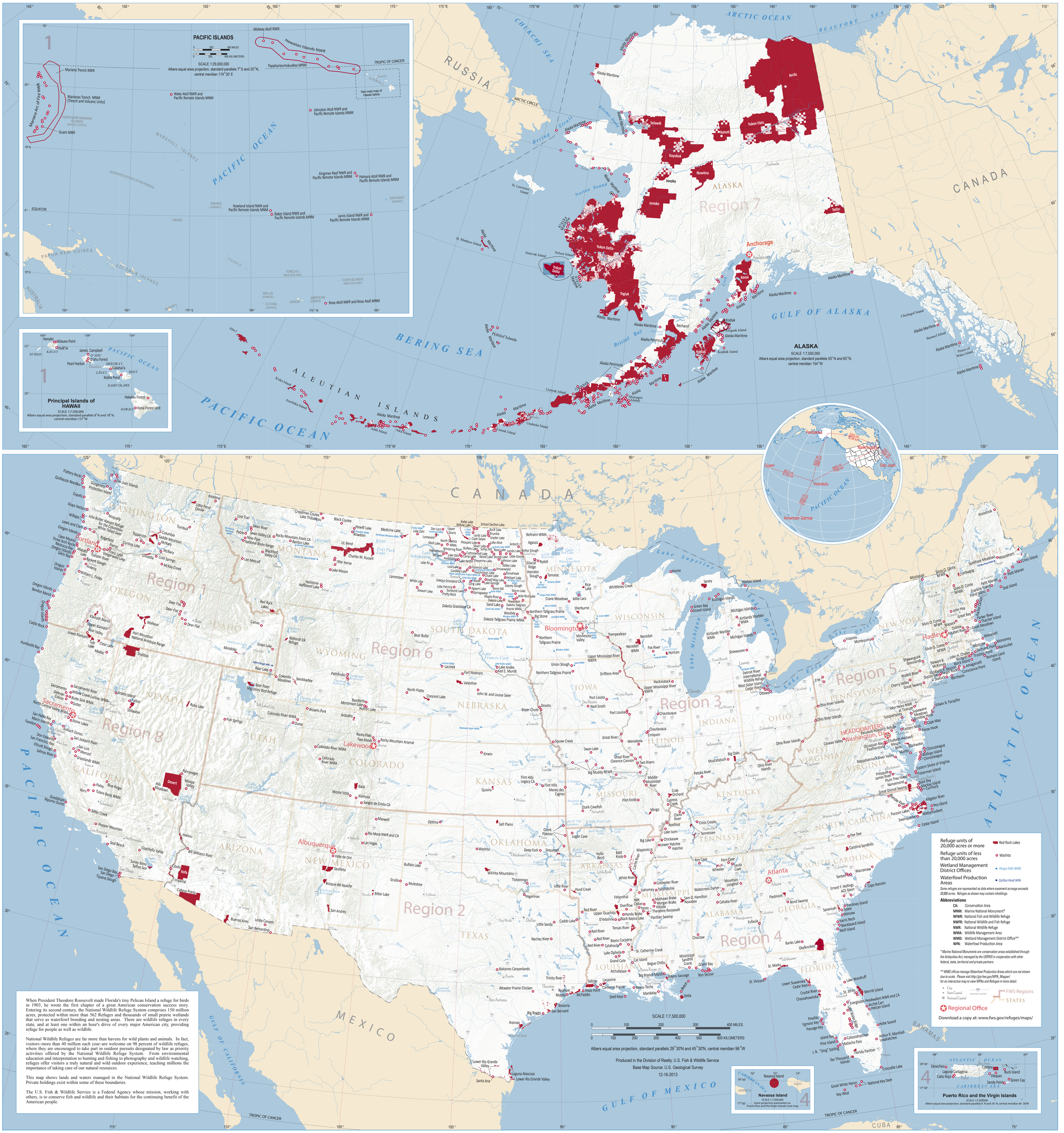
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Wildlife Refuge System



Refuge units of 20,000 acres or more
Refuge units of less than 20,000 acres
Wetland Management District Offices
Waterfowl Production Areas
Red Rock Lakes
Washita
Fergus Falls WMD
Carlton Pond WPA

Some refuges are represented as dots where easement acreage exceeds 20,000 acres. Refuges as shown may contain inholdings.

Abbreviations

- **CA:** Conservation Area
- **MNM:** Marine National Monument*
- **NFWR:** National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
- **NWFR:** National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
- **NWR:** National Wildlife Refuge
- **WMA:** Wildlife Management Area
- **WMD:** Wetland Management District Office**
- **WPA:** Waterfowl Production Area

** Marine National Monuments are conservation areas established through the Antiquities Act, managed by the USFWS in cooperation with other federal, state, territorial and private partners.*

*** WMD offices manage Waterfowl Production Areas which are not shown due to scale. Please visit http://gis.fws.gov/WPA_Mapper/ for an interactive map to view WPAs and Refuges in more detail.*

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When President Theodore Roosevelt made Florida's tiny Pelican Island a refuge for birds in 1903, he wrote the first chapter of a great American conservation success story. Entering its second century, the National Wildlife Refuge System comprises 150 million acres, protected within more than 562 Refuges and thousands of small prairie wetlands that serve as waterfowl breeding and nesting areas. There are wildlife refuges in every state, and at least one within an hour's drive of every major American city, providing refuge for people as well as wildlife.

National Wildlife Refuges are far more than havens for wild plants and animals. In fact, visitors–more than 40 million each year–are welcome on 98 percent of wildlife refuges, where they are encouraged to take part in outdoor pursuits designated by law as priority activities offered by the National Wildlife Refuge System. From environmental education and interpretation to hunting and fishing to photography and wildlife watching, refuges offer visitors a truly natural and wild outdoor experience, teaching millions the importance of taking care of our natural resources.

This map shows lands and waters managed in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Private holdings exist within some of these boundaries.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is a Federal Agency whose mission, working with others, is to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.