



Spokane ICCS

Land Cover/Use Categories of Palustrine and Estuarine Wetland Losses Comparison between NRCS National and West Region Between 1992 and 1997

Loss Category	National Totals	National Percentage	West Region Totals	West Region Percentage
Agriculture	-133,800	26%	-11,800	33%
Silviculture	-60,100	12%	-3,800	10%
Development	-247,500	49%	-10,400	29%
Miscellaneous	-64,600	13%	-10,200	28%
Total Acres Lost	-506,000	100%	-36,200	100%

NRI estimates of Palustrine and Estuarine wetland losses were attributed to the following categories:

Agriculture: Loss occurring on land cover/use category of cropland, pastureland, CRP land, farmsteads and other farmland.

Silviculture: Loss occurring on forestland.

Development: Loss occurring on land cover/use category of urban and built-up or rural transportation.

Miscellaneous: Loss occurring on all other land cover/use categories; including mined land, rangeland, and other barren lands. Natural variations in climatic cycles and hydrology are responsible for the majority of these losses.

National Resource Inventory (NRI) results for the nation indicate 49% of the palustrine and estuarine wetland losses were a direct result of development. In the NRCS West Region, the highest loss category was agriculture at 33%.

NRI data is not collected for any year that the land is in Federal ownership.



