

Federal Lands Advisory Group (FLAG)



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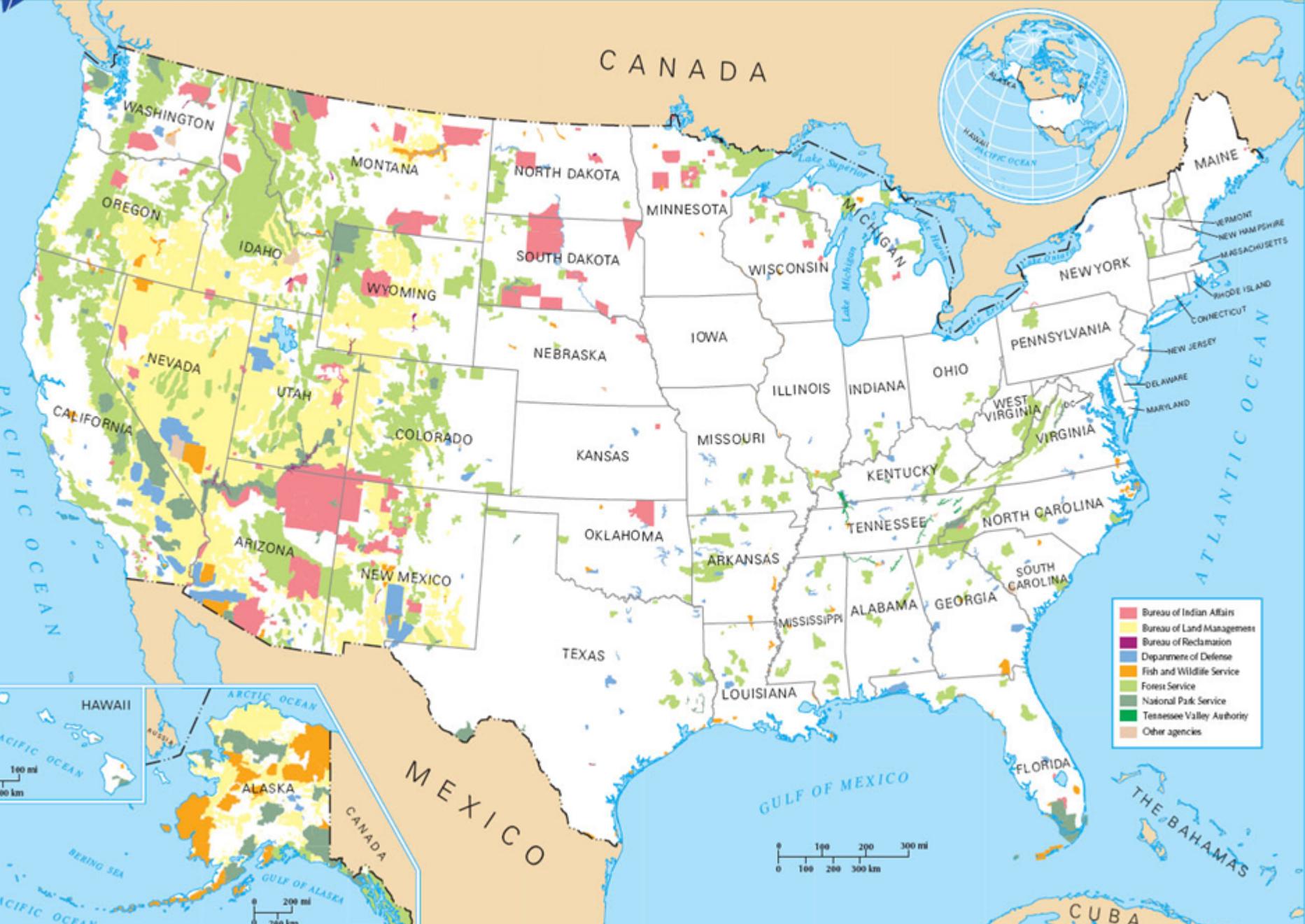
- *FLAG is a national level group whose current membership includes those federal agencies actively participating in the soil survey of the U.S.*



FLAG Member Organizations

- USDA, Forest Service
- USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- USDI, Bureau of Land Management
- USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service
- USDI, National Park Service
- DoD, Army





FLAG Mission

- To facilitate the development and maintenance of the soil and ecological site inventories of the nation's federal lands in association with the other partners of the National Cooperative Soil Survey (NCSS)



FLAG Goals

- To develop and implement a strategy to complete soil mapping and ecological site development efforts on Federal lands by 2020
- To incorporate this strategy into the national goal to provide seamless coverage of the soil resource for the entire United States
- To make this information readily available to all public users of soil resource information for Federal lands
- To enhance the value of Federal land soil/ESD information to users

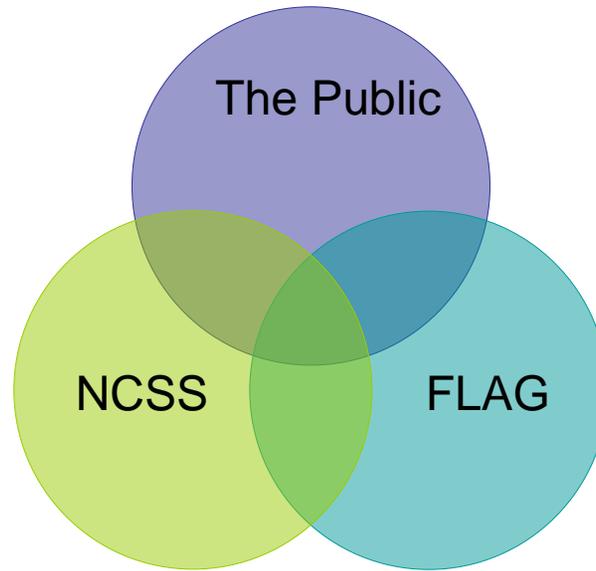


FLAG Outreach Plan

- Accomplishment of FLAG mission and goals requires open exchange of information with our stakeholders
- FLAG is committed to increasing its partnering activities with other federal agencies, state and local authorities, universities, and non-governmental organizations to achieve our mutual aims



FLAG Commitment



FLAG is committed to working in a partnership with the public to achieve FLAG objectives and the overall goals of the National Cooperative Soil Survey

FLAG Soil Survey Needs

-Millions of Acres-

- Tribal lands are being mapped by NRCS
- BLM 57.7
- DOD NA
- FS 59.8
- FWS 94.6
- NPS 60.4
- Total 272.5



FLAG Workplan Implementation

- Identify soil survey need
- Identify workload & capability
- Identify costs (\$ 342 million)
- Identify sources of funding
 - DOA/DOI initiative
 - Regulations on mapping soils on Federal lands
- Implement outreach plan and work with stakeholders
- Develop alternative strategies for accomplishing goals
- Remain active within NCSS to enhance soil survey products on Federal lands





Questions?