

Private Lands Matter

Relevancy

SWAP goals, recreational opportunity, and at-risk species in your state all depend on the quantity, quality, and connectivity provided by habitat found only on private lands, making the land-use decisions by landowners among the most important factors in our ability to affect conservation outcomes for wildlife. Is private lands conservation a priority in your State?

85%

85% of hunters use private land annually and greater than 64% exclusively rely on private land for their hunting opportunities.

Essential Habitat

75% of more than 2,300 plant and animal species that are listed as threatened or endangered rely on habitat found on private lands.

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Sara Parker Pauley, Director – Missouri Department of Conservation

“Aldo Leopold once said *“Farmers are the team in conservation”*. His thoughts on the role of private land in moving the needle on conservation are still relevant today. Private land sits on the Roadmap to Relevancy; it’s one of the bricks on that road. If that brick is missing, will the path lead us to where we want to go?”

\$20
BILLION

The recently passed Inflation Reduction Act adds \$20 Billion in additional funding for USDA working lands programs. This is an opportunity for wildlife conservation on private lands by **MAKING THEIR \$ OUR \$**. Your investments in capacity and programs for private lands conservation can act as match to leverage federal resources and become a force multiplier for habitat!

Private Lands State?

MAFWA	464,836,348 ac.	90%
SEAFWA	520,465,336 ac.	89%
NEAFWA	102,456,291 ac.	82%
WAFWA	399,264,942 ac.	38%

Acres of private land and percentage of private land by AFWA Region. Most states are Private Lands States. Private lands are important for supporting wildlife populations in places where conservation needs are most urgent.

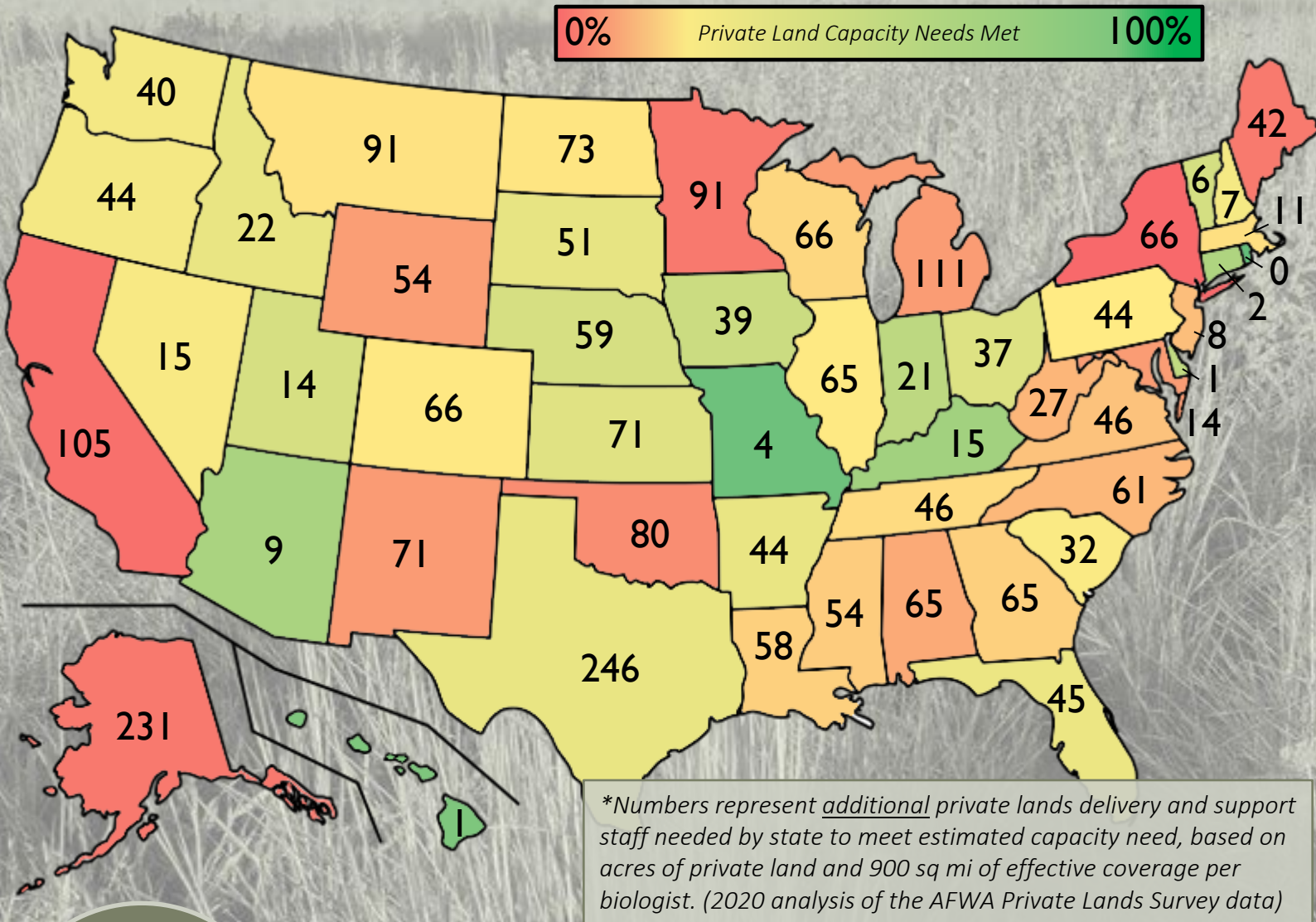
Prioritize Private Lands Conservation

Put your money where conservation happens, Private Lands. For State Wildlife Agencies, meeting the challenge of habitat conservation on a meaningful scale requires a commitment of effort and capital directed to where habitat exists and ensuring stewardship by supporting landowners with quality customer service. Private Lands Capacity = Relevancy



Agricultural Conservation Committee:
Private Lands Working Group

Is Capacity Adequate in Your State?



RAWA READY?

1/3

A commitment of reliable funding equivalent to only 1/3 of your state's projected RAWA allocation, would support enough staff capacity to deliver needed conservation on private lands. Dedication of resources to conservation delivery on private lands are effective investments towards realizing SWAP goals.

Kevin Robling,
Director – South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks

“Creating partnerships with landowners and agricultural producers is absolutely vital regarding the future of wildlife management across this Country. Focusing on habitat management and development while expanding public access opportunities on private lands is the foundation of ensuring our strong outdoor heritage remains strong for current and future generations and we as wildlife management agencies are committed to building those partnerships.”