

# Privatization of Flood Insurance

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# NFIP Privatization Developments



# NFIP Recent Historical Developments

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- Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act (2012)
  - Actuarially sustainable rate mandate
  - Remapping
  - Revisit grandfathered properties
- AIR & Guy Carpenter won RFPs in 2013 to create and validate a U.S. Inland Flood model for the NFIP
  - AIR had been actively developing the U.S. Flood model for several years
  - Both AIR and Guy Carpenter had temporary access to **ALL** NFIP policies and claims
- HO Flood Insurance Affordability Act (2014)
- NFIP releases RFP for potential reinsurance placement (2016)

# Differences Between NFIP and HO3 Policies

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- NFIP does **Not** cover basements  
(HO3 does)
- NFIP uses **Actual Cash Value**  
(HO3 uses Replacement Cost)
- NFIP does **Not** cover loss of use  
(HO3 does)
- Which is more expensive?
- Does a customer understand what they're buying?

# NFIP Market Penetration

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Overall market penetration is low  
(Only 14% of citizens have an NFIP policy)

- NFIP policies are REQUIRED during underwriting if home is in Flood Zone A or V
- Not all counties participate in NFIP
- Banks are currently placed in a position to determine if a policy meets flood requirements  
(Banks ≠ Insurance Companies → ONLY accept NFIP policies!)
- Customers become confused with coverage when NFIP ≠ HO3

Source: <http://www.iii.org/fact-statistic/flood-insurance>

# Things Are Changing

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- H.R.2901
  - Passed House 419-0
  - (Banks ≠ Insurance Companies → ONLY accept NFIP policies!)
  - Puts decision of viable flood policies into State Insurance Commissioners' office
    - Different deductibles
    - Different limits
    - Different terms & conditions (like replacement cost, basements...)

# Modeling

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- AIR has the only event based probabilistic model for inland flood peril that covers the continental 48 states.
- AIR had the opportunity to use 35 years of NFIP detail data to calibrate the model for an RFP.
- AIR has created probabilistic flood maps for the continental U.S., independent of FEMA maps.
- AIR's probabilistic model includes modeling on- and off-plain flooding, including all major and minor rivers and their tributaries, with over 1.4 million miles of riverine systems.

# Challenges with Privatization for the Insurance Industry

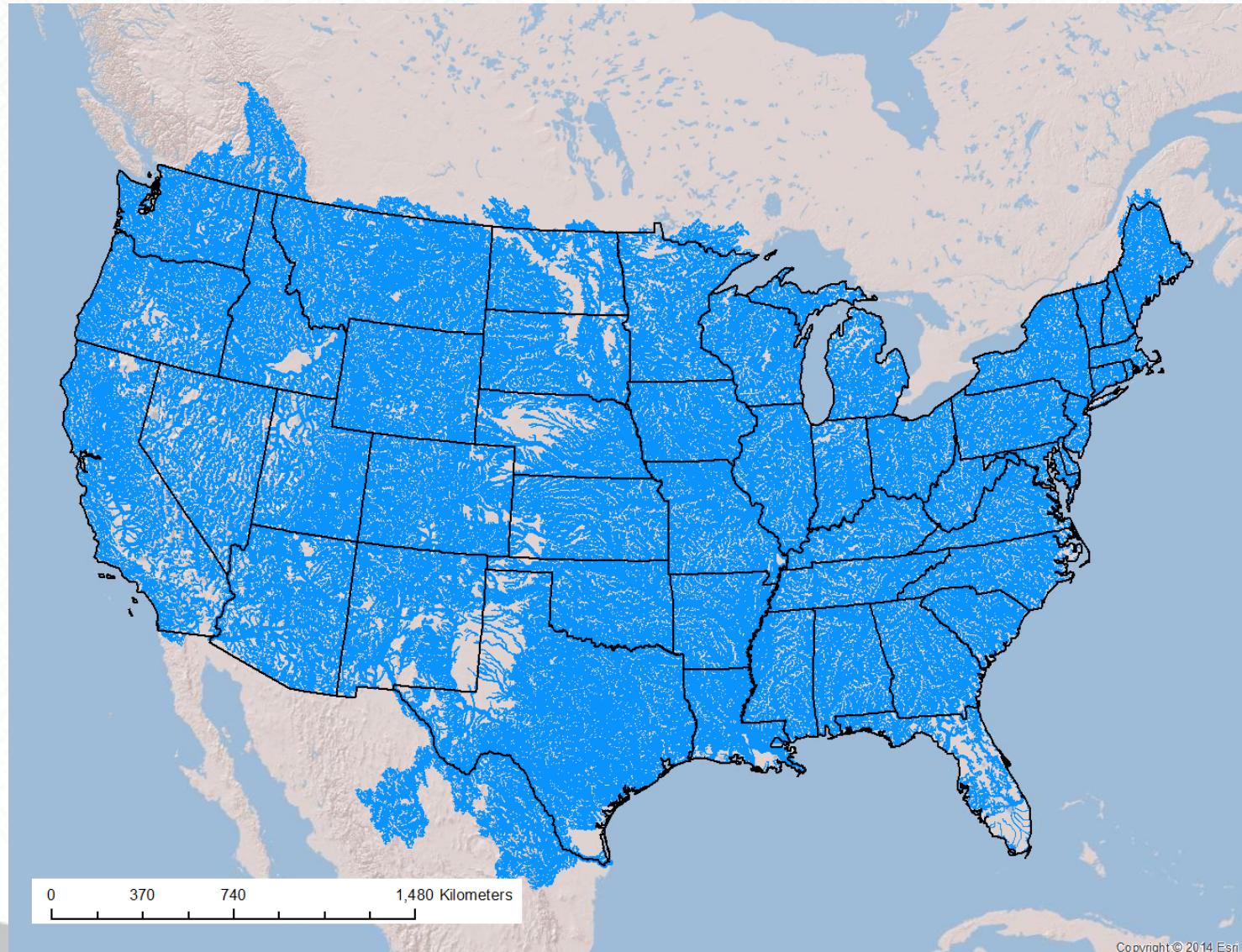
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- Not all counties have recent maps / participate in NFIP.
- Odds are, there is a map somewhere in the U.S. that changed today.
- Will a bank accept an insurance policy in proxy of the NFIP to cover Flood?
  - Even if different deductibles / limits offered?
  - Even if policies cover more? (RV, Coverage D, Basements)
- How can WYOs interact with traditional companies?
- How can detailed claims / policy information be utilized for rating?

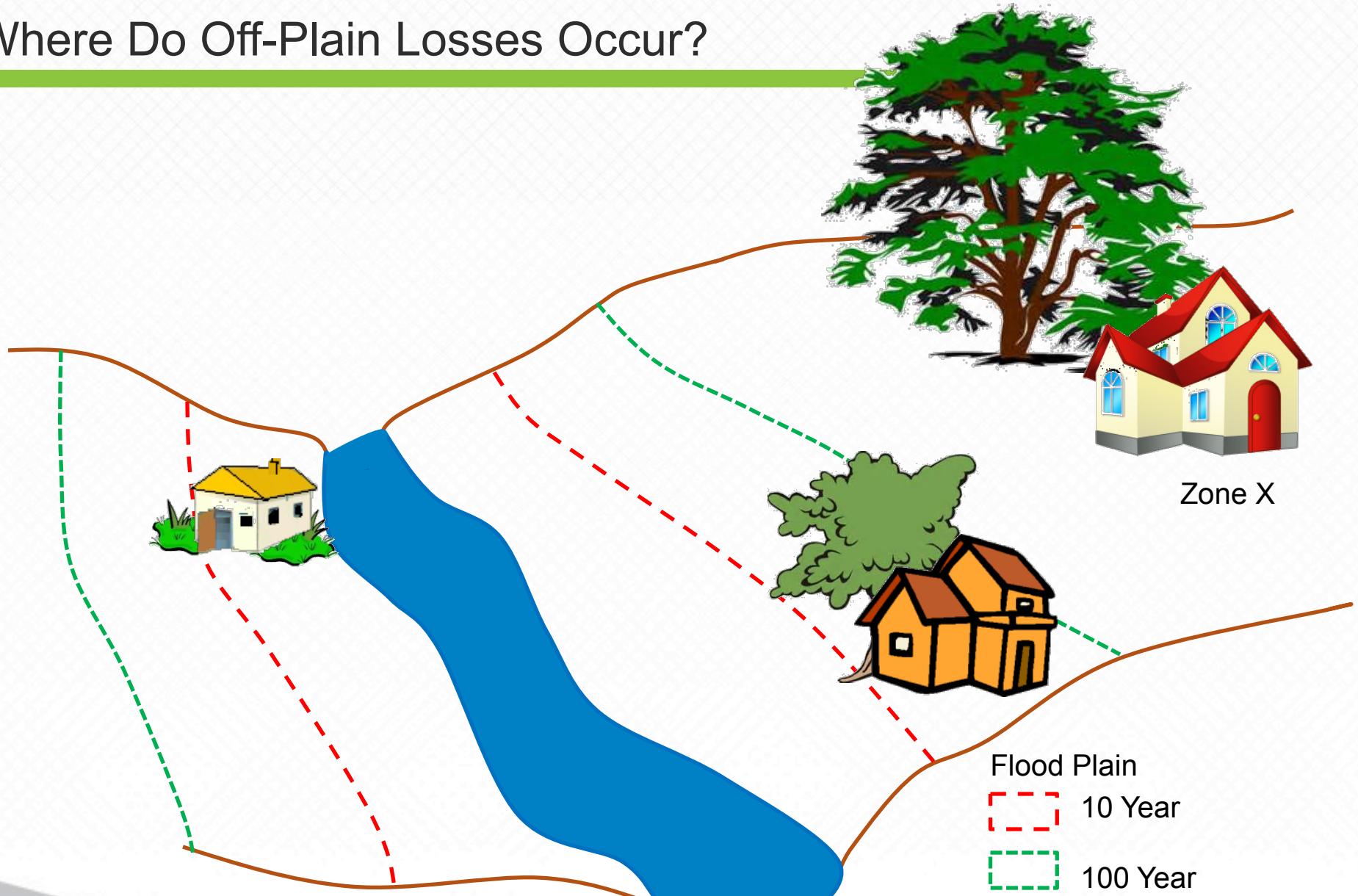
# AIR U.S. Inland Flood Model



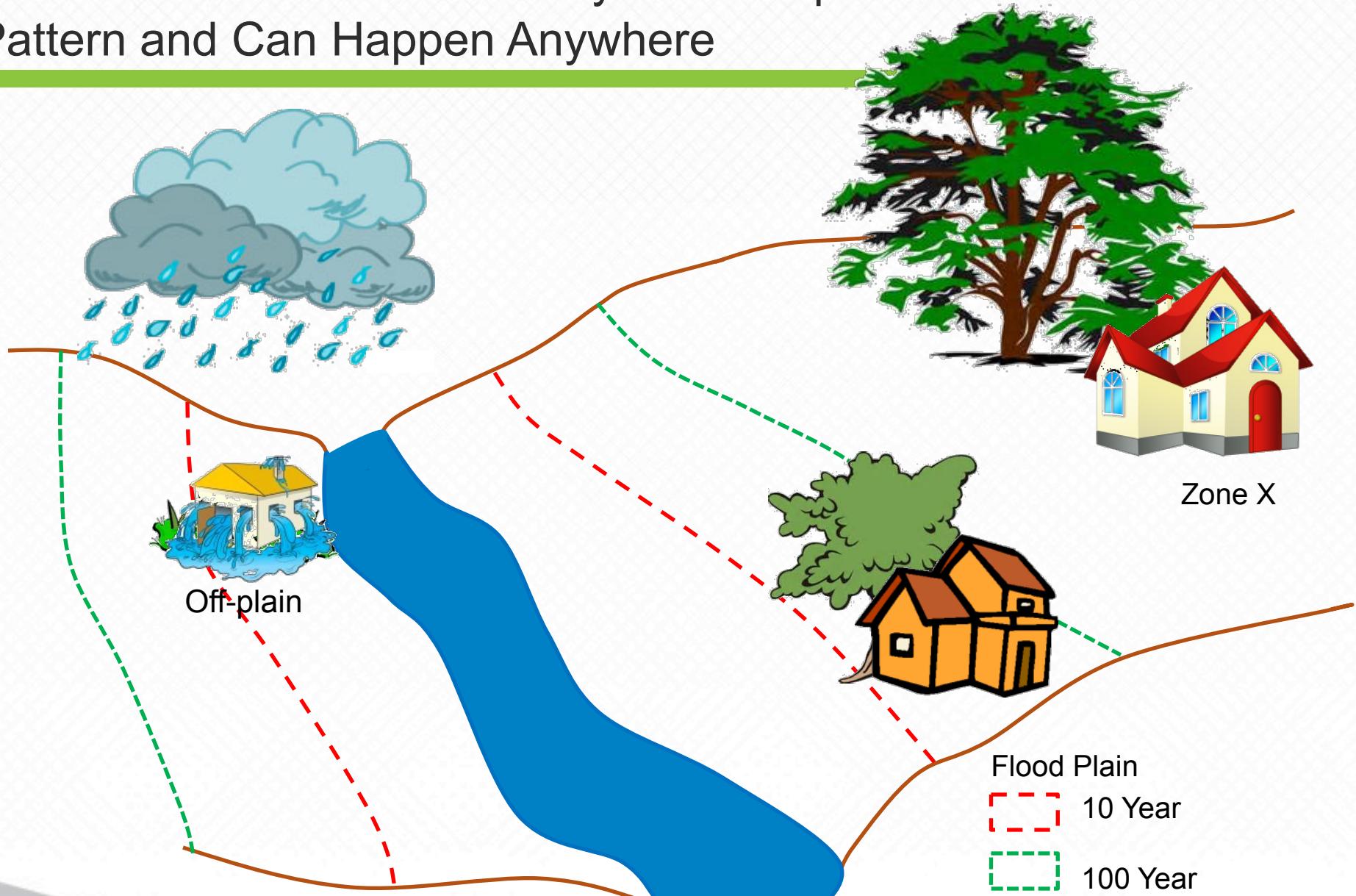
# A Model That Is Robust at Multiple Scales Is Necessary for Developing Accurate Views of Risk



# Where Do Off-Plain Losses Occur?



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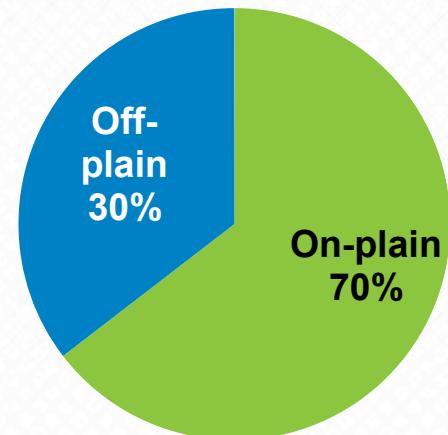
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# Off-Floodplain Losses Are Significant



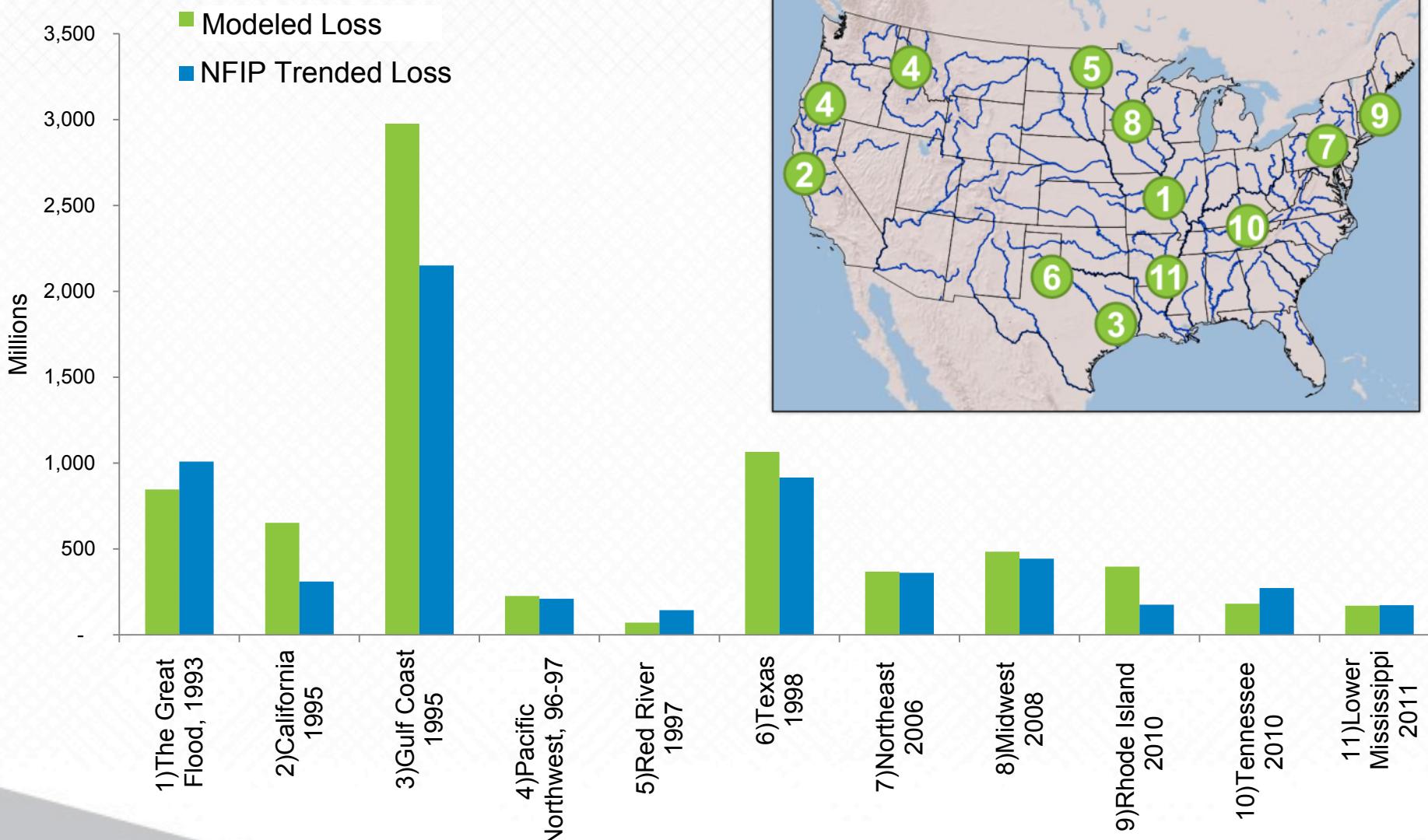
Average Annual Losses



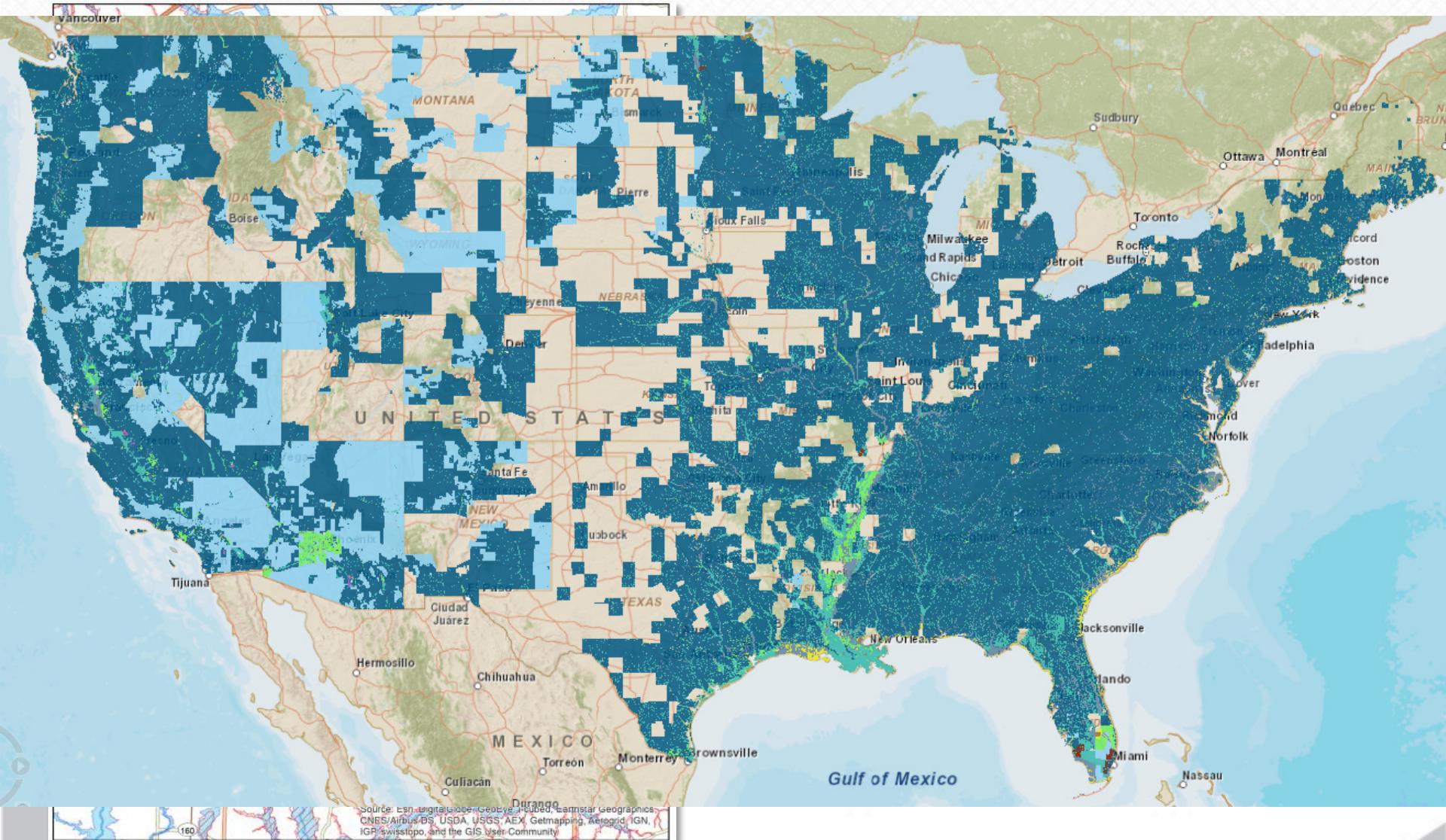
Flash Flooding in Kansas City, MO, May 31, 2013

Courtesy: KSHB

# Comparison of Model and Trended NFIP Losses for All Marquee Events



# FEMA Flood Maps End at Administrative Boundaries



# Questions?

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