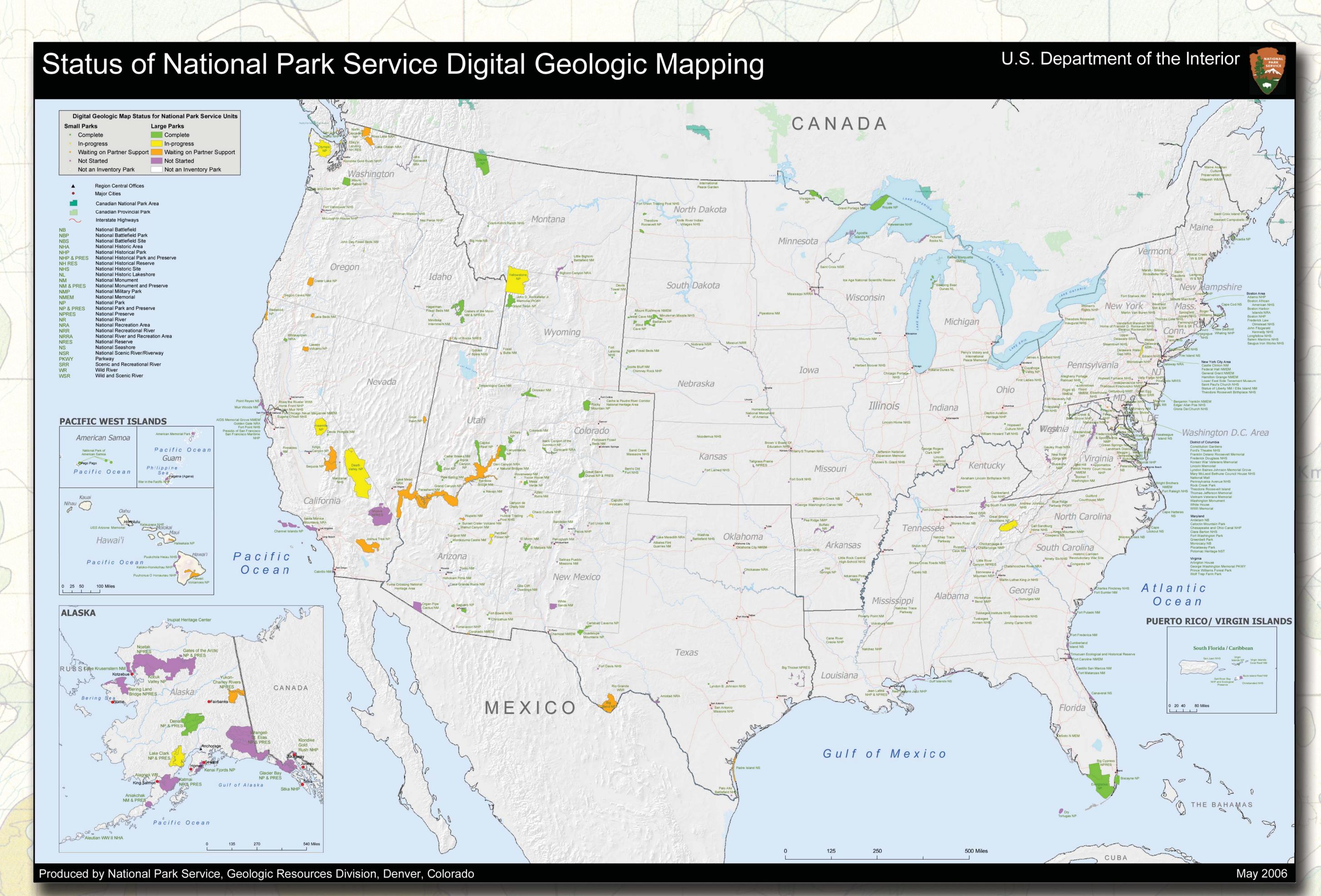
CONCUSION

Recognizing the interrelationships between the abiotic (geology, air, and water) and biotic (plants and animals) components of the Earth is vital to understanding, managing, and protecting the natural resources of the National Park System. The GRE Program helps make this connection by calling attention to the role of geology and geosciences in park resource management. GIS-based geologic maps are critical tools in accomplishing this effort.



As of May 2006, the GRE team has held scoping meetings for 163 of the 270 identified natural resource area parks. Final map products have been completed for 69 NPS units and projects are underway for an additional 62 units.



All completed GRE products are available to the public online through the Geologic Resources Division's Inventory webpage (http://www2.nature.nps.gov/geology/inventory/). Additionally the GIS data are served on the NPS Natural Resources GIS Metadata and Data Store (http://science.nature.nps.gov/nrdata/).

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