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California

Chihuanuan Desert/Southern Shortgrass Prairie

Colorado Plateau

Florida/Caribbean Partnership

Great Lakes

Gulf Coast

Lake Mead

Mid-Atlantic Cooperative

National Capital Region

North Coast Cascades Network

Northeast

Northern Great Plains

Northern Rockies

Pacific Islands

Southeast

Worthington Glacier, AK - Photo by Judy Daniels

Haleakala NP, Maui - Photo by Judy Daniels

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Alaska Exotic Plant Management Team

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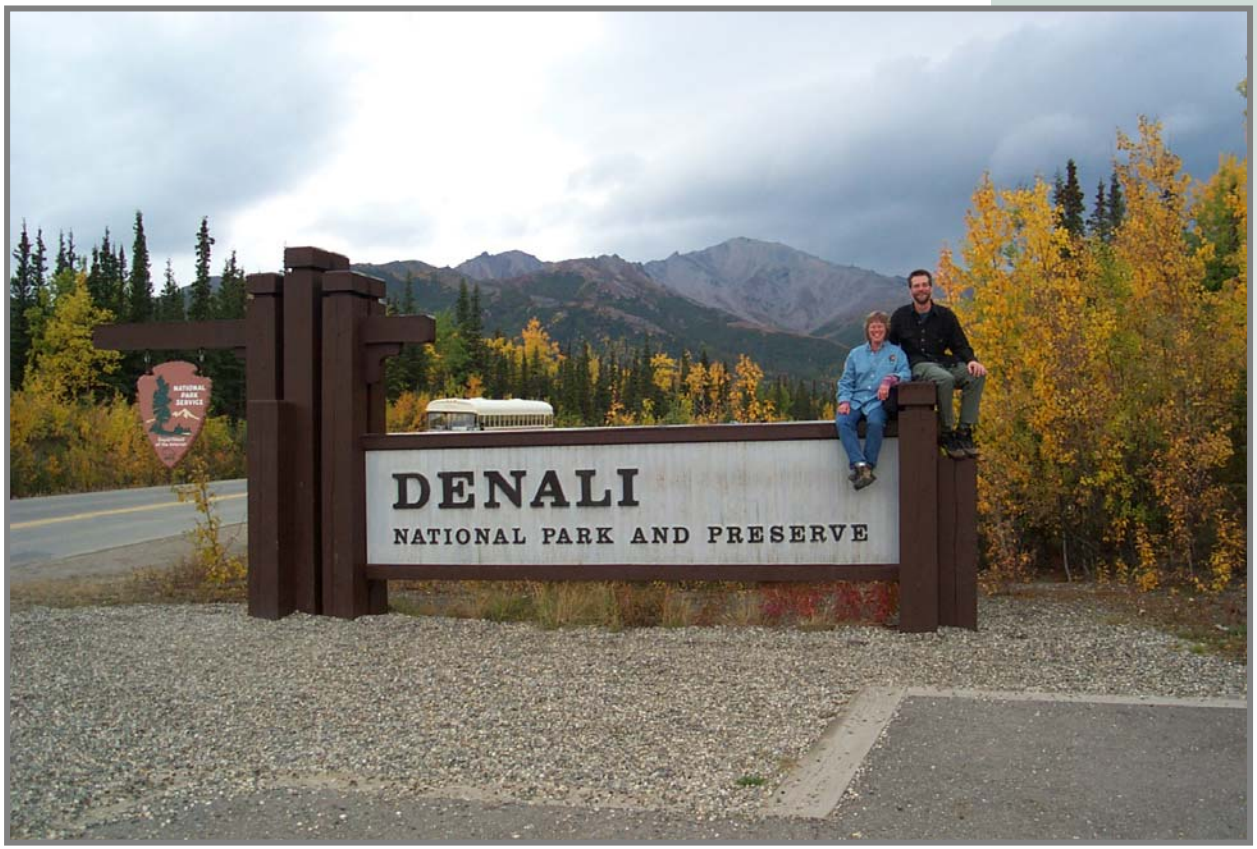

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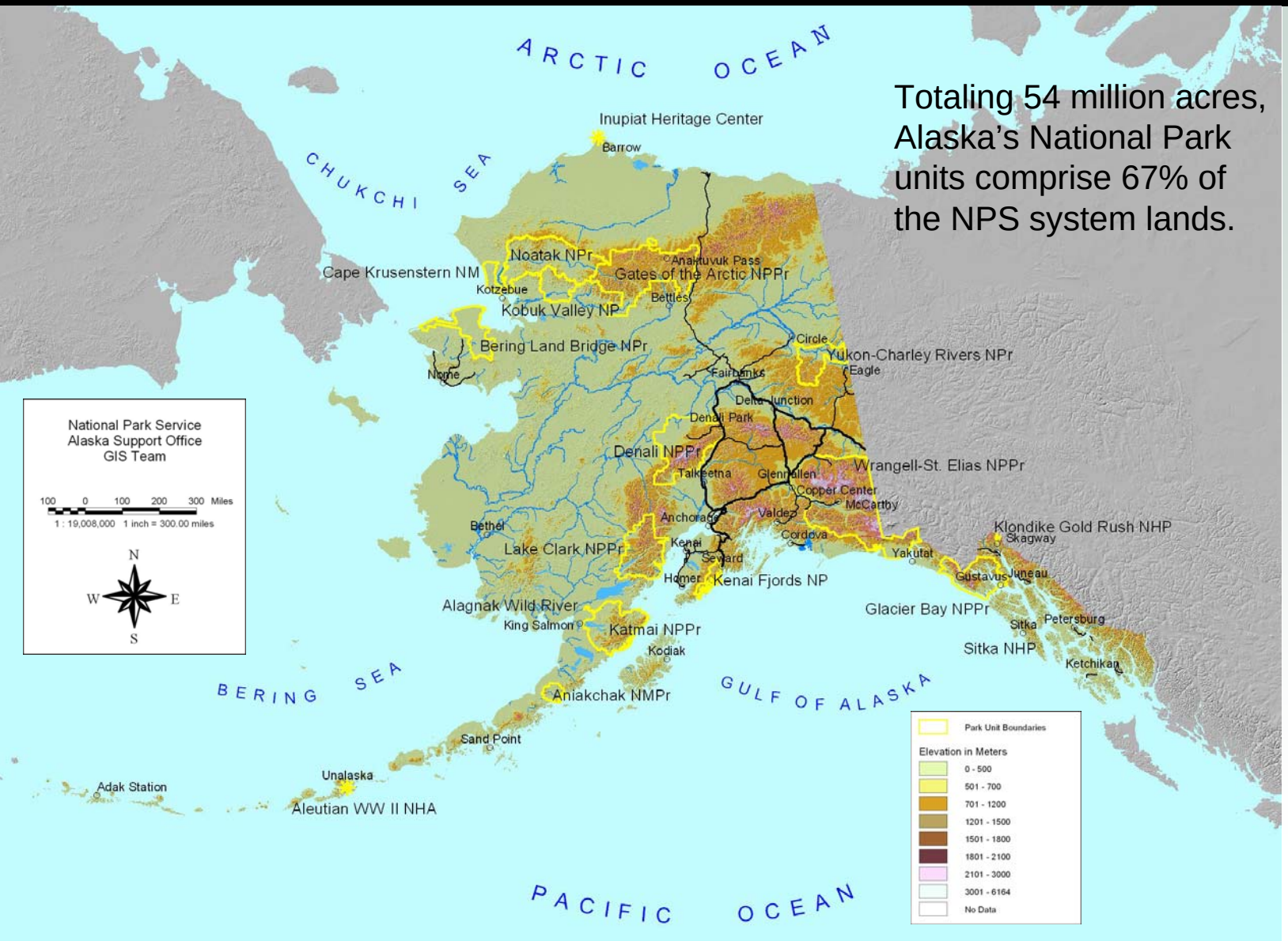
Totaling 54 million acres, Alaska's National Park units comprise 67% of the NPS system lands.



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Top Ten Species

1. **White/yellow sweetclover**
   - ***Melilotus alba/officinalis***
2. **Bird (tufted) vetch**
   - ***Vicea cracca***
3. **Japanese knotweed**
   - ***Polygonum cuspidatum***
4. **Narrowleaf hawksbeard**
   - ***Crepis tectorum***
5. **Butter and eggs (toadflax)**
   - ***Linaria vulgaris***
6. **Oxeye-daisy**
   - ***Leucanthemum vulgare***
7. **European mountain ash**
   - ***Sorbus aucuparia***
8. **Common dandelion**
   - ***Taraxacum officinale* ssp. *officinale***
9. **European stickseed**
   - ***Lappula squarrosa***
10. **Bigleaf lupine**
    - ***Lupinus polyphyllus***

White sweetclover on Nenana River bar

Bird vetch in Denali National Park (purple flowers)

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Exotic plants in Alaska occur primarily on human-disturbed soils, but the state's vast tracts of floodplains and post-glacial soils offer them similar habitats for invasion.

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Site Recovery

Narrowleaf hawksbeard infestation in Denali N.P. before (yellow flowers)…

…and after a pulling effort (none!)

Controlling source populations of exotic plants is of particular importance in Alaska, where it may still be possible to prevent widespread invasion.