



***How Natural Resources Actions
Enable Mission Readiness:
Case Studies and Panel***

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Scope and Responsibility

- OSD is responsible for policy, oversight, and advocacy for DoD's NR programs
- DoD owns or operates ~25 million acres of military land, air, and water resources
- 344 installations have NR significant enough to require INRMPs
- We spend ~\$300 million per year to implement NRM activities



NR Program Purposes

- Sustain military land, air, and water resources; and maintain healthy natural landscapes so troops can conduct testing, training, and operational activities on base
 - Healthy natural systems are critical to DoD's mission success
 - DoD requires high quality lands, free of legal and environmental encumbrances, to conduct readiness activities
- Support the military mission by managing species and protecting biological resources
 - Strengthen imperiled species populations
 - Maintain resiliency of habitats and landscapes
 - Work on and adjacent to military installations



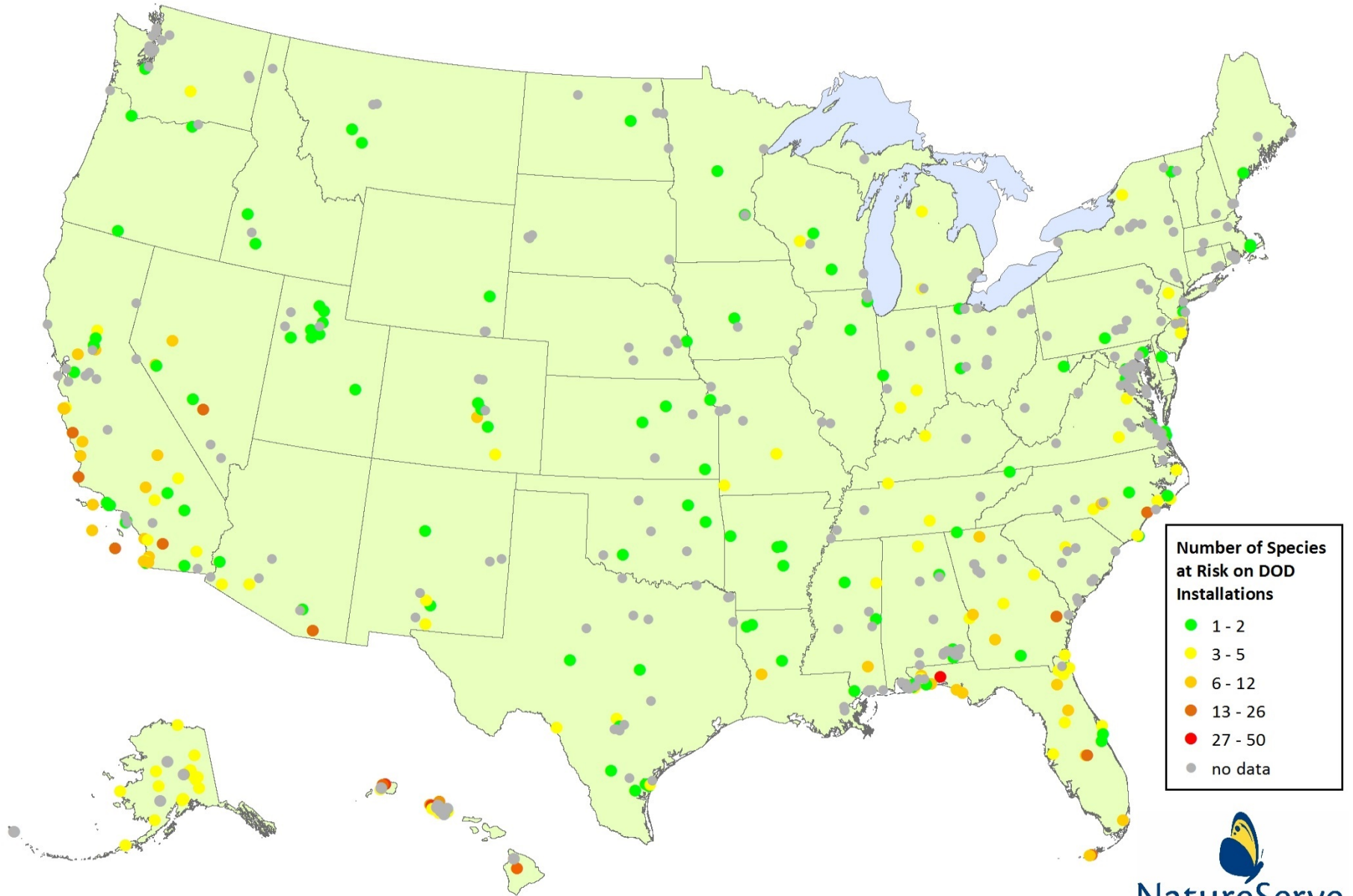
NR Program Priorities

- Facilitate de-listing of species
- Prevent new species listings
- Encourage off-base conservation to enhance on-base mission flexibility
- Change the conversation so NR is viewed as enabling, not restricting



Prairie Warbler, Fort Drum, NY. Photo by Jeff Bolsinger

Number of Species at Risk on DOD Installations



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- 1 - 2
- 3 - 5
- 6 - 12
- 13 - 26
- 27 - 50
- no data





NR Program Activities

- Installation natural resources management activities are diverse:
- Surveying and monitoring species
 - Relocating species
 - Managing invasives
 - Mitigating unavoidable impacts to natural resources from military readiness activities
 - Implementing prescribed fires
 - Clearing vegetation
 - Restoring and sustaining habitats
 - Controlling soil erosion
 - Supporting birds, bats, pollinators, and herpetofauna



Bottom Line

➤ DoD NR activities:

- Enable military readiness activities
- Ensure compliance with all laws and policies
- Help sustain testing, training, and operational flexibility

➤ What you can do:

- Engage with range commanders, master planners, pest management, etc. when developing and implementing INRMPs
- Look for off-base conservation opportunities
- Get involved in regional/national efforts (PIF/PARC)