
USDA RECOVERY ACT ACTIVITIES

March 18, 2009



OVERVIEW OF USDA RECOVERY ACT FUNDING

- ❖ **USDA received \$28 billion through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**
- ❖ **The funds are dispersed through 9 agencies and 22 programs:**
 - Food and Nutrition Service - \$20.9 billion
 - Rural Development - \$4.4 billion
 - Forest Service - \$1.15 billion
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service - \$340 million
 - Farm Service Agency –
 - Foreign Agricultural Service - \$202 million
 - Agricultural Research Service - \$176 million
 - Departmental Administration - \$24 million
 - Office of Inspector General - \$22.5 million



Food and Nutrition Service

- Over \$20 million for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
 - ❑ The first \$145 of \$300 million has been released and is available to the states for SNAP administrative expenses.
 - ❑ On April 1, SNAP benefits will increase by 13.8%.
 - \$500 million for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
 - \$100 million for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) equipment grants
 - \$150 million for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
 - ❑ The first \$25 million was released to State agencies on 3/11.
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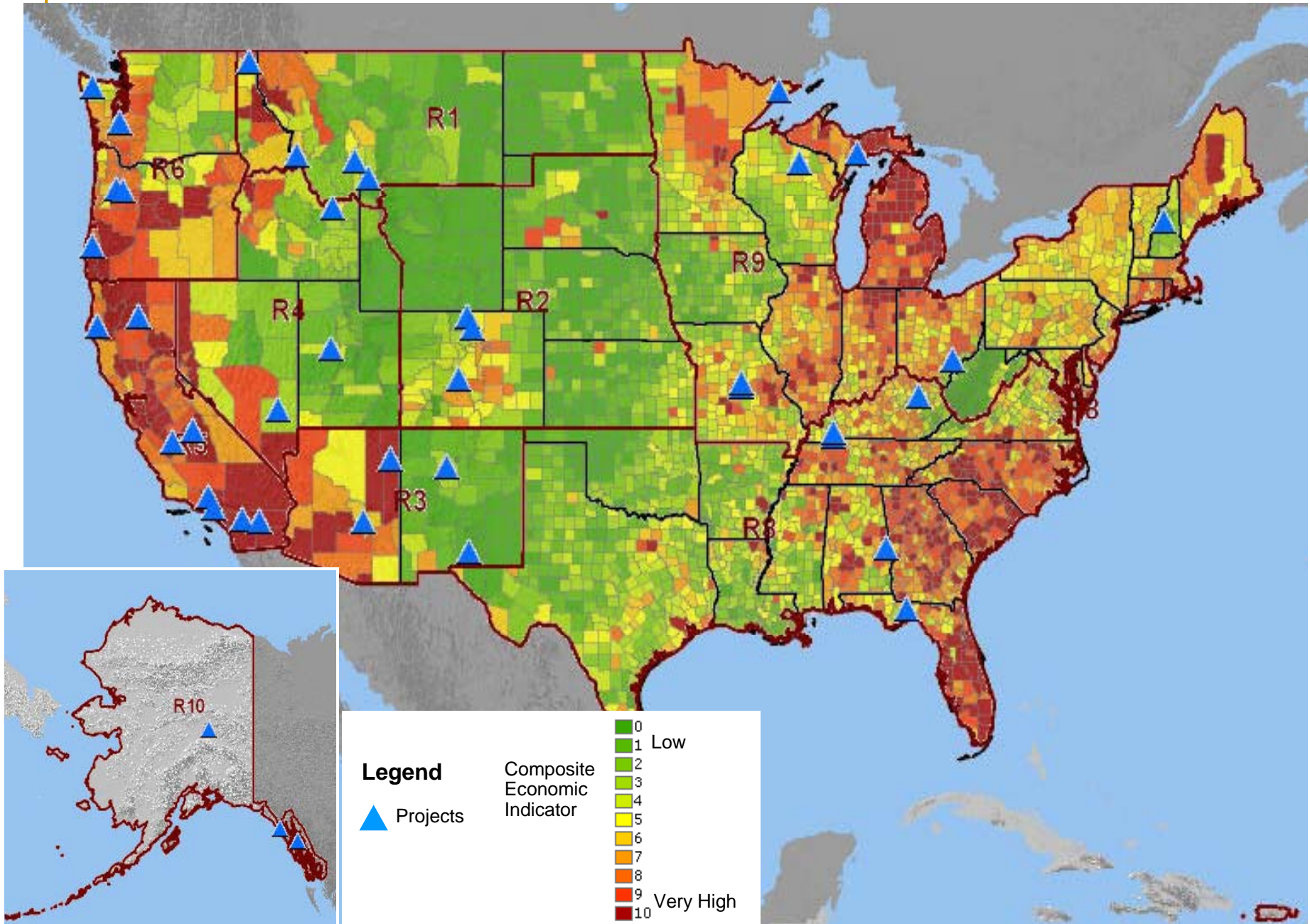
Rural Development

- \$1.38 billion for Water and Waste Disposal Projects
 - ❑ \$2.82 billion loan level
 - \$200 million for Single Family Housing Loan Program (SFHL)
 - ❑ \$11.5 billion loan level
 - \$2.5 billion for Broadband programs
 - \$130 million for Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program
 - ❑ \$3 billion loan level
 - \$20 million for Rural Business Enterprise Grants
 - \$67 million for Community Facilities Loan and Grant Programs
 - ❑ \$1.171 billion loan level
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Forest Service

- The Forest Service has begun implementing the first 10% (almost \$100 million) of funding
 - \$650 million for Capital Improvement and Maintenance projects
 - \$500 million for Wildland Fire Management projects
 - It is estimated that approximately 25,000 jobs will be created by Forest Service Recovery projects.
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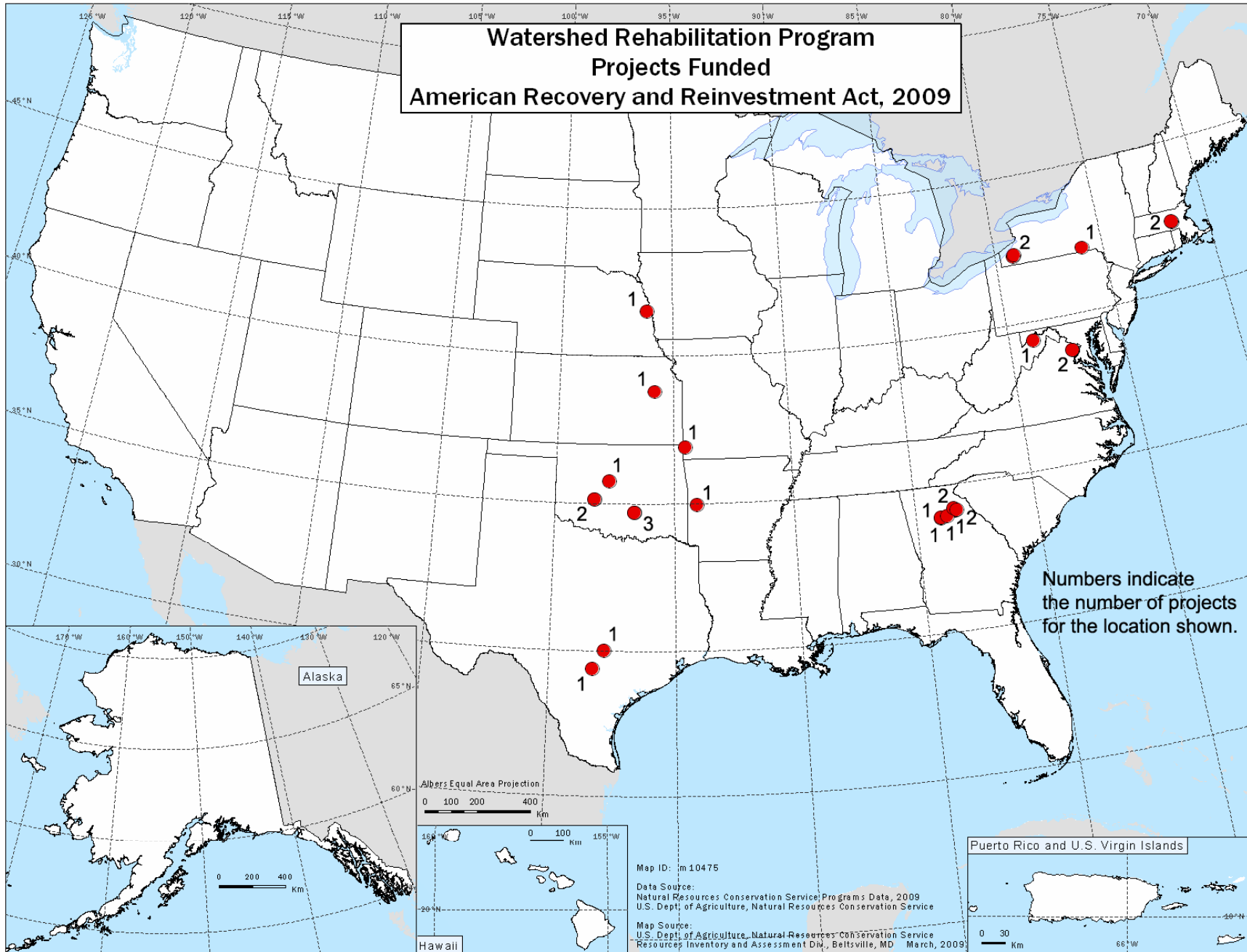
ARRA 10% Initial Project Selection



Natural Resources Conservation Service

- \$145 million for Watershed Operations projects
 - ❑ \$80 million will be released this week
 - \$50 million for Watershed Rehabilitation programs
 - ❑ Entire \$50 million will be released this week
 - \$145 million for Floodplain Easement Programs
 - ❑ Nationwide sign-up March 9-27
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Watershed Rehabilitation Program Projects Funded American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009



Farm Service Agency

- As of March 13, \$39.67 million has been dispersed to farmers, creating almost \$160 million in available loans
 - 2,241 farmers have received loans
 - ❑ Of which approximately half are beginning farmers and 13.5% are socially disadvantaged farmers
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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act USDA Direct Operating Loans - Obligations to Date

