

# U.S. Forest Service National Woodland Owner Survey

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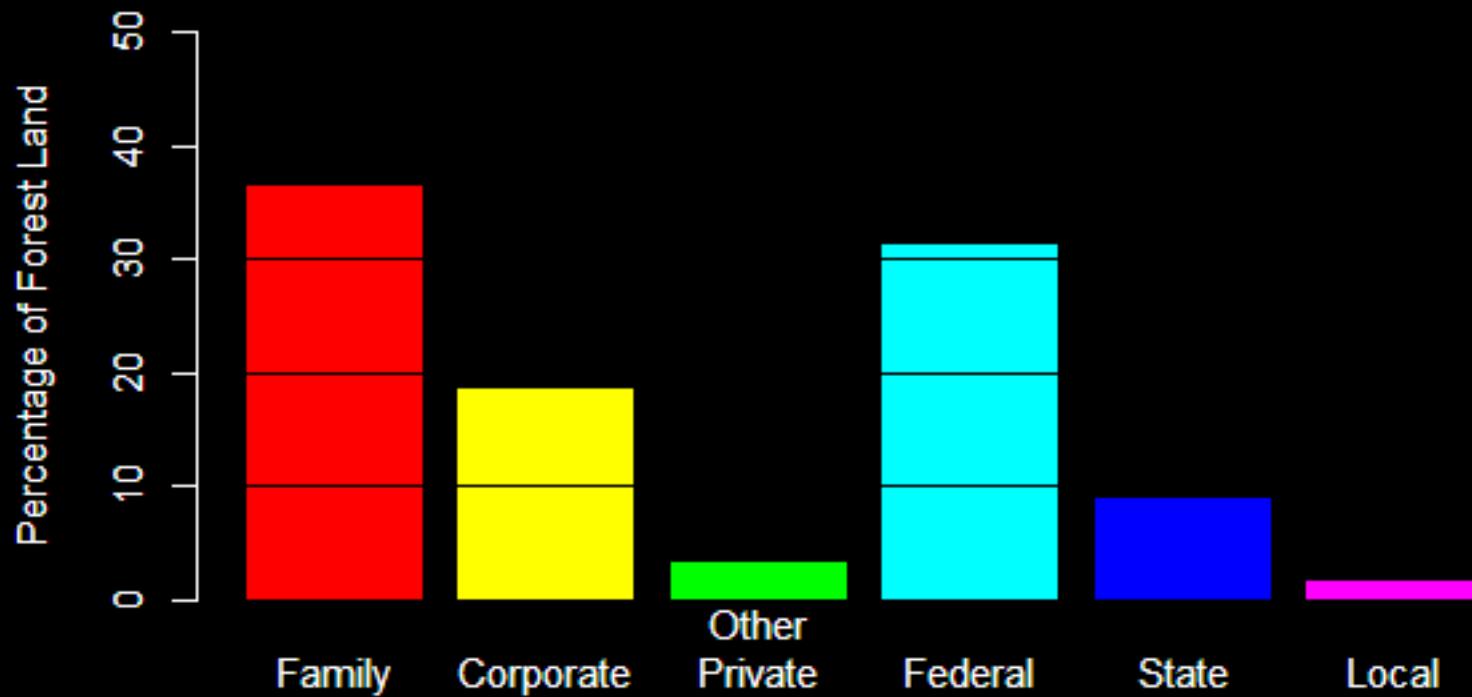
**ALL RESULTS ARE PRELIMINARY**

# Conclusions

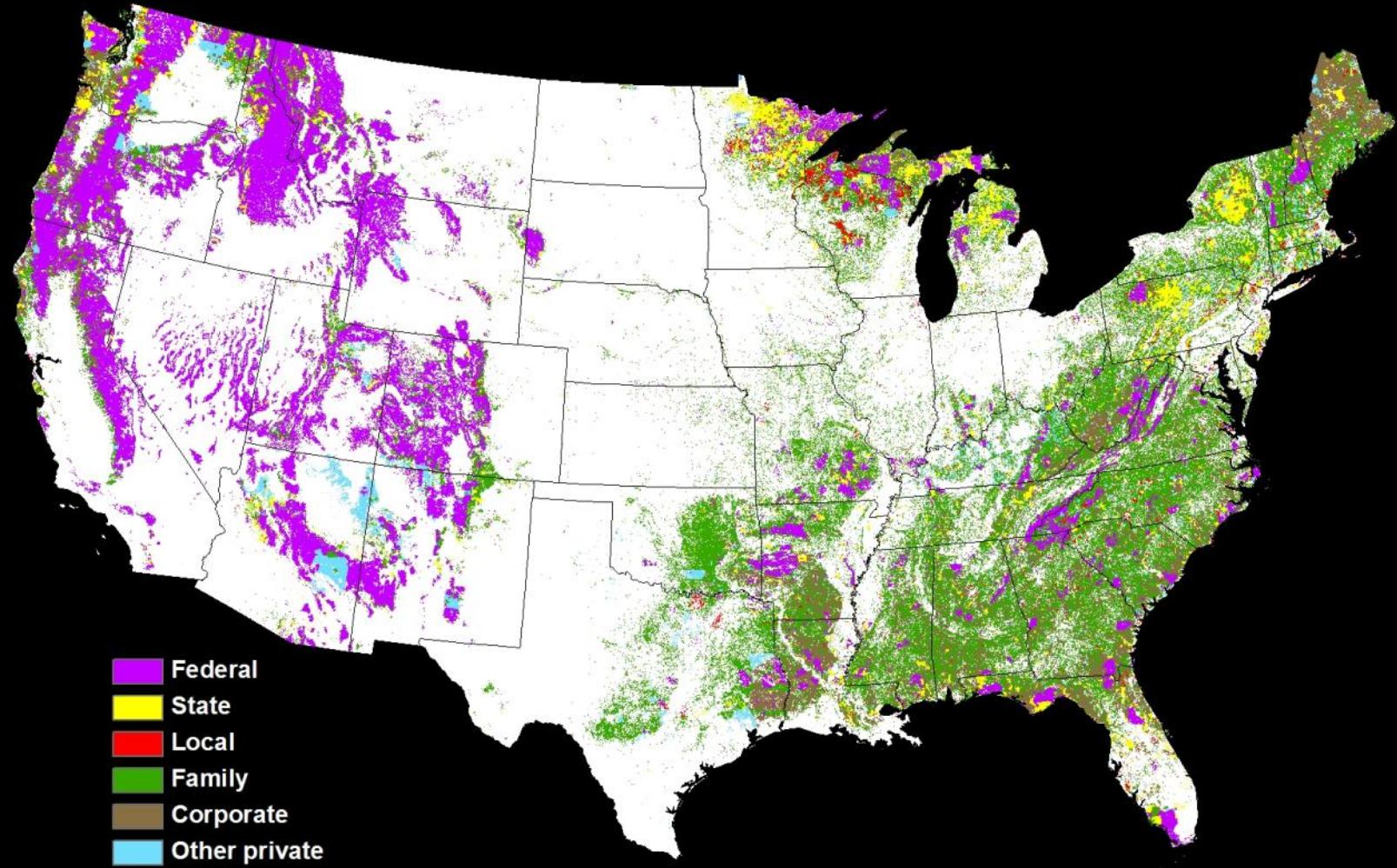
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# Forest Land by Ownership Class US, 2011

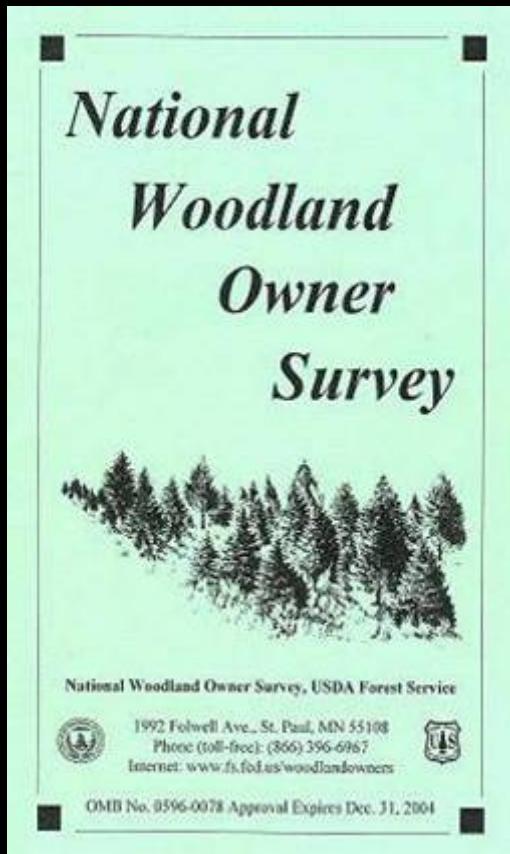


# Forest Ownership, US 2011



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Conducted by the U.S. Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis program

To better understand:

- Who the landowners are
- Why they own land
- How they have used it
- How they intend to use it

# Family Forests by the Numbers

## 10+ ac, US, 2011\*

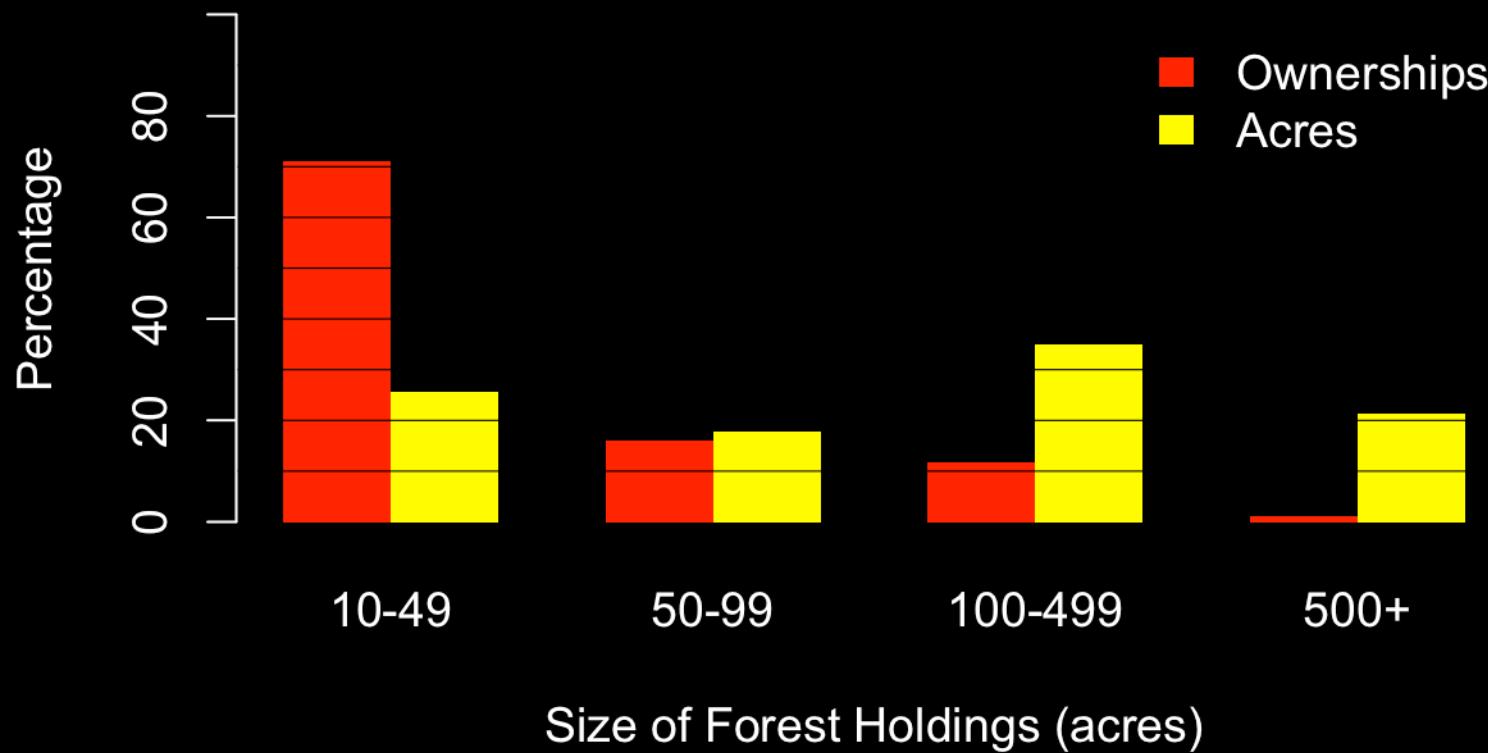
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- Acres: 212,159,000
- Ownerships: 3,570,000
- Average holding size: 59.4
- Owners: 7,699,000

\* Excluding: AK, HI, and WY

# Size of Family Forest Holdings

10+ ac, US, 2011



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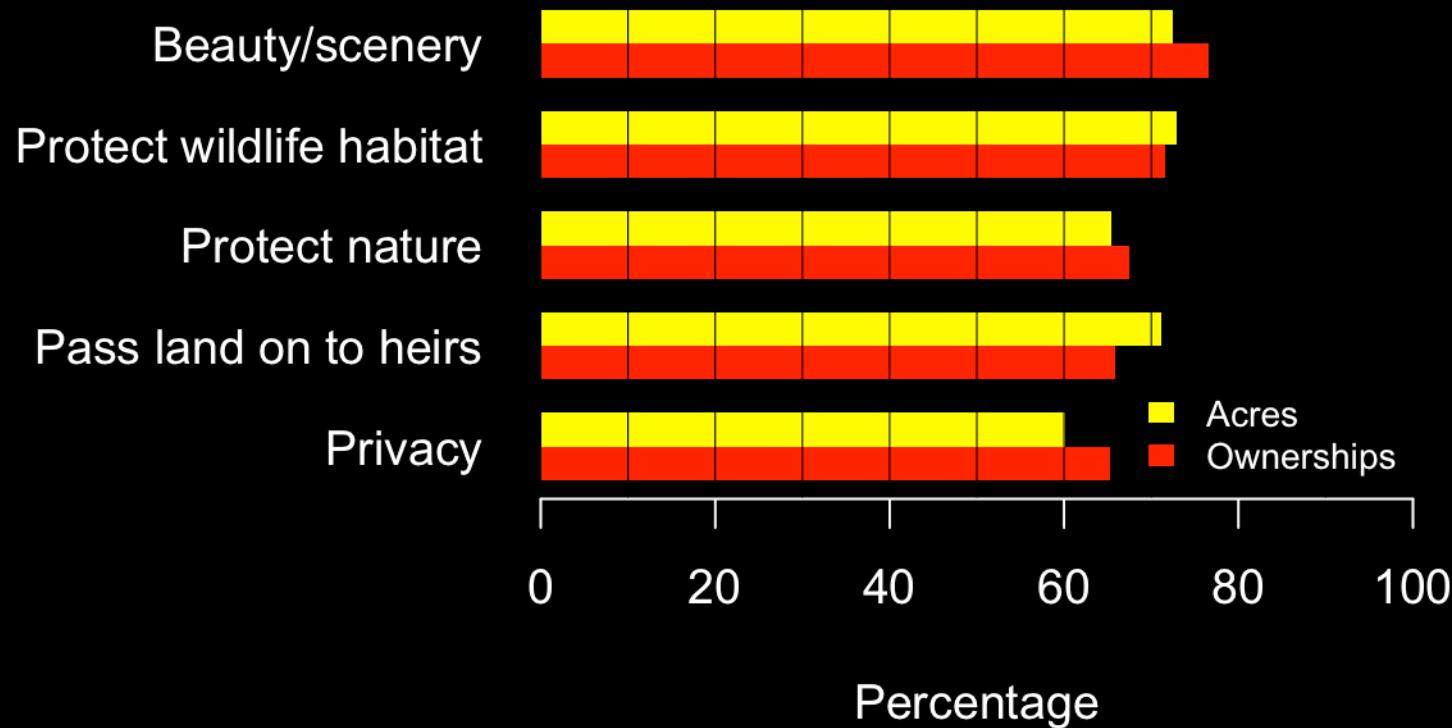
# Part of Home/Farm

10+ ac, US, 2011

- Part of Home
  - 66% of ownerships
  - 57% of acres
- Part of Farm
  - 31% of ownerships
  - 39% of acres

# Reasons for Owning (1 of 3)

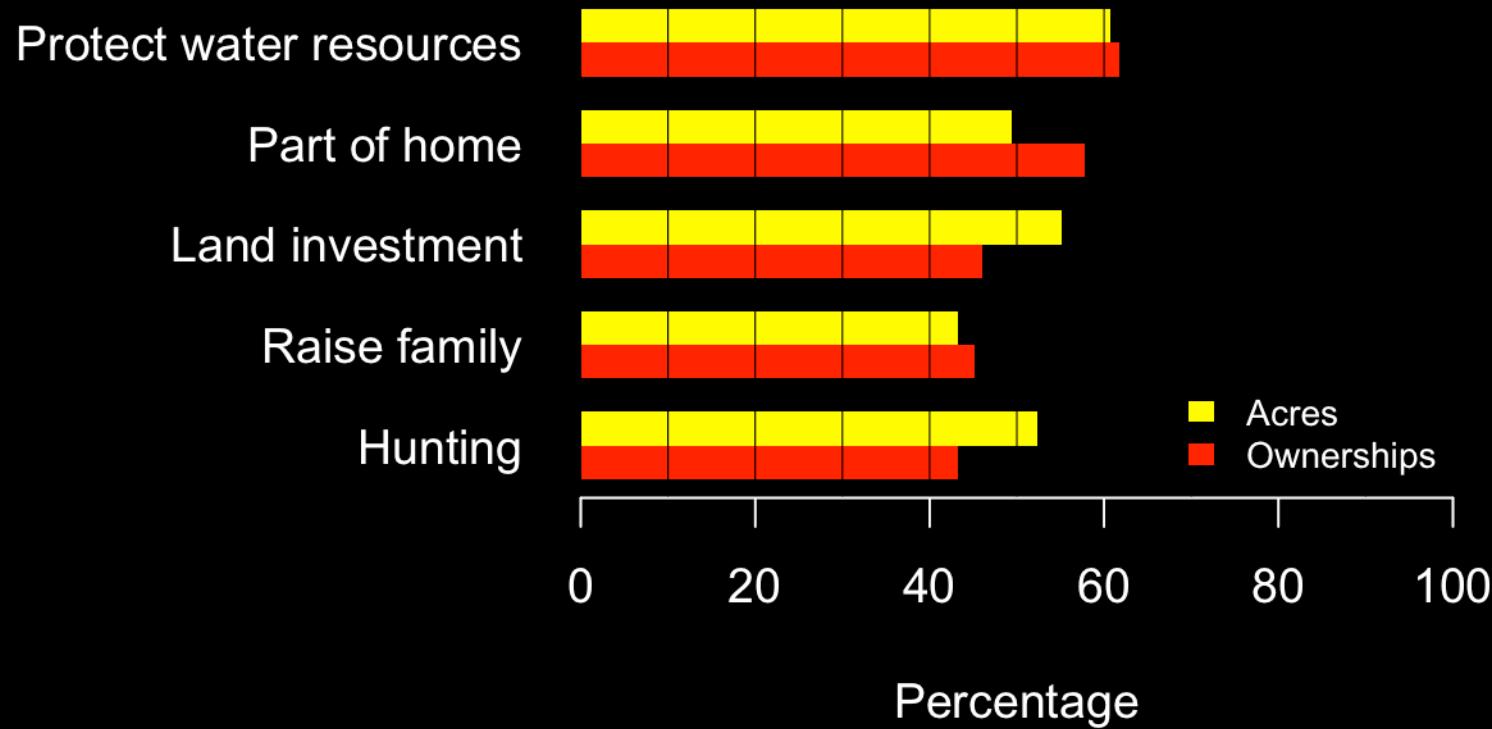
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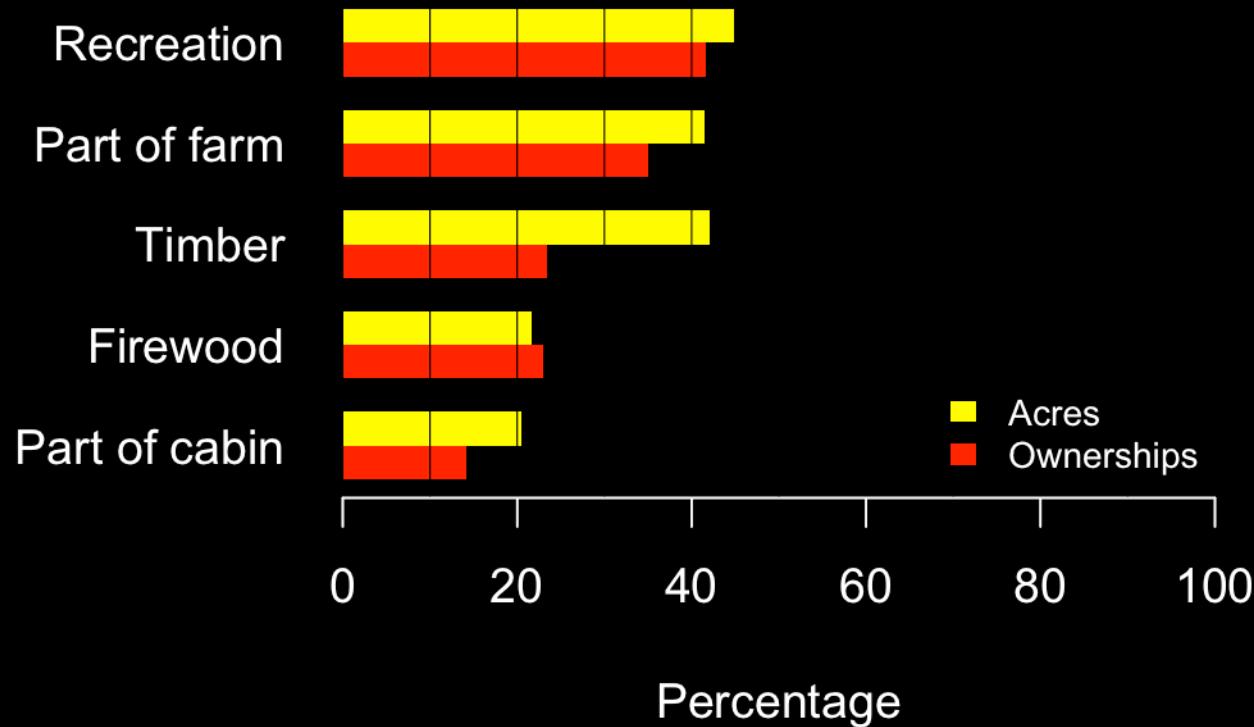
# Reasons for Owning (2 of 3)

## 10+ ac, US, 2011



# Reasons for Owning (3 of 3)

10+ ac, US, 2011



# Top Reasons for Owning

10+ ac, US, 2006 & 2011

## 2006

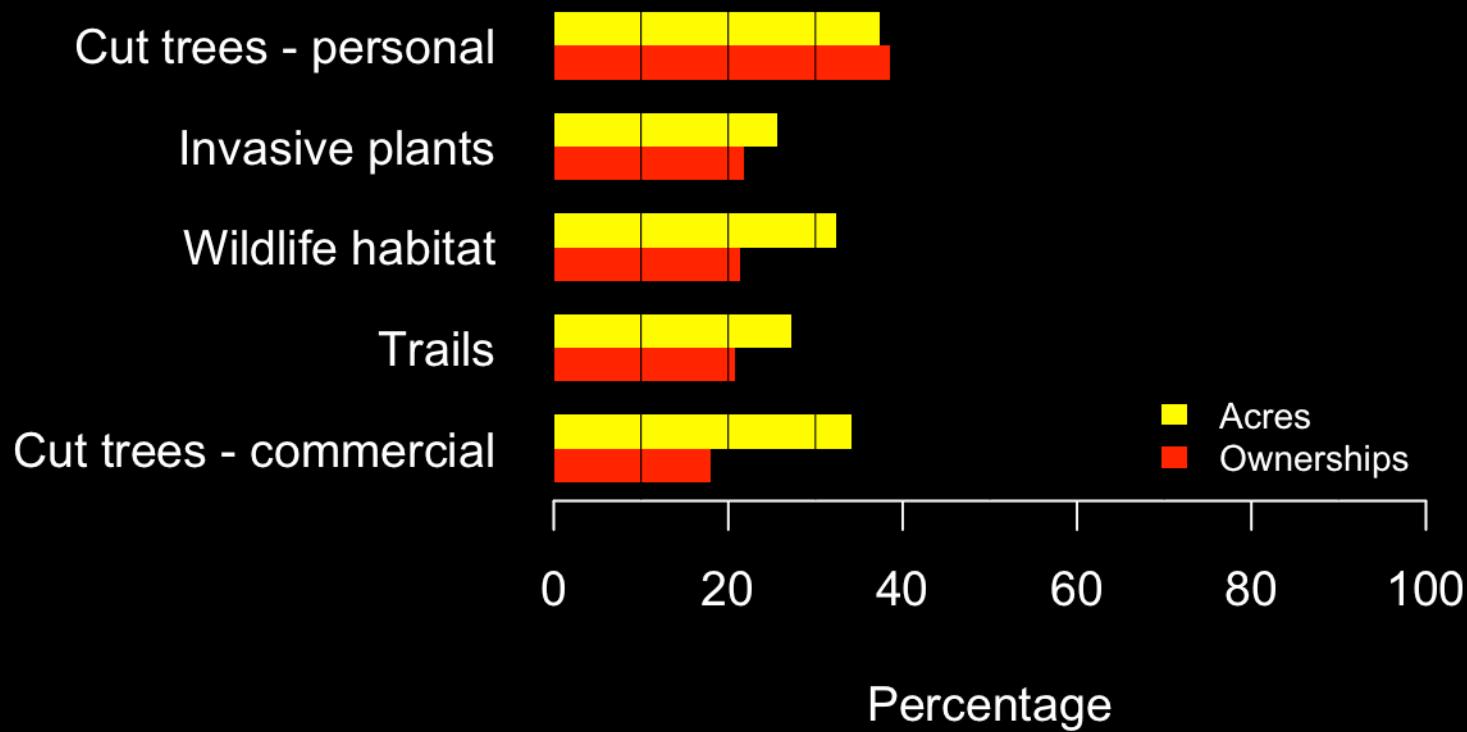
1. Beauty/scenery
2. Part of home
3. Privacy
4. Nature protection
5. Family legacy

## 2011

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# Most Common Management Activities

## 10+ ac, US, 2011



# Management Plans & Advice

10+ ac, US, 2011

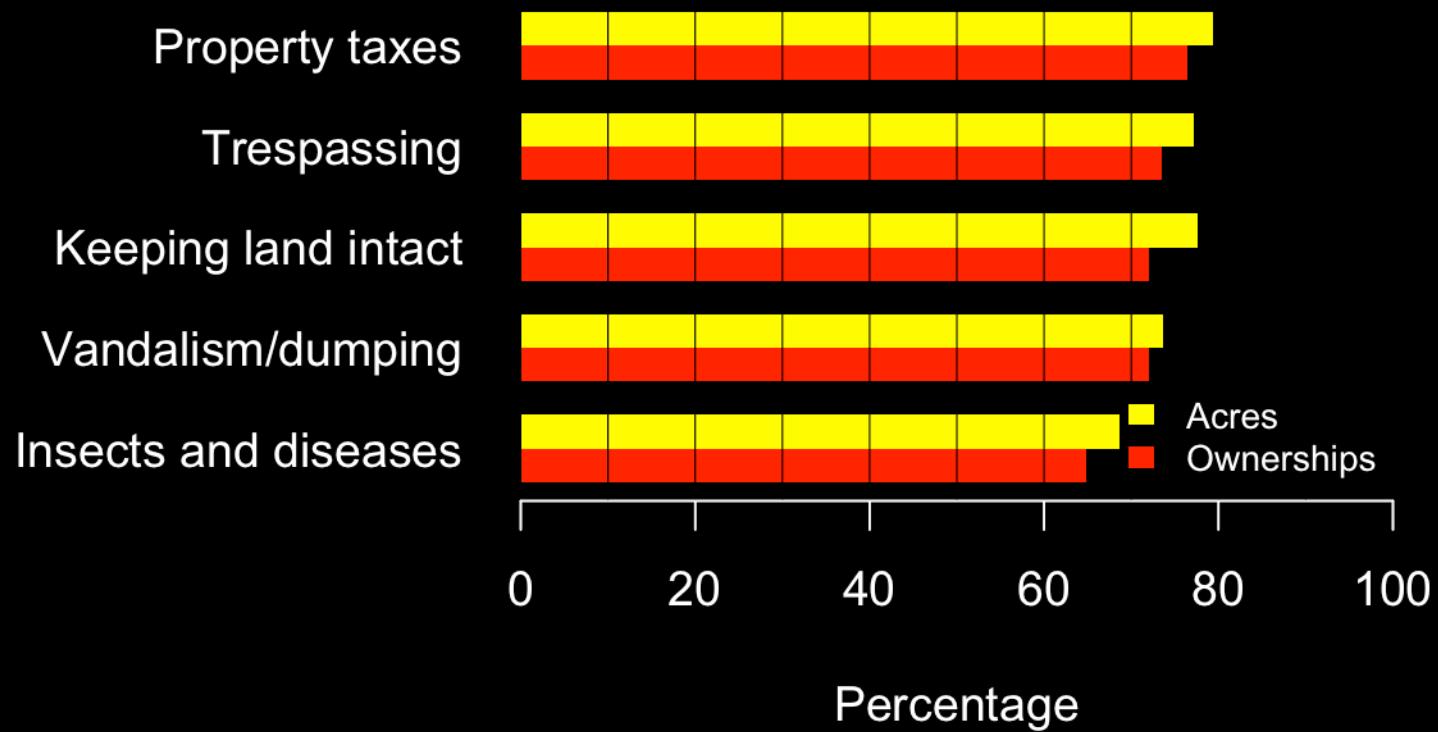
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- Management plans (implemented)
  - 10% of ownerships
  - 23% of acres
- Management advice
  - 18% of ownerships
  - 35% of acres

**PRELIMINARY RESULTS**

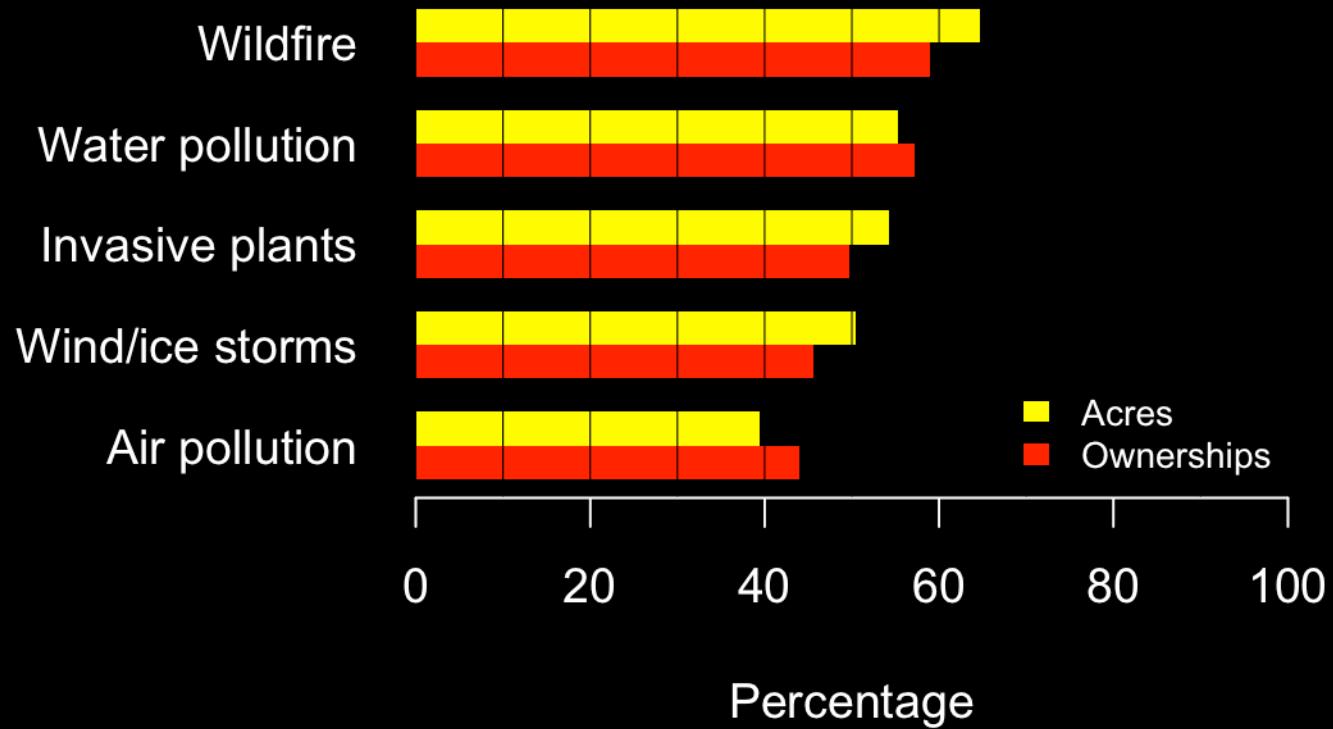
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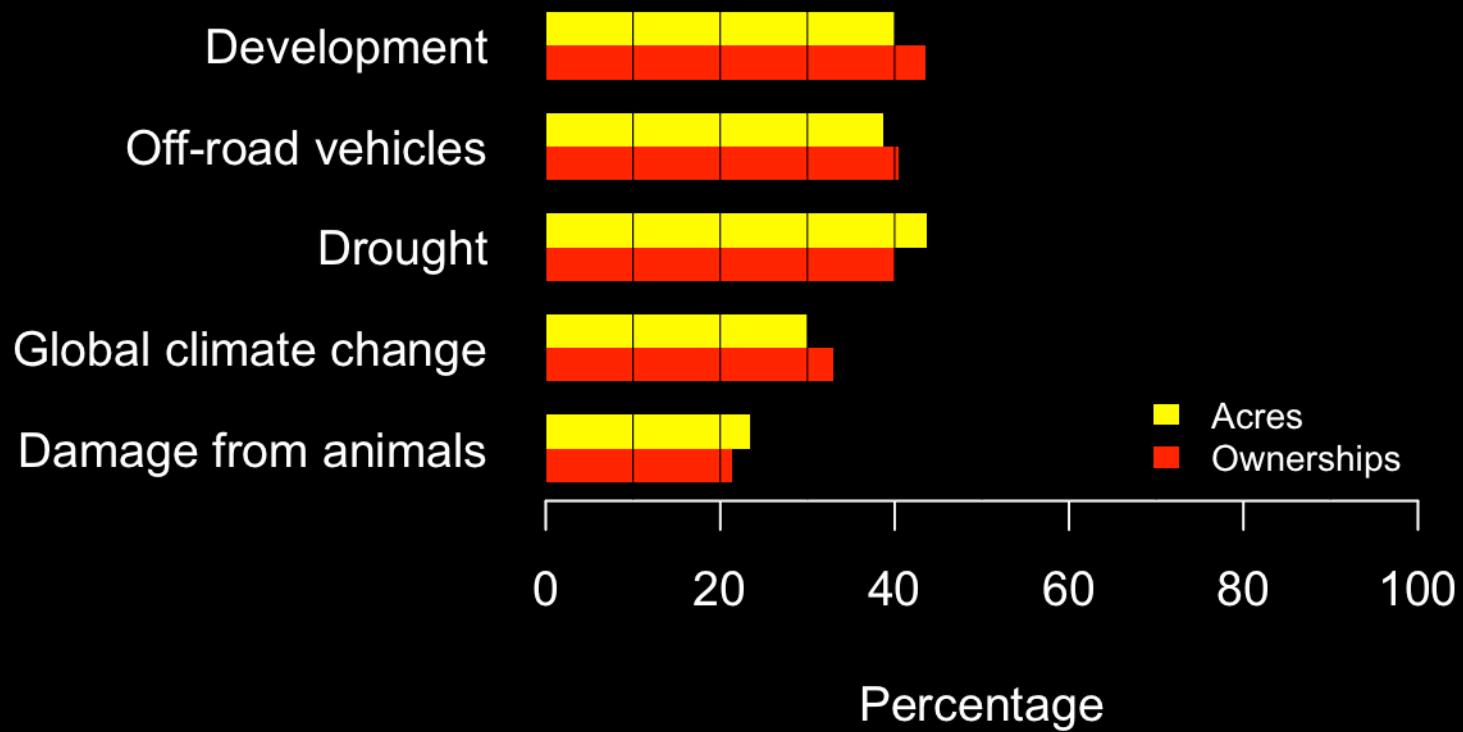
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# Demographics of Family Forest Owners

## 10+ ac, US, 2011

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Age: 41% 65 or older

Gender: 79% male

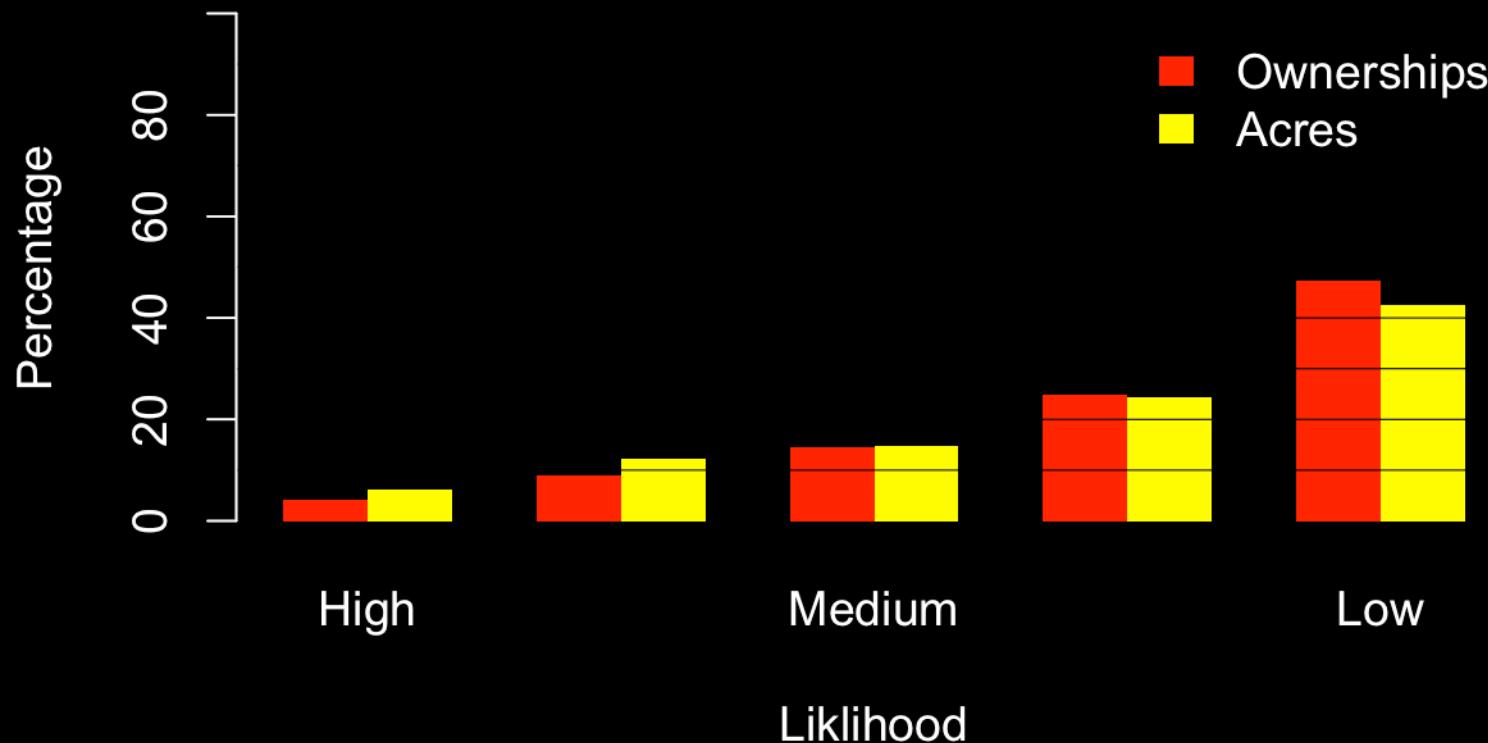
Race: 95% white

Education: 48% college degree

Income: 27% \$100,000 or greater

# Plans to Sell

## 10+ ac, US, 2011



PRELIMINARY RESULTS

# Next Steps

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## **NWOS 2011-2013**

- Data processing
  - Change detection
- Tables
- Online tool
- Publications

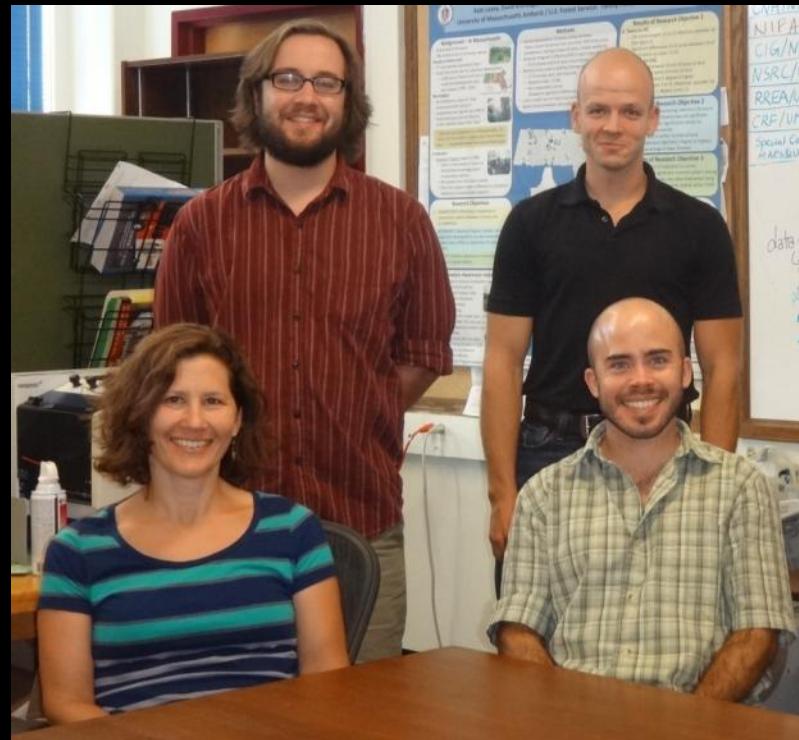
## **NWOS 2015 (?)**

- OMB Approval Process
- State intensification
- State customization

# Credits

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# Questions or Comments?

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