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Some ecosystems and vegetation types, such as remote high-elevation lakes, sugar maple trees, headwater streams, and red spruce trees, are sensitive to the effects of acidification from atmospheric nitrogen and sulfur deposition.
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National maps of atmospheric S and N emissions and deposition are provided in Maps A through D as context for subsequent network data presentations. Maps A and B show county level emissions of total S and total N, respectively, for the year 2002. Maps C and D show total S and N deposition, again for the year 2002. Regional atmospheric deposition data are not available for Alaska.

There are five parks in the Arctic Network: Bering Land Bridge (BELA), Cape Krusenstern (CAKR), Gates of the Arctic (GAAR), Kabuk Valley (KOVA), and Noatak (NOAT). All are larger than 100 square miles.

Total annual S and N emissions, by county, are shown in Maps E and F, respectively, for lands in and surrounding the Arctic Network. County-level S and N emissions within the network were less than 1 ton per square mile per year throughout the entire network. Point source S emissions within the network are shown in Map G. There were few S point sources in or around the network and none of any magnitude. Most S point sources in the network emitted less than 5,000 tons of S per year (Map G). Point source emissions of oxidized (nitrogen oxides, NO_x) and reduced (ammonia, NH_3) N were shown in Map H. There were few NO_x point sources of any magnitude, and many of those were on the coast of the Beaufort Sea, in the easternmost portion of the network (Map H). There were no substantial point sources of reduced N (Map H).

There are no human population centers of any magnitude within the network. There are two to the south, within a 300-mile radius of the network boundary (Map I).

Maps J and K are not shown for this network because regional total S and N deposition data are not available for Alaska. However, the S and N deposition in this network is expected to be very low, each below 1 kg/ha/yr in most locations, and this network is assumed to be in the lowest quintile for S and N Pollutant Exposure. There are five active NADP/NTN wet deposition monitoring sites in Alaska: Poker Creek, Juneau, Denali National Park, GAAR, and Katmai National Park, with data collected since 1980 at Denali and since 1993 at Poker Creek**.** The other three monitoring sites have been added within the last decade. There are also Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET) dry deposition measurements at Denali and Poker Flats. At all monitored sites in Alaska, wet N deposition has consistently been less than 1 kg N/ha/yr, and it has been less than 0.5 kg N/ha/yr at all monitored sites except Juneau. Wet S deposition has been slightly higher than 1 kg S/ha/yr at Juneau, but less than that at the other monitoring sites. The dry deposition measurements by CASTNET have also been low. Thus, the sparse available atmospheric deposition data for Alaska are consistent with the general understanding that atmospheric deposition of both N and S tends to be very low at national park lands within Alaska. It can be assumed that N and S deposition in each of the Alaskan networks would be lower than 1 to 2 kg/ha/yr, on average.

Land cover in and around the network is shown in Map L. The predominant cover types within this network are generally arctic shrubland, grassland and arctic herbaceous vegetation, and wetland, with some forest in the southern portions of the network.

Land slope across all parks within the network is variable, but most park lands have relatively low relief (Map M). All of BELA has less than 10º slope. Slope is less than 20º across all park lands within the network except a few HUC watersheds in GAAR that have a slope between 20º and 30º.

Park lands requiring special protection against potential adverse impacts associated with acidic deposition are shown on Map N. Also shown on Map N are all federal lands designated as wilderness, both lands managed by NPS and lands managed by other federal agencies. The land designations used to identify this heightened protection included Class I designation under the Clean Air Act Amendments and wilderness designation. There are expansive areas of designated wilderness in this network, both within and outside the I&M parks.

Network rankings are given in Figures A through C as the average ranking of the Pollutant Exposure, Ecosystem Sensitivity, and Park Protection metrics, respectively. Figure D shows the overall network Summary Risk ranking. In each figure, the rank for this particular network is highlighted to show its relative position compared with the ranks of the other 31 networks.

The Arctic Network ranked the lowest of all networks in Pollutant Exposure (Figure A). Sulfur and N emissions and expected deposition within the network are both low. The network Ecosystem Sensitivity ranking is Moderate, at the bottom of the third quintile among networks (Figure B). The presumed sensitivity is mainly because there are many high-elevation streams within the parks in the network. GAAR has more high-elevation stream length than any other I&M park. There are no data available at this time for designating stream order in Alaska, so this variable was not included in the Ecosystem Sensitivity ranking. This network does not contain red spruce or sugar maple, the primary tree species known to be sensitive to acidification effects. The network ranked at the bottom of the highest quintile in Park Protection (Figure C), having substantial amounts of protected lands.

Table A. Relative rankings of individual I&M parks within the network for Pollutant Exposure, Ecosystem Sensitivity, Park Protection, and overall Summary Risk from acidic deposition.

I&M Parks[2] in Network	Relative Ranking of Individual Parks[1]			
	Pollutant Exposure	Ecosystem Sensitivity	Park Protection	Summary Risk
Bering Land Bridge	Very Low	Moderate	Moderate	Low
Cape Krusenstern	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Low
Gates of the Arctic	Very Low	Very High	Very High	High
Kobuk Valley	Very Low	High	Very High	Moderate
Noatak	Very Low	High	Very High	Moderate

[1] Relative park rankings are designated according to quintile ranking, among all I&M Parks, from the lowest quintile (very low risk) to the highest quintile (very high risk).

[2] Park name is printed in bold italic for parks larger than 100 square miles.

In combination, the network rankings for Pollutant Exposure, Ecosystem Sensitivity, and Park Protection yield an overall network Summary Risk ranking that was above the middle of the distribution among all networks (Figure D). The overall level of concern for S and N acidification effects on I&M parks within this network is considered Moderate.

Similarly, park rankings are given in Figures E through H for the same metrics. In the case of the park rankings, we only show in the figures the parks that are larger than 100 square miles. Relative ranks for all parks, including the smaller parks, are given in Table A and Appendix A. As for the network rankings, the park rankings highlight those parks that occur in this network to show their relative position compared with parks in the other 31 networks. Note that the rankings shown in Figures E through H reflect the rank of a given park compared with all other parks, irrespective of size.

The five parks in this network all ranked in the lowest quintile in S and N Pollutant Exposure (Figure E), Sulfur and N emissions within the parks in this network and expected deposition were very low. The parks in this network varied with respect to Ecosystem Sensitivity, from Very High (GAAR) to Low (CAKR; Figure F). Three of the parks (GAAR, KOVA, and NOAT) ranked Very High in Park Protection; the other two ranked Moderate for this theme (Figure G). Parks in the Arctic Network were variable in their rankings for park Summary Risk; of the five parks, GAAR showed the highest risk (High; Figure H). KOVA and NOAT were ranked Moderate, and BELA and CAKR were ranked Low. The overall level of concern for acidification effects for most parks in this network is considered Low to Moderate, although it is higher for GAAR (Table A).

Map A. National map of total N emissions by county for the year 2002. Both oxidized (nitrogen oxides, NO_x) and reduced (ammonia, NH_3) forms of N are included. The total is expressed in tons per square mile per year. (Source of data: EPA National Emissions Inventory, http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/net/2002inventory.html)

Map B. Total N deposition for the conterminous United States for the year 2002, expressed in units of kilograms of N deposited from the atmosphere to the earth surface per hectare per year. Wet and dry forms of both oxidized (nitrogen oxides, NO_x) and reduced (ammonia, NH_3) N are included. For the eastern half of the country, wet deposition values were derived from interpolated measured values from NADP (three-year average centered on 2002) and dry deposition values were derived from 12-km CMAQ model projections for 2002. For the western half of the country, both wet and dry deposition values were derived from 36-km CMAQ model projections for 2002. NADP interpolations were performed using the approach of Grimm and Lynch (1997). CMAQ model projections were provided by Robin Dennis, U.S. EPA.

Map C. Total N emissions by county for lands surrounding the network, expressed as tons of N emitted into the atmosphere per square mile per year. The total includes both oxidized (nitrogen oxides, NO_x) and reduced (ammonia, NH_3) N. (Source of data: EPA National Emissions Inventory, http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/net/2002inventory.html)

Map D. Major point source emissions of oxidized (nitrogen oxides, NO_x) and reduced (ammonia, NH_3) N in and around the network. The base of each vertical bar is positioned in the map at the approximate location of the source. The height of the bar is proportional to the magnitude of the source. (Source of data: EPA National Emissions Inventory, http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/net/2002inventory.html)

Map E. Urban centers having more than 10,000 people within the network and within a 300-mile buffer around the perimeter of the network. (Source of data: U.S. Census 2000)

Map F. Total N deposition in and around the network. Included in the total are wet plus dry forms of both oxidized (nitrogen oxides, NO_x) and reduced (ammonia, NH_3) N. Values are expressed as kilograms of N deposited per hectare per year. (Source of data: CMAQ Model wet and dry deposition data for 2002; see information for Map B above for details)

Map G. Land cover types in and around the network, based on the National Land Cover dataset. (Source of data: National Land Cover Dataset, http://www.mrlc.gov/nlcd_multizone_map.php)

Map H. Distribution within the larger parks that occur in this network of the five terrestrial vegetation types thought to be most sensitive to N-nutrient enrichment effects: arctic, alpine, meadow, wetland, and arid and semi-arid. (Source of data: See Appendix A)

Map I. Lands within the network that are classified as Class I or wilderness area. (Source of data: USGS 2005 [National Atlas; http://nationalatlas.gov] and NPS)

Figure A. Network rankings for Pollutant Exposure, calculated as the average of scores for all Pollutant Exposure variables.

Figure B. Network rankings for Ecosystem Sensitivity, calculated as the average of scores for all Ecosystem Sensitivity variables.

Figure C. Network rankings for Park Protection, calculated as the average of scores for all Park Protection variables.

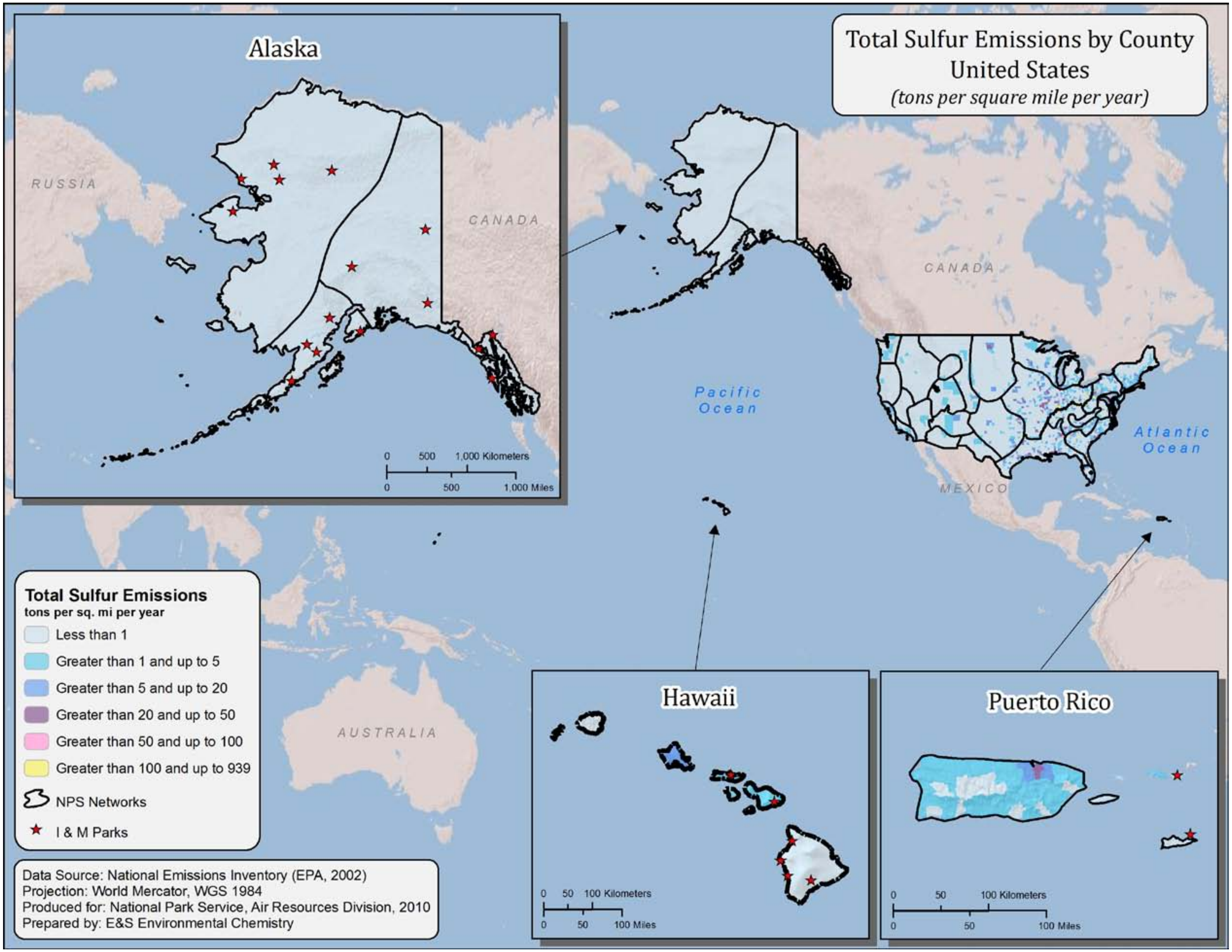
Figure D. Network Summary Risk ranking, calculated as the sum of the averages of the scores for Pollutant Exposure, Ecosystem Sensitivity, and Park Protection.

Figure E. Park rankings for Pollutant Exposure for all parks larger than 100 square miles. Ranks for each park were calculated relative to all parks, regardless of size, as the average of scores for all Pollutant Exposure variables.

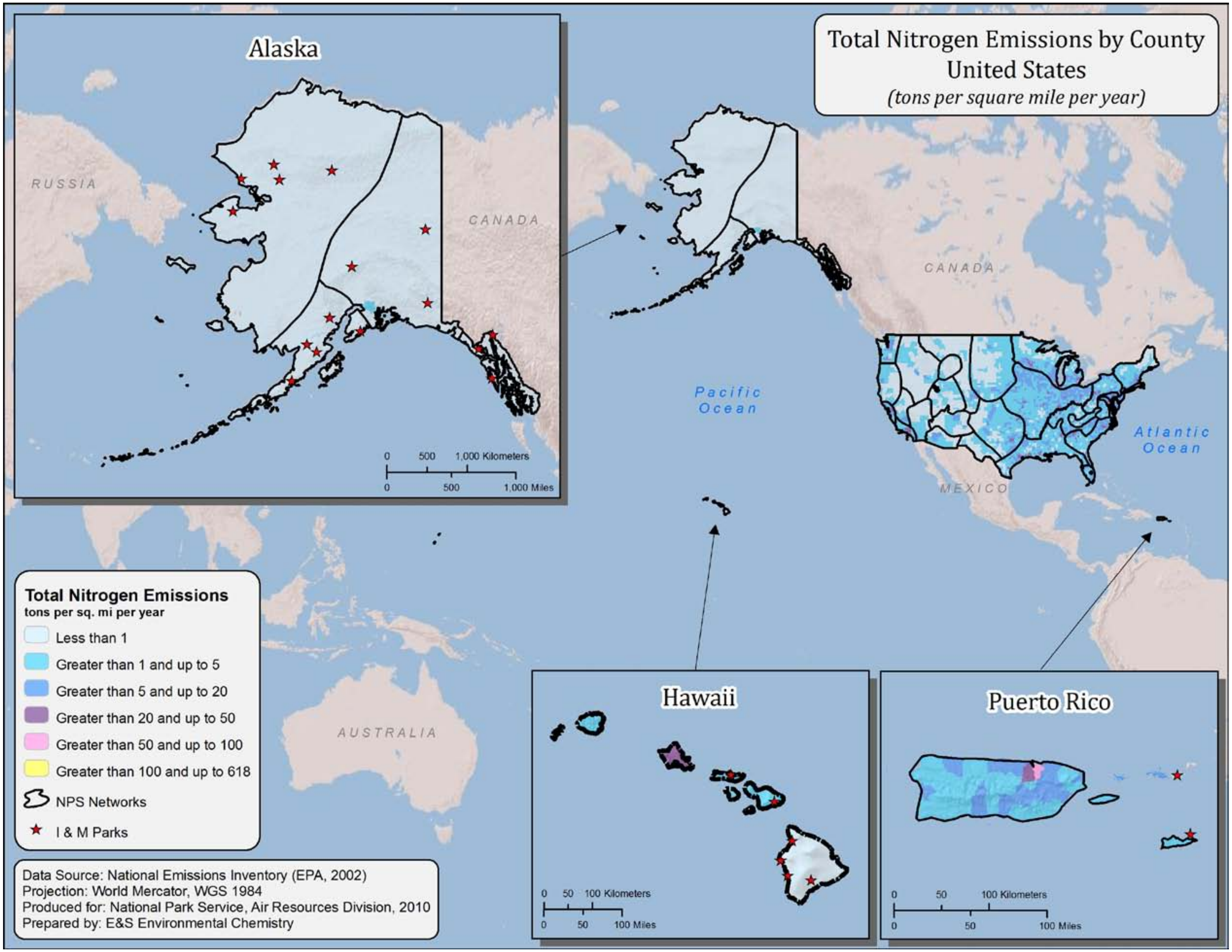
Figure F. Park rankings for Ecosystem Sensitivity for all parks larger than 100 square miles. Ranks for each park were calculated relative to all parks, regardless of size, as the average of scores for all Ecosystem Sensitivity variables.

Figure G. Park rankings for Park Protection for all parks larger than 100 square miles. Ranks for each park were calculated relative to all parks, regardless of size, as the average of scores for all Park Protection variables.

Figure H. Park rankings for Summary Risk for all parks larger than 100 square miles. Ranks for each park were calculated relative to all parks, regardless of size, as the average of scores for all Summary Risk variables.


Total Sulfur Emissions by County
United States
(tons per square mile per year)
Alaska
RUSSIA
CANADA
0 500 1,000 Kilometers
0 500 1,000 Miles
CANADA
Pacific Ocean
Atlantic Ocean
MEXICO
AUSTRALIA
Total Sulfur Emissions
tons per sq. mi per year
Less than 1
Greater than 1 and up to 5
Greater than 5 and up to 20
Greater than 20 and up to 50
Greater than 50 and up to 100
Greater than 100 and up to 939
NPS Networks
I & M Parks
Data Source: National Emissions Inventory (EPA, 2002)
Projection: World Mercator, WGS 1984
Produced for: National Park Service, Air Resources Division, 2010
Prepared by: E&S Environmental Chemistry
Hawaii
0 50 100 Kilometers
0 50 100 Miles
Puerto Rico
0 50 100 Kilometers
0 50 100 Miles

Map A



Total Nitrogen Emissions by County
United States
(tons per square mile per year)
Alaska
RUSSIA
CANADA
0 500 1,000 Kilometers
0 500 1,000 Miles
Pacific Ocean
Atlantic Ocean
MEXICO
AUSTRALIA
Total Nitrogen Emissions
tons per sq. mi per year
Less than 1
Greater than 1 and up to 5
Greater than 5 and up to 20
Greater than 20 and up to 50
Greater than 50 and up to 100
Greater than 100 and up to 618
NPS Networks
I & M Parks
Data Source: National Emissions Inventory (EPA, 2002)
Projection: World Mercator, WGS 1984
Produced for: National Park Service, Air Resources Division, 2010
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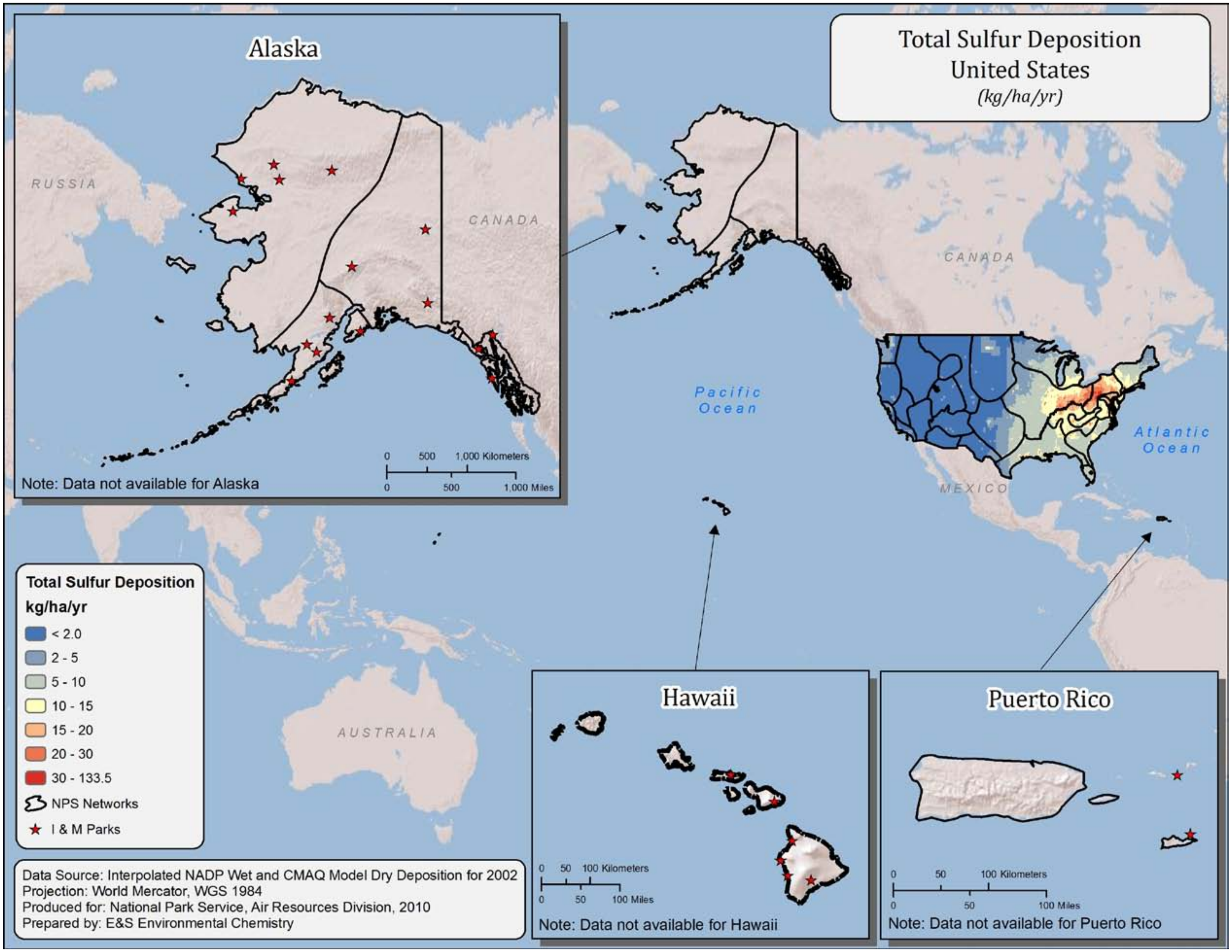
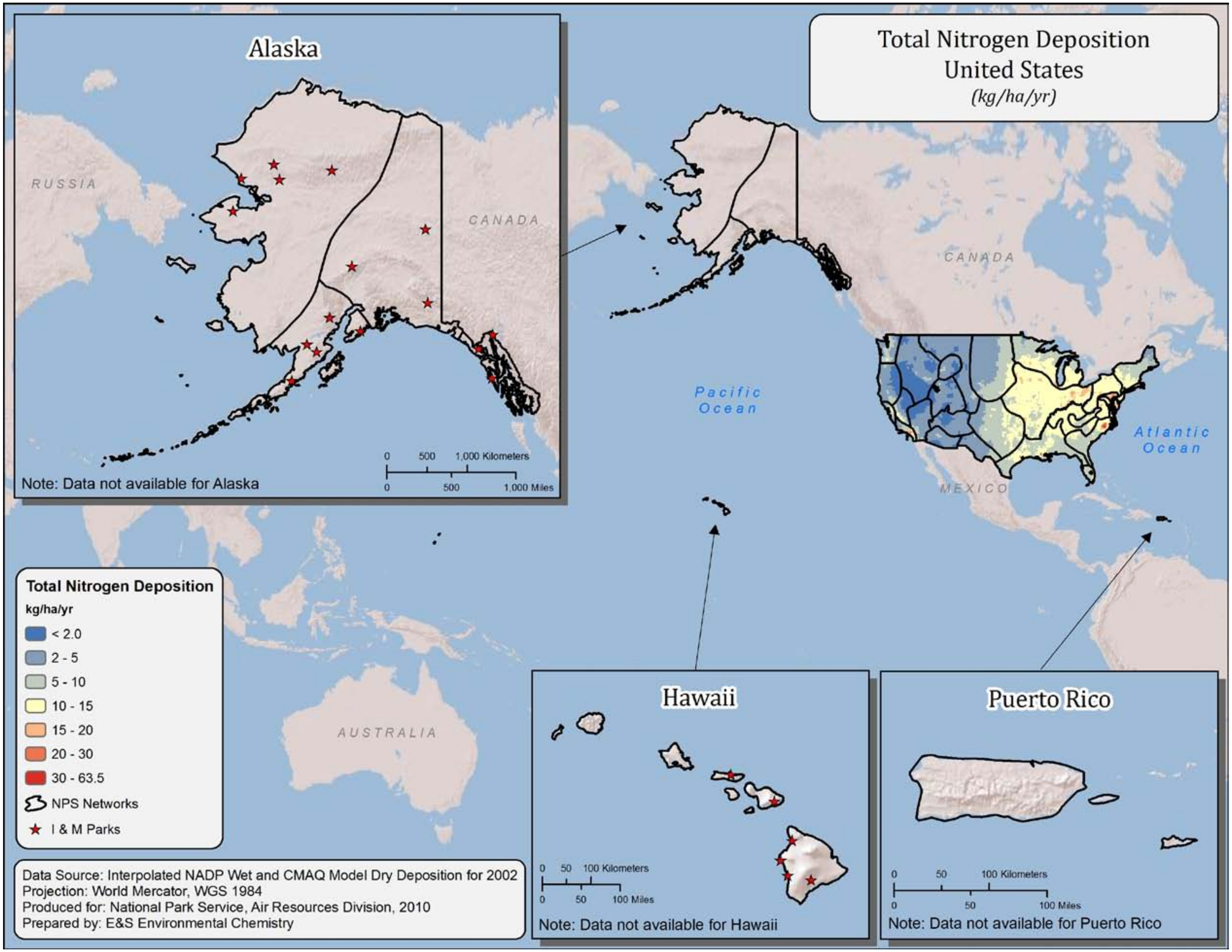
Hawaii
0 50 100 Kilometers
0 50 100 Miles
Puerto Rico
0 50 100 Kilometers
0 50 100 Miles

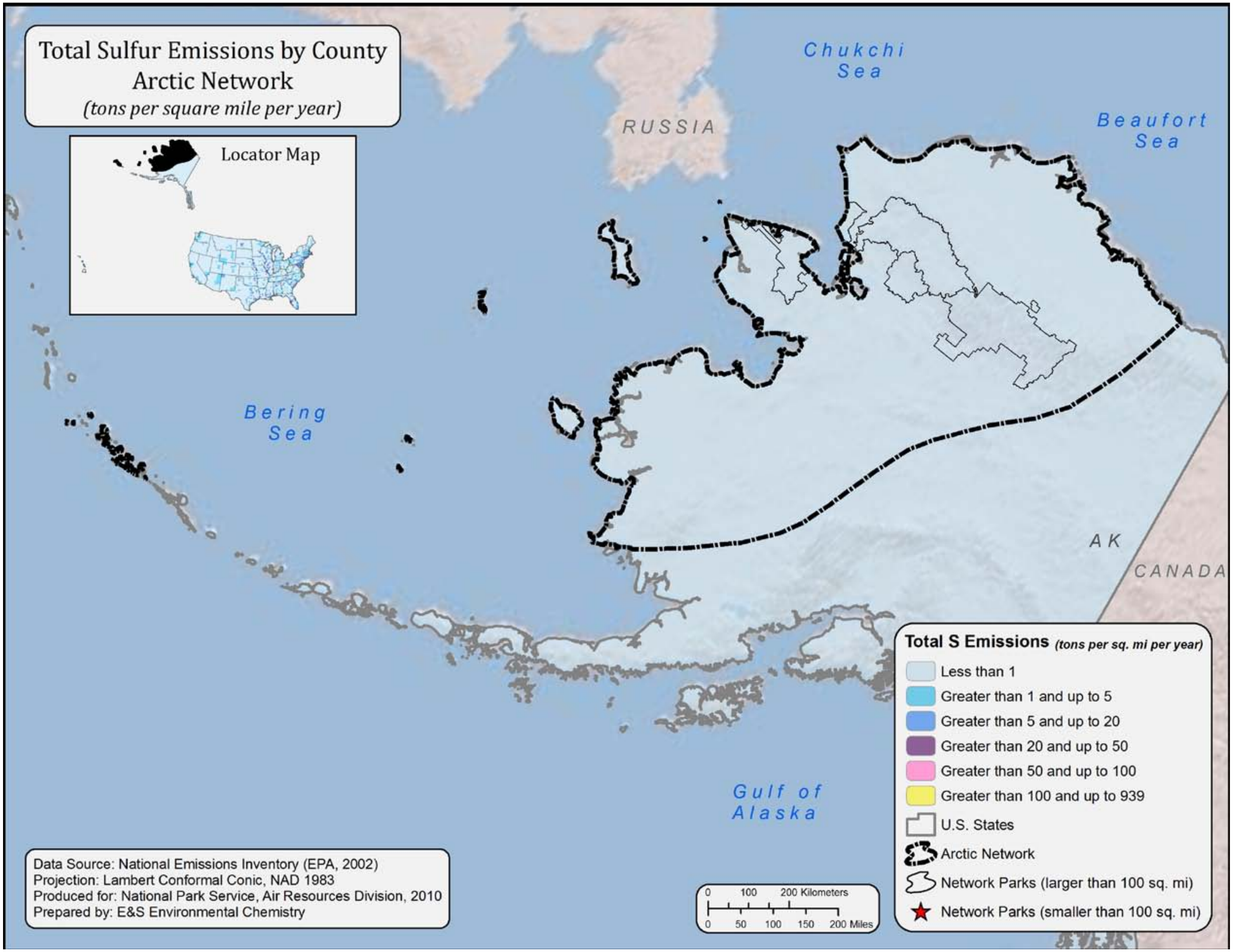
Map B


Total Sulfur Deposition
United States
(kg/ha/yr)
Alaska
RUSSIA
CANADA
500
1,000 Kilometers
1,000 Miles
Note: Data not available for Alaska
CANADA
Pacific Ocean
Atlantic Ocean
MEXICO
AUSTRALIA
Total Sulfur Deposition
kg/ha/yr
< 2.0
2 - 5
5 - 10
10 - 15
15 - 20
20 - 30
30 - 133.5
NPS Networks
I & M Parks
Data Source: Interpolated NADP Wet and CMAQ Model Dry Deposition for 2002
Projection: World Mercator, WGS 1984
Produced for: National Park Service, Air Resources Division, 2010
Prepared by: E&S Environmental Chemistry
Hawaii
0 50 100 Kilometers
0 50 100 Miles
Note: Data not available for Hawaii
Puerto Rico
0 50 100 Kilometers
0 50 100 Miles
Note: Data not available for Puerto Rico

Map C


Total Nitrogen Deposition
United States
(kg/ha/yr)
Alaska
RUSSIA
CANADA
0 500 1,000 Kilometers
0 500 1,000 Miles
Note: Data not available for Alaska
CANADA
Pacific Ocean
Atlantic Ocean
MEXICO
AUSTRALIA
Total Nitrogen Deposition
kg/ha/yr
< 2.0
2 - 5
5 - 10
10 - 15
15 - 20
20 - 30
30 - 63.5
NPS Networks
I & M Parks
Data Source: Interpolated NADP Wet and CMAQ Model Dry Deposition for 2002
Projection: World Mercator, WGS 1984
Produced for: National Park Service, Air Resources Division, 2010
Prepared by: E&S Environmental Chemistry
Hawaii
0 50 100 Kilometers
0 50 100 Miles
Note: Data not available for Hawaii
Puerto Rico
0 50 100 Kilometers
0 50 100 Miles
Note: Data not available for Puerto Rico

Map D


Total Sulfur Emissions by County
Arctic Network
(tons per square mile per year)
Locator Map
Chukchi Sea
Beaufort Sea
RUSSIA
Bering Sea
AK
CANADA
Gulf of Alaska
Total S Emissions (tons per sq. mi per year)
Less than 1
Greater than 1 and up to 5
Greater than 5 and up to 20
Greater than 20 and up to 50
Greater than 50 and up to 100
Greater than 100 and up to 939
U.S. States
Arctic Network
Network Parks (larger than 100 sq. mi)
Network Parks (smaller than 100 sq. mi)
0 100 200 Kilometers
0 50 100 150 200 Miles
Data Source: National Emissions Inventory (EPA, 2002)
Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic, NAD 1983
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Map E

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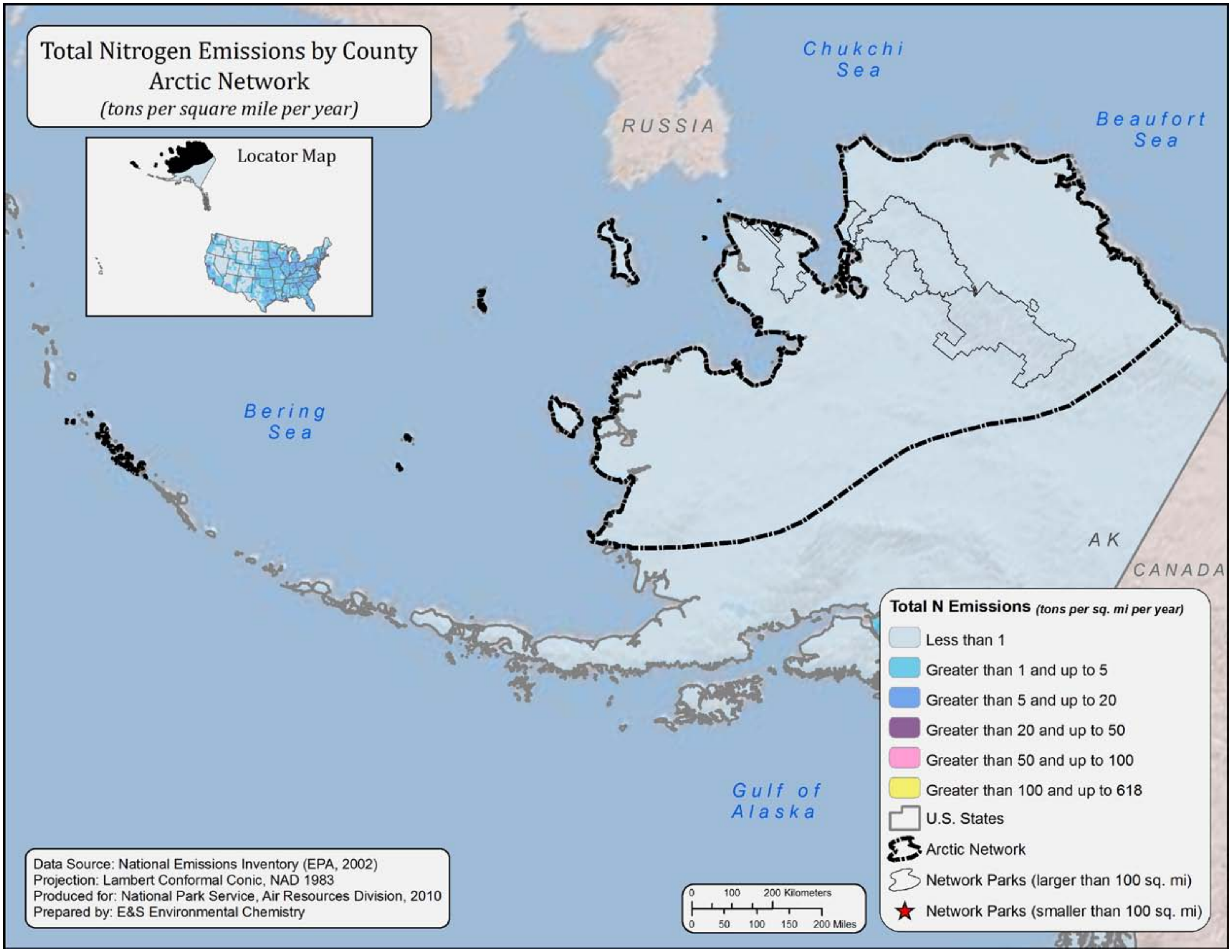
Total Nitrogen Emissions by County
Arctic Network
(tons per square mile per year)
Locator Map
Chukchi Sea
Beaufort Sea
RUSSIA
Bering Sea
AK
CANADA
Gulf of Alaska
Total N Emissions (tons per sq. mi per year)
Less than 1
Greater than 1 and up to 5
Greater than 5 and up to 20
Greater than 20 and up to 50
Greater than 50 and up to 100
Greater than 100 and up to 618
U.S. States
Arctic Network
Network Parks (larger than 100 sq. mi)
Network Parks (smaller than 100 sq. mi)
0 100 200 Kilometers
0 50 100 150 200 Miles
Data Source: National Emissions Inventory (EPA, 2002)
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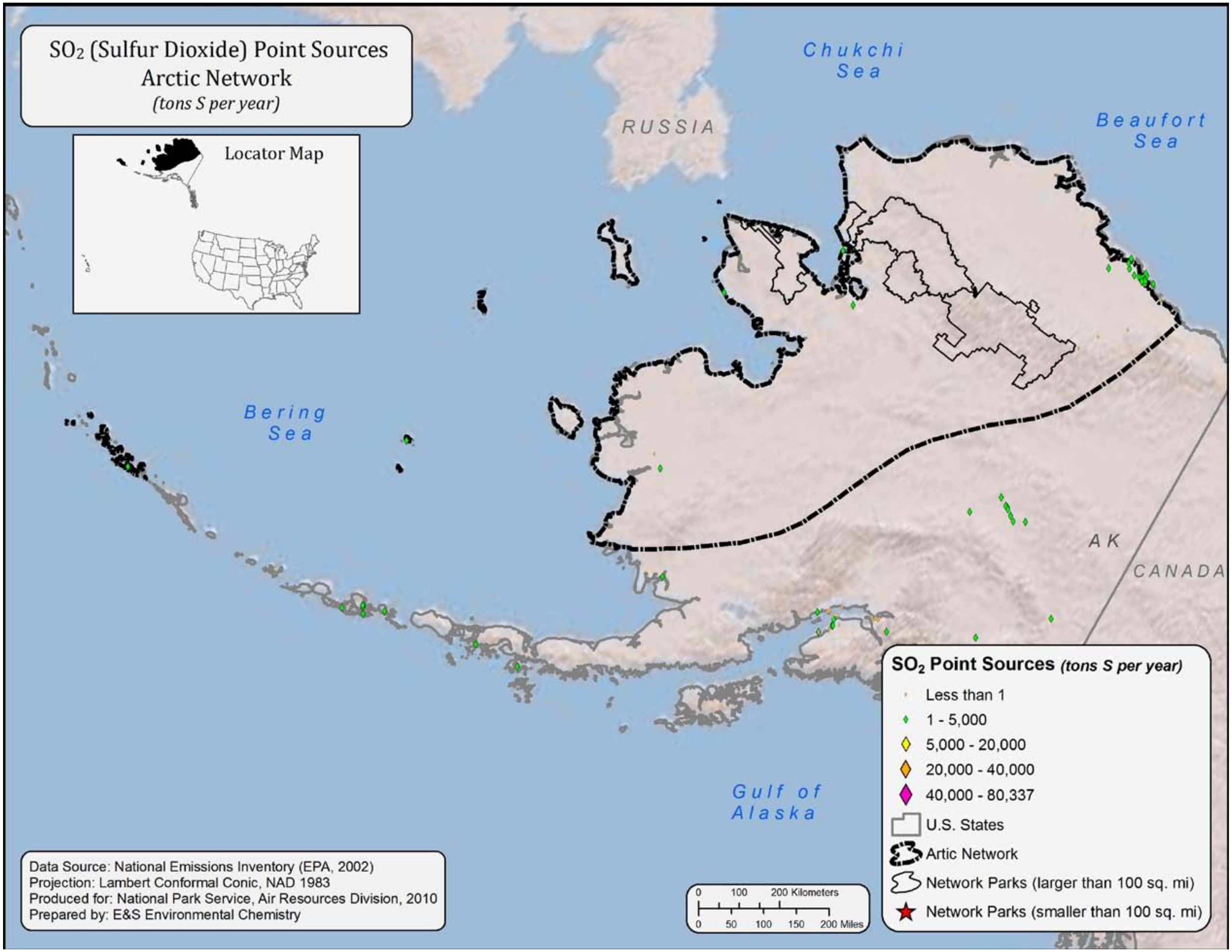
Map F


SO2 (Sulfur Dioxide) Point Sources
Arctic Network
(tons S per year)
Locator Map
Chukchi Sea
Beaufort Sea
RUSSIA
Bering Sea
AK
CANADA
Gulf of Alaska
SO2 Point Sources (tons S per year)
Less than 1
1 - 5,000
5,000 - 20,000
20,000 - 40,000
40,000 - 80,337
U.S. States
Artic Network
Network Parks (larger than 100 sq. mi)
Network Parks (smaller than 100 sq. mi)
0 100 200 Kilometers
0 50 100 150 200 Miles
Data Source: National Emissions Inventory (EPA, 2002)
Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic, NAD 1983
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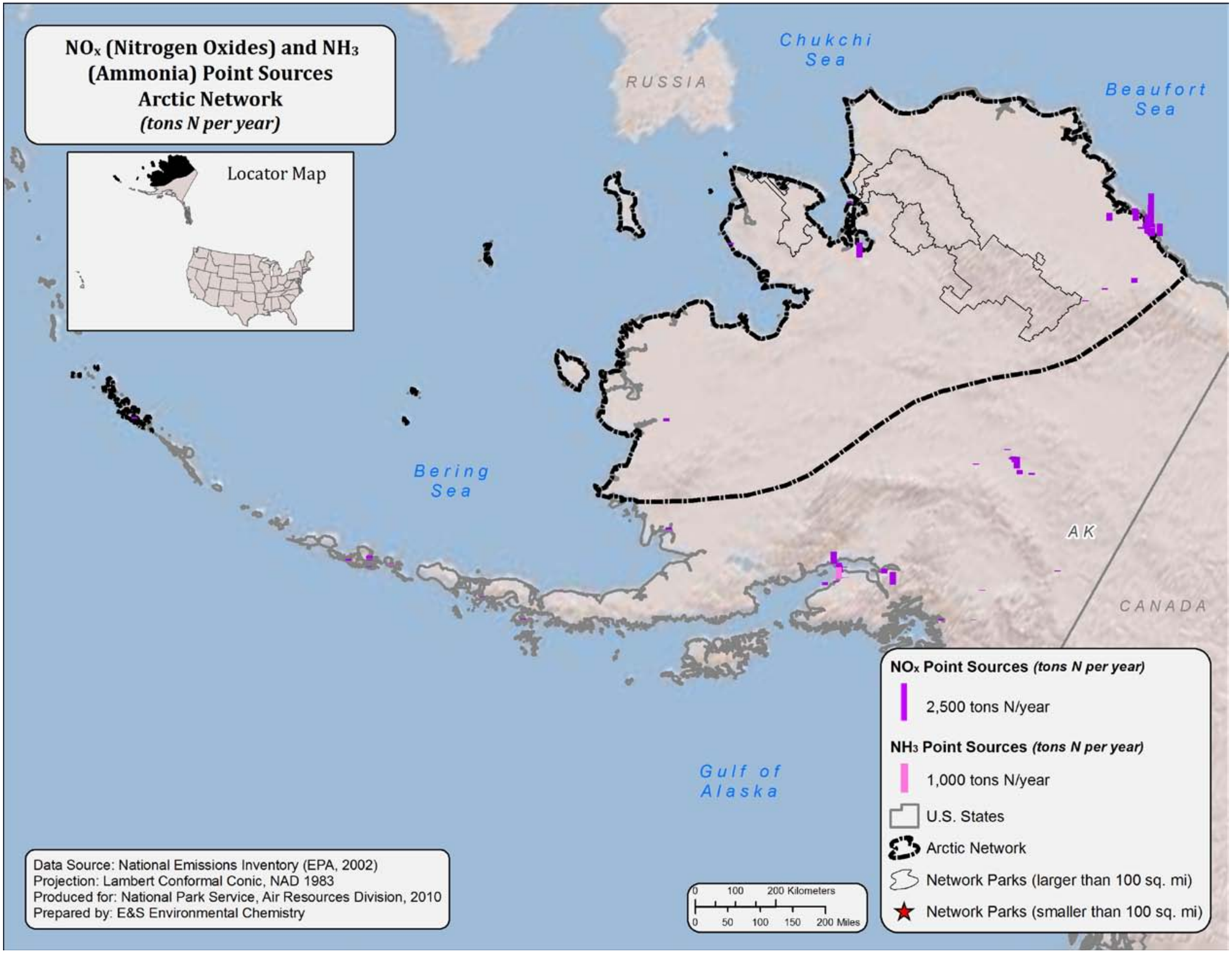
Map G


NOx (Nitrogen Oxides) and NH3 (Ammonia) Point Sources
Arctic Network
(tons N per year)
Locator Map
RUSSIA
Chukchi Sea
Beaufort Sea
Bering Sea
AK
CANADA
Gulf of Alaska
NOx Point Sources (tons N per year)
2,500 tons N/year
NH3 Point Sources (tons N per year)
1,000 tons N/year
U.S. States
Arctic Network
Network Parks (larger than 100 sq. mi)
Network Parks (smaller than 100 sq. mi)
0 100 200 Kilometers
0 50 100 150 200 Miles
Data Source: National Emissions Inventory (EPA, 2002)
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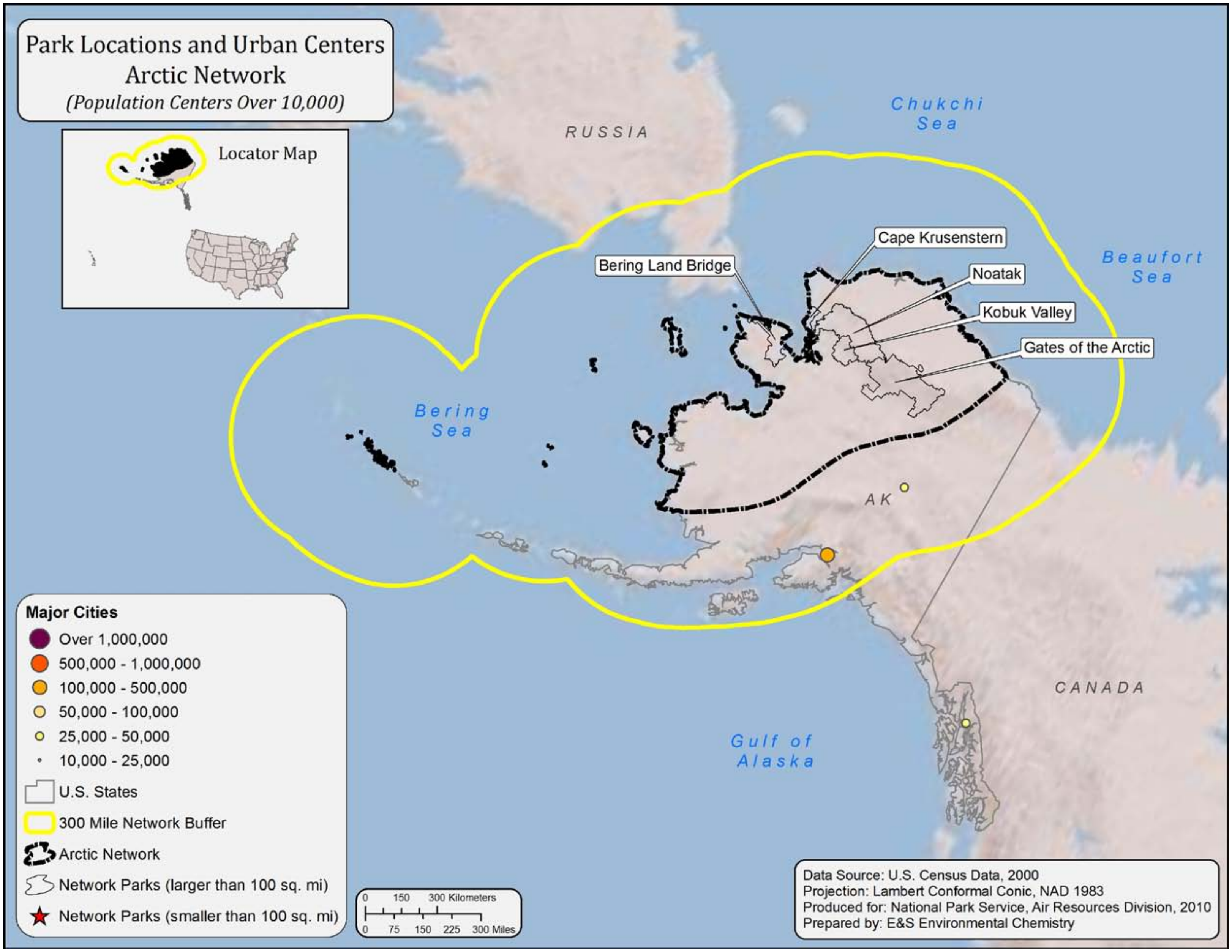
Map H


Park Locations and Urban Centers
Arctic Network
(Population Centers Over 10,000)
Locator Map
RUSSIA
Chukchi Sea
Beaufort Sea
Bering Sea
Gulf of Alaska
CANADA
AK
Cape Krusenstern
Bering Land Bridge
Noatak
Kobuk Valley
Gates of the Arctic
Major Cities
Over 1,000,000
500,000 - 1,000,000
100,000 - 500,000
50,000 - 100,000
25,000 - 50,000
10,000 - 25,000
U.S. States
300 Mile Network Buffer
Arctic Network
Network Parks (larger than 100 sq. mi)
Network Parks (smaller than 100 sq. mi)
0 150 300 Kilometers
0 75 150 225 300 Miles
Data Source: U.S. Census Data, 2000
Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic, NAD 1983
Produced for: National Park Service, Air Resources Division, 2010
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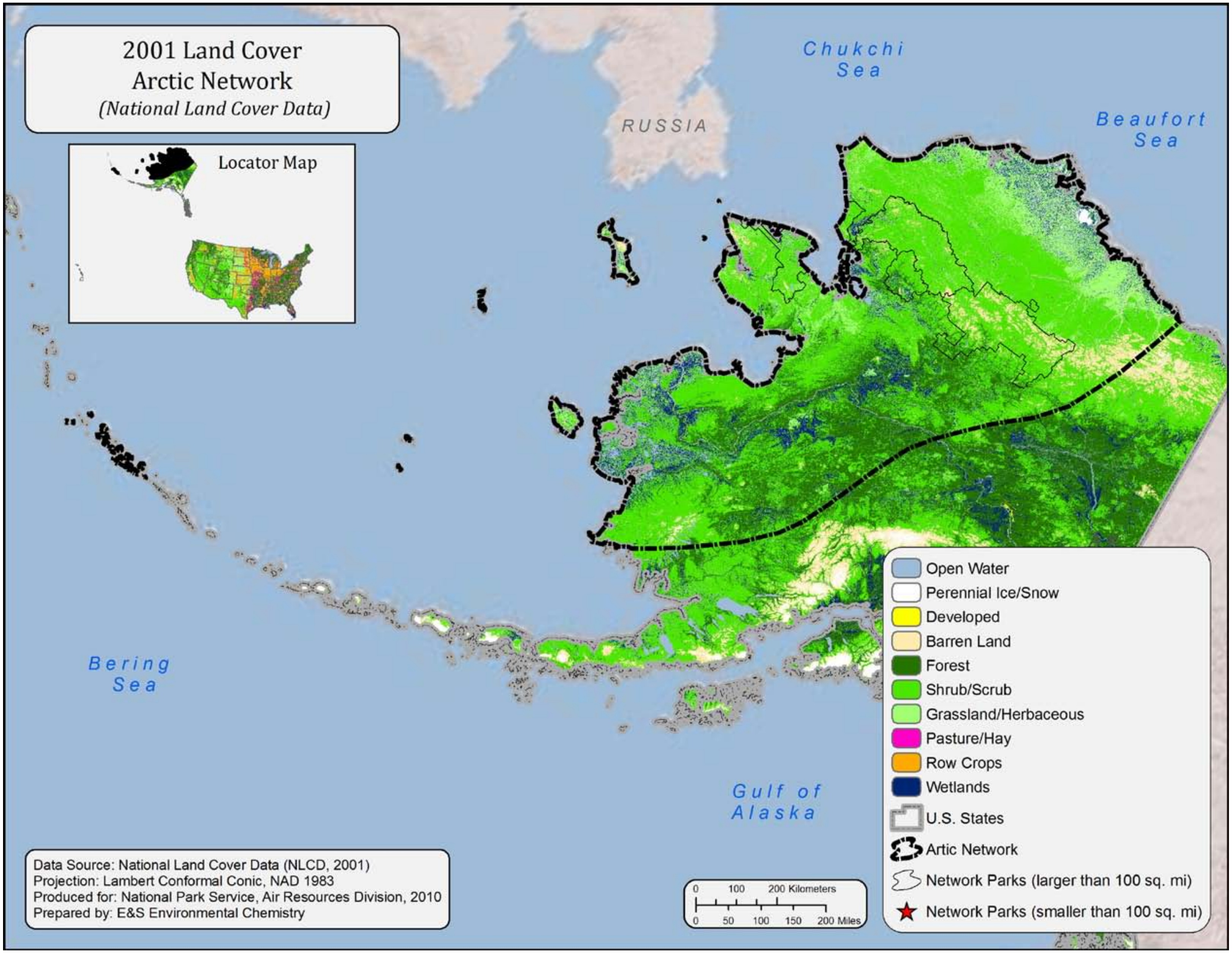
Map I


2001 Land Cover
Arctic Network
(National Land Cover Data)
Locator Map
Chukchi Sea
RUSSIA
Beaufort Sea
Bering Sea
Gulf of Alaska
Open Water
Perennial Ice/Snow
Developed
Barren Land
Forest
Shrub/Scrub
Grassland/Herbaceous
Pasture/Hay
Row Crops
Wetlands
U.S. States
Artic Network
Network Parks (larger than 100 sq. mi)
Network Parks (smaller than 100 sq. mi)
0 100 200 Kilometers
0 50 100 150 200 Miles
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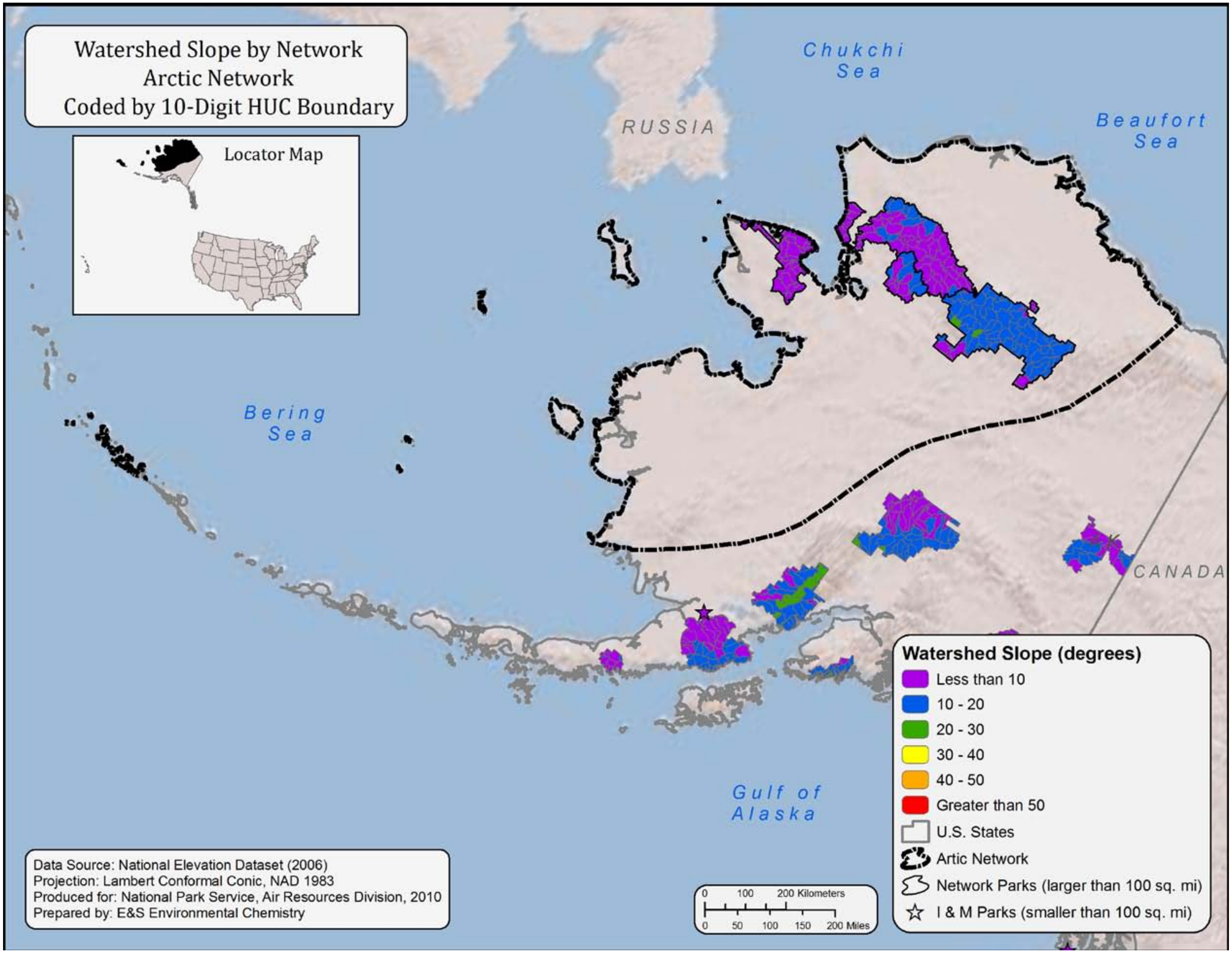
Map L


Watershed Slope by Network
Arctic Network
Coded by 10-Digit HUC Boundary
Locator Map
Chukchi Sea
Beaufort Sea
RUSSIA
Bering Sea
CANADA
Gulf of Alaska
Watershed Slope (degrees)
Less than 10
10 - 20
20 - 30
30 - 40
40 - 50
Greater than 50
U.S. States
Artic Network
Network Parks (larger than 100 sq. mi)
I & M Parks (smaller than 100 sq. mi)
0 100 200 Kilometers
0 50 100 150 200 Miles
Data Source: National Elevation Dataset (2006)
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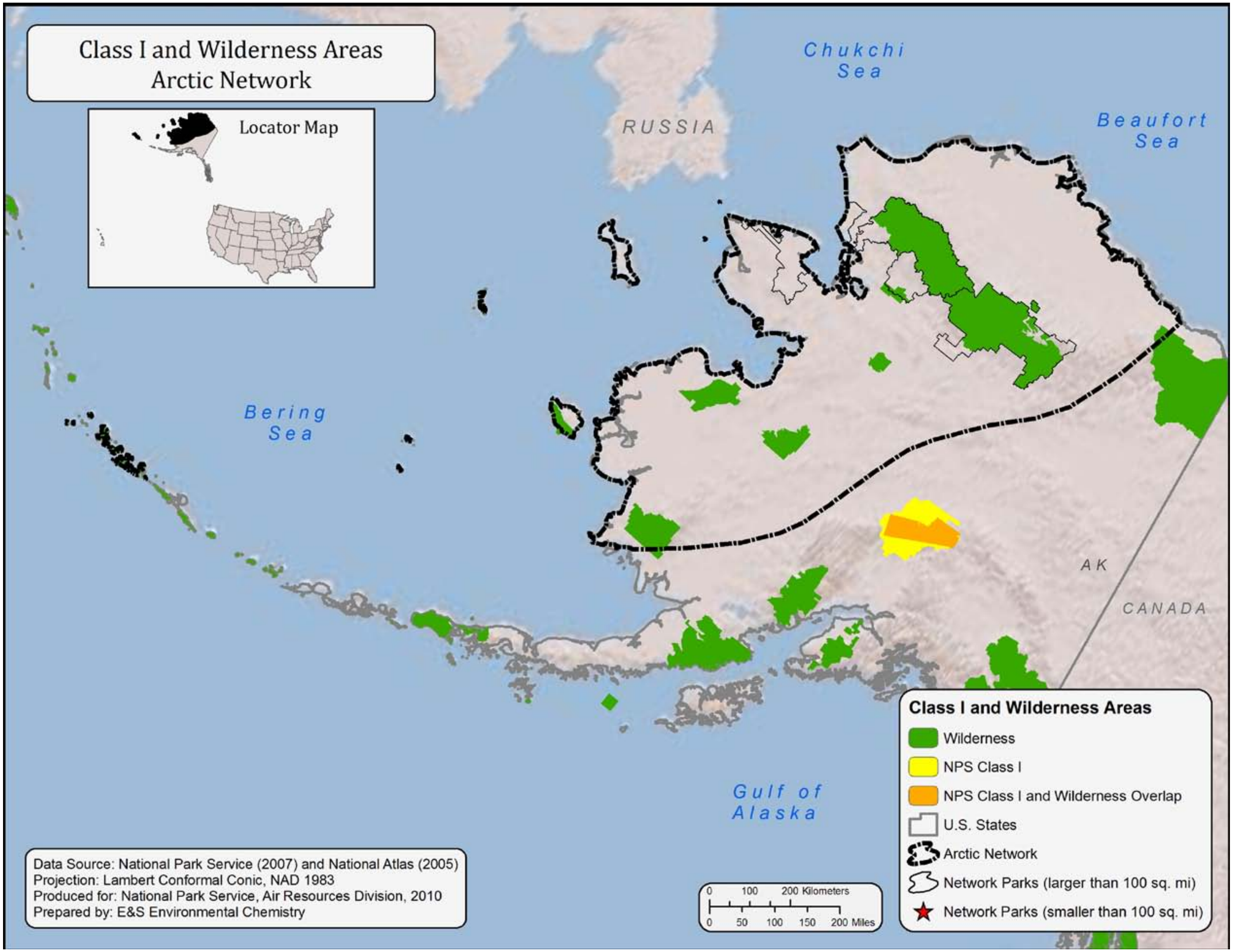
Map M


Class I and Wilderness Areas
Arctic Network
Locator Map
Chukchi Sea
Beaufort Sea
RUSSIA
Bering Sea
AK
CANADA
Gulf of Alaska
Class I and Wilderness Areas
Wilderness
NPS Class I
NPS Class I and Wilderness Overlap
U.S. States
Arctic Network
Network Parks (larger than 100 sq. mi)
Network Parks (smaller than 100 sq. mi)
0 100 200 Kilometers
0 50 100 150 200 Miles
Data Source: National Park Service (2007) and National Atlas (2005)
Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic, NAD 1983
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Map N

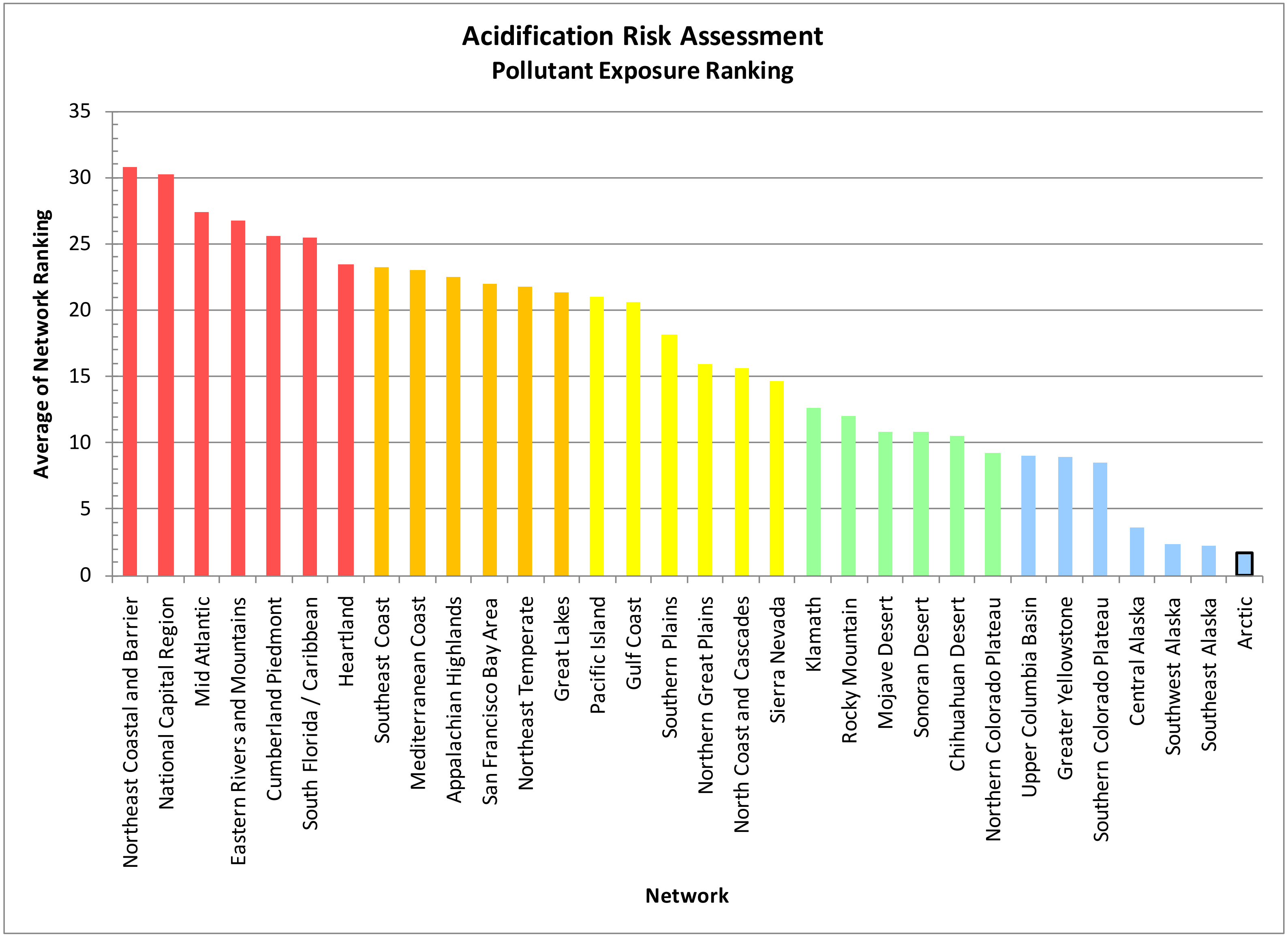
Acidification Risk Assessment
Pollutant Exposure Ranking
Average of Network Ranking
35
30
25
20
15
10
5
0
Northeast Coastal and Barrier
National Capital Region
Mid Atlantic
Eastern Rivers and Mountains
Cumberland Piedmont
South Florida / Caribbean
Heartland
Southeast Coast
Mediterranean Coast
Appalachian Highlands
San Francisco Bay Area
Northeast Temperate
Great Lakes
Pacific Island
Gulf Coast
Southern Plains
Northern Great Plains
North Coast and Cascades
Sierra Nevada
Klamath
Rocky Mountain
Mojave Desert
Sonoran Desert
Chihuahuan Desert
Northern Colorado Plateau
Upper Columbia Basin
Greater Yellowstone
Southern Colorado Plateau
Central Alaska
Southwest Alaska
Southeast Alaska
Arctic
Network

Figure A

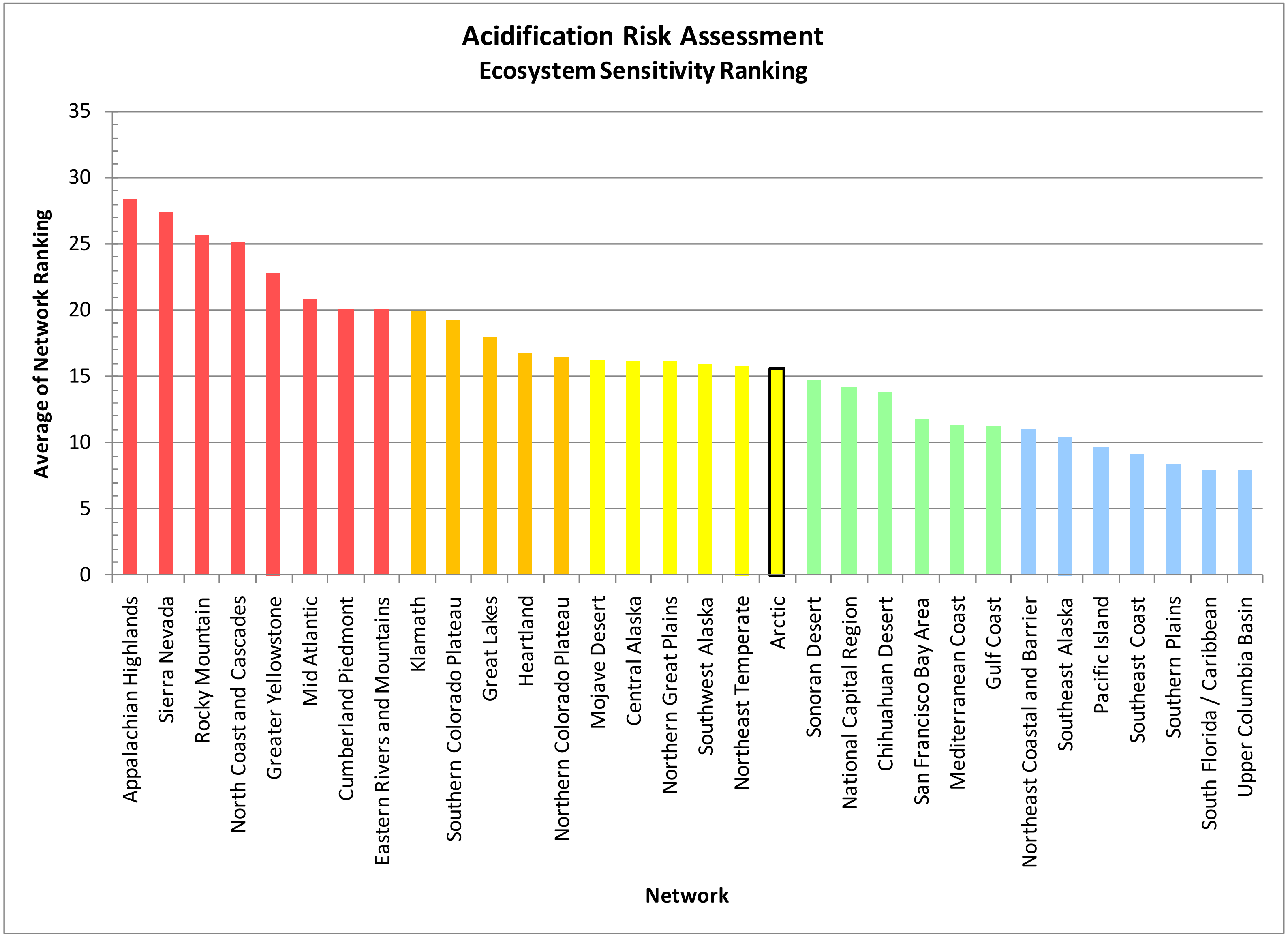
Acidification Risk Assessment
Ecosystem Sensitivity Ranking
Average of Network Ranking
0
5
10
15
20
25
30
35
Appalachian Highlands
Sierra Nevada
Rocky Mountain
North Coast and Cascades
Greater Yellowstone
Mid Atlantic
Cumberland Piedmont
Eastern Rivers and Mountains
Klamath
Southern Colorado Plateau
Great Lakes
Heartland
Northern Colorado Plateau
Mojave Desert
Central Alaska
Northern Great Plains
Southwest Alaska
Northeast Temperate
Arctic
Sonoran Desert
National Capital Region
Chihuahuan Desert
San Francisco Bay Area
Mediterranean Coast
Gulf Coast
Northeast Coastal and Barrier
Southeast Alaska
Pacific Island
Southeast Coast
Southern Plains
South Florida / Caribbean
Upper Columbia Basin
Network

Figure B

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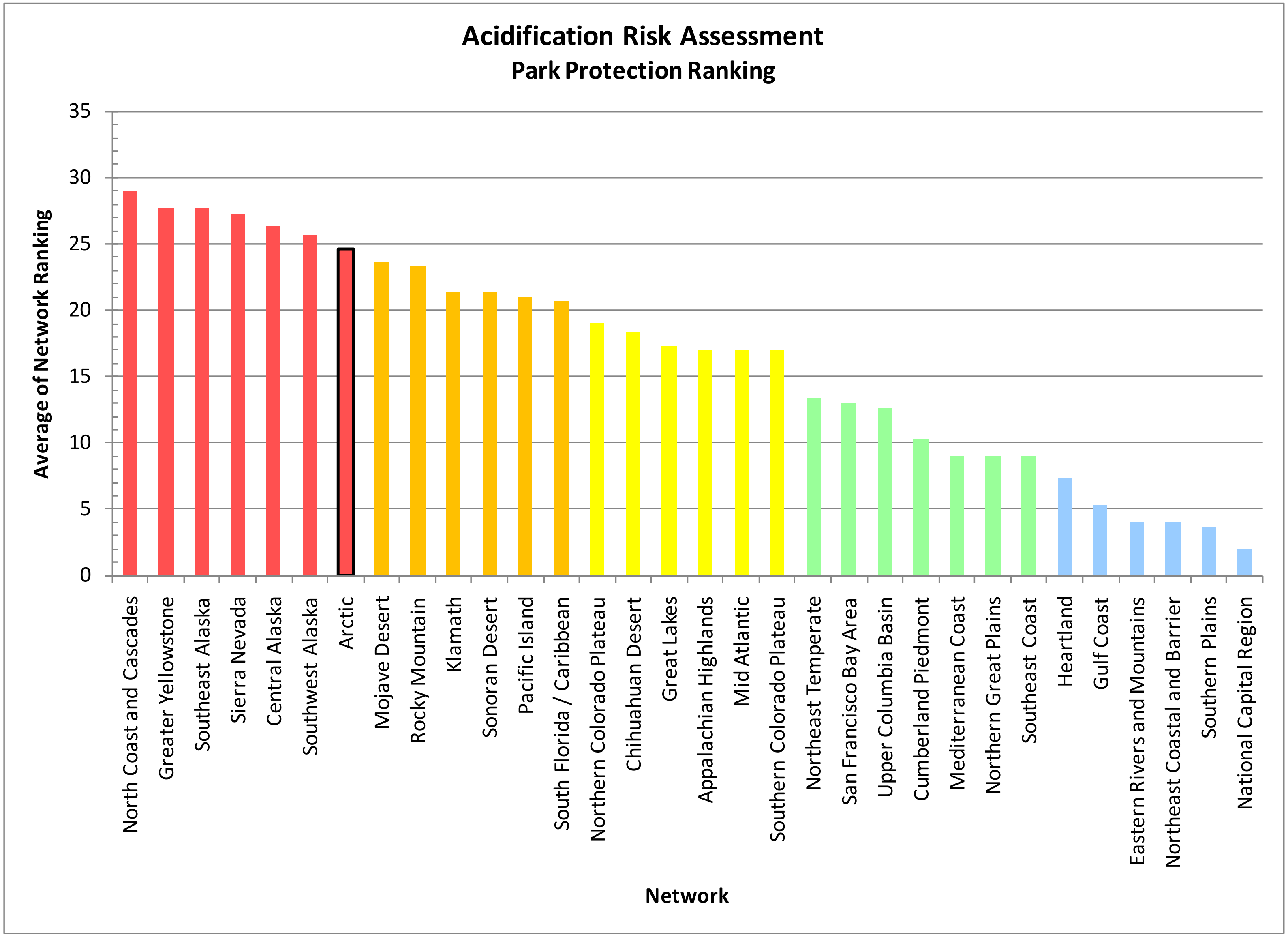

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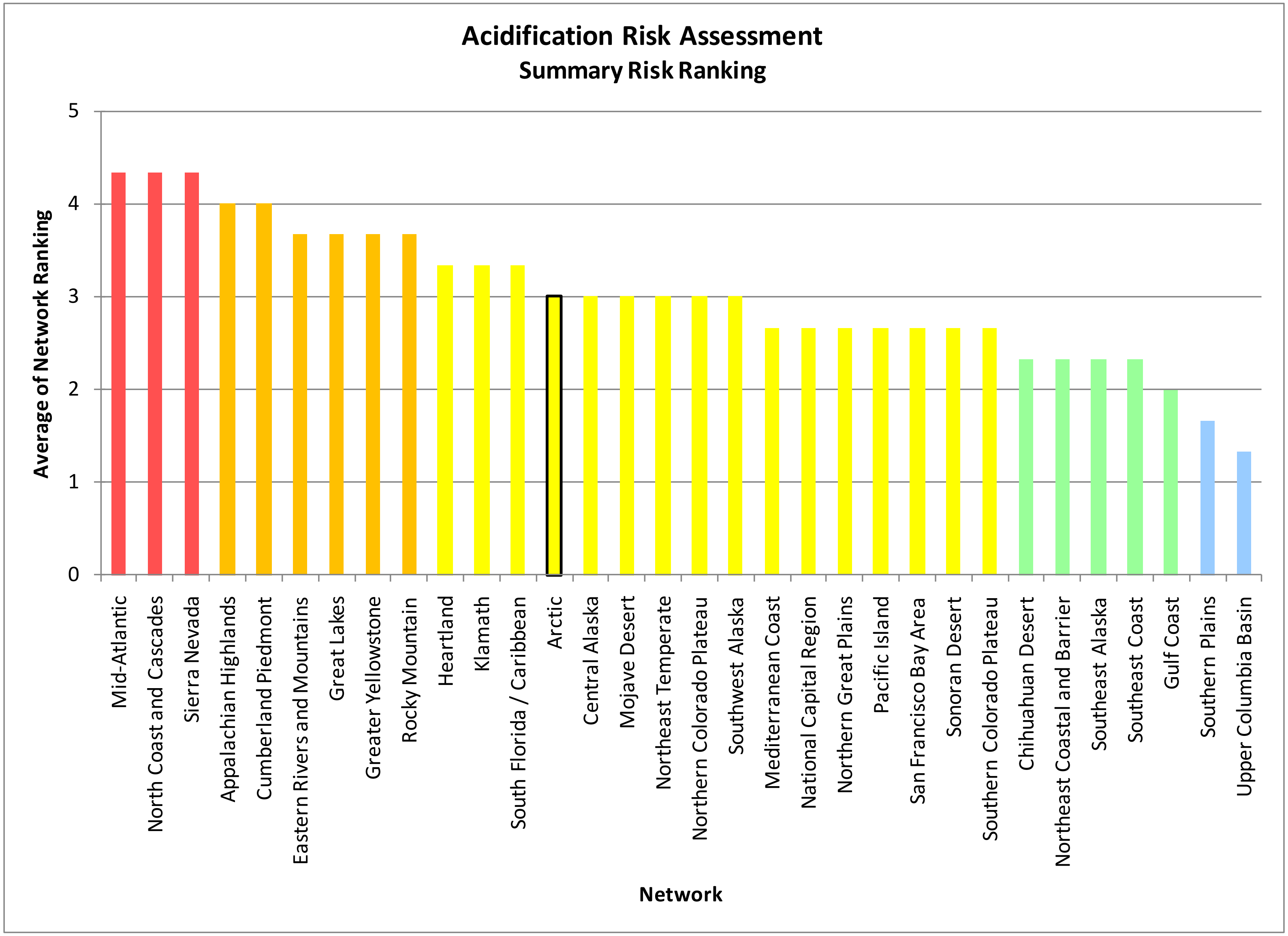
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Summary Risk Ranking
Average of Network Ranking
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3
4
5
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Cumberland Piedmont
Eastern Rivers and Mountains
Great Lakes
Greater Yellowstone
Rocky Mountain
Heartland
Klamath
South Florida / Caribbean
Arctic
Central Alaska
Mojave Desert
Northeast Temperate
Northern Colorado Plateau
Southwest Alaska
Mediterranean Coast
National Capital Region
Northern Great Plains
Pacific Island
San Francisco Bay Area
Sonoran Desert
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Chihuahuan Desert
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Southeast Alaska
Southeast Coast
Gulf Coast
Southern Plains
Upper Columbia Basin
Network

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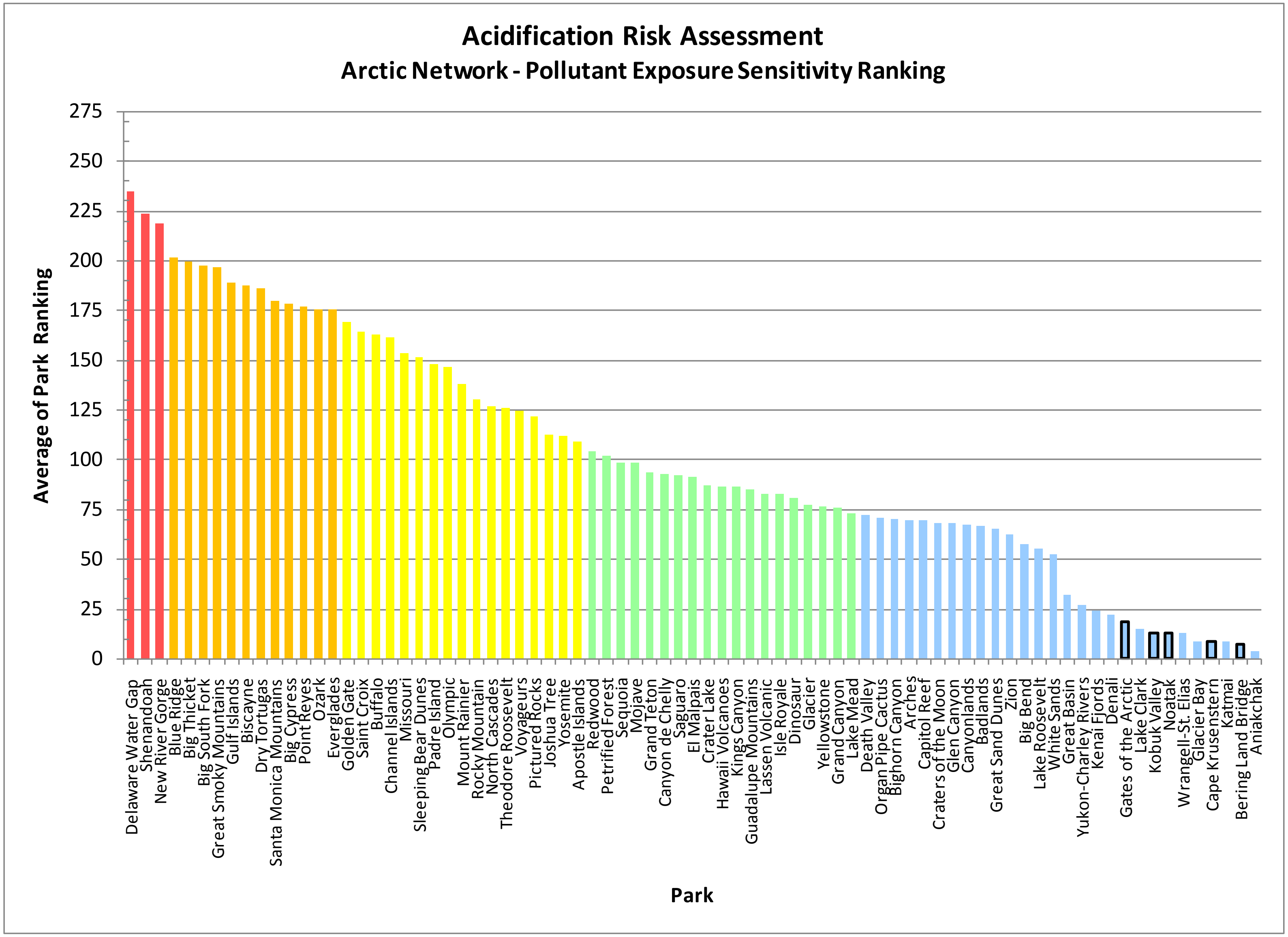
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Arctic Network - Pollutant Exposure Sensitivity Ranking
Average of Park Ranking
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250
225
200
175
150
125
100
75
50
25
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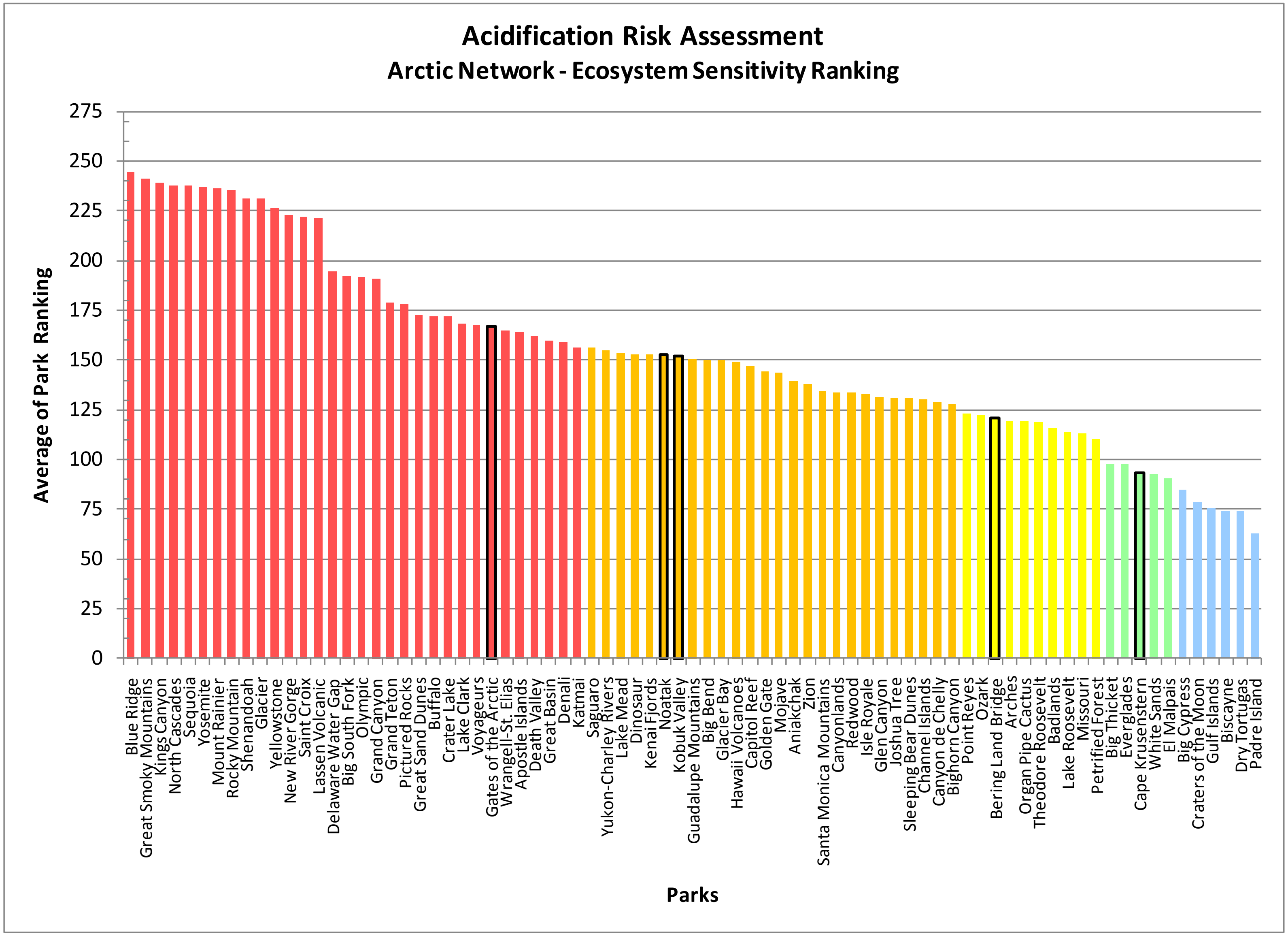
Delaware Water Gap
Shenandoah
New River Gorge
Blue Ridge
Big Thicket
Big South Fork
Great Smoky Mountains
Gulf Islands
Biscayne
Dry Tortugas
Santa Monica Mountains
Big Cypress
Point Reyes
Ozark
Everglades
Golden Gate
Saint Croix
Buffalo
Channel Islands
Missouri
Sleeping Bear Dunes
Padre Island
Olympic
Mount Rainier
Rocky Mountain
North Cascades
Theodore Roosevelt
Voyageurs
Pictured Rocks
Joshua Tree
Yosemite
Apostle Islands
Redwood
Petrified Forest
Sequoia
Mojave
Grand Teton
Canyon de Chelly
Saguaro
El Malpais
Crater Lake
Hawaii Volcanoes
Kings Canyon
Guadalupe Mountains
Lassen Volcanic
Isle Royale
Dinosaur
Glacier
Yellowstone
Grand Canyon
Lake Mead
Death Valley
Organ Pipe Cactus
Bighorn Canyon
Arches
Capitol Reef
Craters of the Moon
Glen Canyon
Canyonlands
Badlands
Great Sand Dunes
Zion
Big Bend
Lake Roosevelt
White Sands
Great Basin
Yukon-Charley Rivers
Kenai Fjords
Denali
Gates of the Arctic
Lake Clark
Kobuk Valley
Noatak
Wrangell-St. Elias
Glacier Bay
Cape Krusenstern
Katmai
Bering Land Bridge
Aniakchak
Park

Figure E


Acidification Risk Assessment
Arctic Network - Ecosystem Sensitivity Ranking
Average of Park Ranking
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225
200
175
150
125
100
75
50
25
0
Blue Ridge
Great Smoky Mountains
Kings Canyon
North Cascades
Sequoia
Yosemite
Mount Rainier
Rocky Mountain
Shenandoah
Glacier
Yellowstone
New River Gorge
Saint Croix
Lassen Volcanic
Delaware Water Gap
Big South Fork
Olympic
Grand Canyon
Grand Teton
Pictured Rocks
Great Sand Dunes
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Saguaro
Yukon-Charley Rivers
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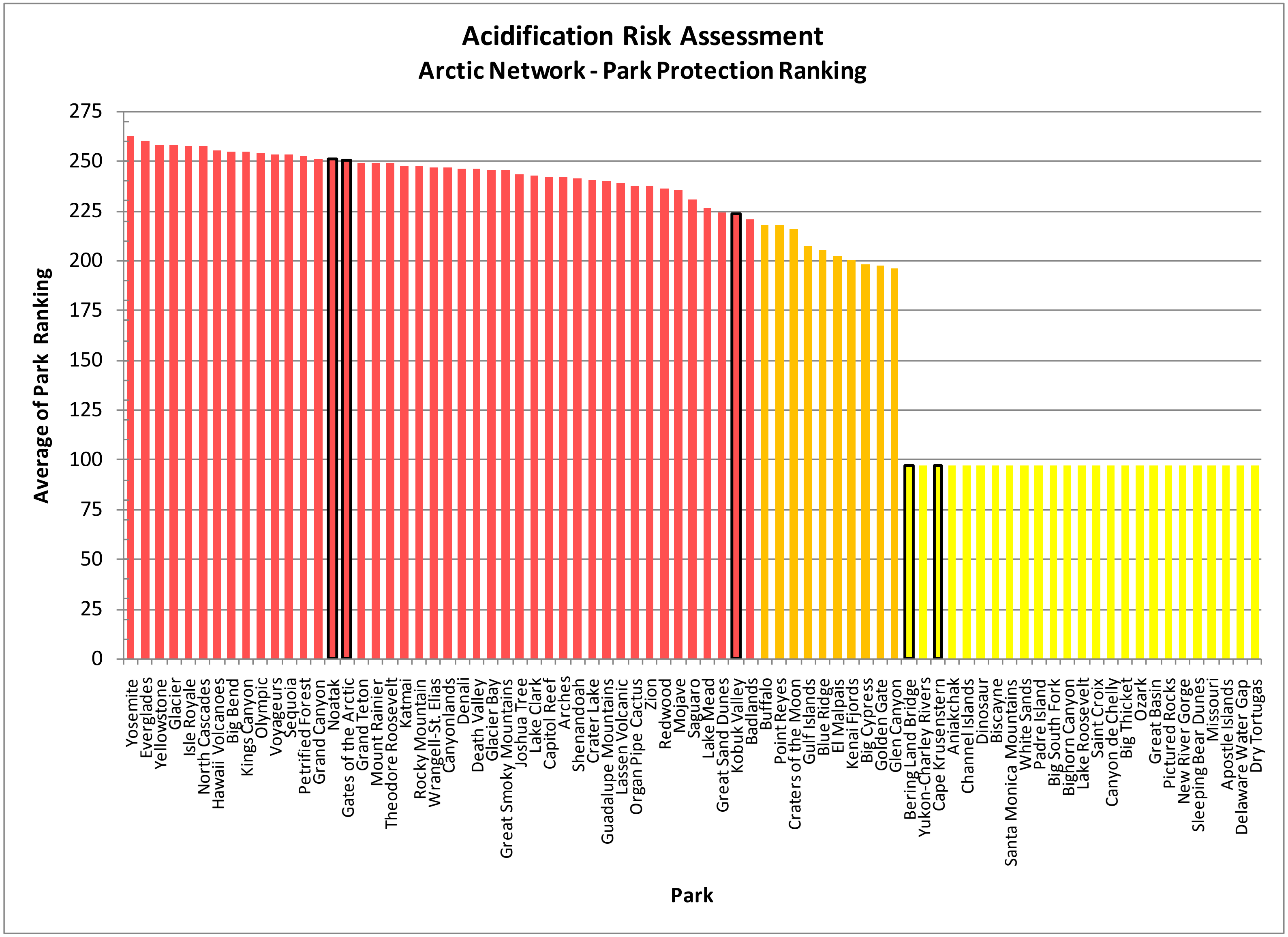
Kenai Fjords
Noatak
Kobuk Valley
Guadalupe Mountains
Big Bend
Glacier Bay
Hawaii Volcanoes
Capitol Reef
Golden Gate
Mojave
Aniakchak
Zion
Santa Monica Mountains
Canyonlands
Redwood
Isle Royale
Glen Canyon
Joshua Tree
Sleeping Bear Dunes
Channel Islands
Canyon de Chelly
Bighorn Canyon
Point Reyes
Ozark
Bering Land Bridge
Arches
Organ Pipe Cactus
Theodore Roosevelt
Badlands
Lake Roosevelt
Missouri
Petrified Forest
Big Thicket
Everglades
Cape Krusenstern
White Sands
El Malpais
Big Cypress
Craters of the Moon
Gulf Islands
Biscayne
Dry Tortugas
Padre Island
Parks

Figure F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Arctic Network - Park Protection Ranking
Average of Park Ranking
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250
225
200
175
150
125
100
75
50
25
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Yosemite
Everglades
Yellowstone
Glacier
Isle Royale
North Cascades
Hawaii Volcanoes
Big Bend
Kings Canyon
Olympic
Voyageurs
Sequoia
Petrified Forest
Grand Canyon
Noatak
Gates of the Arctic
Grand Teton
Mount Rainier
Theodore Roosevelt
Katmai
Rocky Mountain
Wrangell-St. Elias
Canyonlands
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Death Valley
Glacier Bay
Great Smoky Mountains
Joshua Tree
Lake Clark
Capitol Reef
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Crater Lake
Guadalupe Mountains
Lassen Volcanic
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Bighorn Canyon
Lake Roosevelt
Saint Croix
Canyon de Chelly
Big Thicket
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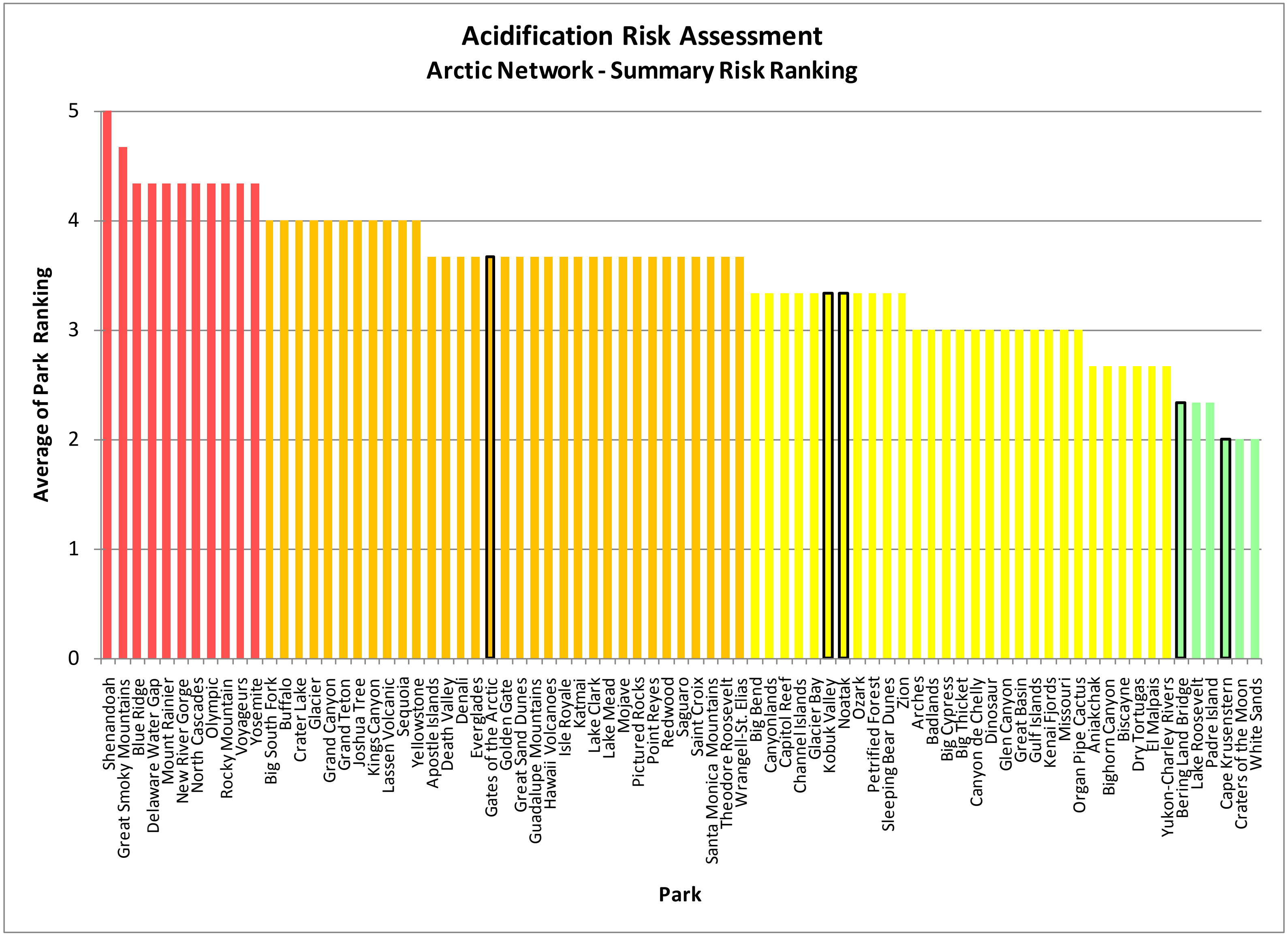
Pictured Rocks
New River Gorge
Sleeping Bear Dunes
Missouri
Apostle Islands
Delaware Water Gap
Dry Tortugas
Park

Figure G


Acidification Risk Assessment
Arctic Network - Summary Risk Ranking
Average of Park Ranking
5
4
3
2
1
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Shenandoah
Great Smoky Mountains
Blue Ridge
Delaware Water Gap
Mount Rainier
New River Gorge
North Cascades
Olympic
Rocky Mountain
Voyageurs
Yosemite
Big South Fork
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Biscayne
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El Malpais
Yukon-Charley Rivers
Bering Land Bridge
Lake Roosevelt
Padre Island
Cape Krusenstern
Craters of the Moon
White Sands
Park

Figure H

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