



# **The Wilderness Act at 50**

**April 11, 2014**

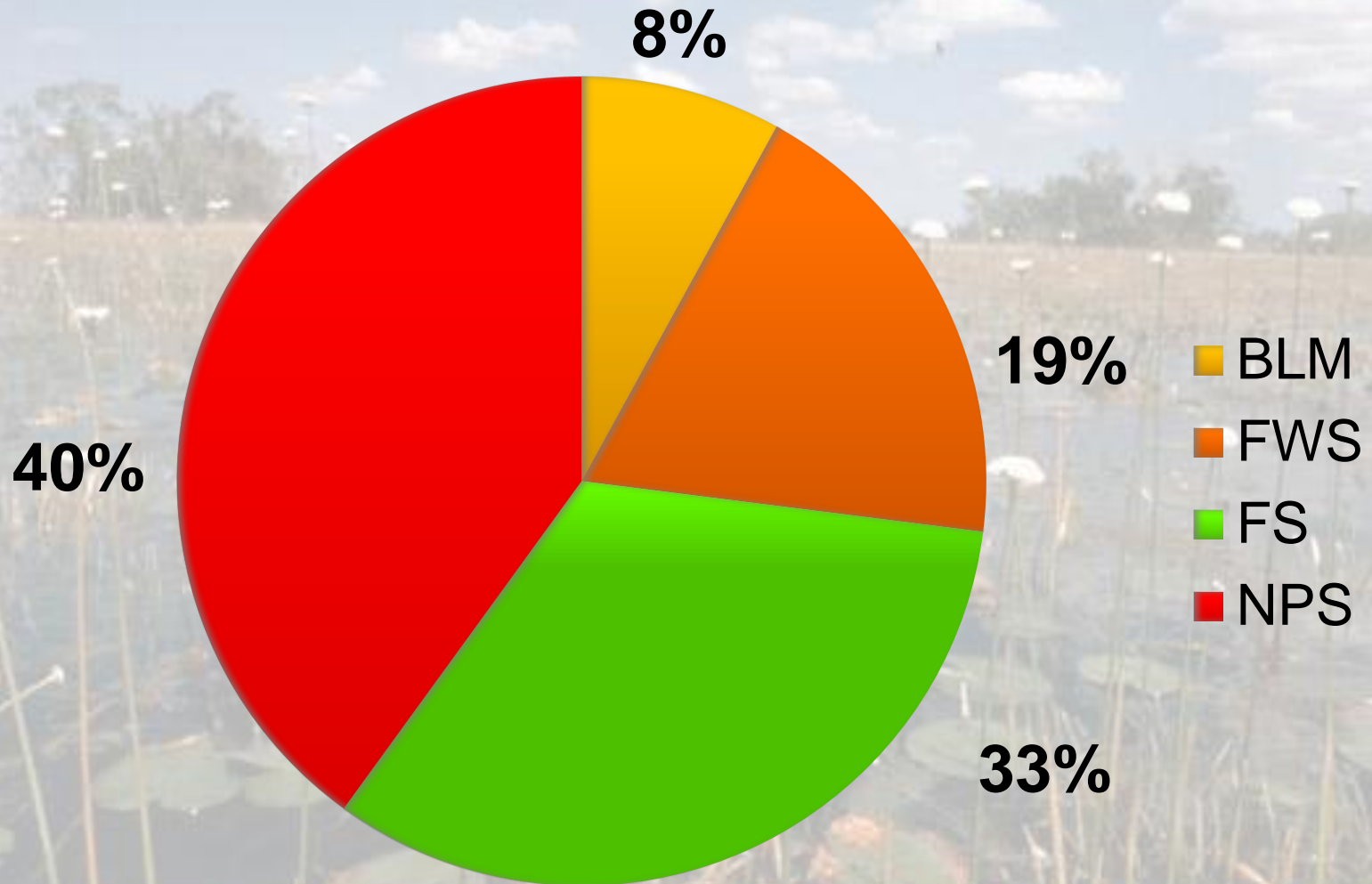


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# NWPS % Acreage by Agency

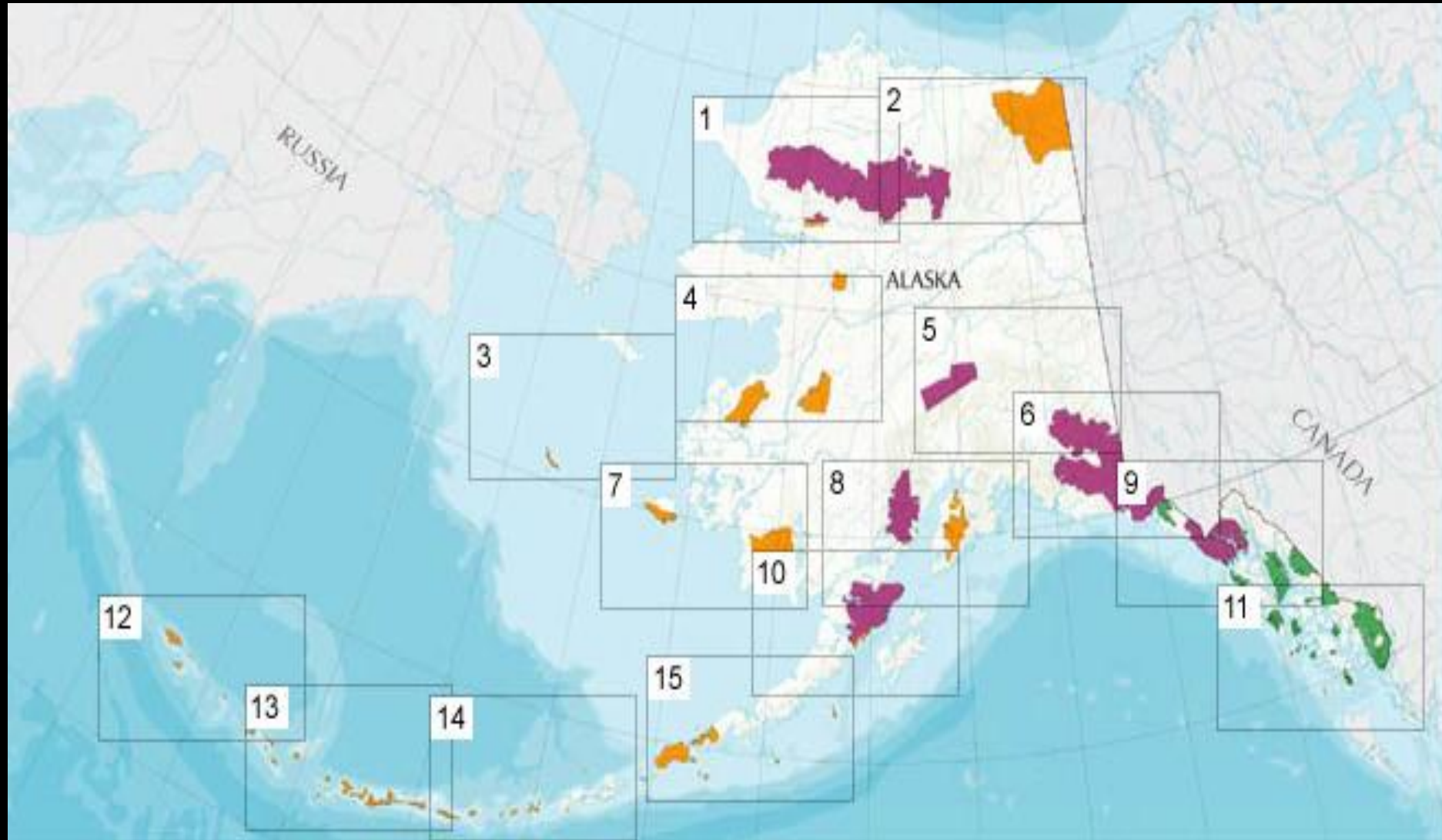


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The background image is a photograph of a pond. In the foreground, there are several green lily pads floating on the water, with some showing signs of aging or damage. Tall, thin stems rise from the water, many topped with small, white, daisy-like flowers. The water is a calm, light blue-grey color. In the background, a line of trees is visible on the horizon under a bright blue sky filled with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

# **Challenges and Realities of Wilderness Stewardship**



# Not Enough





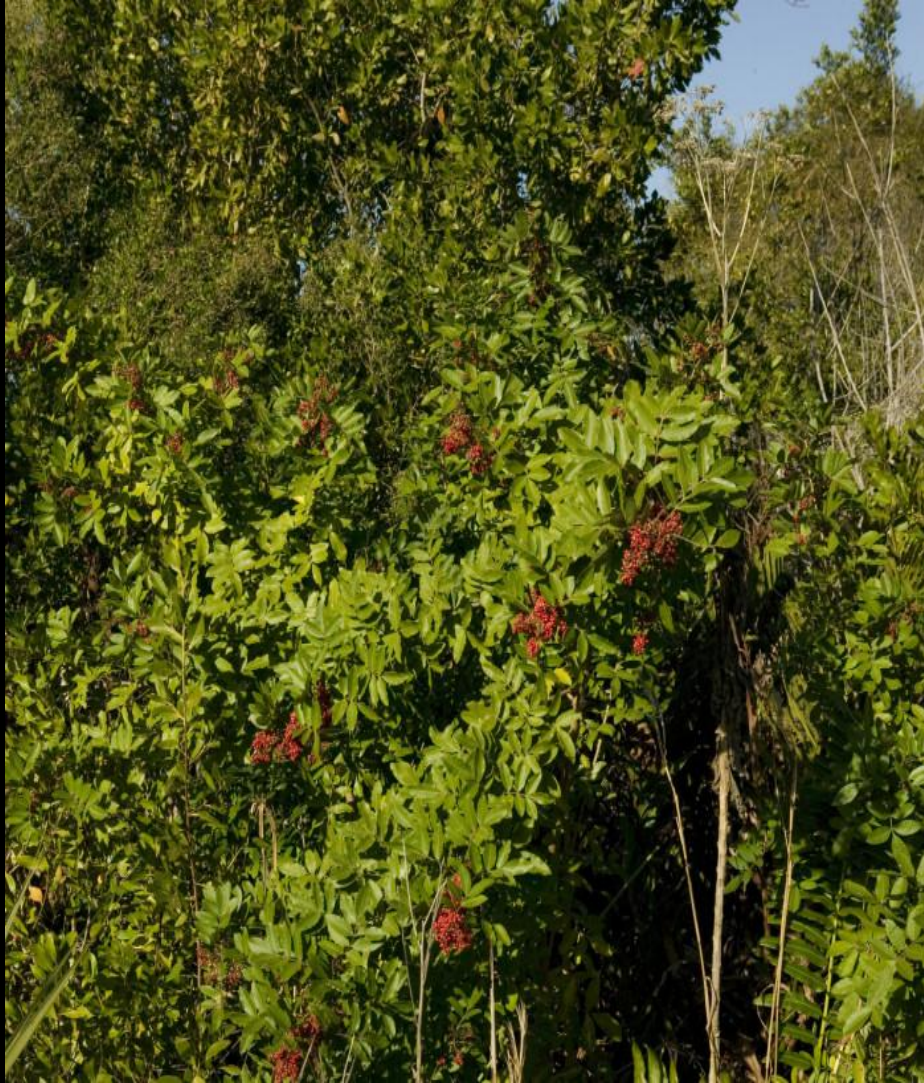


Too Much





# Too Many



BITTER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

SALT CREEK WILDERNESS

WILDERNESS MANAGEMENT PLAN

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

ROSWELL

NEW MEXICO

JANUARY, 1981

**RECEIVED**

JAN 19 1981

U. S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE  
AREA OFFICE PHOENIX, AZ





No Acreage  
Added  
Since

**1994**

**Imperial NWR, CA**

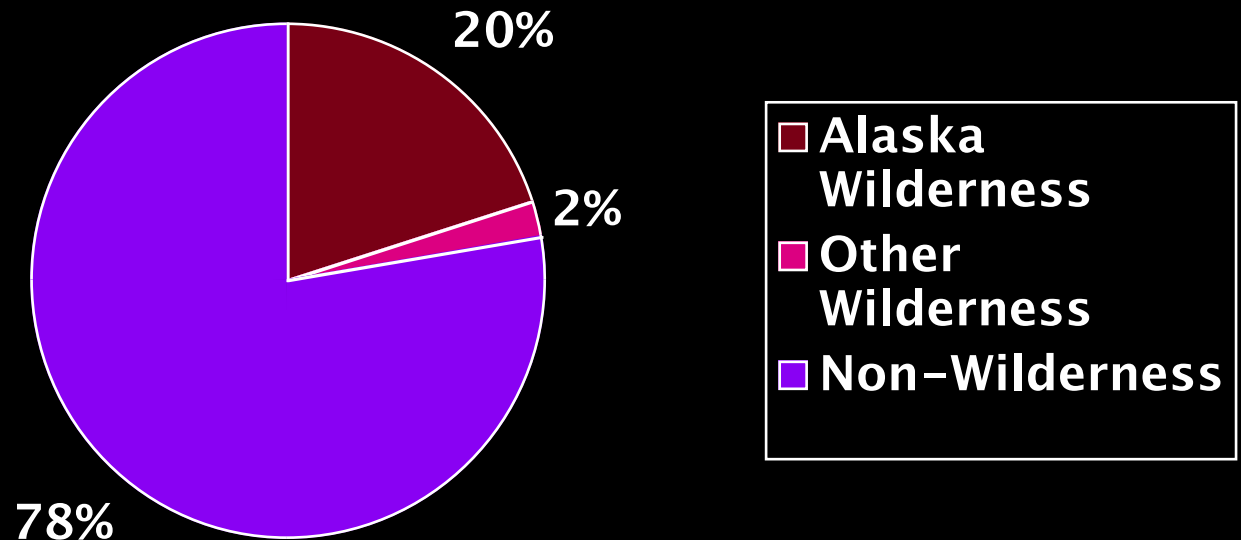


**Havasu NWR, CA**



# National Wildlife Refuge System

## % Distribution of Wilderness



# **NWRS Mission Statement**

**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.**



# Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge









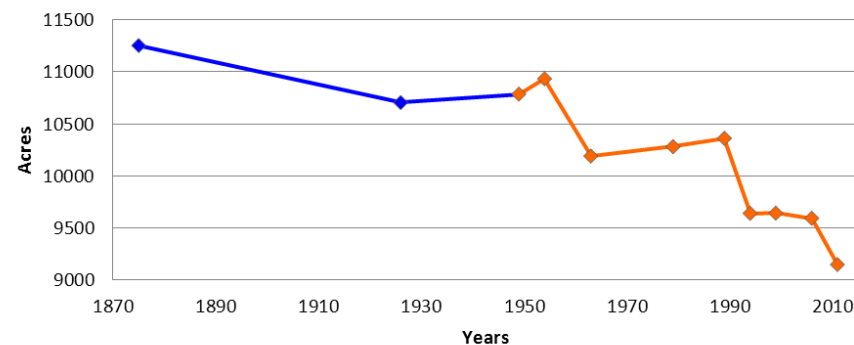






Overall Trend  
Cape Romain NWR  
Barrier Islands

CRNWR Barrier Island Acreage Trend



 Gained  
 Lost  
 Variable

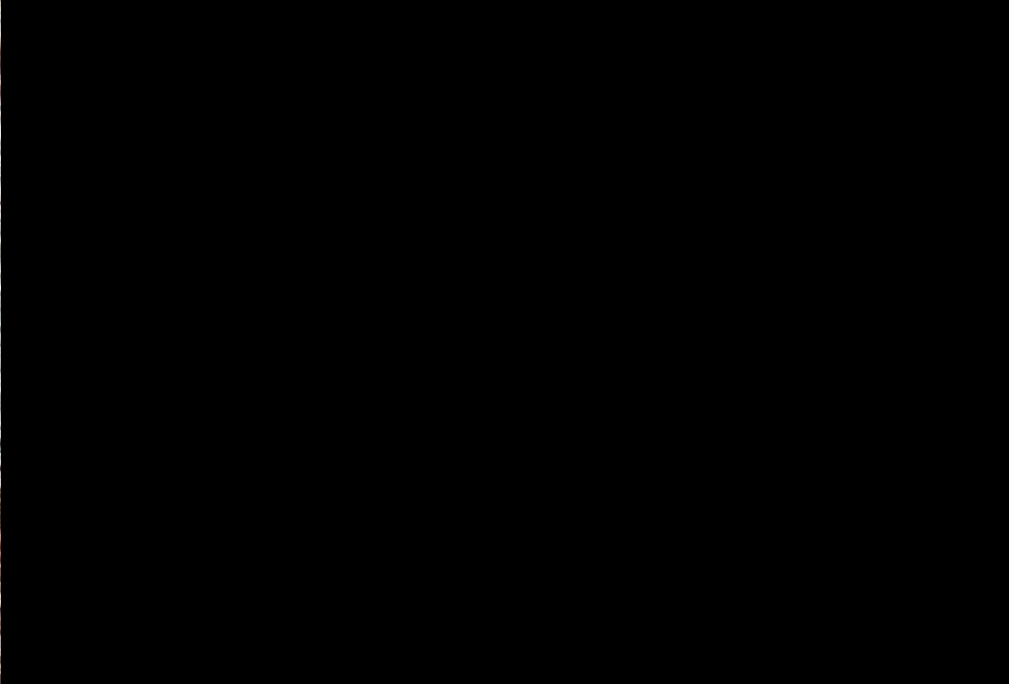
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# Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge







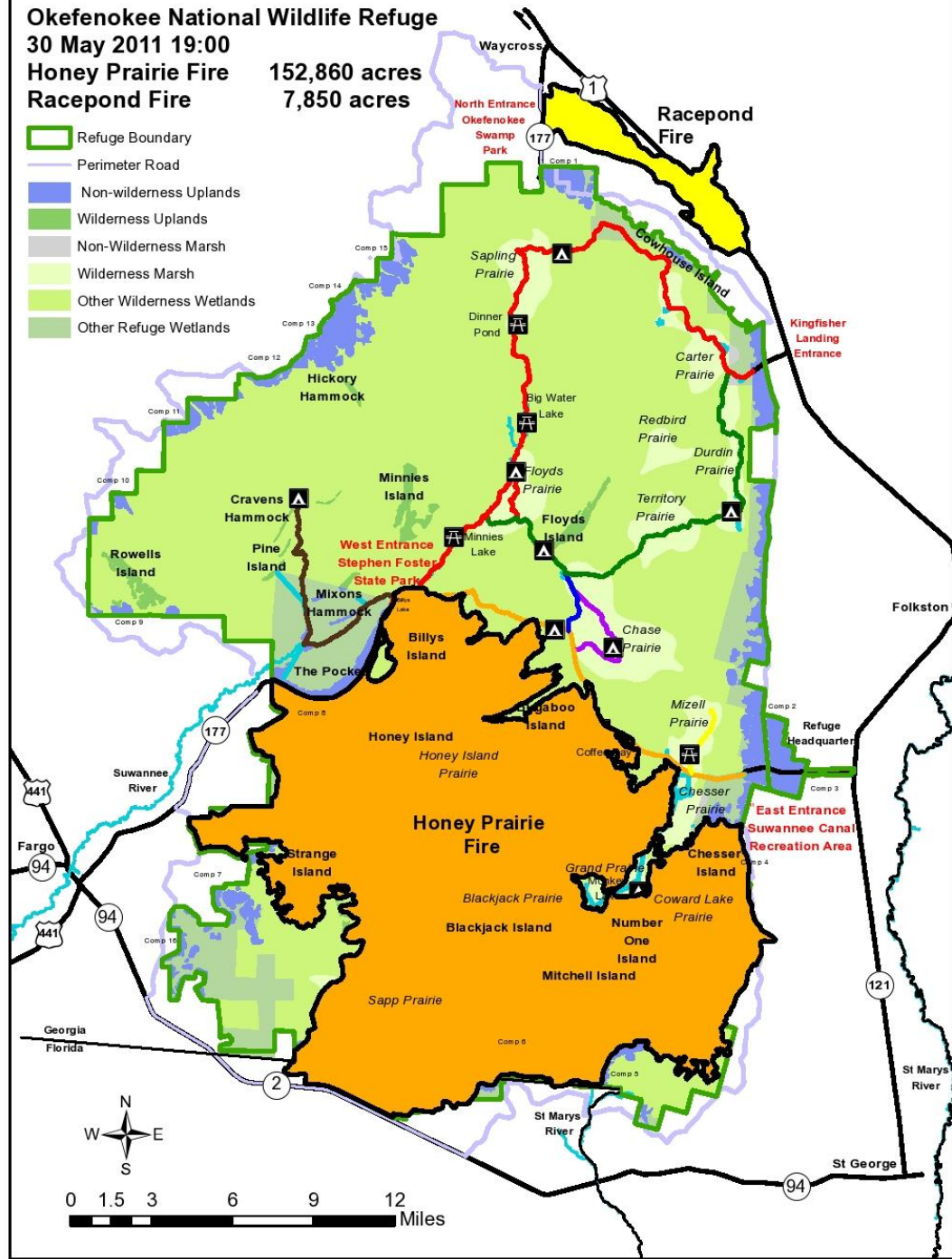






**Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge**  
**30 May 2011 19:00**  
**Honey Prairie Fire 152,860 acres**  
**Racepond Fire 7,850 acres**

- Refuge Boundary
- Perimeter Road
- Non-wilderness Uplands
- Wilderness Uplands
- Non-Wilderness Marsh
- Wilderness Marsh
- Other Wilderness Wetlands
- Other Refuge Wetlands





# Kofa National Wildlife Refuge









