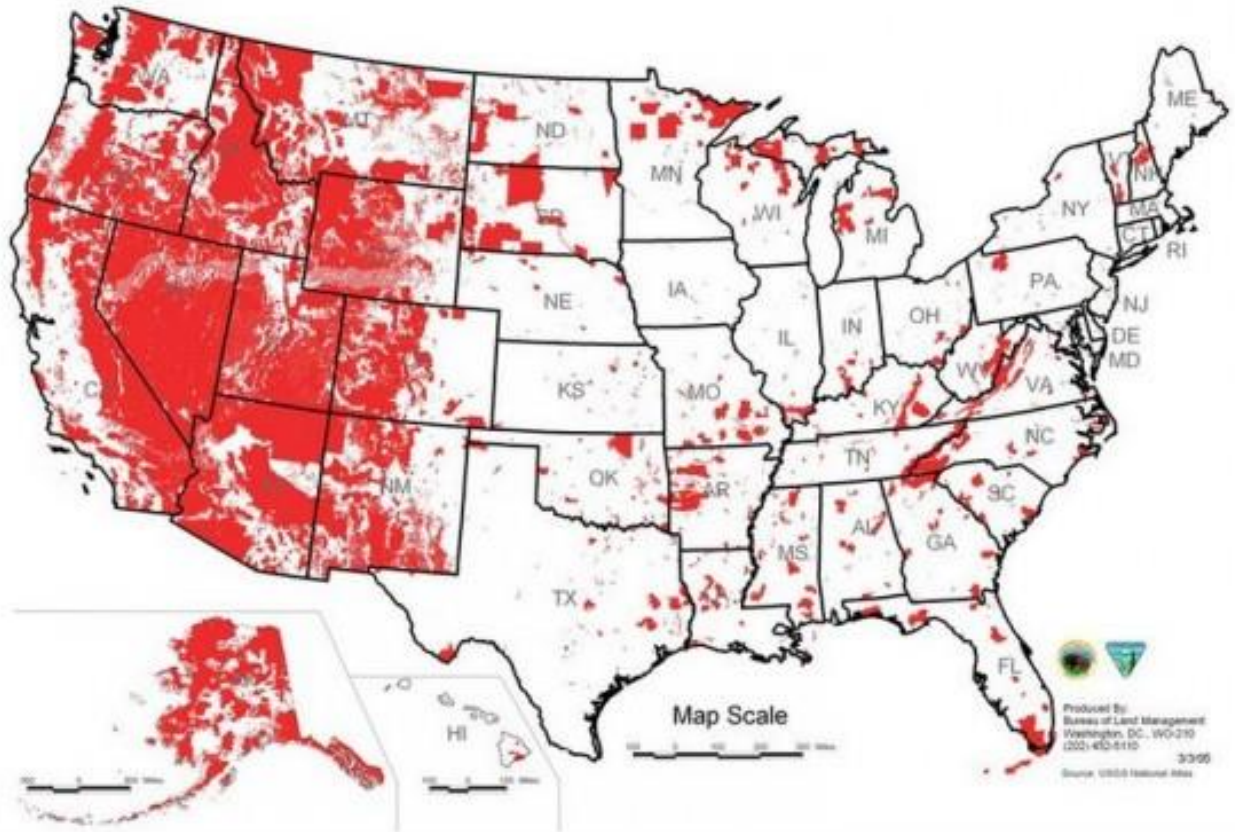
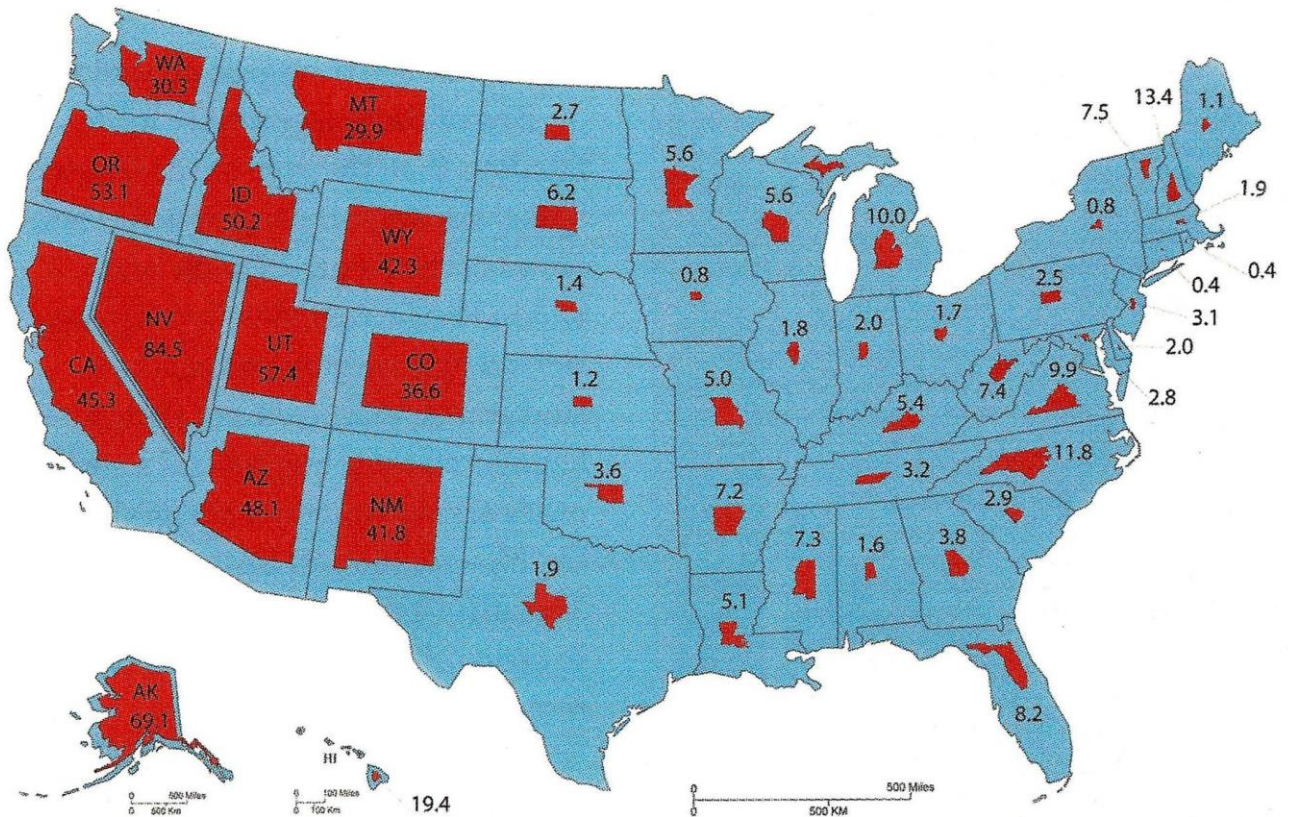


# Public Land in the United States



# Federal Land as a Percentage of Total State Land Area



Data source: U.S. General Services Administration, *Federal Real Property Profile 2004*, excludes trust properties.

# 4 of the 9 Types of Federal Land

National Monument

National Parks

Wilderness Area

National Monument

National Forests

Wilderness Area

National Monument

National Wildlife Refuges

Wilderness Area

National Monument

Bureau of Land Management

Wilderness Area

Federal land is owned by the citizens of the United States and is managed by employees of the federal government who are entrusted by the public to manage it according to the law, to the public's desires, and for the public's benefit.

The other five types of federal land not discussed here are managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Indian reservations), Department of Defense (military installations), Bureau of Reclamation (dams, power plants, and canals), Tennessee Valley Authority (water system), and "other".

Within the four categories of federal land, there are areas with further designations, such as national monuments and wilderness areas.



National Parks are managed by the National Park Service, an agency of the Department of the Interior. The lands are preserved for scenic, inspirational, educational, and recreational value.



National Forests are managed by US Forest Service, an agency of the Department of Agriculture. The lands are managed for multiple uses, including timber, recreation, mining, and grazing.



National Wildlife Refuges are managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is an agency within the United States Department of the Interior. The mission of the BLM is "to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations."

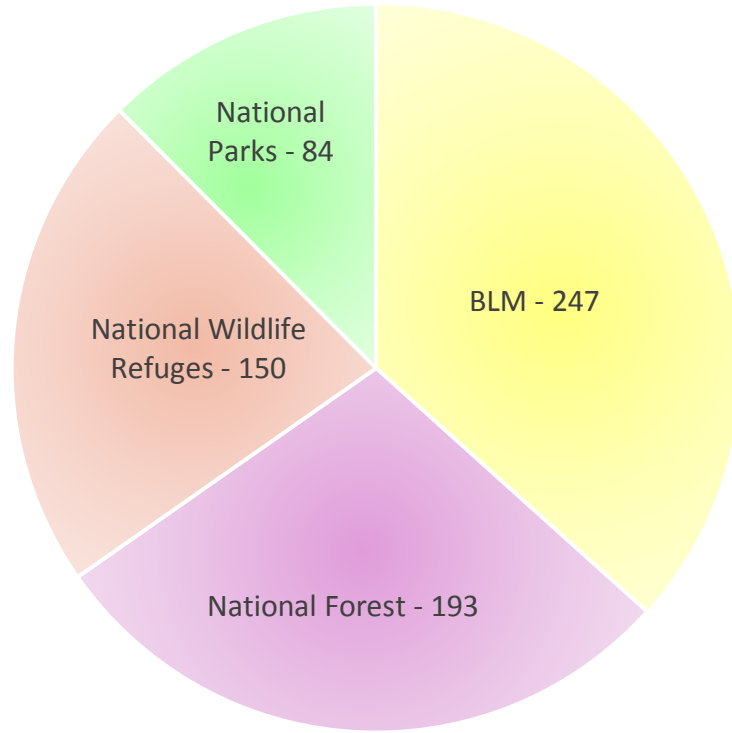


A national monument is land or a historic area that has been given permanent protection by Congress or by the president through the use of the Antiquities Act. National monuments have objects of historical, cultural, and/or scientific interest.



Wilderness Areas are permanently protected undeveloped tracts of federal land that are part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Wilderness is "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

## Four Federal Land Types in Millions of Acres



## Millions of Visitors Per Year To These Four Federal Land Categories

