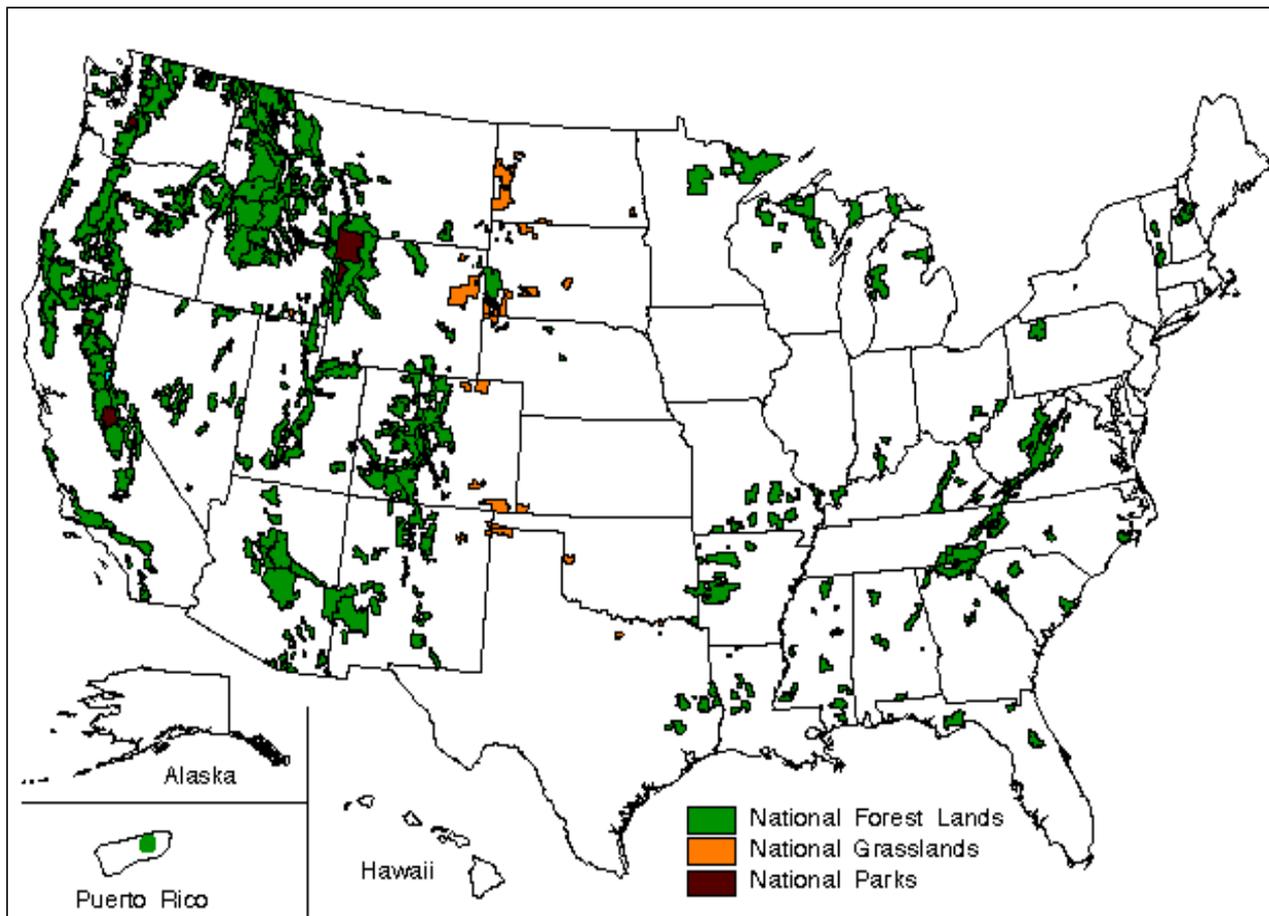


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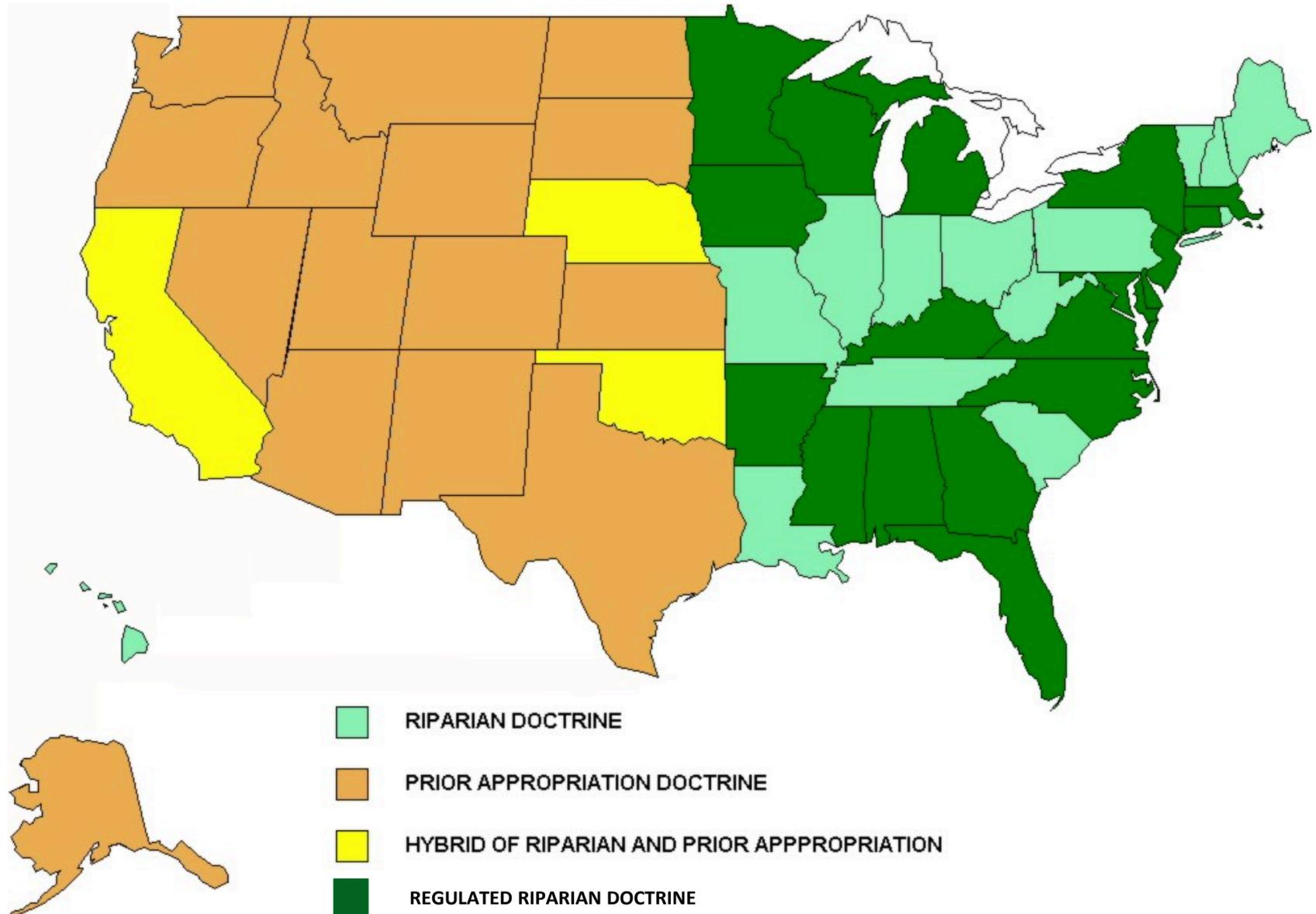


NFS Lands: the largest single source of water in the continental United States, over 14% of available supply.

More than 400,000 miles of rivers and streams

Over 2.2 million acres of ponds and lakes

STATE SURFACE WATER DOCTRINES



Number of Water Rights

STATE	NUMBER OF SKI AREAS	OWNED BY SKI AREAS	OWNED BY FOREST SERVICE	JOINTLY OWNED	TOTAL
Arizona	3	0	1	0	1
Colorado	22	112	4	1	117
California	25	3	14	1	18
Idaho	10	6	8	1	15
Montana	11	15	14	1	30
New Mexico	7	2	3	0	5
Nevada	3	1	1	0	2
Oregon	11	6	7	0	13
Utah	6	11	0	0	11
Washington	10	4	6	1	11
Wyoming	8	8	7	5	20
TOTAL	116	168	65	10	243

Of the 473 downhill ski areas in the U.S.
122 operate under special use permit on
National Forest System (NFS) lands.



About one-half of U.S. skier visits occur at ski areas
that are located at least partially on NFS land.

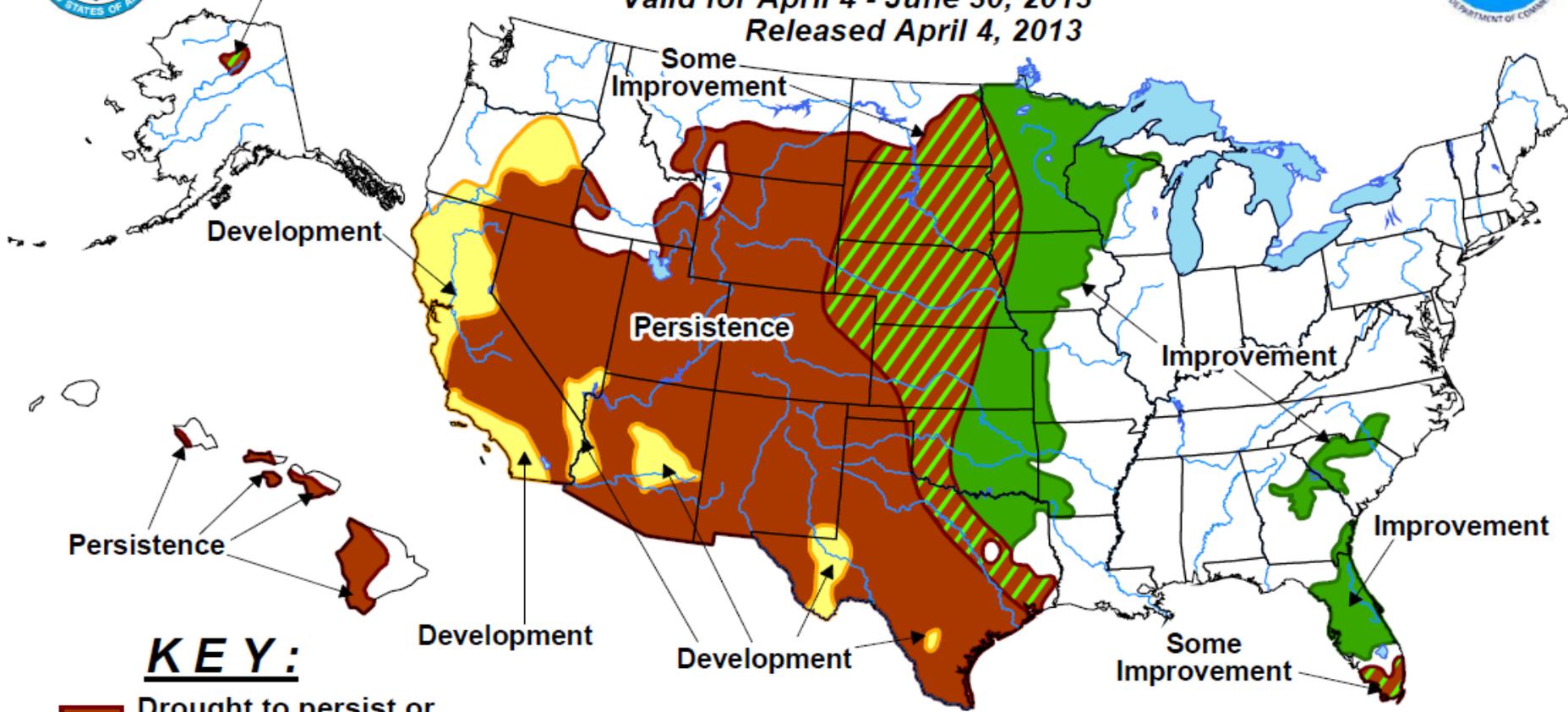


U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for April 4 - June 30, 2013

Released April 4, 2013



KEY:

-  Drought to persist or intensify
-  Drought ongoing, some improvement
-  Drought likely to improve, impacts ease
-  Drought development likely

No Drought Posted/Predicted 

Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events -- such as individual storms -- cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance. Use caution for applications -- such as crops -- that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4 intensity). For weekly drought updates, see the latest U.S. Drought Monitor. NOTE: the green improvement areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels, but do not necessarily imply drought elimination.

Comments can be submitted
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by May 10, 2013