

Prime Rangelands

The Farmland Protection Policy Act (Public Law 98-98) was set up to protect significant rangeland resources as well as important farmland. The definition of prime rangelands is found in Department Regulation 9500-3 which states, "Prime rangeland is rangeland which, because of its soil, climate topography, vegetation, and location, has the highest quality or value for grazing animals. The (potential) natural vegetation's palatable, nutritious, and available to the kinds of herbivores common to the area."

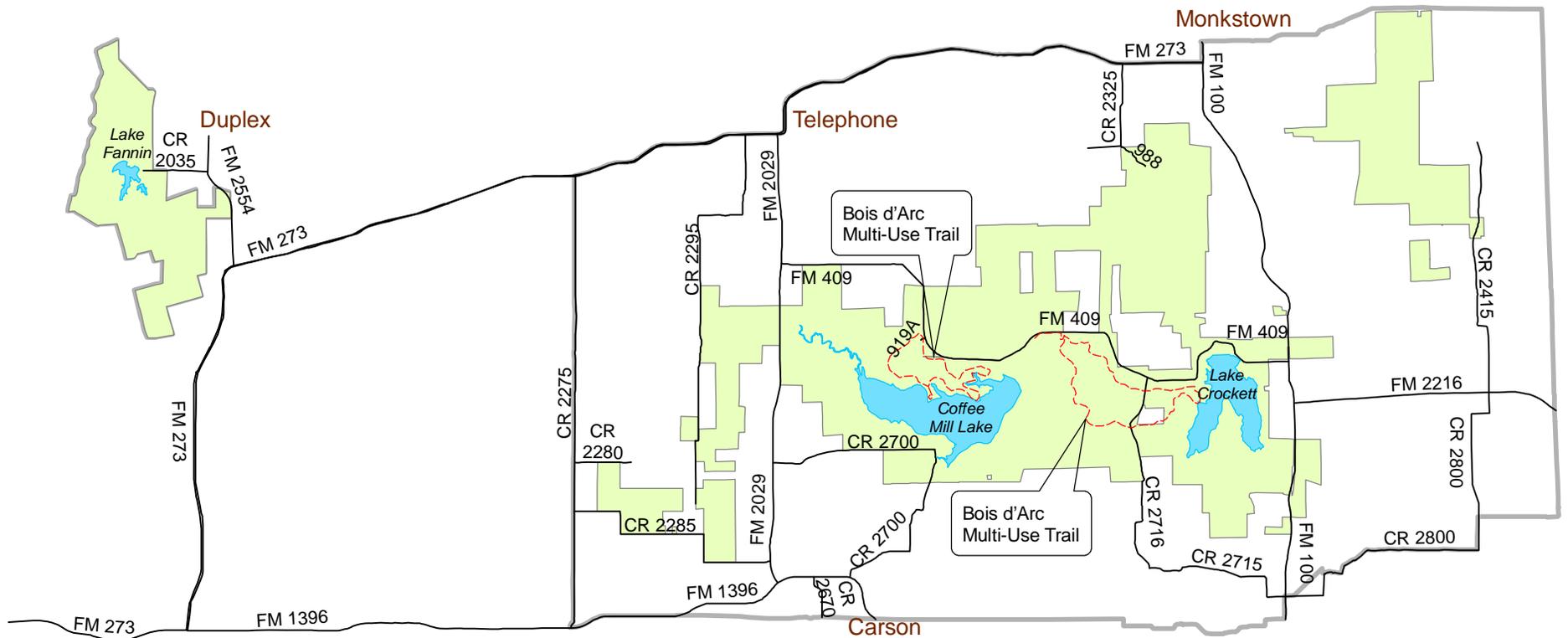
It is Rural Development policy to not fund or carry out any proposed action that would directly, or indirectly involve the conversion of Prime Rangelands or National Grasslands and adversely affect the unique value and benefit of Prime Rangelands or National Grasslands unless there is clearly no practical alternative to the action.

National Grasslands are different than Prime Rangelands and are administered by the US Forest Service. Texas has three areas in the state considered National Grassland; Bois d 'Arc Unit in Caddo National Grassland, Ladonia Unit in the Caddo National Grassland and the Lyndon B. Johnson National Grasslands. Each is comprised of scatter sites and maps are attached to show the locations.

Whenever a proposed action is determined to have a potential for impacting Prime Rangelands or National Grasslands, NRCS, the US Forest Service, and the local Soil Conservation District should be consulted as appropriate early in the environmental process to evaluate the possible impact and protective requirements necessary concerning the action.

A review of the attached 1992 NRCS's Prime Farmland map used as Rangeland indicates that Texas has a large amount of rangeland throughout the entire state. It should be noted that the map does not include all of the Prime Rangeland within the state. A lot of the land in the state is rangeland yet it is not also classified as Prime Farmland. The point to consider in the environmental process is that much of the State meets the definition of Prime Rangeland and the impact may need to be considered for a large portion of the Agency's projects.

Bois d'Arc Unit Caddo National Grassland

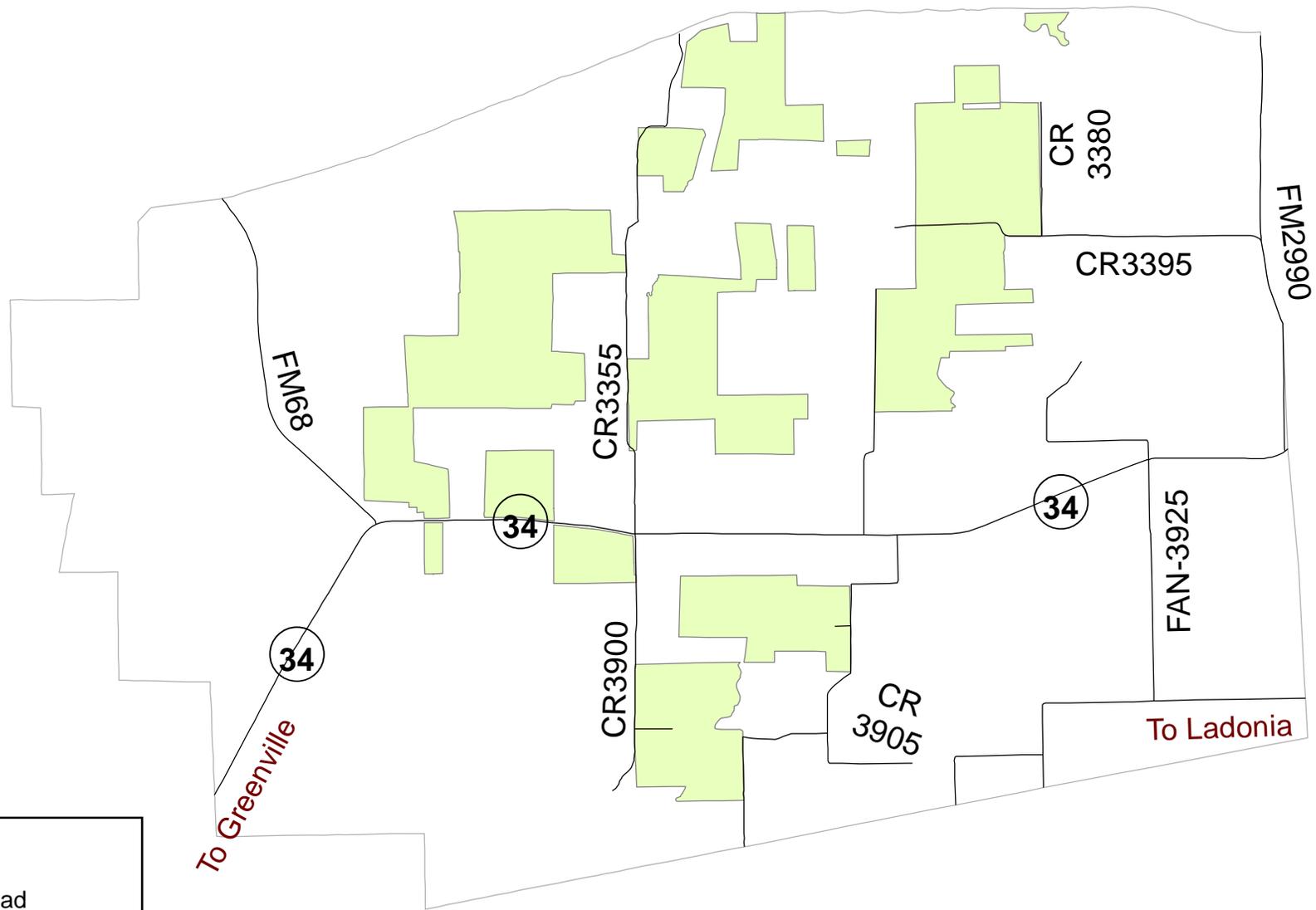


Legend

- Trail
- Forest Service
- Private
- Administrative Boundary

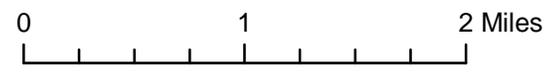


Caddo National Grassland Ladonia Unit



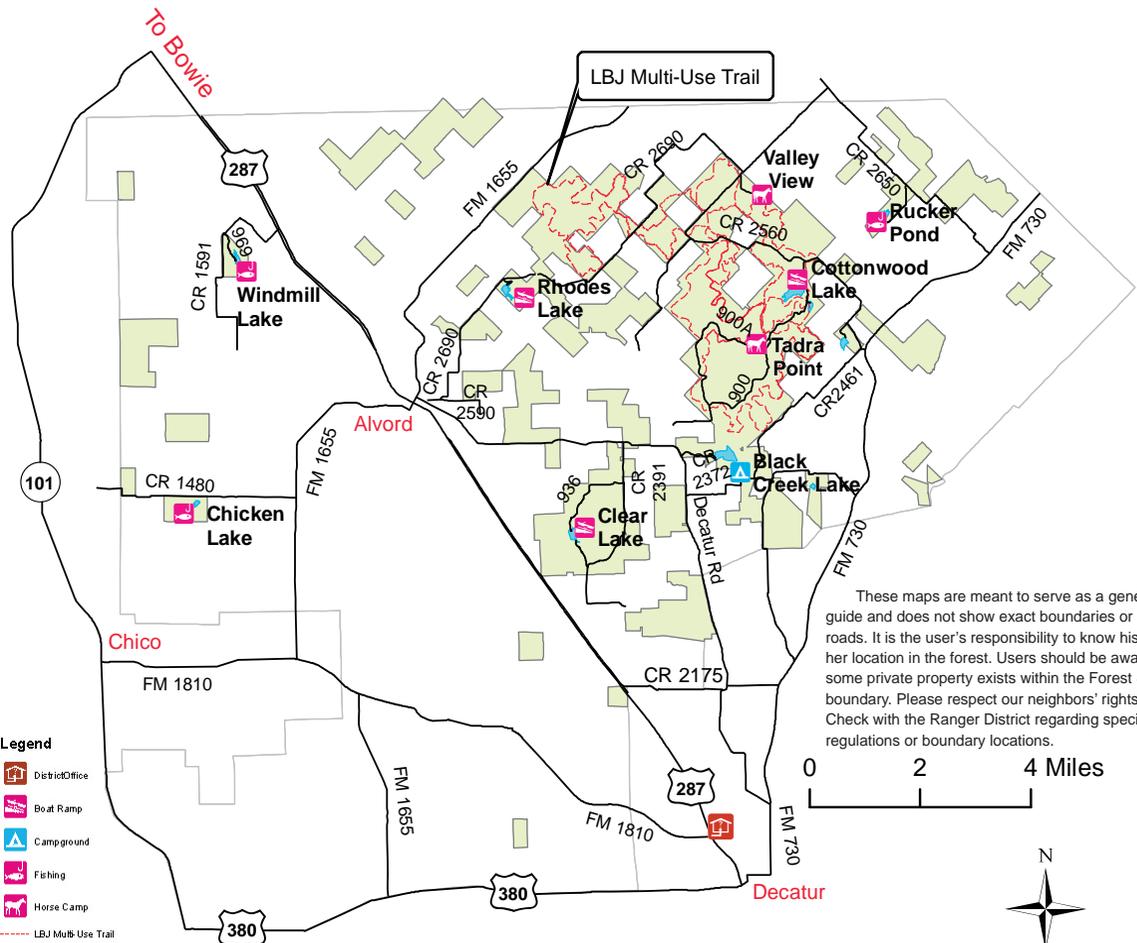
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LBJ Multi-Use Trail

To Bowie

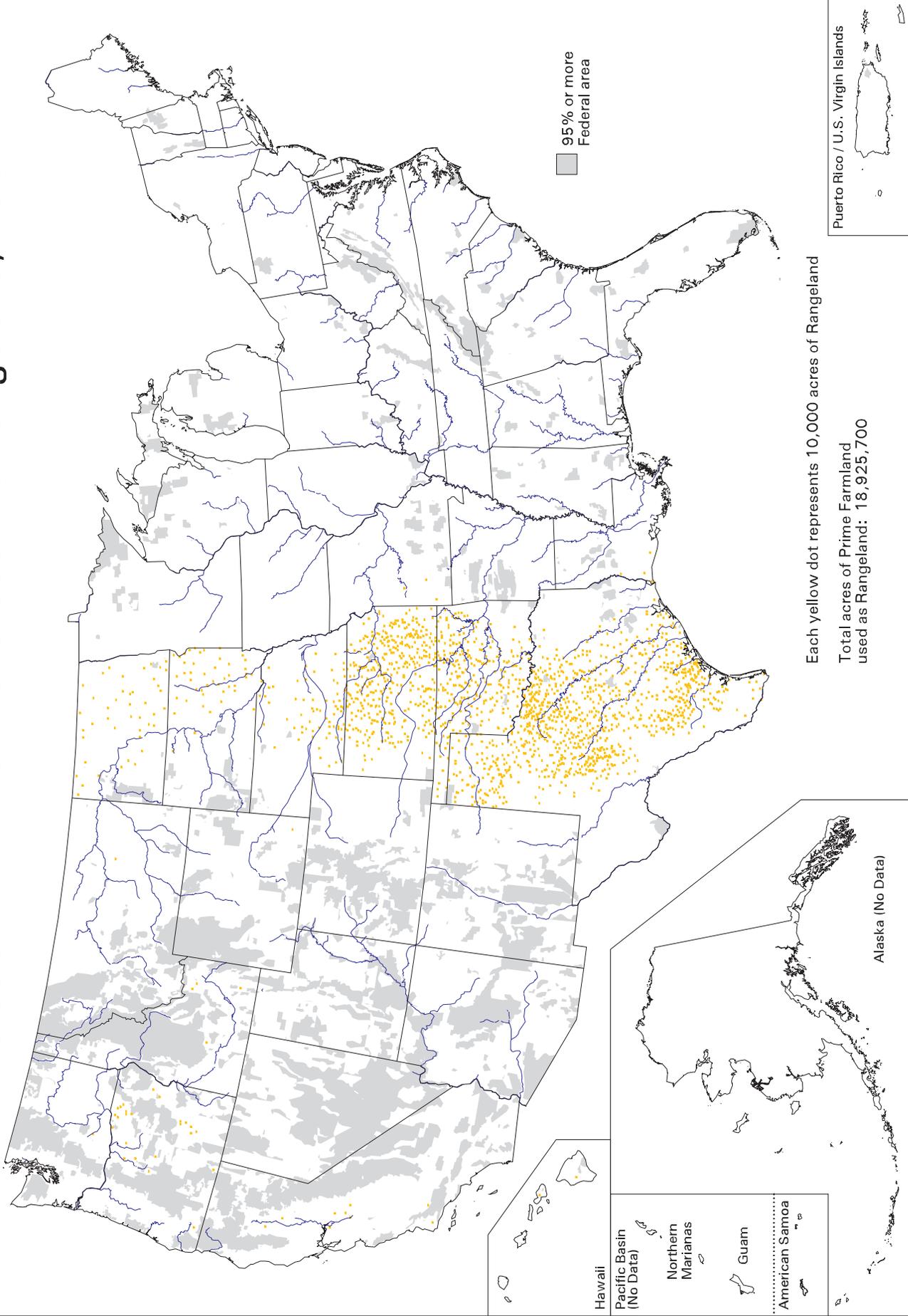
These maps are meant to serve as a general guide and does not show exact boundaries or all roads. It is the user's responsibility to know his or her location in the forest. Users should be aware that some private property exists within the Forest Service boundary. Please respect our neighbors' rights. Check with the Ranger District regarding special regulations or boundary locations.



- Legend**
- District Office
 - Boat Ramp
 - Campground
 - Fishing
 - Horse Camp
 - LBJ Multi-Use Trail
 - Non-Forest Service
 - USDA Forest Service

LYNDON B. JOHNSON NATIONAL GRASSLANDS

Acres of Prime Farmland Used as Rangeland, 1992



Each yellow dot represents 10,000 acres of Rangeland
 Total acres of Prime Farmland used as Rangeland: 18,925,700

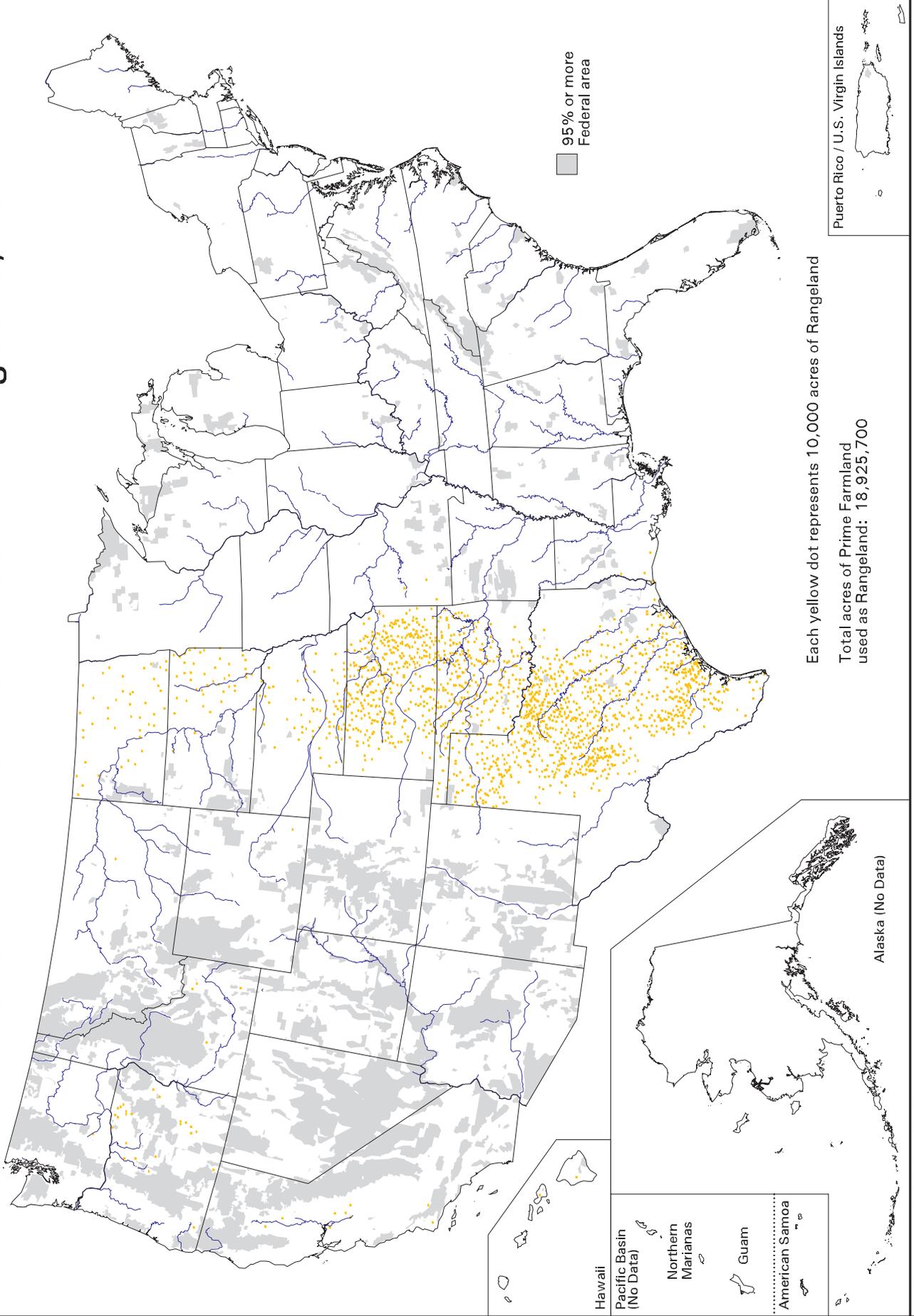
95% or more Federal area

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