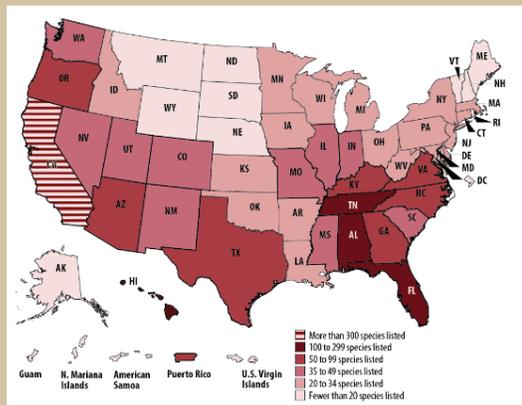


Endangered Species Act

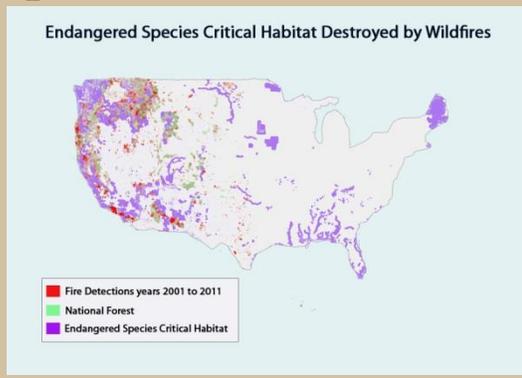
Did you know..?

- Only **28 species** (in 40 years) have been delisted due to species recovery
- That's less than a **1% recovery rate**
- The U.S. Government has spent over **\$21 million** over the last 4 years on **570 ESA related lawsuits**
- FY2011 federal and state expenditures on endangered and threatened species totaled **\$1.59 billion**

How many species are listed in each state?



Critical Habitats are destroyed by wildfires, harming endangered species and their homes:



The Endangered Species Act (ESA) was created in 1973 to preserve, protect and recover key domestic species. Since that time, over 2,021 species of animals and plants have been listed as either threatened or endangered. Most species remain on the list and hundreds more could potentially be added within the just the next two years.

One of the biggest problems with the Endangered Species Act in recent years is the increased use of “sue-and-settle” lawsuits, which occur when an agency intentionally relinquishes its statutory discretion by accepting lawsuits from outside groups that effectively dictate the priorities and duties of the agency through legally binding, court-approved settlements negotiated behind closed doors—with no participation by other affected parties or the public.

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The federal government has defended more than 570 ESA-related lawsuits costing U.S. taxpayers **more than \$21 million** - 76.7% of which is in the West- in attorney fees in just the past four years. The ESA has become litigation driven, where money and resources are spent addressing endless, frivolous lawsuits instead of species recovery. Below is a regional breakdown of attorney fees paid by the federal government:

ESA Expenditures – Attorney Fees by Region

