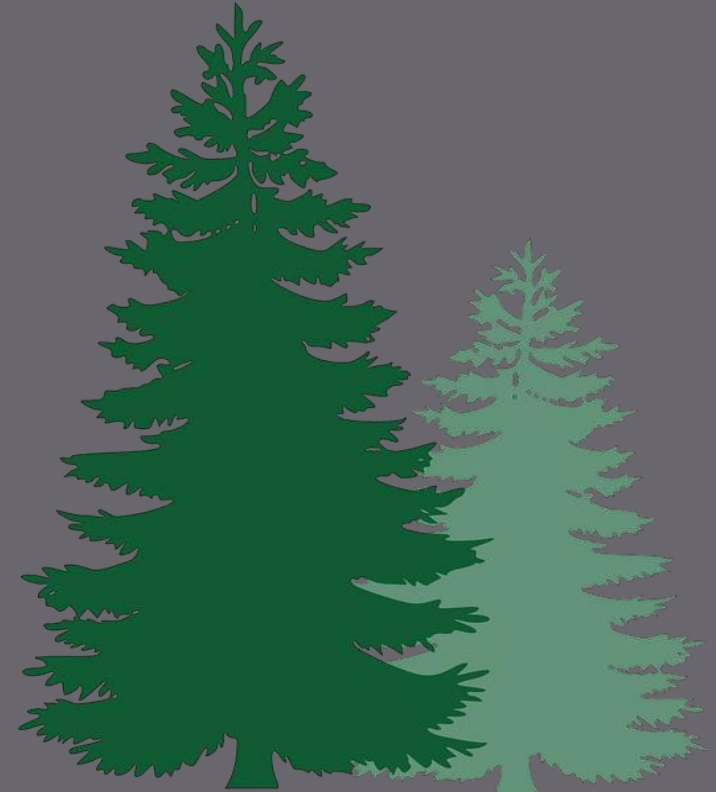
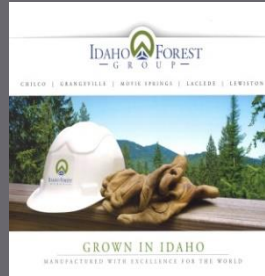


Idaho's Good Neighbor Authority Leadership

Idaho Department of Lands

US Forest Service

Forest Products Industry



Discussion

- ▣ What is the Good Neighbor Authority?
- ▣ Why is it important?
- ▣ Our Story and our Success (so far)
- ▣ Lessons Learned
- ▣ Q&A

What is Good Neighbor Authority?

- Partnership between the Forest Service and States ~ 2014 Farm Bill Authority
- Leverage state resources to increase Forest Service capacity
- States award and administer contracts
- Prohibits new road construction and reconstruction

What is Good Neighbor Authority?

Will comply with:

- Forest Land Management Plan
- NEPA decisions
- other applicable laws including Endangered Species Act and National Historic Preservation Act.
- “Bright Line” distinction between State endowment lands and federal lands

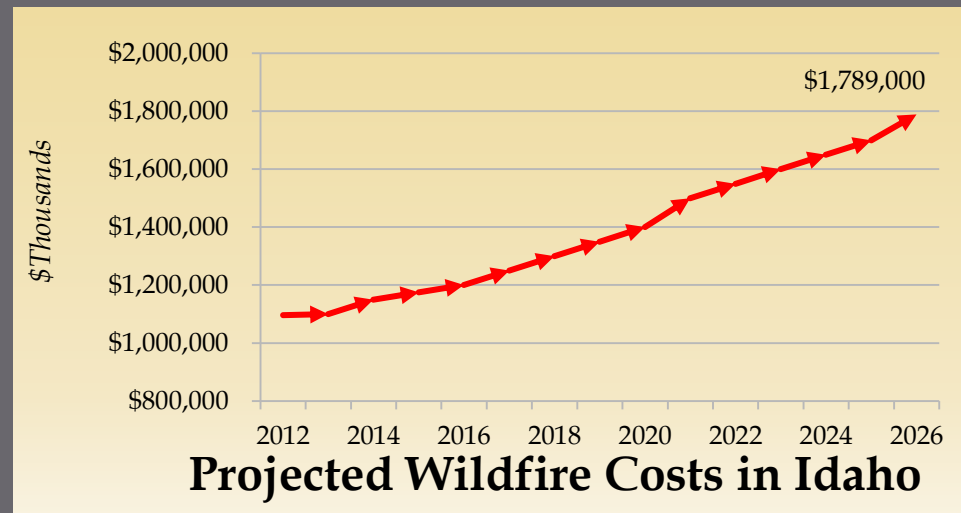
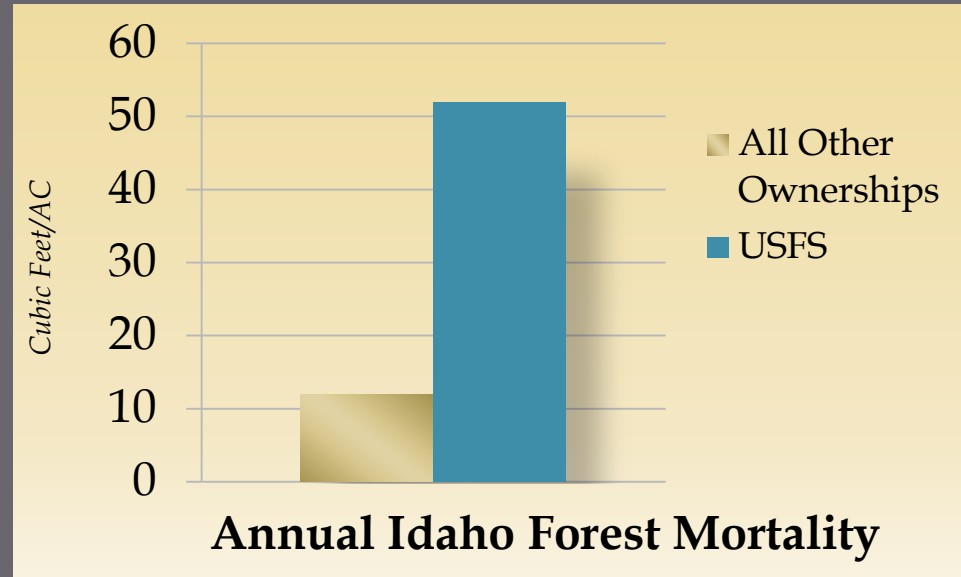
Goals of Good Neighbor Authority?

- Increase the pace, scope and scale of forest restoration
- Provide additive fiber to Idaho markets
- Develop a self sustaining program

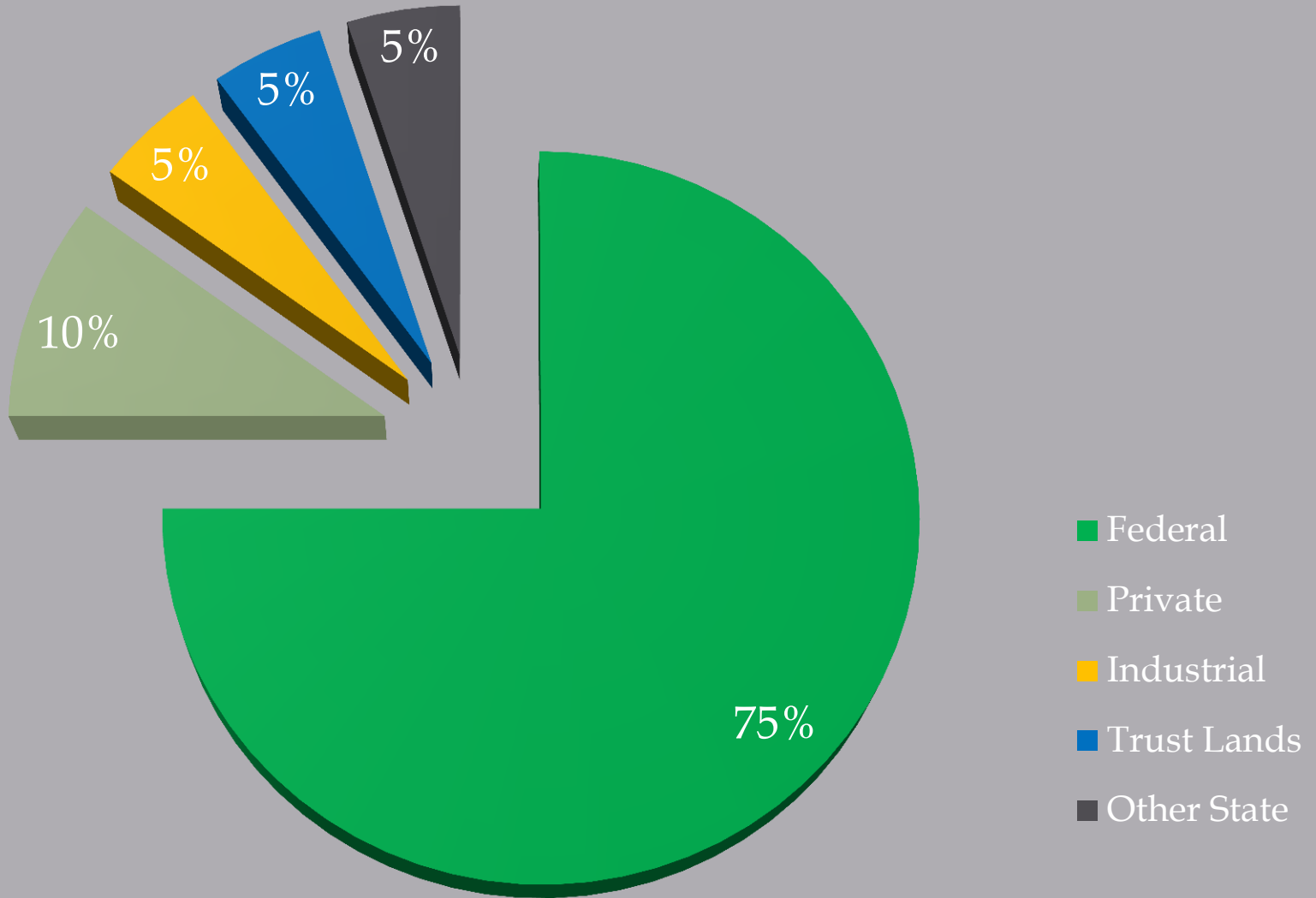
Why does it matter?

▣ Science compels forest restoration

▣ Economics compel active forest management



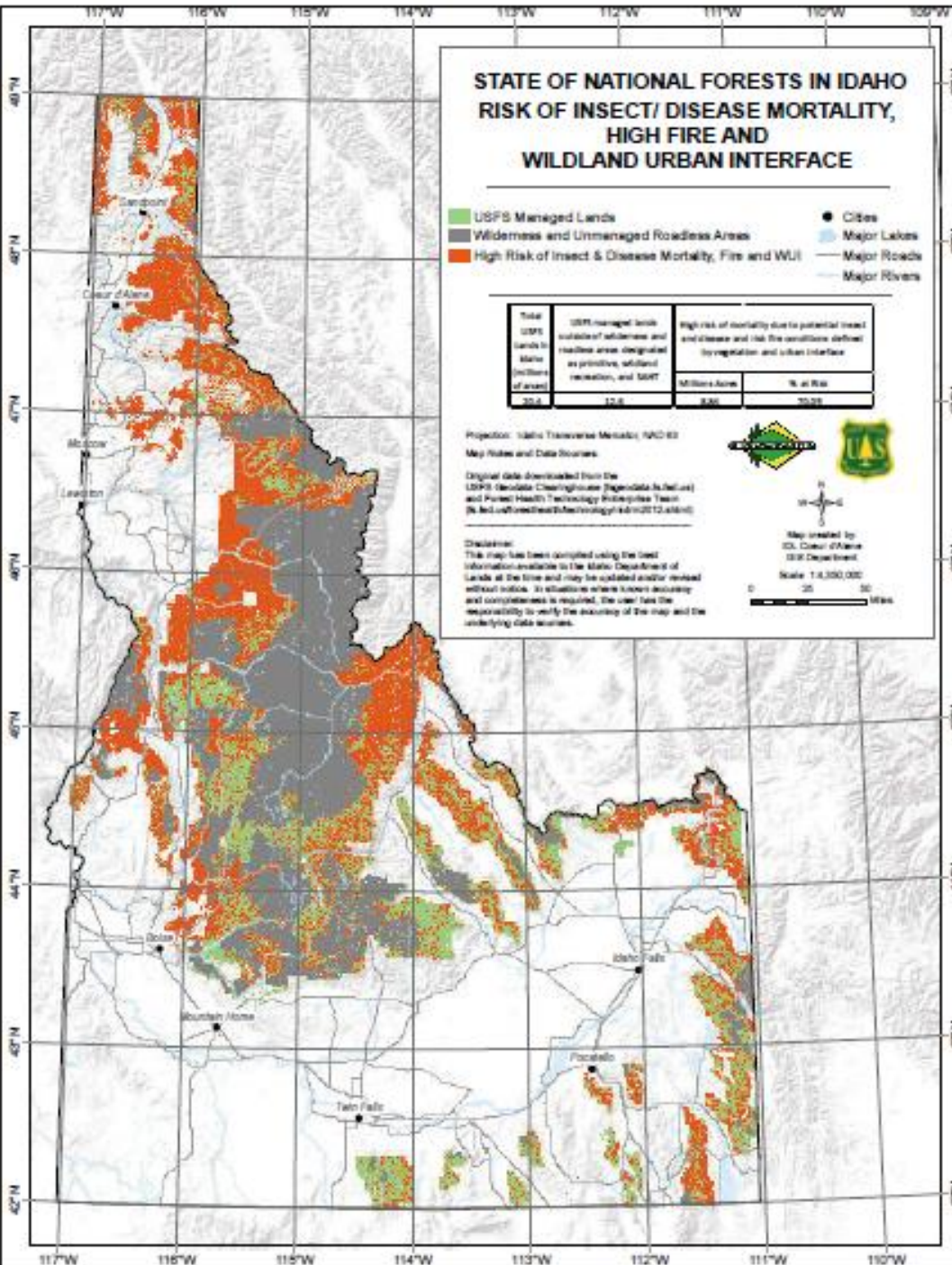
Idaho's Forest Ownership



*Note - Private includes ranchers, farmers and tribal. All values are percent.

Forest Health in Idaho

- 20 million acres FS ownership
- 12.6 mil acres managed lands (non-reserve)
- 8.8 high risk I&D/ wildfire
- 70% of NFS lands at risk
- 1.8 mil acres Governors designation



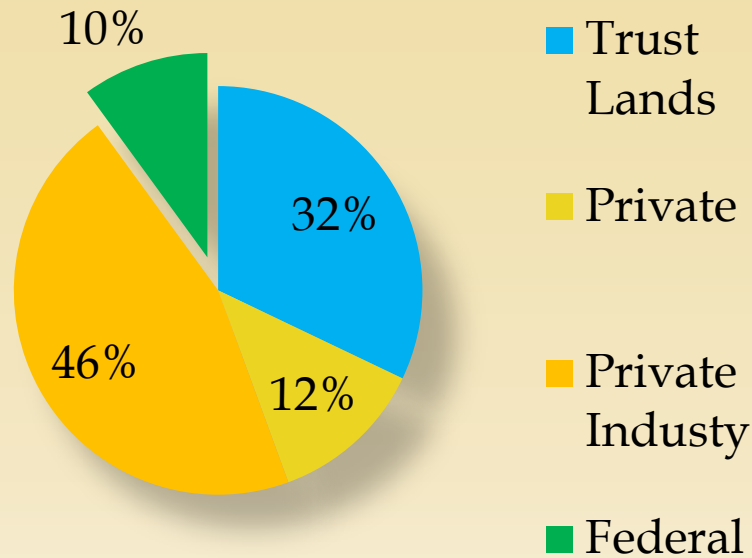
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- ▣ If we treated 18,000 acres every year, it would take 100 years to address forest restoration on these acres!
- ▣ Approximately double current pace
- ▣ State capacity can help through GNA

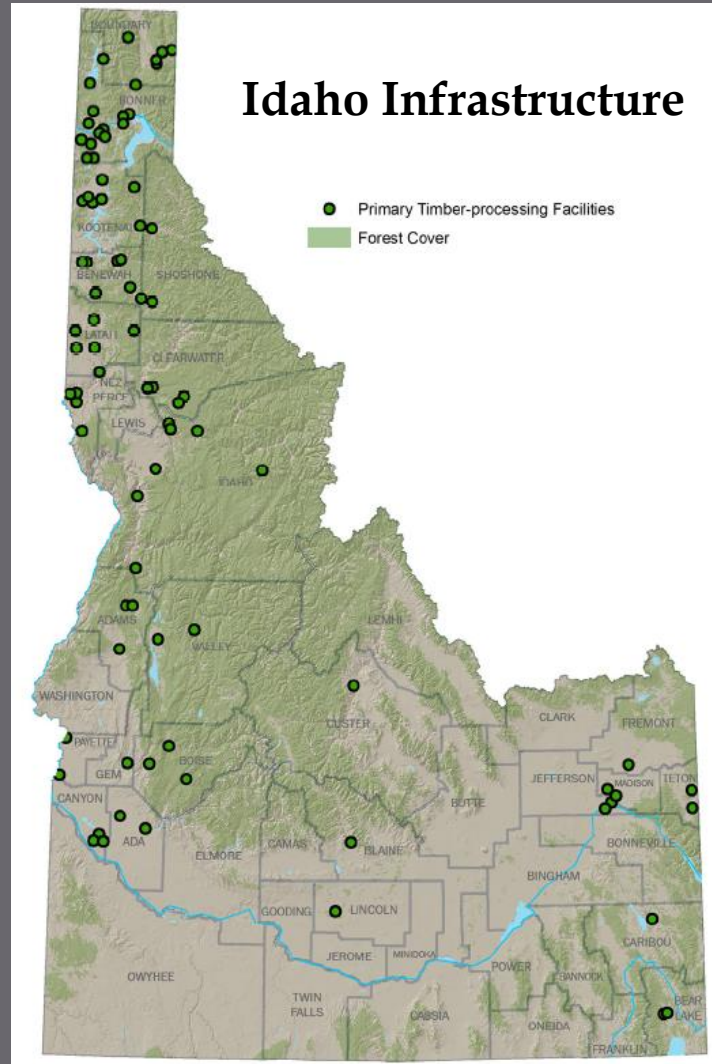


Economics ~ Forest Restoration needs robust infrastructure and competition

Idaho Timber Harvest



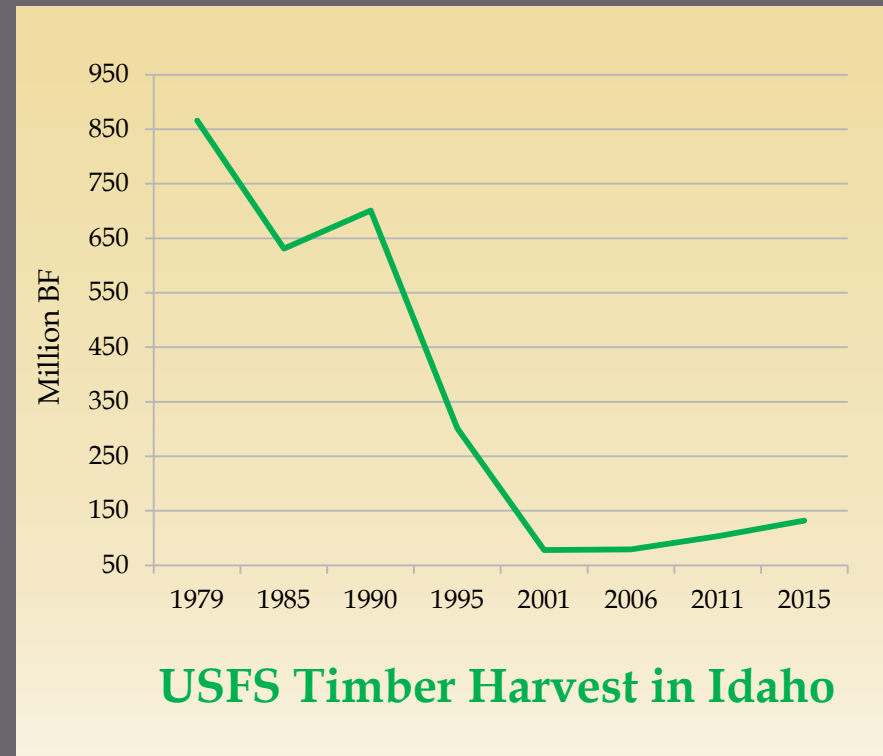
Idaho Infrastructure



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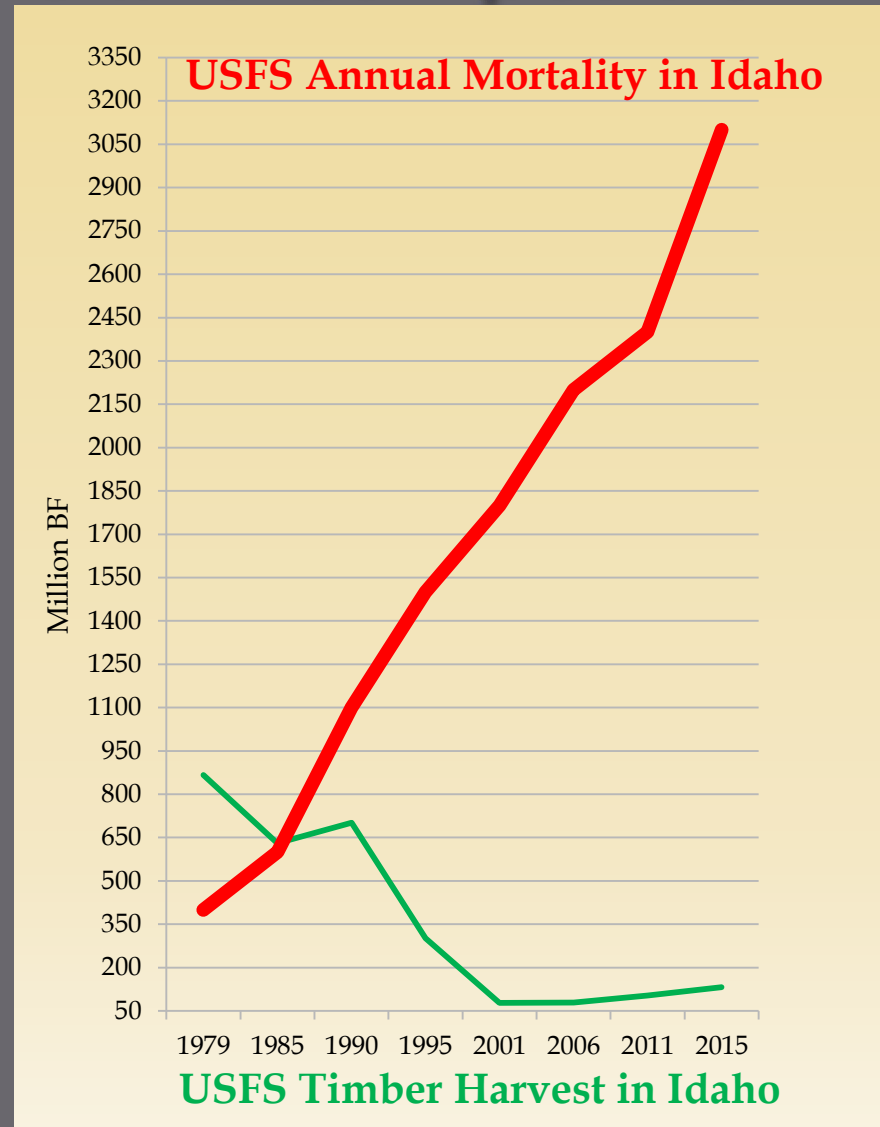
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 - \$667,000 in wages.
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- \$56,600 average industry earnings
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The Idaho Story

▣ 2014-2015

- State led collaborative process ~ Governors designation 1.8 million acres at risk to declining forest health, high risk for wildfire near communities, transportation system intact
- State led collaborative process to discern best approach for Idaho (FS, Industry, Environmental Community)
- Idaho Legislature ~ Senate Concurrent Resolution 126 ~ IDL to explore use of Good Neighbor Authority
- contractor hired to lead process
- 1 year ago ~ met concurrently with Regional Foresters and Forest Supervisors ~ **“who wants to work with us?”**

The Idaho Story

▣ 2016

- Forest Products Industry and Forest Service provide start up funds (\$500,000) until timber sale revenues are available
- May ~ State Forester and Regional Foresters signed statewide Master Agreement; presented to Governor & Land Board
- September ~ signed Nez-Perce Clearwater and Payette National Forest Supplemental Project Agreements
- September 27 ~ IDL auctioned first GNA federal timber sale!
- Now ~ signing Idaho Panhandle National Forests Agreement;
- Modifying Payette NF Agreement to take on NEPA!

The Idaho Story

- ▣ Wapiti ~ GNA's first federal timber sale auction
 - Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest
 - 216 acre harvest
 - Goal: Improve forest health and reduce fuels
 - Sold to McFarland Cascade for \$1.4 million
 - IDL's role: auction and administer timber sale contract
 - F.S. role: NEPA planning, project field preparation, road reconstruction
 - Project implementation expected in June of 2017

Lessons Learned

- ▣ Leadership Matters
- ▣ Strength ~ Alignment ~ Visible Commitment
 - Governor Butch Otter, Idaho Legislature, Forest Products Industry, Forest Service Regional Foresters and Forest Supervisors, Idaho Department of Lands Director, Deputy and Bureau Chiefs
 - Forest Products Industry ~ start up financing (\$1 million over 5 years)
 - “OWN” the initiative to advance quickly

Lessons Learned

- ▣ Right projects, immediate revenues for reinvestment in more work on the ground (NEPA/watershed restoration...more)
- ▣ Work at the Regional and Forest Scales simultaneously to build Statewide Master and Forest Level Agreements
- ▣ Work with Forests that are innovative, want to work with State!

QUOTE FROM GOVERNOR C.L. "Butch" Otter

"Good Neighbor Authority makes it possible for the State of Idaho to leverage our support and land management expertise with the Forest Service to augment management activities happening on federal lands in Idaho."

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- ▣ What needs legislative attention!
- ▣ GNA roads fix – reconstruction allowed
- ▣ Fire Funding fix – augment \$ for NEPA in FS
- ▣ When solid collaboration present on projects, diminish litigation options

