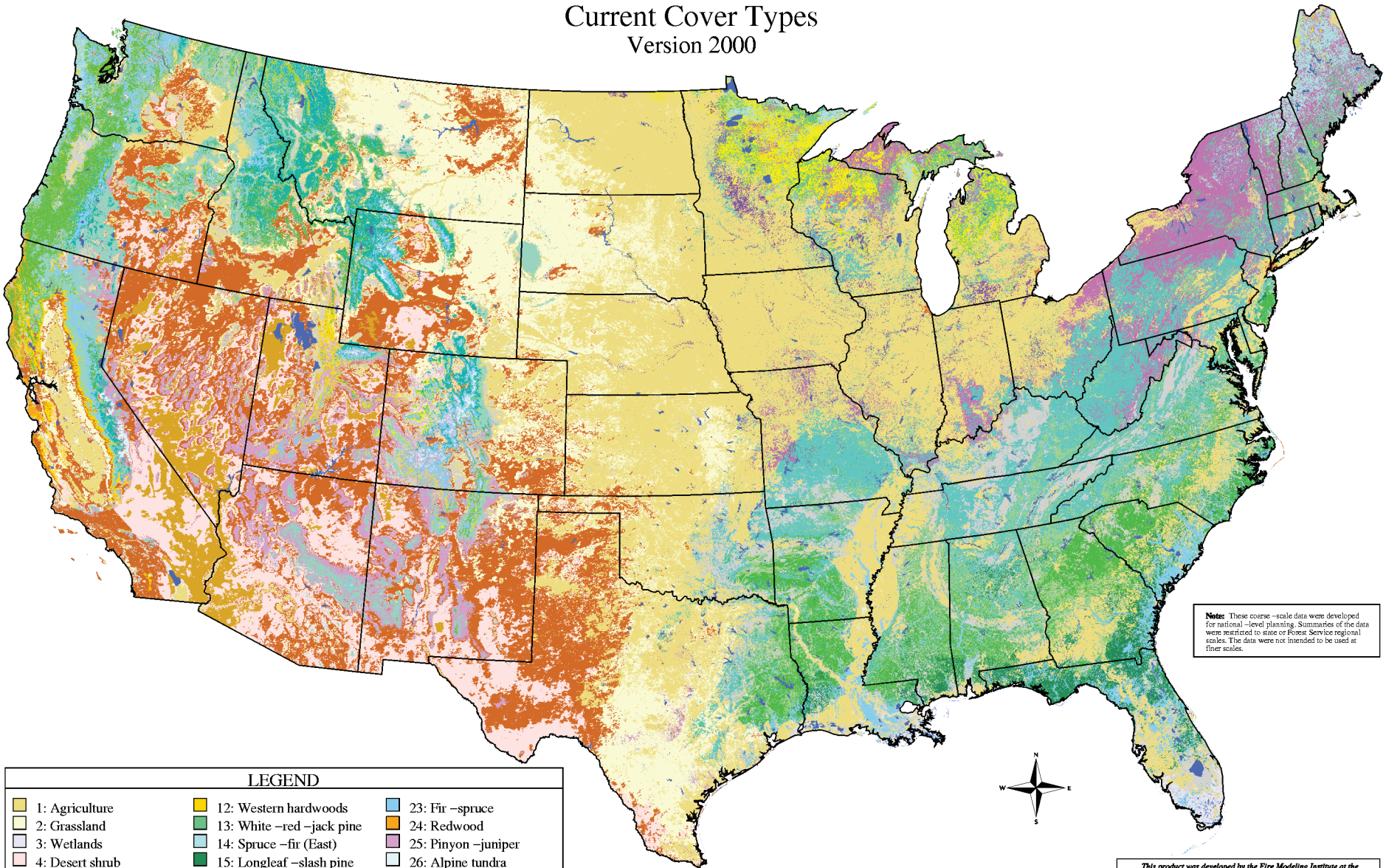
Current Cover Types
Version 2000



Note: These coarse –scale data were developed for national –level planning. Summaries of the data were restricted to state or Forest Service regional scales. The data were not intended to be used at finer scales.

LEGEND

- 1: Agriculture
- 2: Grassland
- 3: Wetlands
- 4: Desert shrub
- 5: Other shrub
- 6: Oak –pine
- 7: Oak –hickory
- 8: Oak –gum –cypress
- 9: Elm –ash –cottonwood
- 10: Maple –beech –birch
- 11: Aspen –birch
- 12: Western hardwoods
- 13: White –red –jack pine
- 14: Spruce –fir (East)
- 15: Longleaf –slash pine
- 16: Loblolly –shortleaf pine
- 17: Ponderosa pine
- 18: Douglas –fir
- 19: Larch
- 20: Western white pine
- 21: Lodgepole pine
- 22: Hemlock –Sitka spruce
- 23: Fir –spruce
- 24: Redwood
- 25: Pinyon –juniper
- 26: Alpine tundra
- 27: Barren
- 28: Water
- 30: Urban/development/ agriculture

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The cover types shown on this map depict the vegetative cover types currently present across the conterminous United States. These data were first developed by integrating two pre –existing remotely sensed vegetation classifications. The 1991 Land Cover Characteristics database (LCC) developed by USGS EROS Data Center was used for all non –forest cover types, and Resource Planning Act's 1992 map of Forest Types of the United States, developed by the Southern Research Station, USDA Forest Service, was used for all forest cover types. The two remotely sensed classifications were based on biweekly composites of the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) derived from daily Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR) satellite images collected from March to October, 1990. These biweekly NDVI composites were clustered into groups of similar seasonal profiles, then classified into vegetation types.

Seven regional expert panels then integrated the biophysical classifications of Potential Natural Vegetation Groups and the Historical Natural Fire Regimes with the Current Cover Types data to create generalized successional pathway diagrams. These successional pathway diagrams and local knowledge were used to refine this integrated map of Current Cover Types.

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