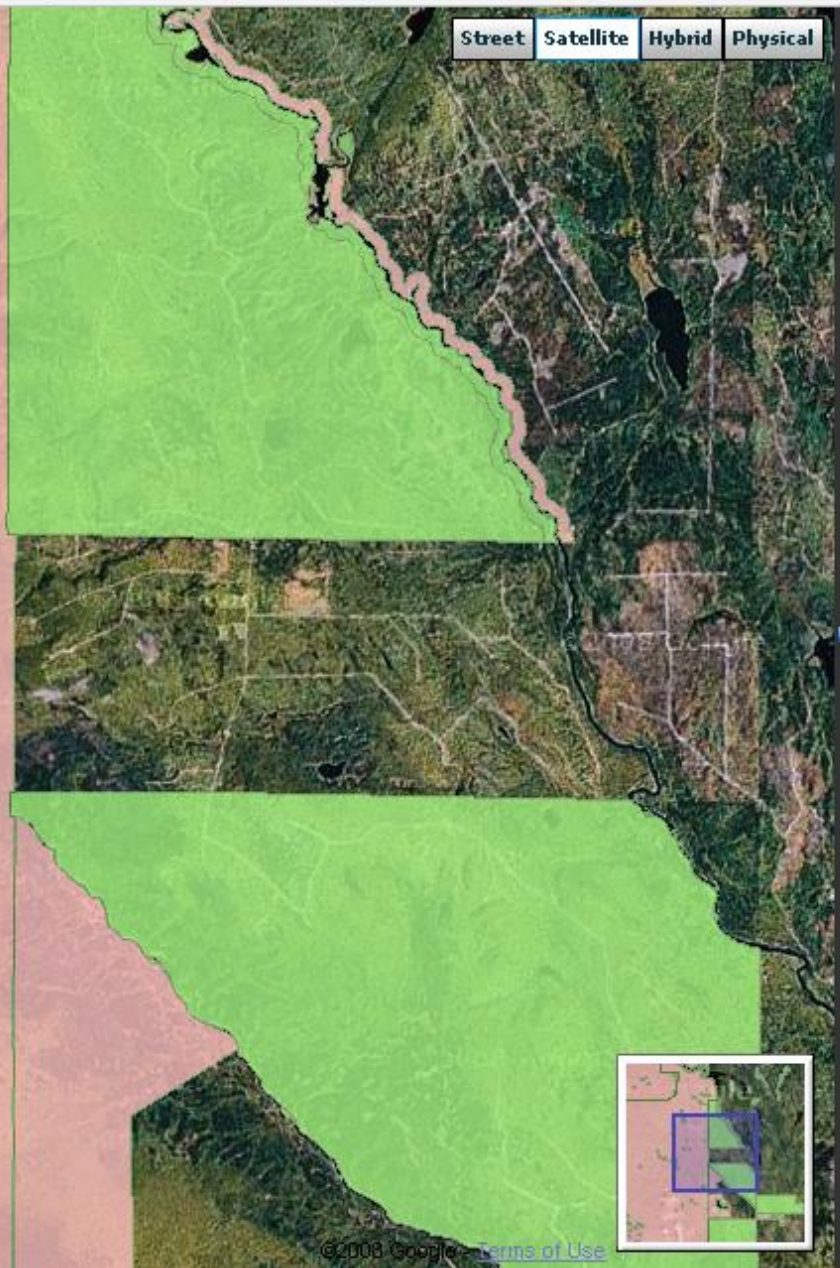
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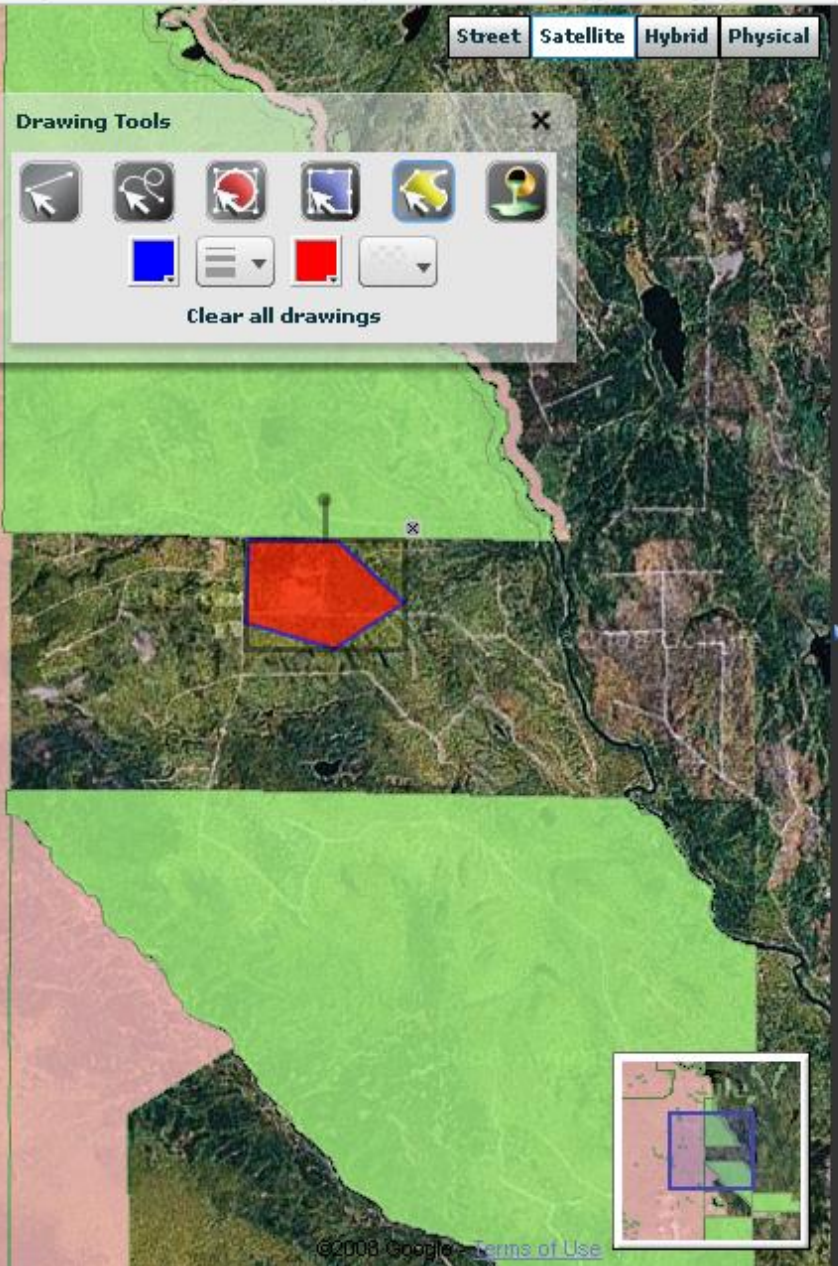
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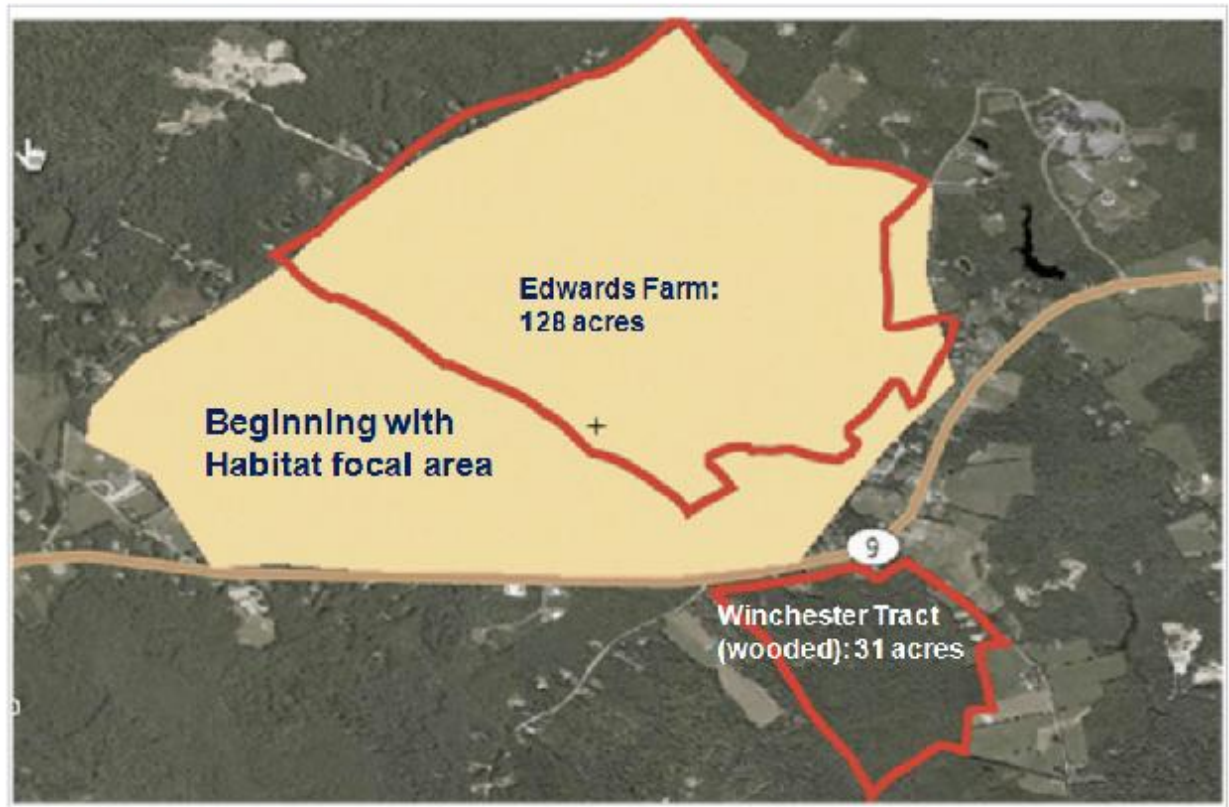
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<p>Alaska</p> <p>Alaska is a vast, rugged landscape with diverse ecosystems. It is home to the largest remaining wilderness area in the United States, including the Wrangell-Sitka National Preserve and the Denali National Preserve. The state's climate ranges from subarctic to tundra.</p>	<p>Pacific Northwest</p> <p>The Pacific Northwest is characterized by its temperate rainforests, which are home to old-growth forests of Douglas fir, western hemlock, and Sitka spruce. The region is also known for its salmon fisheries and volcanic activity.</p>	<p>Northwest</p> <p>The Northwest region includes the Pacific Northwest and the Great Basin. It features a mix of temperate rainforests, coniferous forests, and high-altitude alpine environments. The region is known for its diverse wildlife, including grizzly bears and bald eagles.</p>	<p>Great Basin</p> <p>The Great Basin is a large, arid region in the western United States. It is characterized by its high-altitude mountain ranges and surrounding basins. The region is home to a variety of plant and animal species, including sagebrush, juniper, and mule deer.</p>	<p>Southwest</p> <p>The Southwest is a diverse region with a mix of desert, grassland, and mountain environments. It is home to a variety of iconic species, including cacti, rattlesnakes, and bighorn sheep. The region is also known for its ancient ruins and cultural heritage.</p>	<p>Rocky Mountains</p> <p>The Rocky Mountains are a major mountain range in the western United States. They are home to a wide variety of ecosystems, from alpine tundra to subalpine forests. The region is also known for its national parks, including Yellowstone and Grand Teton.</p>	<p>Western Great Plains</p> <p>The Western Great Plains is a vast, open landscape of grasslands and shrublands. It is home to a variety of large mammals, including bison, pronghorn, and elk. The region is also known for its agricultural production and ranching industry.</p>	<p>Eastern Great Plains</p> <p>The Eastern Great Plains is a region of tallgrass prairie and mixed-grass prairie. It is home to a variety of species, including prairie dogs, burrowing owls, and American badgers. The region is also known for its agricultural production and conservation efforts.</p>	<p>Appalachian Mountains</p> <p>The Appalachian Mountains are a major mountain range in the eastern United States. They are home to a variety of ecosystems, from temperate deciduous forests to high-altitude mountain environments. The region is also known for its cultural heritage and scenic beauty.</p>	<p>Atlantic Coastal Plain</p> <p>The Atlantic Coastal Plain is a region of diverse ecosystems, including temperate deciduous forests, wetlands, and coastal habitats. It is home to a variety of species, including bald eagles, osprey, and migratory birds. The region is also known for its coastal cities and industries.</p>	<p>South Atlantic</p> <p>The South Atlantic region is a diverse landscape with a mix of coastal, wetland, and inland environments. It is home to a variety of species, including sea turtles, oysters, and migratory birds. The region is also known for its cultural heritage and scenic beauty.</p>	<p>Florida Peninsula</p> <p>The Florida Peninsula is a unique region with a mix of coastal, wetland, and inland environments. It is home to a variety of species, including alligators, manatees, and migratory birds. The region is also known for its cultural heritage and scenic beauty.</p>
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Natural States of America

The American landscape is a mosaic of natural resources, from the vast plains to the rugged mountains, from the dense forests to the open deserts. Our natural heritage is a source of pride and inspiration, and it is our responsibility to protect and restore it for future generations.

Over the past two decades, America's approach to conservation has changed. The federal government, local governments, and private organizations are working together to protect our natural resources. This includes creating national parks, state parks, and public lands.

The land trust movement has grown into a mighty force. Through it, the land trusts have and other citizens have worked to acquire the private land. Protected by voluntary easements, land trusts are the great force of conservation, protecting wetlands, other public and private lands, and the open spaces of our forests, fields, and waters.

While people are taking better care of their land and planning for the future, they are also taking better care of their land. Through smart conservation and landscape-scale planning, they are addressing the most complex issues, including the challenges posed by climate change.

Working with local conservation partners has also changed. Conservation organizations are working together, often across state lines, to protect our natural resources. They are also working with local governments and private organizations to protect our natural resources.

What's more, local conservation organizations are working with local governments and private organizations to protect our natural resources. They are also working with local governments and private organizations to protect our natural resources.



Protected Areas of the States



This map shows the distribution of protected areas across the United States. National parks are shown in red, state parks in orange, local parks in yellow, and other protected areas in light blue. The map highlights the concentration of protected areas in the western and southern United States.



National Parks

The United States has 63 national parks, covering over 80 million acres. These parks are managed by the National Park Service and provide a wide range of recreational and educational opportunities. They are also important for conservation and research.



State Parks

State parks are managed by individual state governments and provide a wide range of recreational and educational opportunities. They are also important for conservation and research.



Local Parks

Local parks are managed by local governments and provide a wide range of recreational and educational opportunities. They are also important for conservation and research.



Other Protected Areas

Other protected areas include national monuments, national preserves, and national historic sites. These areas are managed by various federal agencies and provide a wide range of recreational and educational opportunities.

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Geography of Hope
12 Conservation Success Stories



- 1. Red-tailed Hawk** This bird has been reintroduced to its native range in the western United States to help control the population of small mammals and birds that are overabundant in the region. The reintroduction program has been successful, and the hawk population is growing.
- 2. Grand Staircase-Escalante** This area in southern Utah is a national monument that has been protected from development. The area is now a national monument, and the land is being managed for its natural resources.
- 3. Yellowthroat** This bird is a common sight in the eastern United States. The bird is being reintroduced to its native range in the eastern United States to help control the population of small mammals and birds that are overabundant in the region.
- 4. Black Bear** This bear is a common sight in the western United States. The bear is being reintroduced to its native range in the western United States to help control the population of small mammals and birds that are overabundant in the region.
- 5. Bison** This herd of bison is a common sight in the western United States. The herd is being reintroduced to its native range in the western United States to help control the population of small mammals and birds that are overabundant in the region.
- 6. Grasslands** This area in the western United States is a national monument that has been protected from development. The area is now a national monument, and the land is being managed for its natural resources.
- 7. Bison** This herd of bison is a common sight in the western United States. The herd is being reintroduced to its native range in the western United States to help control the population of small mammals and birds that are overabundant in the region.
- 8. Blue Jay** This bird is a common sight in the eastern United States. The bird is being reintroduced to its native range in the eastern United States to help control the population of small mammals and birds that are overabundant in the region.
- 9. Redwood** This tree is a common sight in the western United States. The tree is being reintroduced to its native range in the western United States to help control the population of small mammals and birds that are overabundant in the region.
- 10. Canoeist** This person is a common sight in the western United States. The person is being reintroduced to its native range in the western United States to help control the population of small mammals and birds that are overabundant in the region.
- 11. Stream** This stream is a common sight in the western United States. The stream is being reintroduced to its native range in the western United States to help control the population of small mammals and birds that are overabundant in the region.
- 12. Waterfall** This waterfall is a common sight in the western United States. The waterfall is being reintroduced to its native range in the western United States to help control the population of small mammals and birds that are overabundant in the region.

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Open Space at Risk

From prairies to forests, riparian areas, and wetlands, open space is a vital part of our natural and cultural heritage. While these ecological systems are being lost at an alarming rate, there are still many ways to protect and restore them. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of open space in the United States, and offers strategies for how we can better protect and restore these vital ecosystems.

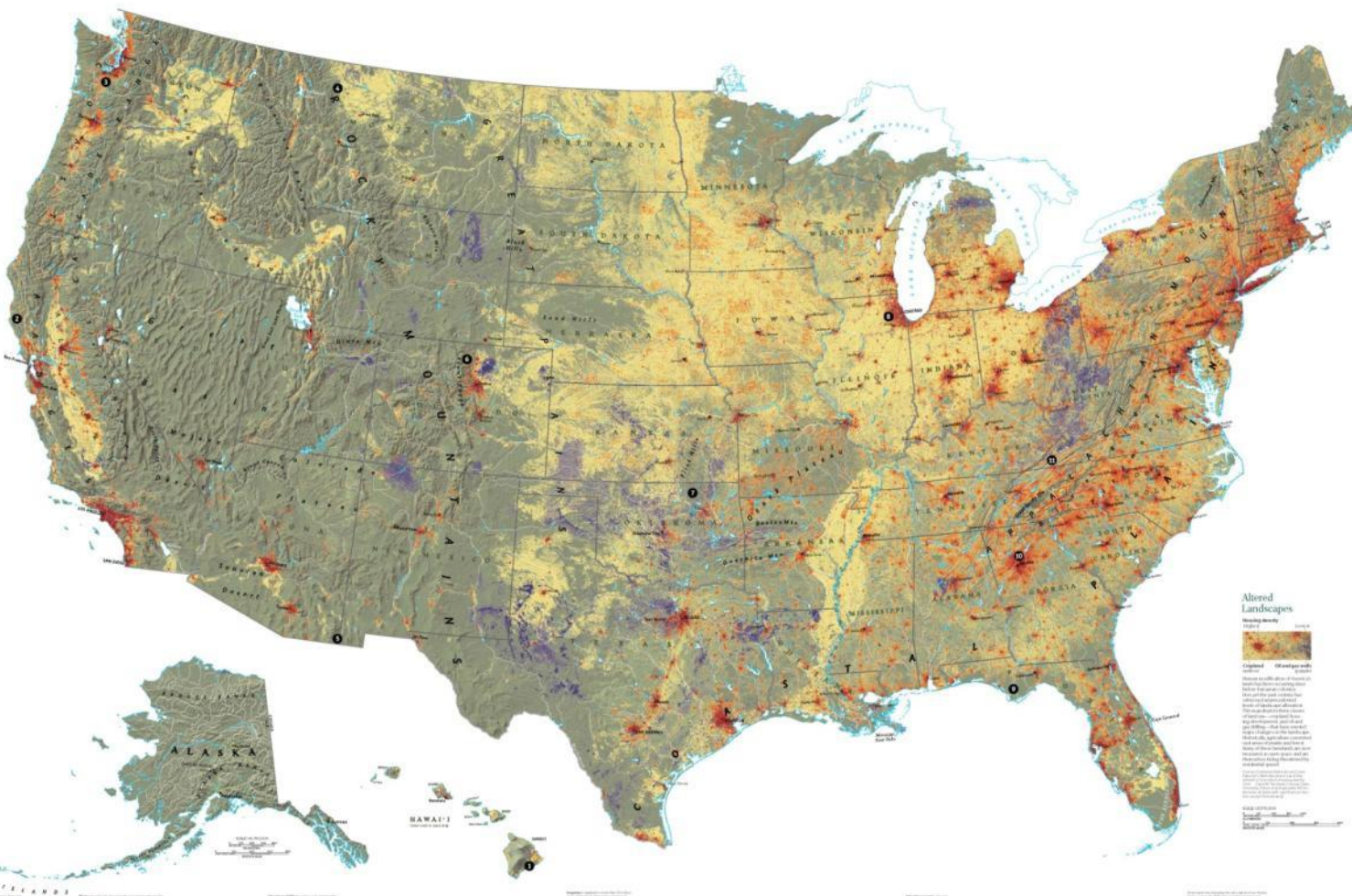
Our research shows that open space is being lost at an alarming rate. In fact, we are losing open space at a rate that is faster than we are gaining it. This is a serious problem, and it needs to be addressed immediately. We need to take action now to protect and restore our open space, and to ensure that it is available for future generations.

There are many ways to protect and restore open space. One of the most effective ways is to create and expand protected areas. This can be done through a variety of means, including land acquisition, easements, and conservation agreements. Another important way to protect and restore open space is to promote sustainable land use practices. This can be done through a variety of means, including zoning, land use planning, and education.

It is important to note that protecting and restoring open space is not just about preserving nature. It is also about protecting our health and well-being. Open space provides a variety of benefits, including improved air and water quality, reduced stress, and increased physical activity. It is essential that we take action now to protect and restore our open space, and to ensure that it is available for future generations.

A Gallery of Threats

This gallery illustrates the various threats to open space, including urban sprawl, agriculture, and climate change. Each image shows a different threat, and how it is affecting open space. The gallery is intended to raise awareness of these threats, and to encourage action to protect and restore open space.



Bald Eagle
The bald eagle is a symbol of the United States. It is a large bird of prey, and is found in a variety of habitats, including forests, wetlands, and riparian areas. The bald eagle is a protected species, and its population has increased significantly since the 1970s.



Whooping Crane
The whooping crane is a large wading bird. It is found in a variety of habitats, including wetlands and riparian areas. The whooping crane is a protected species, and its population has declined significantly since the 1940s.



American Bison
The American bison is a large mammal. It is found in a variety of habitats, including grasslands and prairies. The American bison is a protected species, and its population has increased significantly since the 1970s.



American River Otter
The American river otter is a small mammal. It is found in a variety of habitats, including rivers and streams. The American river otter is a protected species, and its population has increased significantly since the 1970s.



American Peregrine Falcon
The American peregrine falcon is a large bird of prey. It is found in a variety of habitats, including mountains and cliffs. The American peregrine falcon is a protected species, and its population has increased significantly since the 1970s.



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