

RECREATION & WILDLIFE

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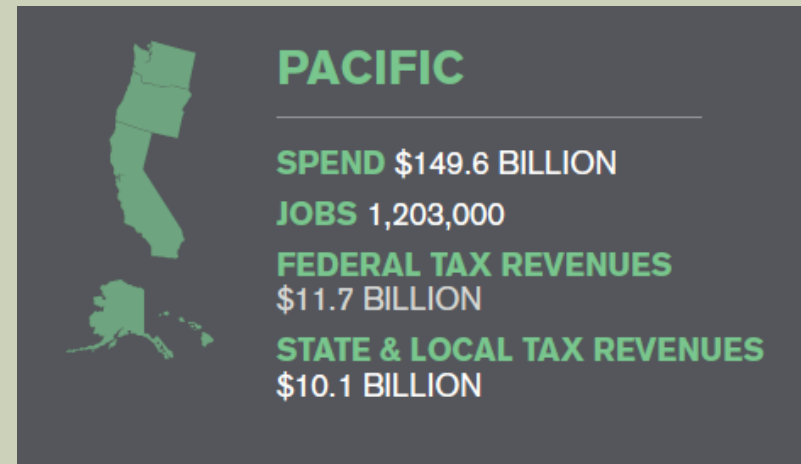
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RECREATIONISTS VISIT PUBLIC LANDS IN PART BECAUSE OF WILDLIFE

- Recreation and wildlife are incredibly important to the American public
- Wildlife viewing and outdoor recreation are important economic drivers.



WILDLIFE VIEWING VISITORS ARE INCREASING

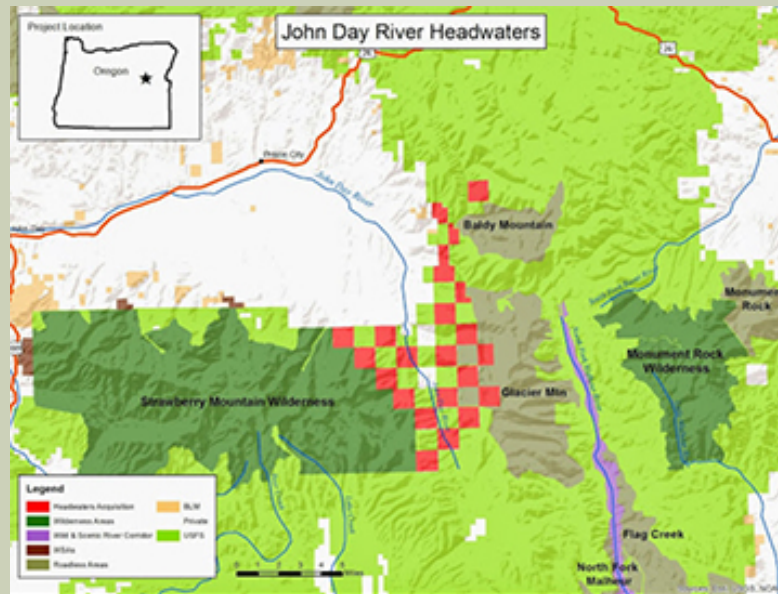
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U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau. 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.

RECREATION AND WILDLIFE STAFF ARE NATURAL ALLIES

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: Since 1984, RMEF has opened, secured or improved public access to more than 1.2 million acres of elk habitat across the country for hunters, hikers, anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy.



<http://www.rmef.org/Conservation/PublicAccess.aspx>

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Backcountry Hunters and Anglers:

North America's public lands and waters are the lifeblood of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers. These are the cherished wild places that restore our spirits and provide the solace of solitude. They're where we go to challenge ourselves in pursuit of adventure and game. They are strongholds of important wildlife habitat and fisheries, providing places where a range of species – everything from elk and mule deer to grouse, waterfowl and native trout – can grow to maturity and thrive.

Every citizen owns a share of public lands and waters in the United States. It is up to us to defend this heritage and ensure that our legacy of stewardship is handed down to future generations intact.

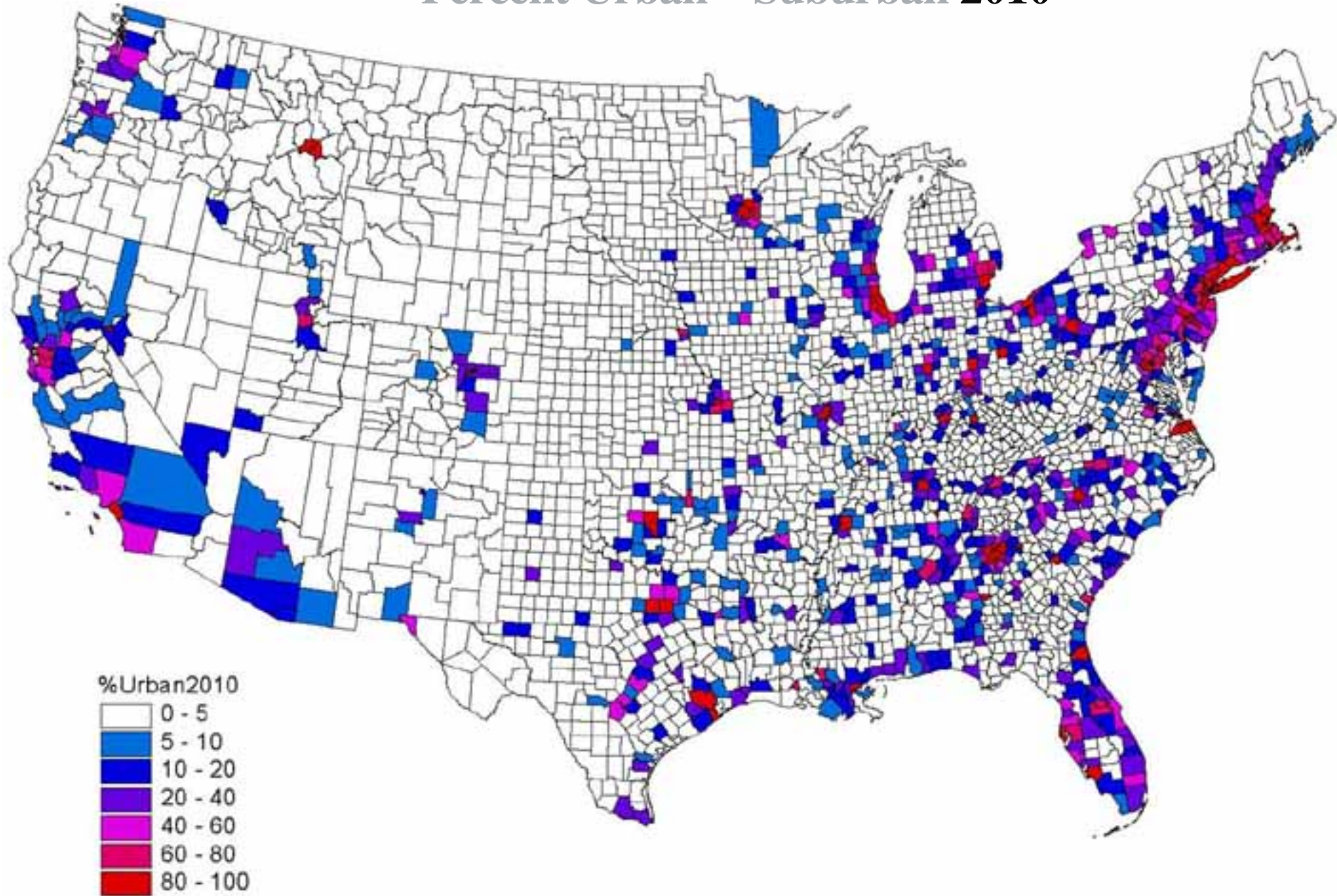


https://www.backcountryhunters.org/our_issues

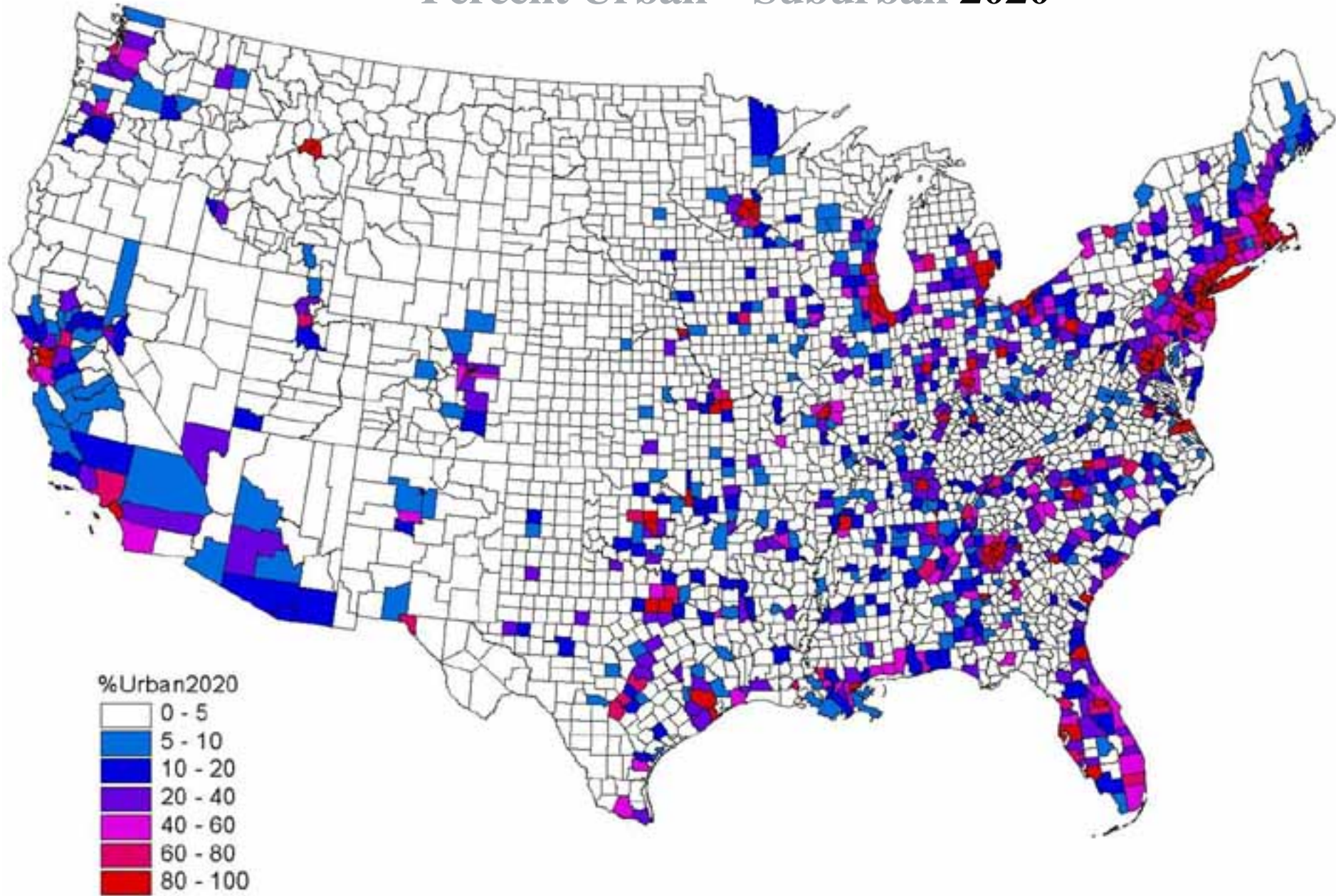
COMMUNITY AND SUSTAINABILITY



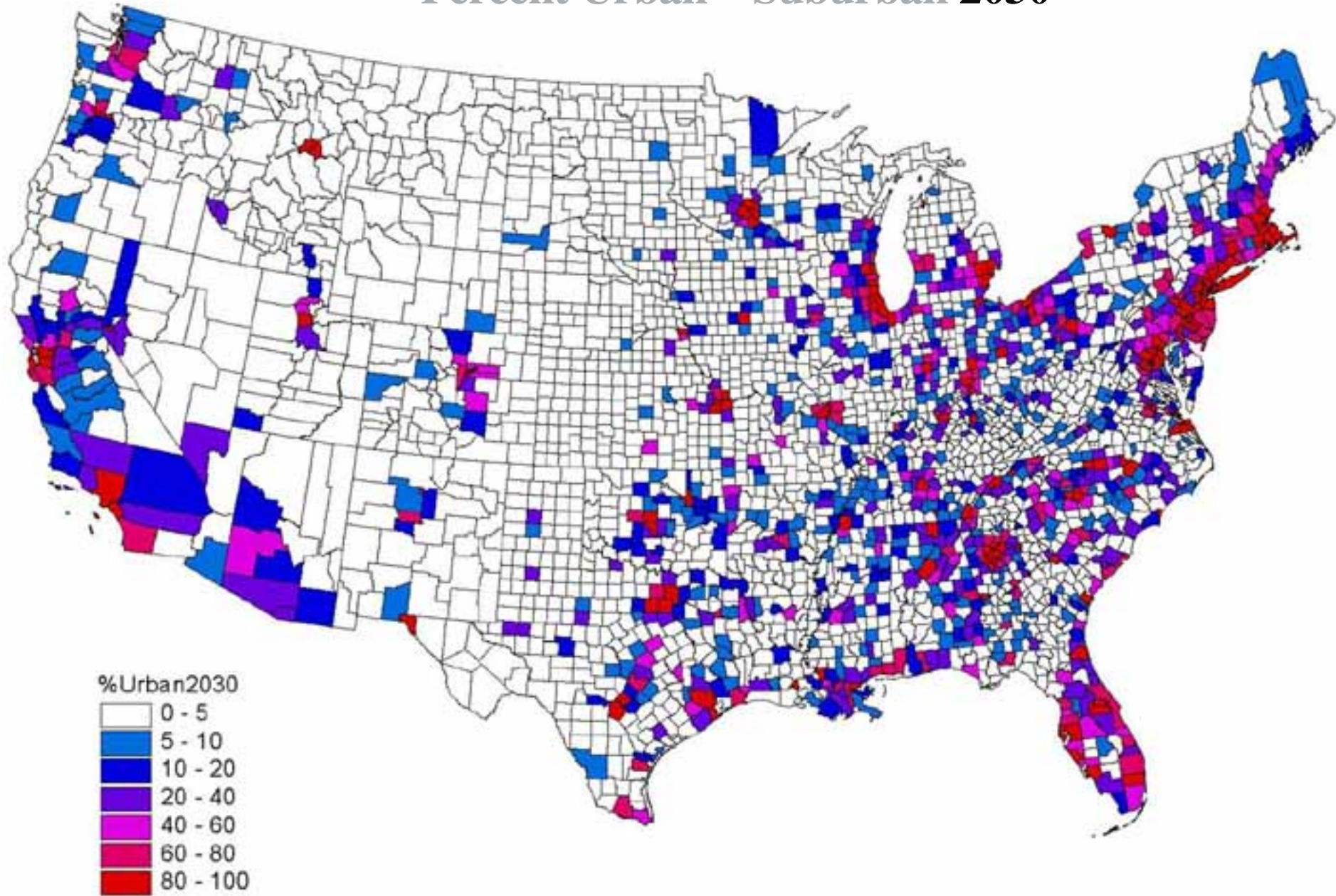
Percent Urban – Suburban 2010



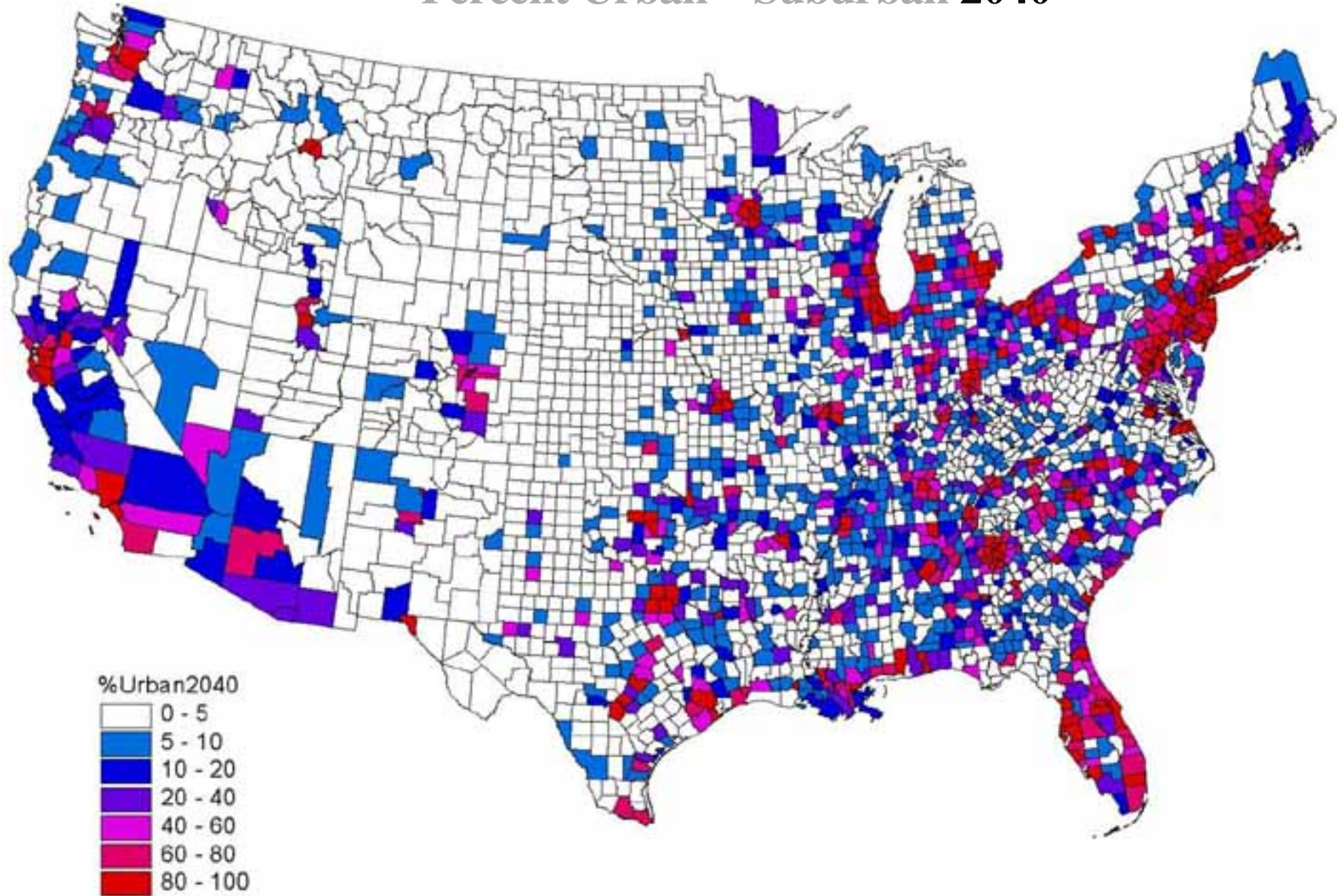
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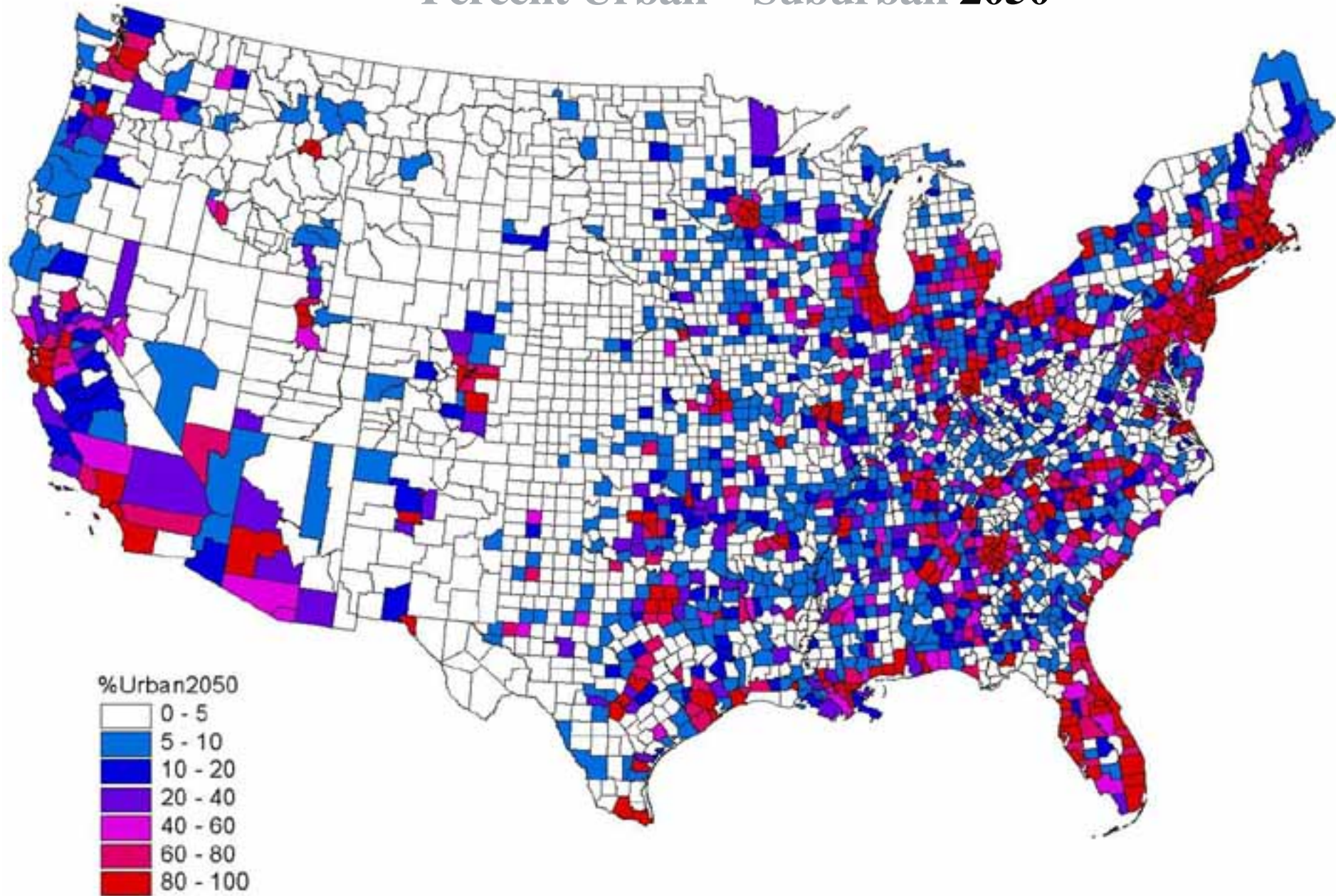
Percent Urban – Suburban 2030



Percent Urban – Suburban 2040



Percent Urban – Suburban 2050



RECREATIONAL USE IS INCREASING ON PUBLIC LANDS

- # of Participants in nature based recreation increased 7.1% between 1999-2009¹
 - **OHV users** +34%
 - **Viewing/Photographing birds** +23%
 - **Viewing/Photographing wildlife** +25%
 - **Gathering mushrooms/berries** +29%
 - **Kayaking** +104%



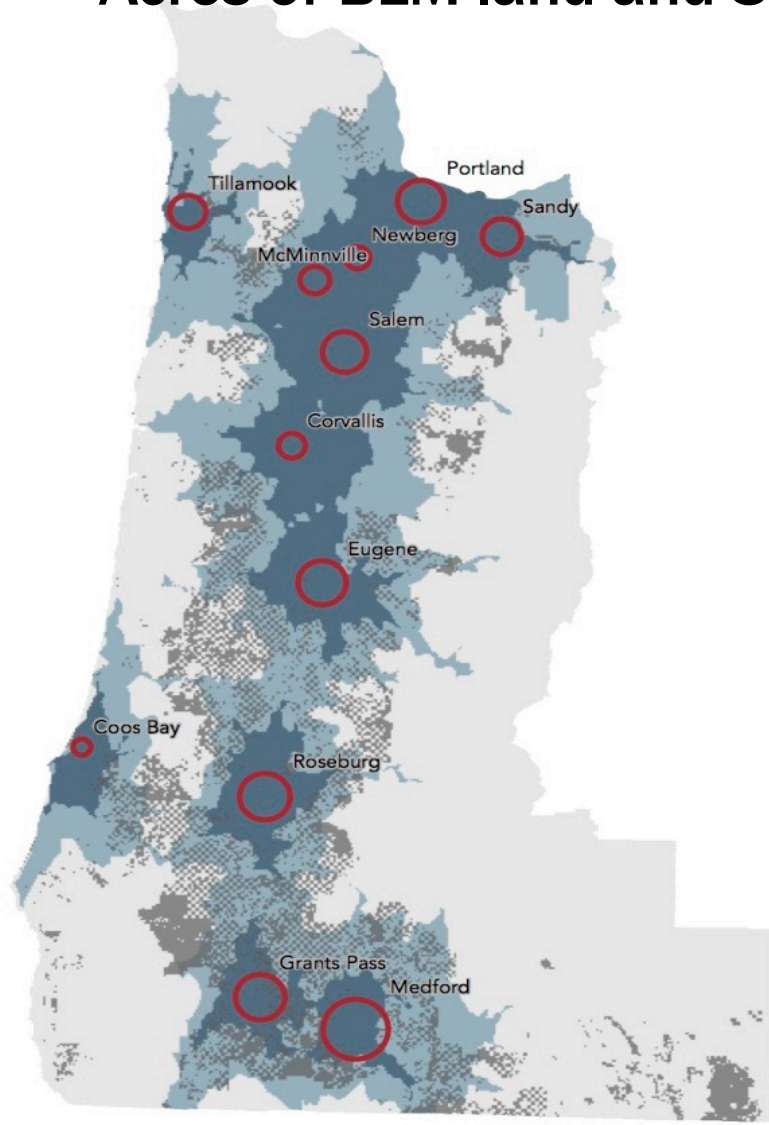
¹ White, Eric M.; Bowker, J.M.; Askew, Ashley E.; Langner, Linda L.; Arnold, J. Ross; English, Donald B.K. 2016. Federal outdoor recreation trends: effects on economic opportunities. Gen. Tech. Rep. PNW-GTR-945. Portland, OR: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Station. 46 p.

RECREATION VISITATION



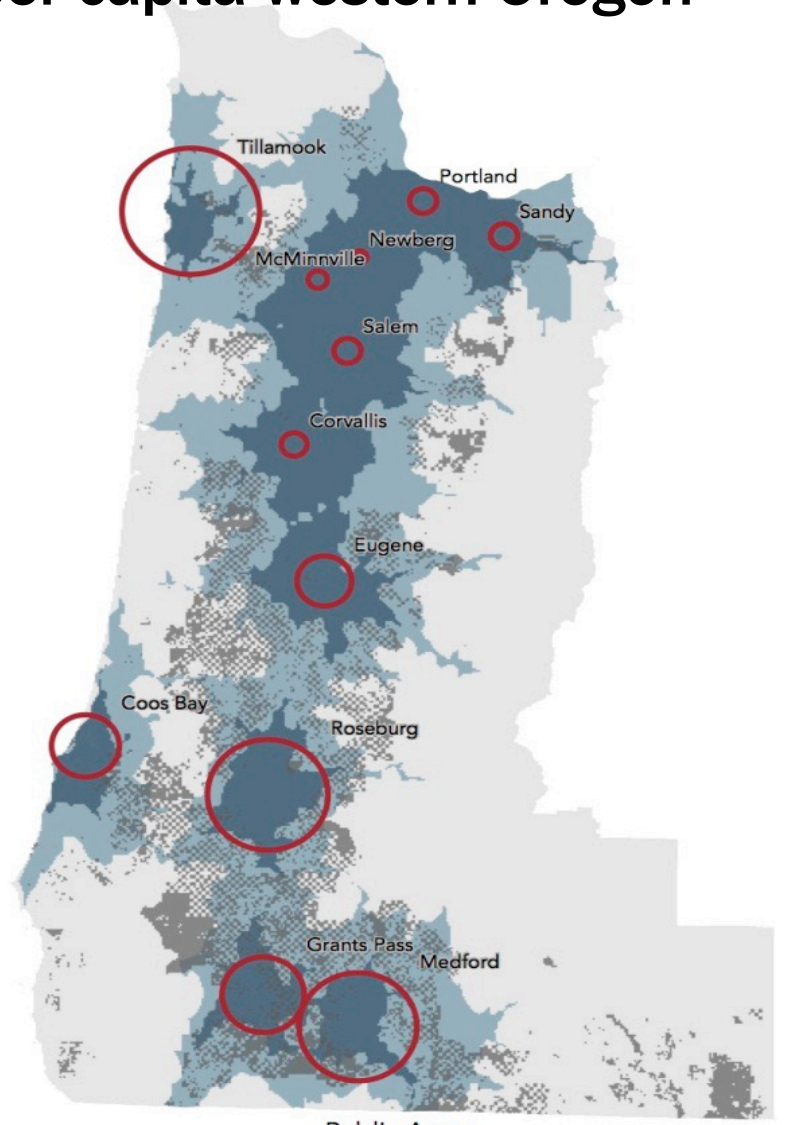
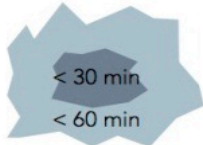
- Visitation numbers on BLM lands in OR/WA has increased **4% every year** for the past 5 years.
- **(9 Million in 2017)**
- At this rate, in 16 years, the amount of visitation will have doubled
- **(18 Million in 2033)**

Acres of BLM land and Supply per capita western Oregon



Public Acres Accessible

Drive Time



Public Acres per Capita

BLM Land



10

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VIEWING NATURE & WILDLIFE



RECREATION AND HEALTH

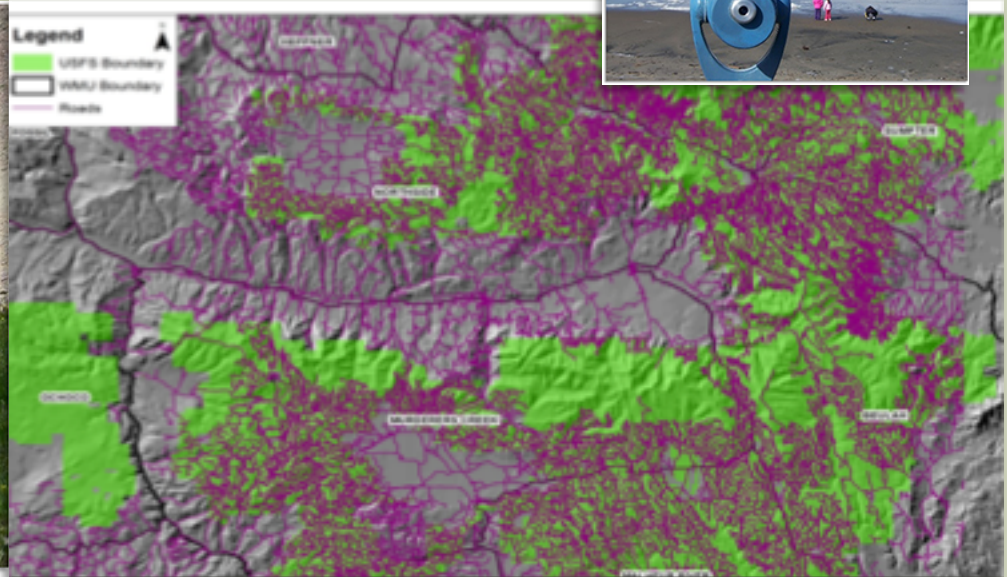


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KEY WILDLIFE ISSUES

- Reducing disturbance to wildlife
- Retention of unroaded/motorized trail core habitats
- Avoiding/reducing impacts to sensitive habitats
- New recreation technology constantly emerging



FURTHER... FARTHER... FASTER...



DRONES



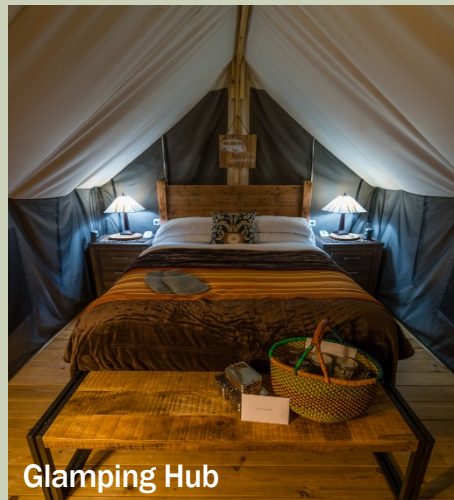
FAT TIRE BIKES



CAMPING



BMW Motors



Glamping Hub



Tensile Tents

AN INTERACTIVE WORLD



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Thanks to a partnership between California State Parks and Google Maps, you can now visit many of our beautiful parks right from your computer, tablet, or smart phone

APPS & SOCIAL MEDIA





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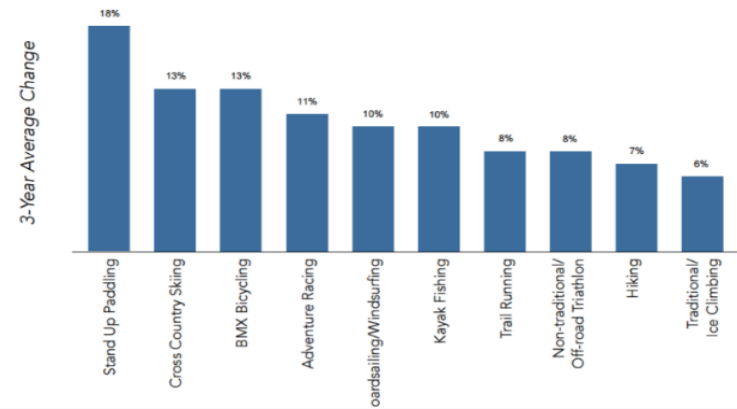
SETTINGS AND OUTCOMES



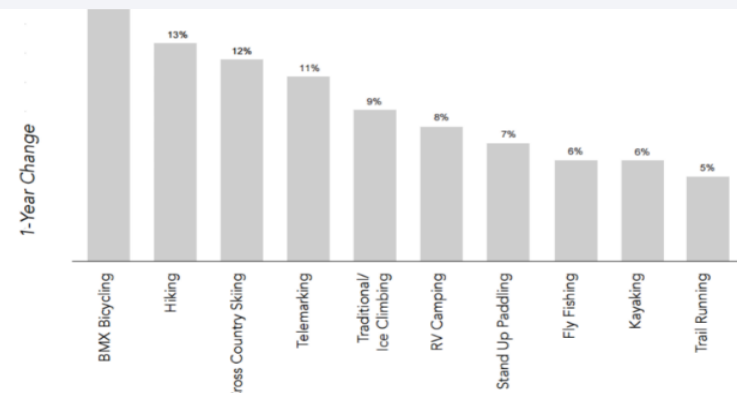
SHIFTING RECREATION PREFERENCES



Top Outdoor Activities for Growth

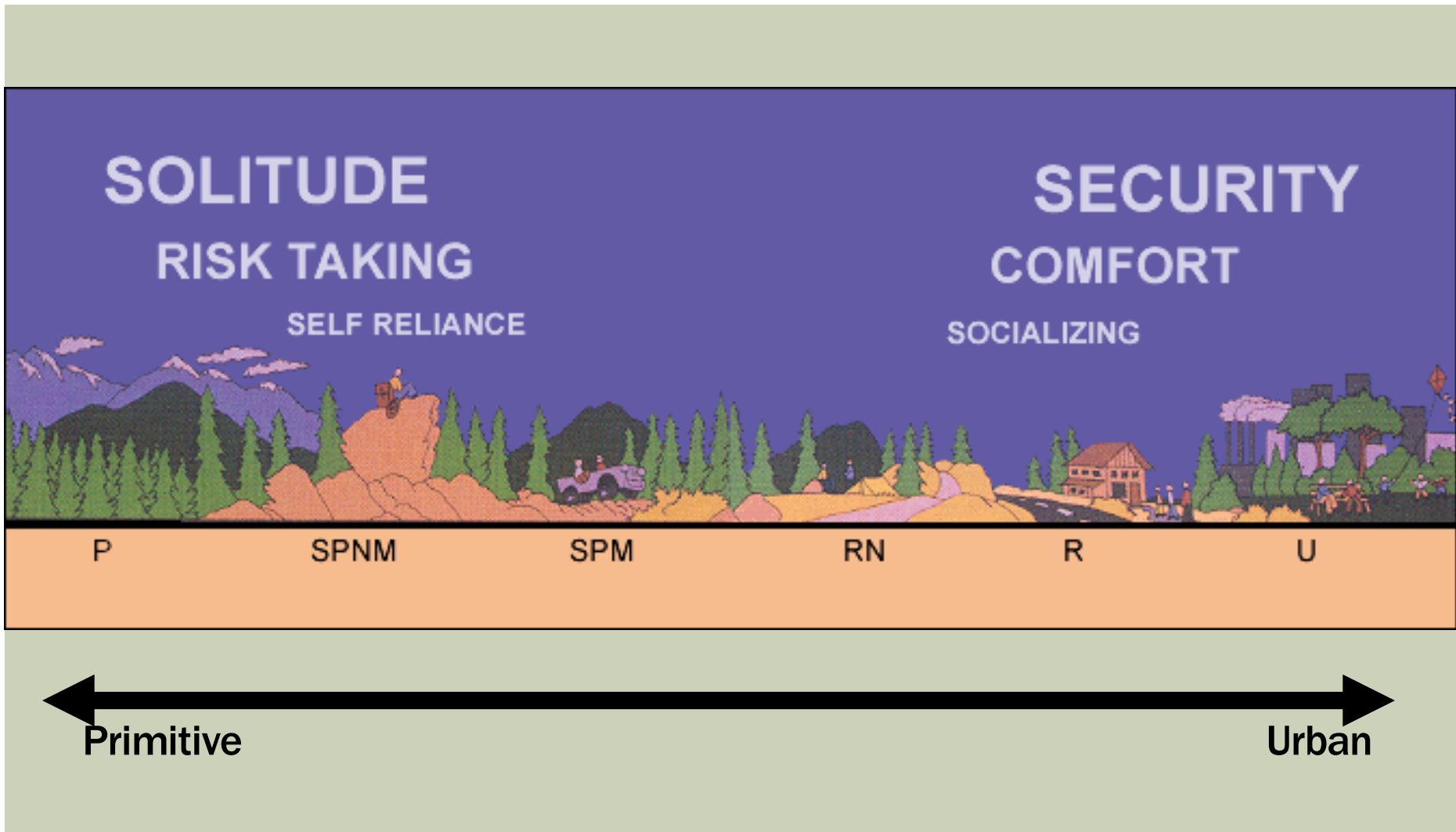


Ages 6+ 2016 Positive Outdoor Trends



Participation Topline Report

RECREATION OPPORTUNITY SPECTRUM



UNIQUE LANDSCAPES, SETTINGS, NICHE



PLANS & STRATEGIES



- Recreation and Visitor Services Outcomes Focused Planning.
- National Recreation Strategy-Connecting with Communities
- Secretarial Orders 3355, 3356
- Resource Management Plans- western Oregon
- Recreation Area Management Plans- Implementation
- Oregon Outdoor Recreation Initiative



BLM Recreation Strategy — Connecting with Communities

How Is This Strategy for the BLM's Recreation Program a New Approach?

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages recreation resources and visitor services to offer the greatest benefits possible to individuals and communities and, as envisioned in this strategy, to better enable communities to achieve their own desired social, economic, and environmental outcomes. BLM public lands—once described as “the lands nobody wanted”—are now recognized as America’s Great Outdoors, a “Backyard to Backcountry” treasure. They are uniquely accessible. More than 120 urban centers and thousands of rural towns are located within 25 miles of BLM lands.

BLM lands fill a distinctive niche in the federal recreation marketplace—one that offers a competitive advantage for communities and businesses. Moreover, the close proximity of varied stakeholders to BLM lands creates many opportunities for the BLM and communities to collaborate, set mutual objectives for proposed recreation opportunities, and pool resources toward shared goals.

The BLM recognizes that it is part of a greater whole. Public lands are **connected to** and **integrated with** communities—not federally designated islands separated from them. This recreation strategy is different because it focuses on proactive engagement with communities, locally based government agencies, and service provider businesses, and emphasizes benefits from the perspective of **community networks of service providers**. It is not business as usual; it is a serious effort to reposition resources (recreation setting management and visitor services, program funding, operational knowledge and skills, and the BLM culture and brand) in support of **community values** while optimizing benefits for the public.

The recreating public has steadily grown, and visitors to public lands now number about 59 million. It is paramount that the

BLM and community networks of service providers plan and work efficiently together on a routine basis to help one another be as successful as possible, especially during difficult economic times.

What Are Community Networks of Service Providers?

They are the driving forces in our cities and towns. These networks include locally based government agencies at all levels (city, county, tribal, state, and federal). Private sector industries and businesses are also key service providers, including outfitters, tour operators, lodging, restaurants, nature and youth centers, chambers of commerce, tourism industry associations, sporting goods and retail stores, and other nongovernmental organizations.

What Steps Will the BLM Take To Reposition Its Resources Externally?

An important goal of the BLM’s overall national strategy is to “Be a Good Neighbor.” Toward this end, the BLM recreation program intends to develop closer ties to and accountability with the communities that the agency serves. The BLM will seek out and develop sustained relationships with service providers, engaging productively with representatives, listening well to understand community values and quality of life issues, and helping identify recreation opportunities that not only deliver outstanding recreation experiences to visitors and preserve the distinctive character of public lands recreation settings, but also respond to the specific desires and capacity of service providers (as consistent with federal law and policy).

Long-term land management plans will be flexible enough to change as the needs of communities and the demands of the public change. Under an outcome-focused approach, the BLM will leverage financial resources to support key needs of network



PLANS & STRATEGIES



■ Recreation Efforts

- Forest Niche & Mapping Place Values

■ NFS “High Five” Recreation /

■ Five National Priorities

■ 2012 Planning Rule

- Benefits, Ecosystem Services
- Broader Landscape
- Integrated Plan Components

■ Framework for Sustainable Recreation

- Restore & Adapt Recreation Settings
- Connection People with Nature/ Healthy Lifestyle
- Forge Partnerships

■ Region 6 Sustainable Recreation Strategy

Integration, Natural Resources, STEWARDSHIP



SUSTAINABILITY FOR RECREATION AND WILDLIFE

- Sustainability: “the ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level” and “avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance”
- Need to maintain/increase funding for recreation infrastructure maintenance/development
- Need to sustain wildlife habitats and populations in balance with increased desire for recreation opportunities



MOVING FORWARD

- How do we meet these realities... provide high quality experiences, appropriate access, across a range of settings for these emerging activities while protecting wildlife habitat and populations?



<http://www.nature-rx.org/nature-rx-part-1/>



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