

Climate Change Is Now!

Stories and Experiences of a Natural Resources Administrator

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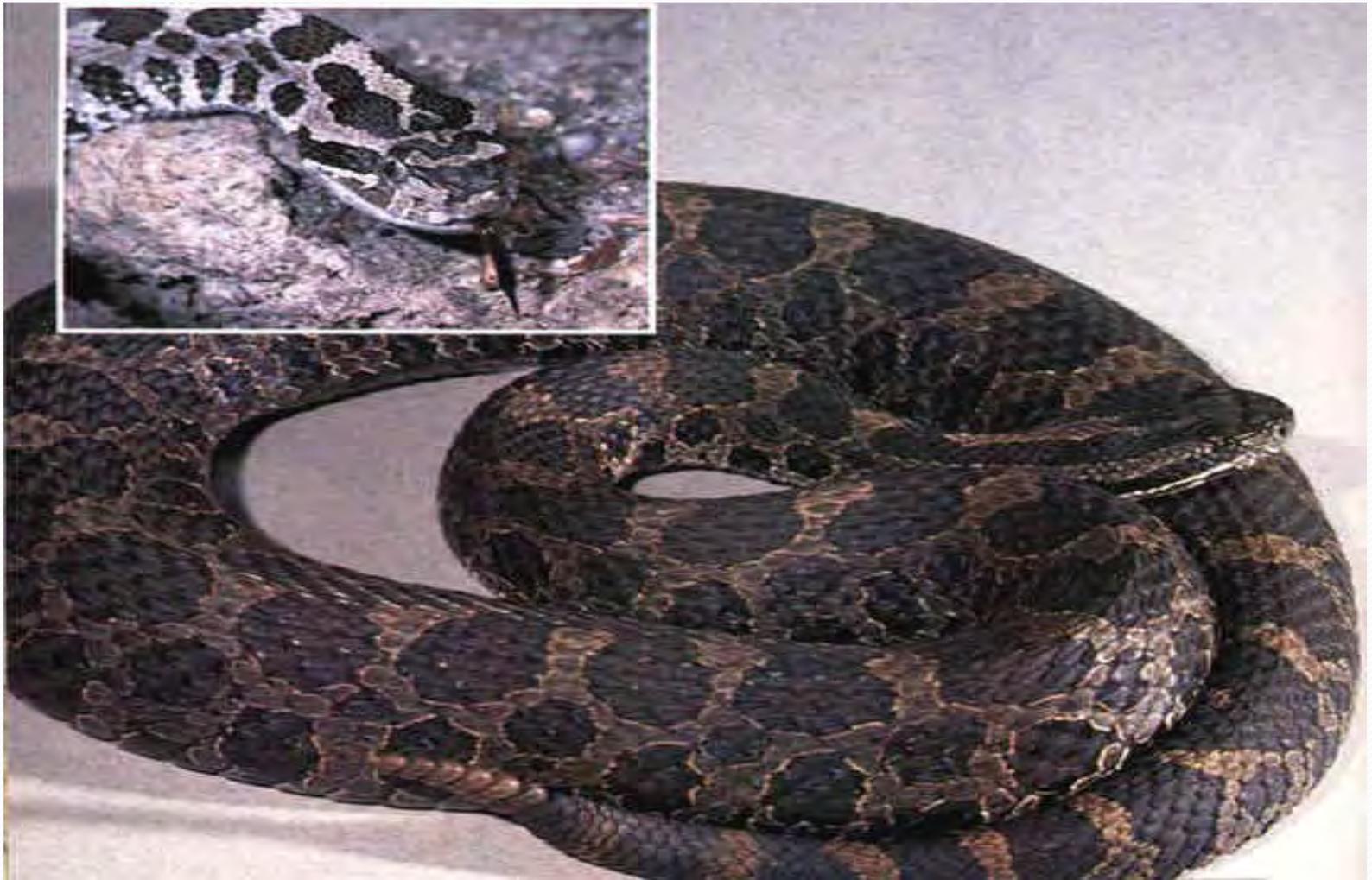
Floods of 2008



Errant Tanks



Massasauga Rattlesnake



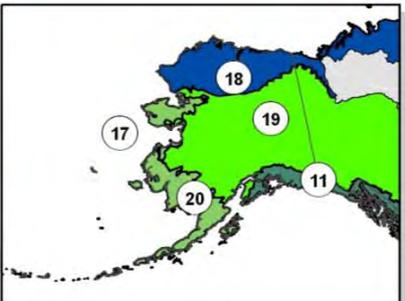
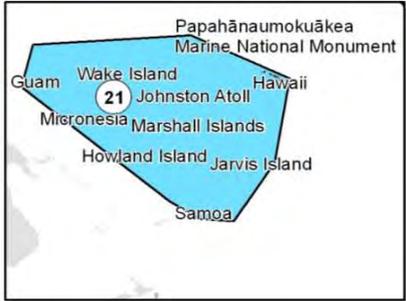
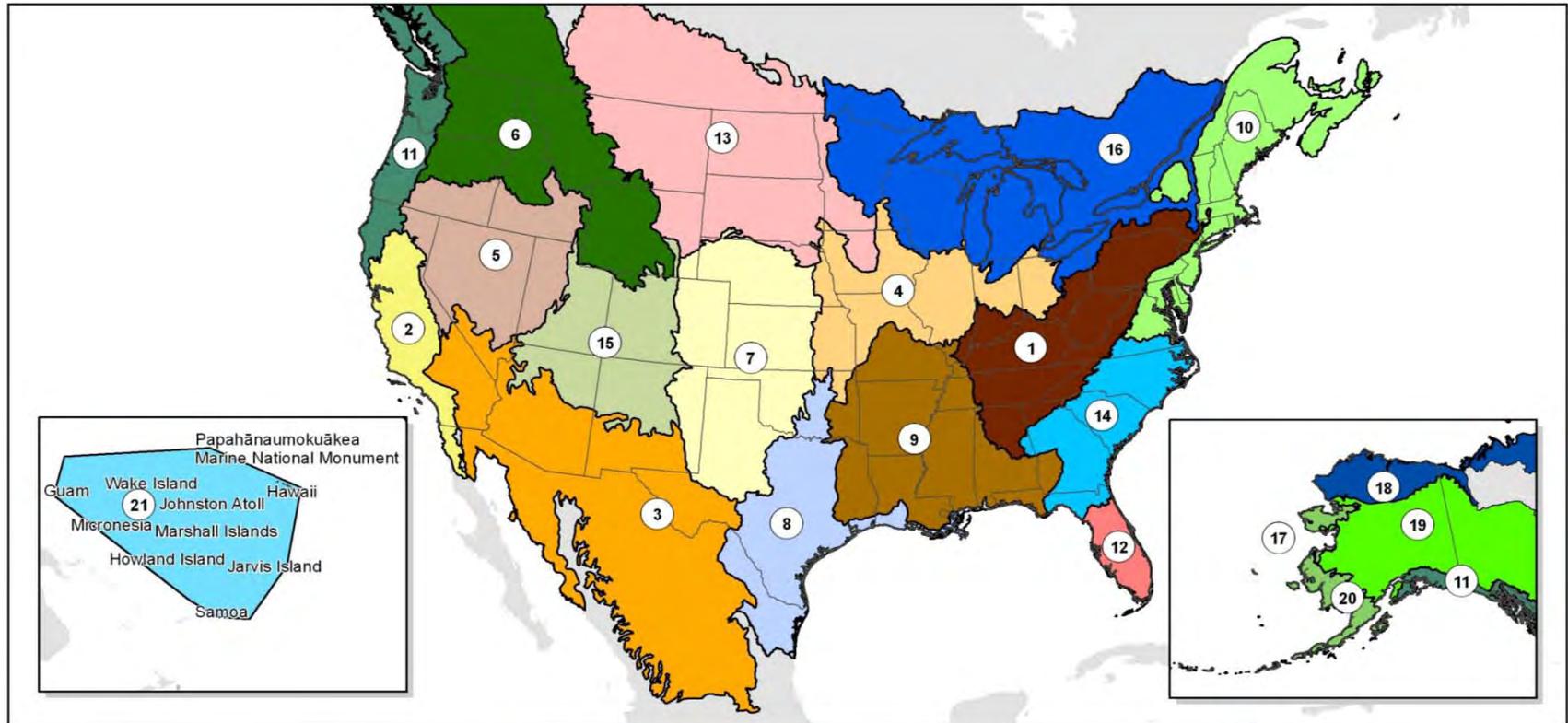
Joe Btfsplk: World's most loving friend and worst jinx



Floods of 2010



Landscape Conservation Cooperatives



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| 1. Appalachian | 6. Great Northern | 12. Peninsular Florida | 18. Arctic |
| 2. California | 7. Great Plains | 13. Plains and Prairie Potholes | 19. Northwestern Interior Forest |
| 3. Desert | 8. Gulf Coast Prairie | 14. South Atlantic | 20. Western Alaska |
| 4. Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Big Rivers | 9. Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks | 15. Southern Rockies | 21. Pacific Islands |
| 5. Great Basin | 10. North Atlantic | 16. Upper Midwest and Great Lakes | Unclassified |
| | 11. North Pacific | 17. Aleutian and Bering Sea Islands | |

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Tornados of 2008



Loess Hills State Forest



Snow, SNOW, SNOW!!



TOO MUCH SNOW!!!



Ring-Necked Pheasant



“Mississippi Nights”

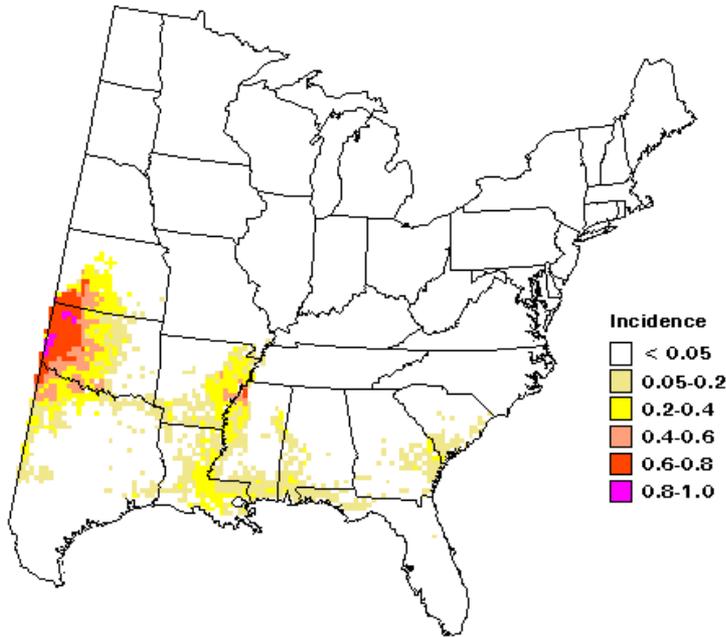


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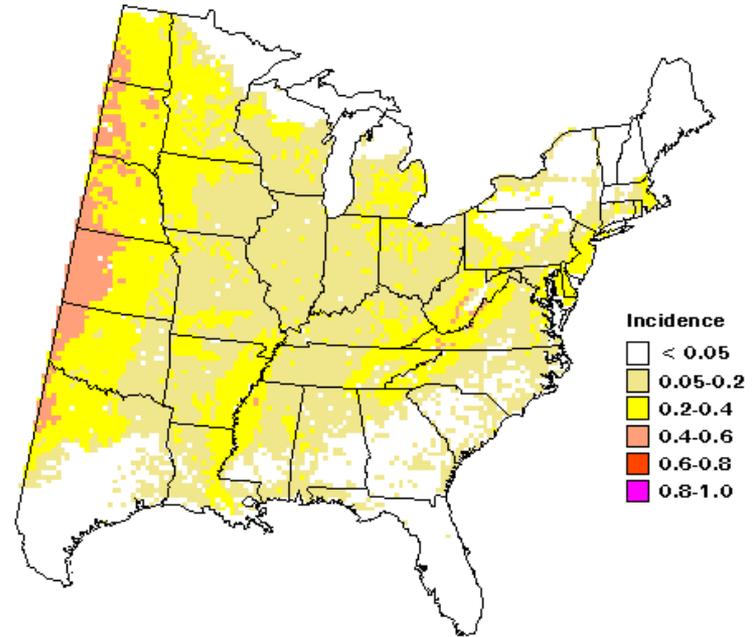




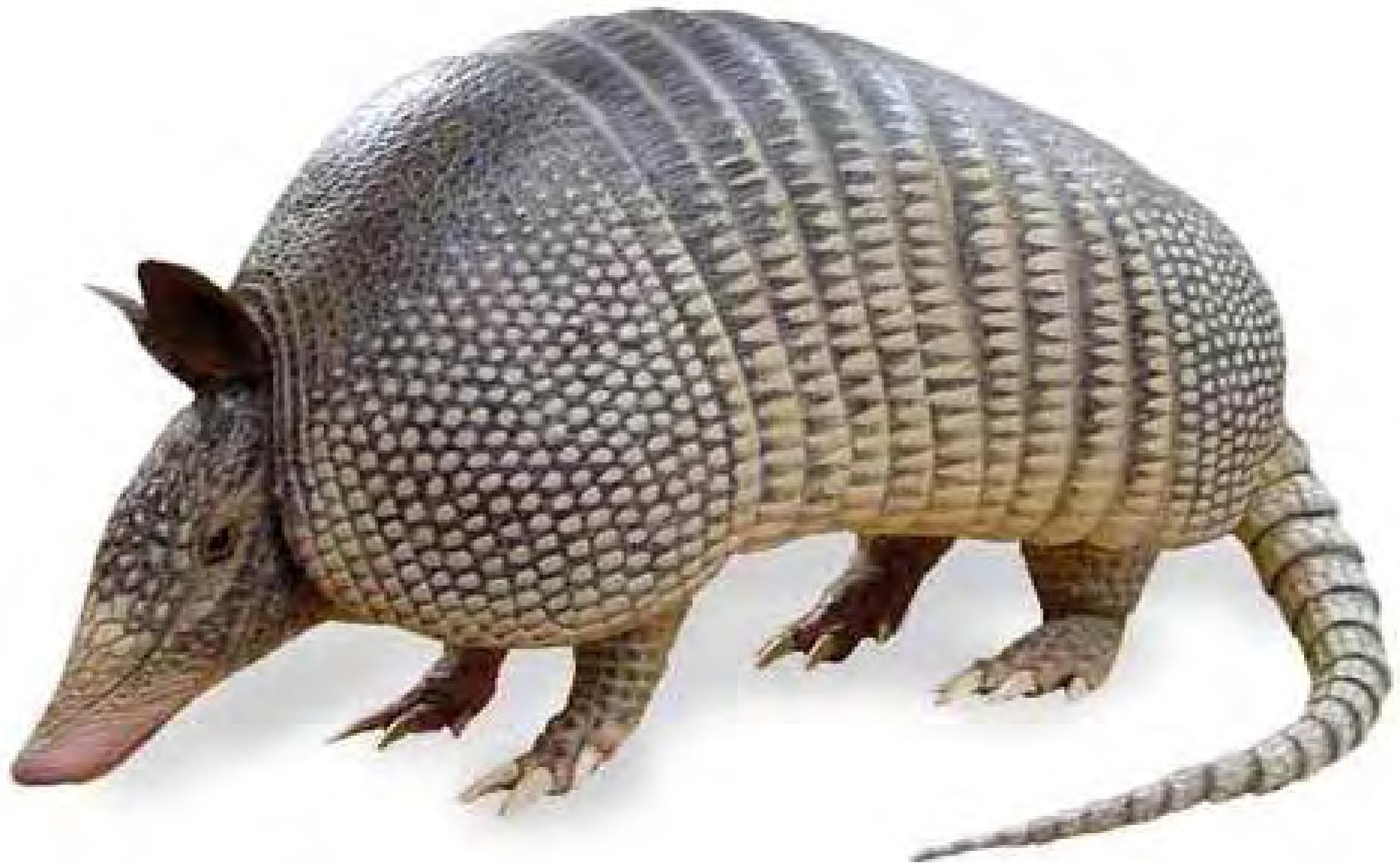
Mississippi Kite Ranges



Current



Future





**No sensible
decision can be
made any longer
without taking
into account not
only the world as
it is, but the
world as it will be**

- Isaac Asimov