

Map 5. 2005 Wetlands Layer of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the lead Federal agency responsible for building the wetlands layer of the NSDI, has worked in partnership with nearly 100 organizations to develop wetlands geospatial digital data for more than 1.9 billion acres of the United States, 49 percent of the total area of the Nation. The USFWS continues to modernize the National Wetlands Inventory Program to achieve operational efficiencies and enhance service to customers over the Internet. In partnership with USGS, the National Wetlands Inventory implemented a national wetlands geodatabase to manage and provide via the Internet all available digital wetlands data in seamless format for the conterminous United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. This data provides resource managers and the public with contemporary digital wetland information to be used in geographic information systems and in key assessment reports to address complex conservation issues.



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