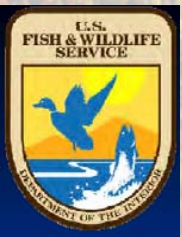


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Landscape Conservation Challenges

- Climate Change
- Freshwater Supply
- Habitat Change
- Invasive Species
- Wildlife Disease



What's Needed – A new approach linking science and management to deal with landscape scale conservation issues



Department of the Interior Responds

- **“Plan for a Coordinated, Science-Based Response to Climate Change Impacts on our Land, Water, and Wildlife Resources”**
- **DOI plan includes Climate Science Centers (CSCs) and Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs)**



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What are they?

Self-directed, public-private applied science partnerships created to inform management decisions on broad, landscape scales.



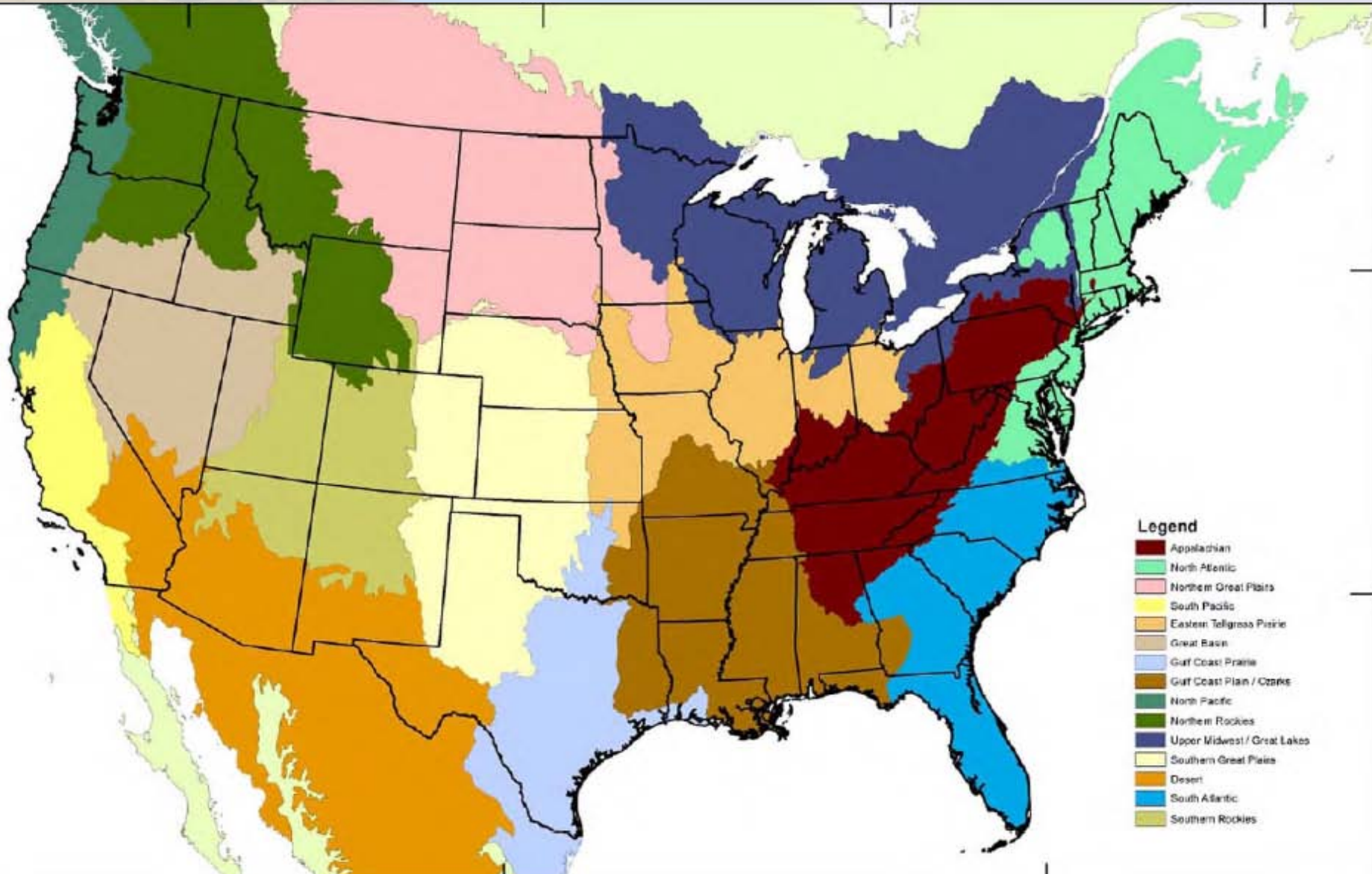
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What are they?

An integrated network of conservation partnerships from coast to coast - and beyond.



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What are they NOT?

- Funding source for on-the-ground projects
- Replacements for existing organizations, partnerships, or cooperatives
- Focused exclusively on climate change
- Regulatory in nature



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Who are they?

- Public and private groups that have complementary conservation goals and agree to work together on common interests
- Federal, state, local government agencies, Tribes, nonprofits, for-profit, academia in U.S., Canada, and Mexico



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What benefits do LCCs provide partners?

- **Develop, access, and share applied science (data, tools, methods, assessments)**
- **Leverage funding, information, and technical expertise for applied science projects**
- **Collaborate and communicate on matters of common interest**



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The Power of Partnerships



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LCC partnerships can enable a level of conservation that no single agency or organization can accomplish alone

