

U.S. Forest Service National Woodland Owner Survey

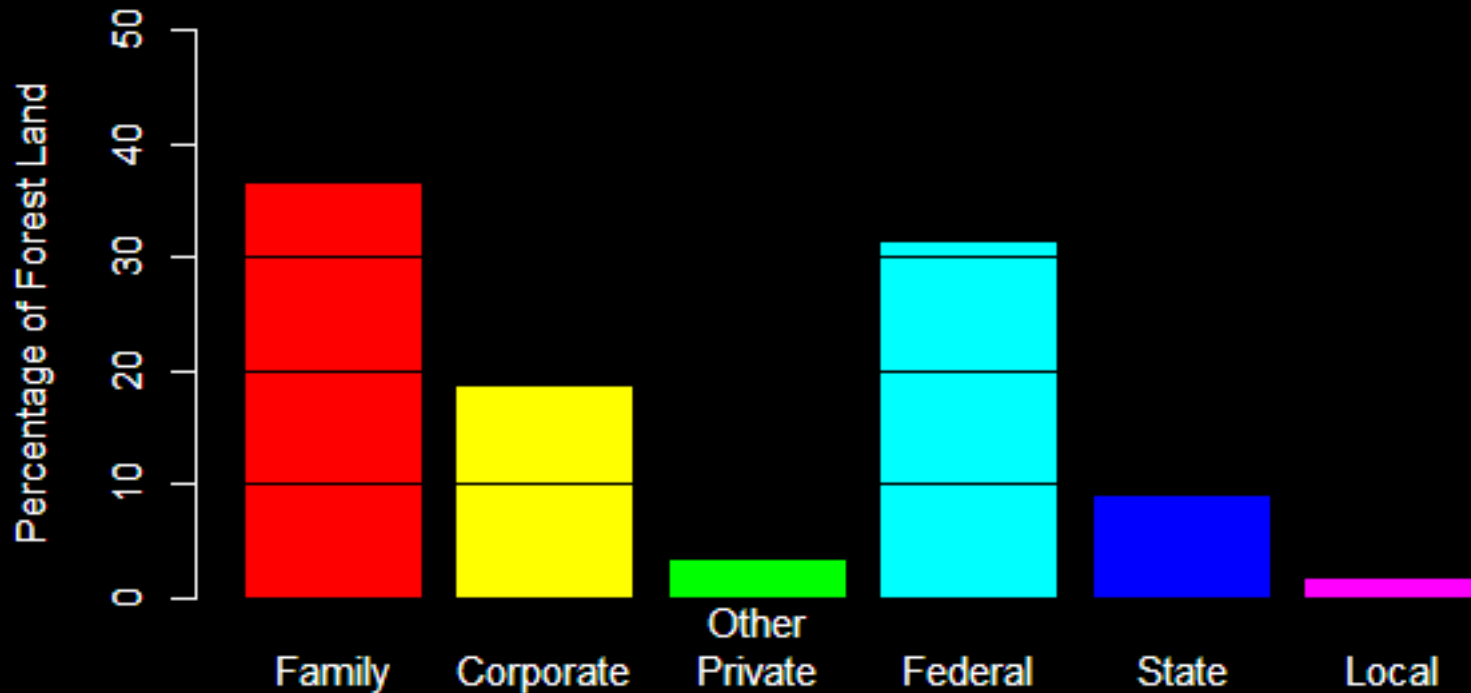
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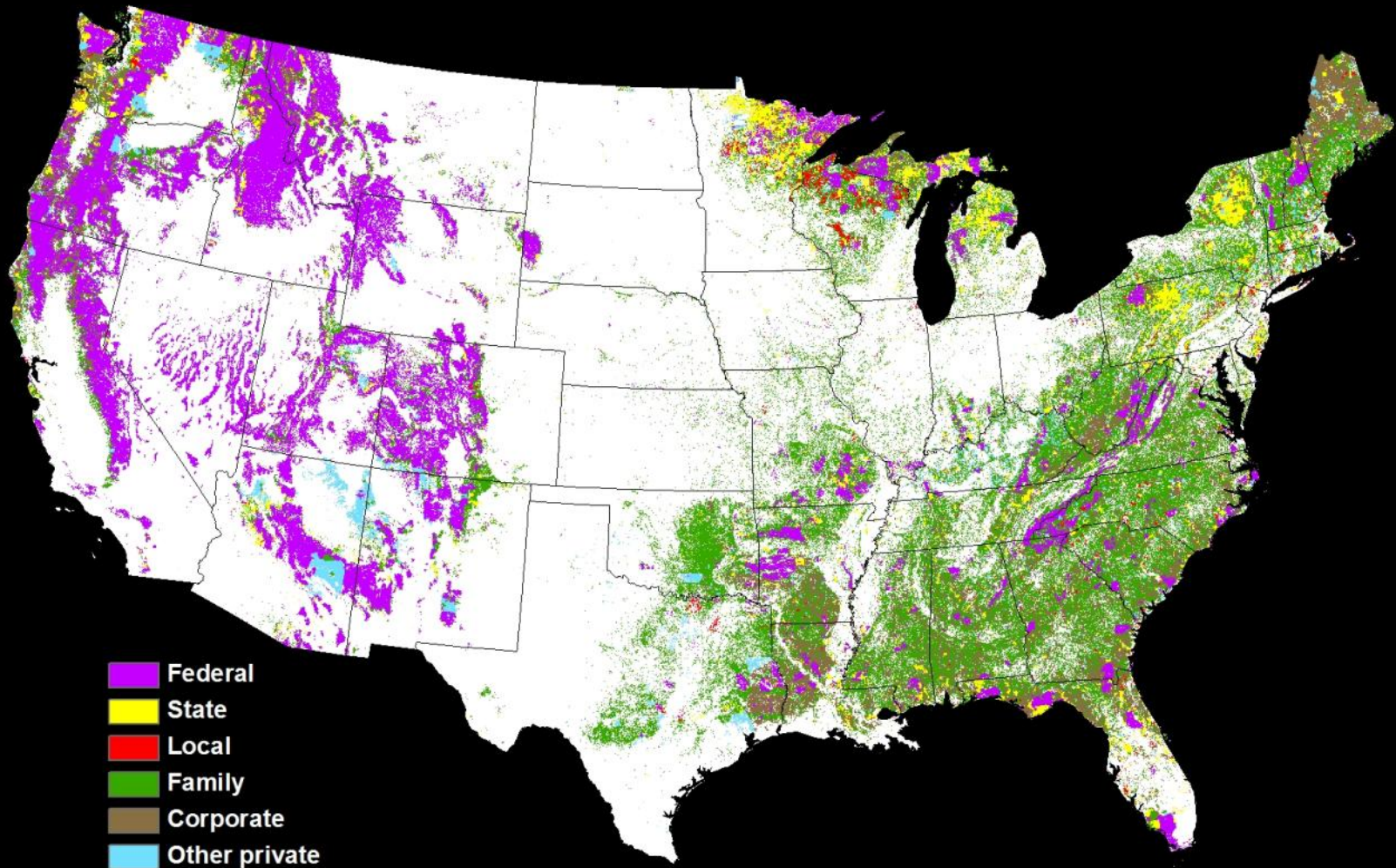
Conclusions

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- Size matters
- Beauty, legacy, privacy
- To manage or not to manage?
- A bunch of old guys

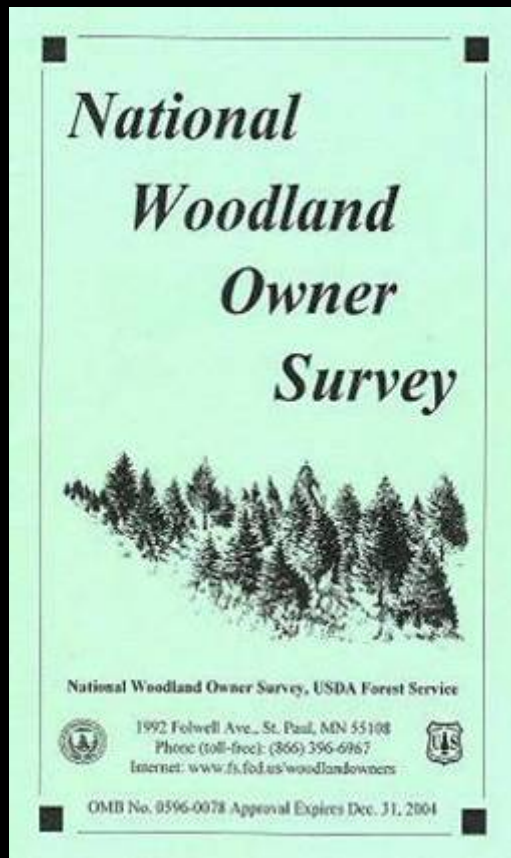
Forest Land by Ownership Class US, 2011



Forest Ownership, US 2011



National Woodland Owner Survey



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*

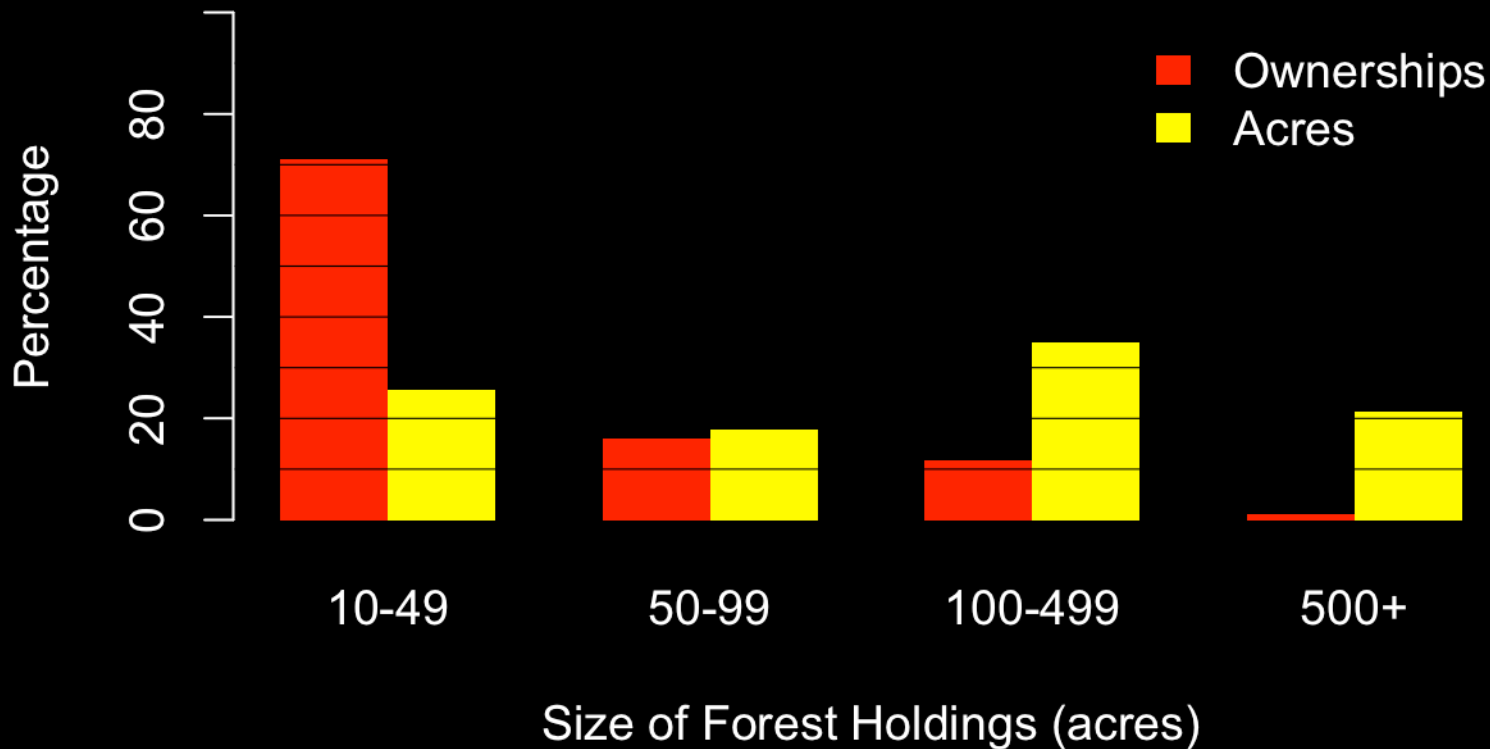
- Acres: 212,159,000
- Ownerships: 3,570,000
- Average holding size: 59.4
- Owners: 7,699,000

* Excluding: AK, HI, and WY

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Size of Family Forest Holdings

10+ ac, US, 2011



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Part of Home/Farm

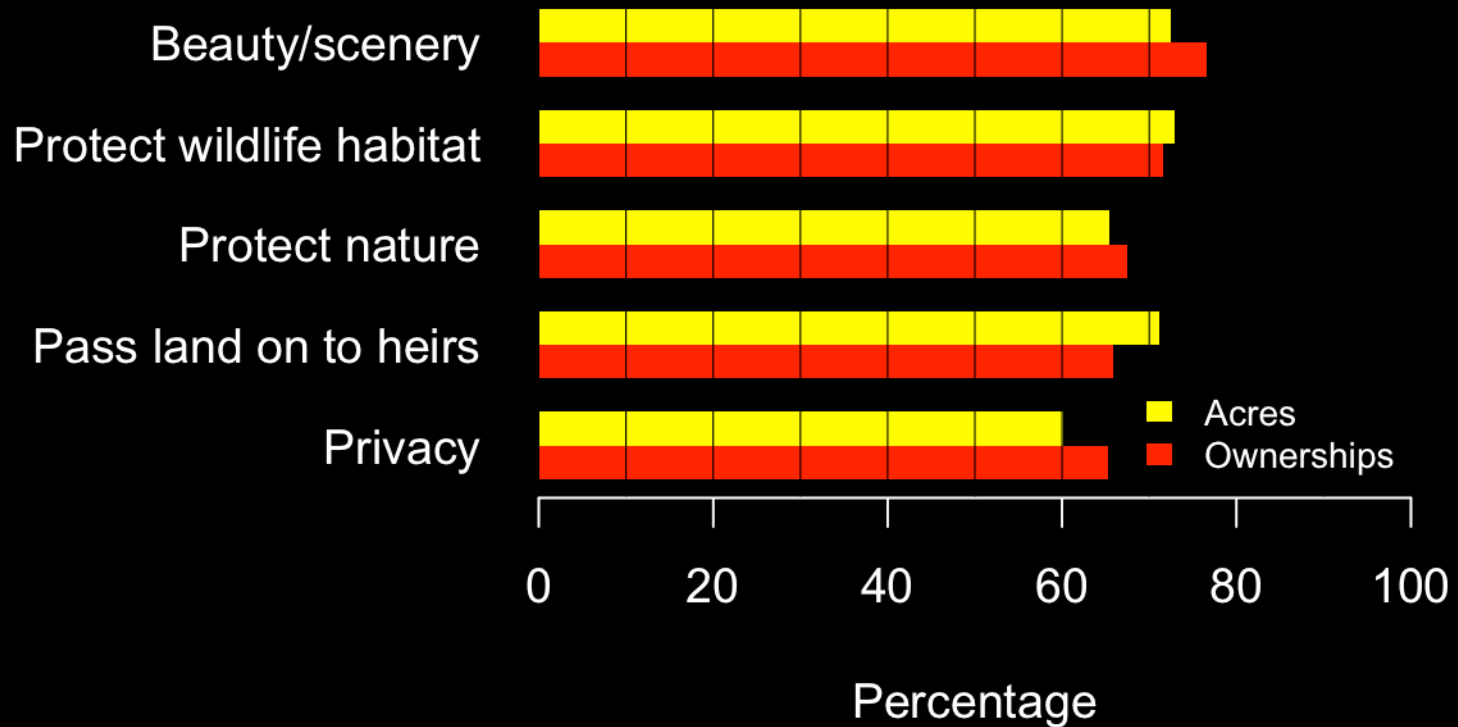
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- Part of Home
 - 66% of ownerships
 - 57% of acres
- Part of Farm
 - 31% of ownerships
 - 39% of acres

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Reasons for Owning (1 of 3)

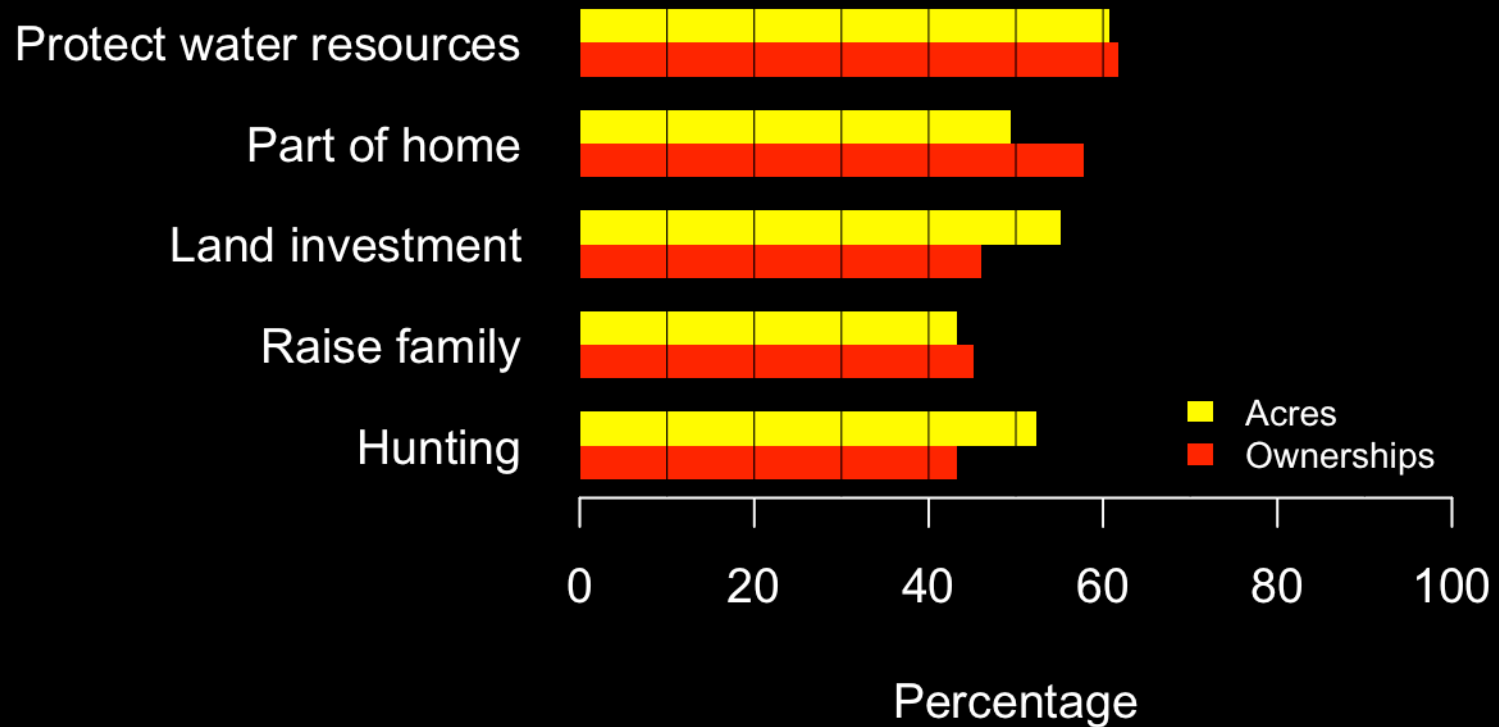
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Reasons for Owning (2 of 3)

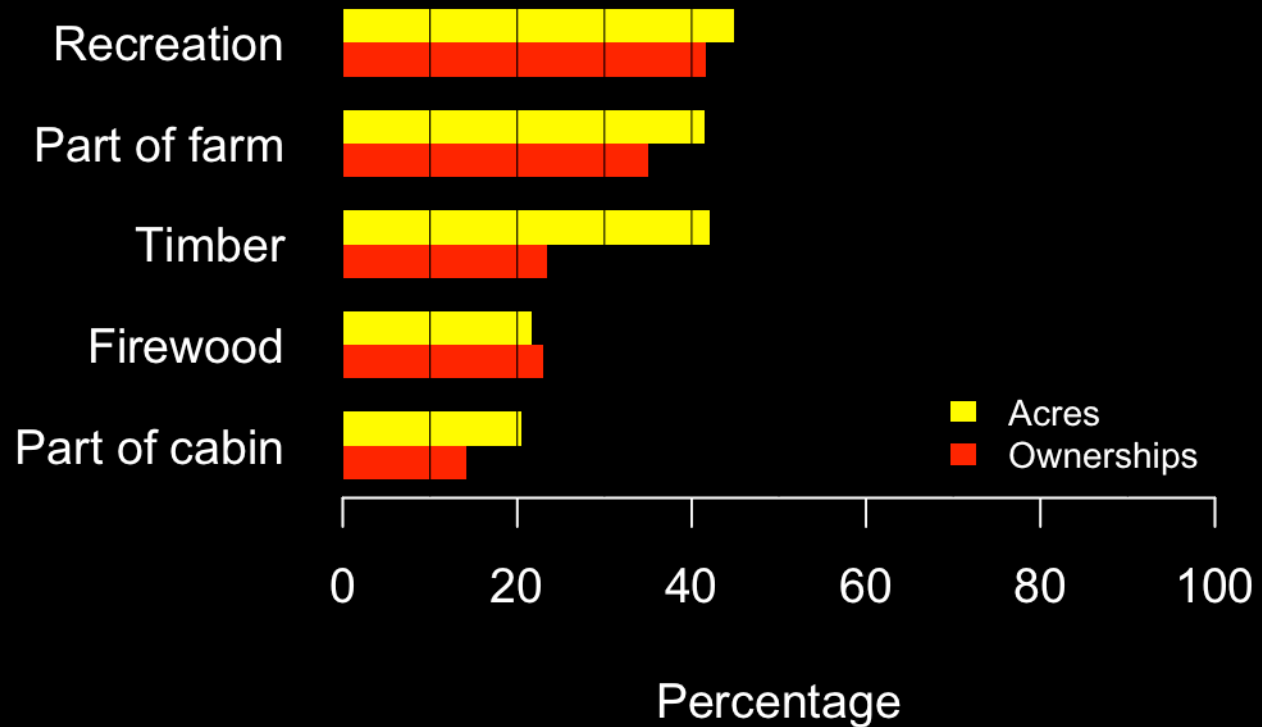
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Reasons for Owning (3 of 3)

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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

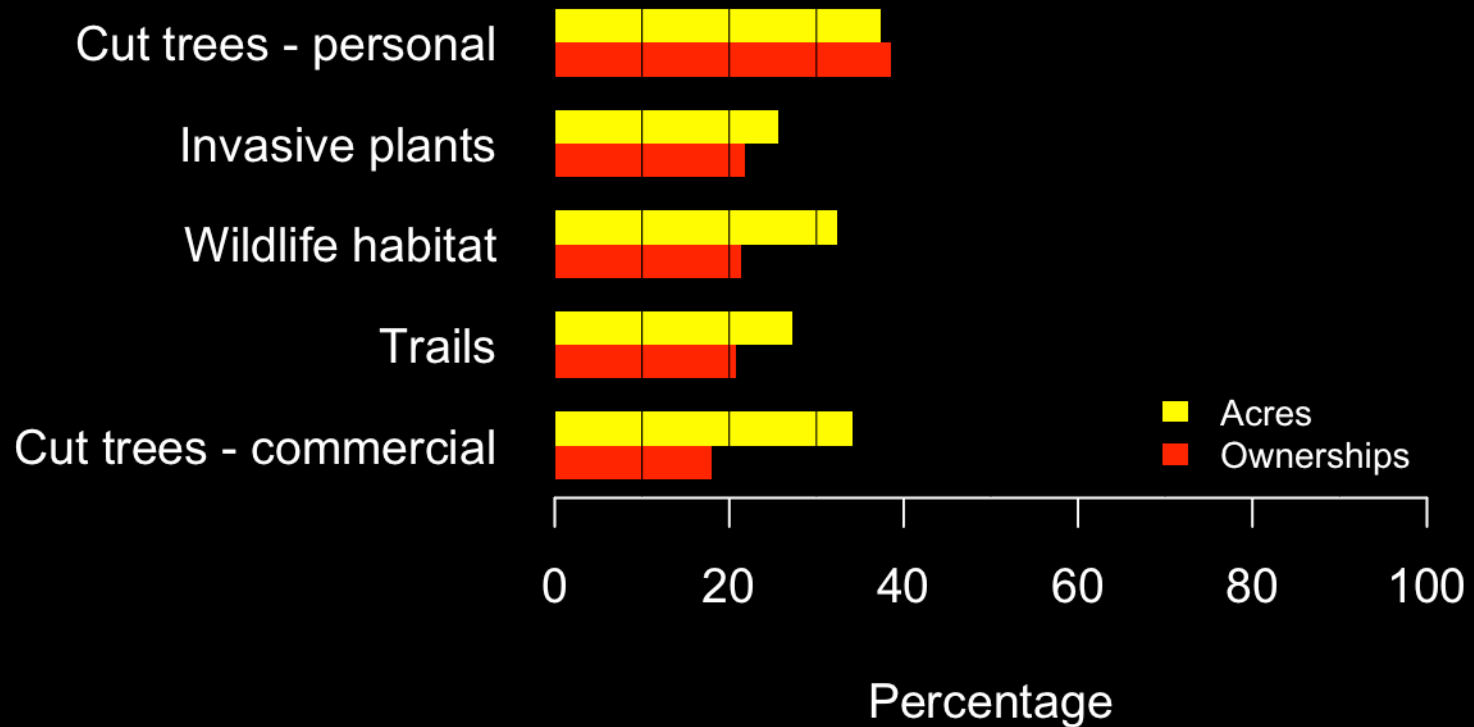
2011

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Most Common Management Activities

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Management Plans & Advice

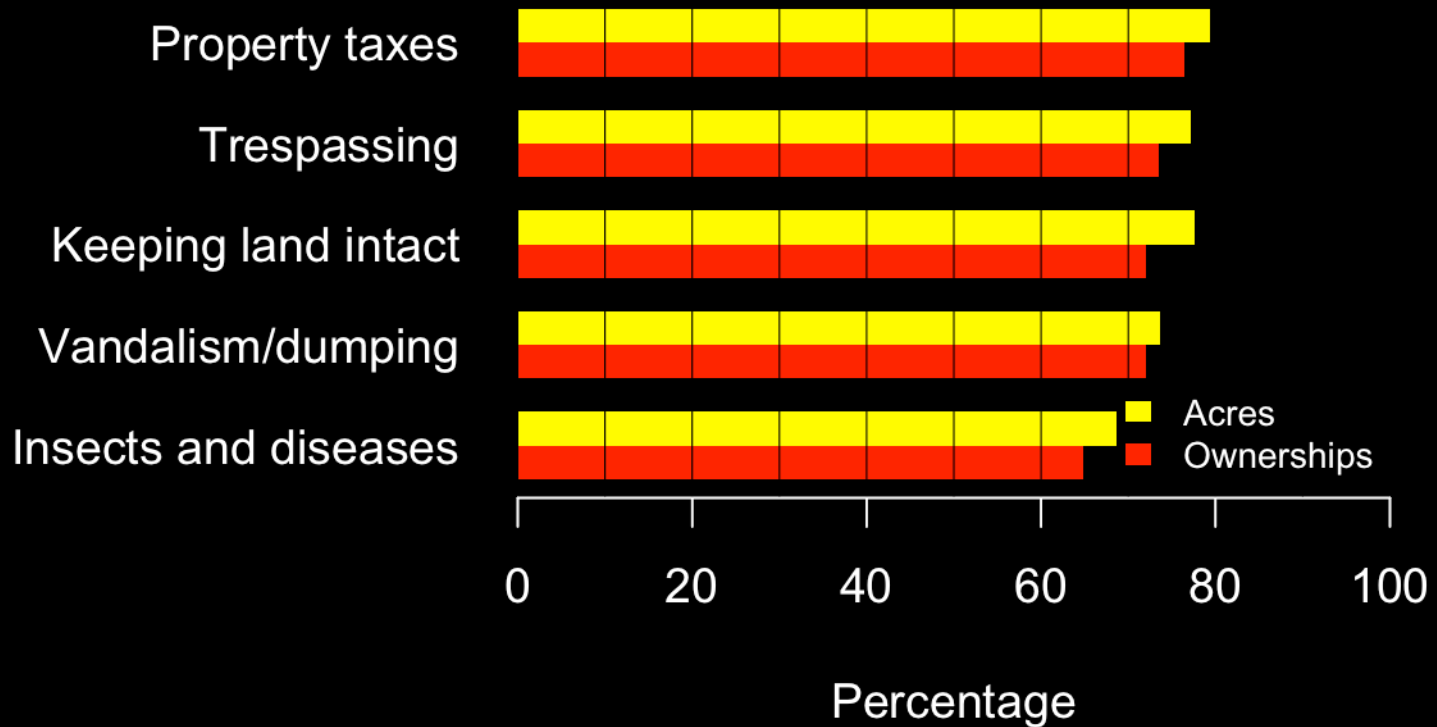
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- Management plans (implemented)
 - 10% of ownerships
 - 23% of acres
- Management advice
 - 18% of ownerships
 - 35% of acres

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Concerns (1 of 3)

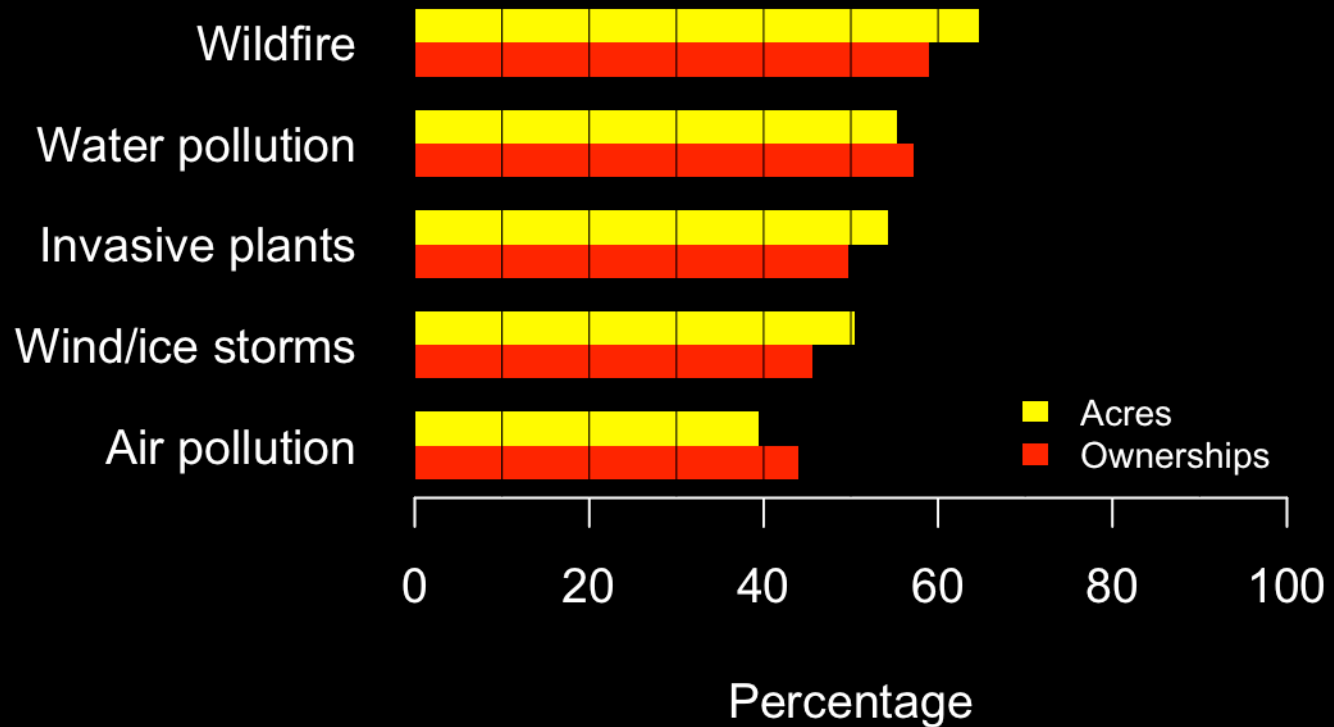
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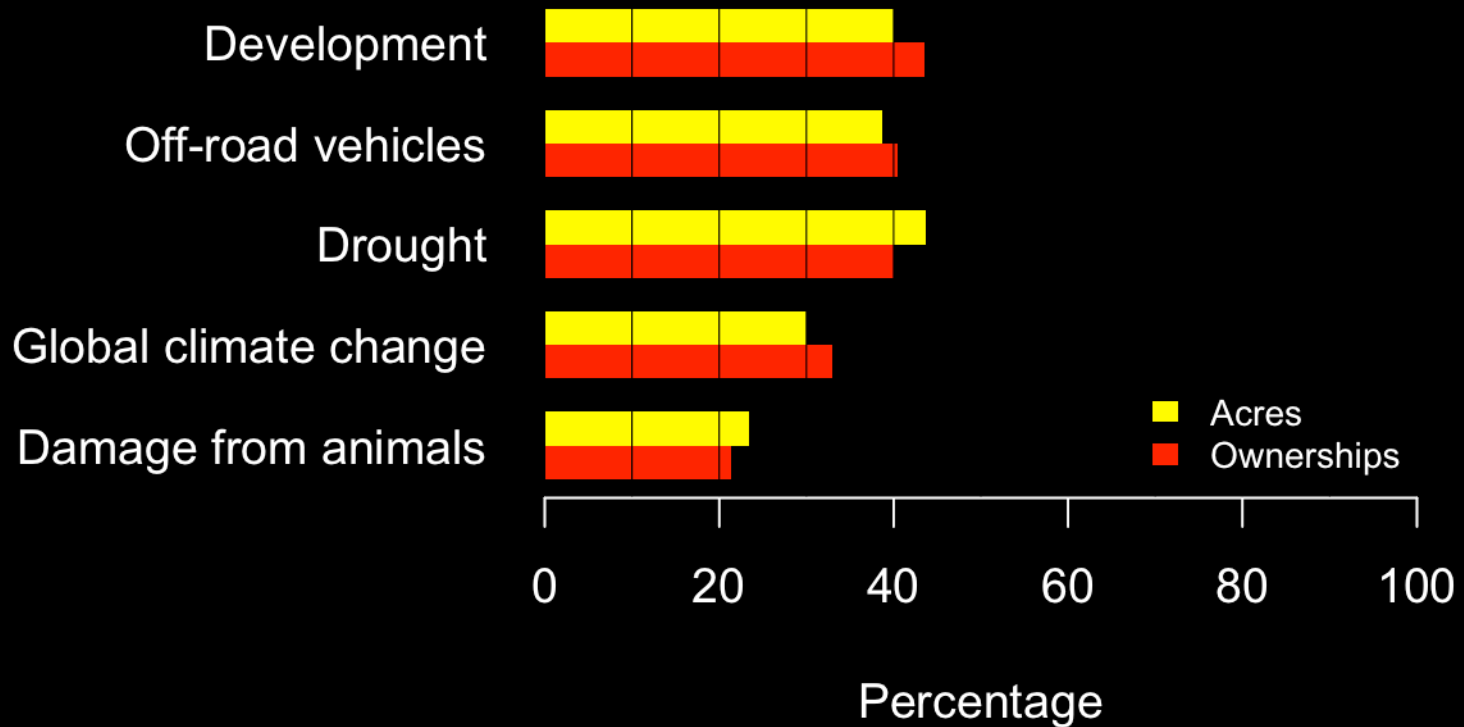
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Demographics of Family Forest Owners

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Age: 41% 65 or older

Gender: 79% male

Race: 95% white

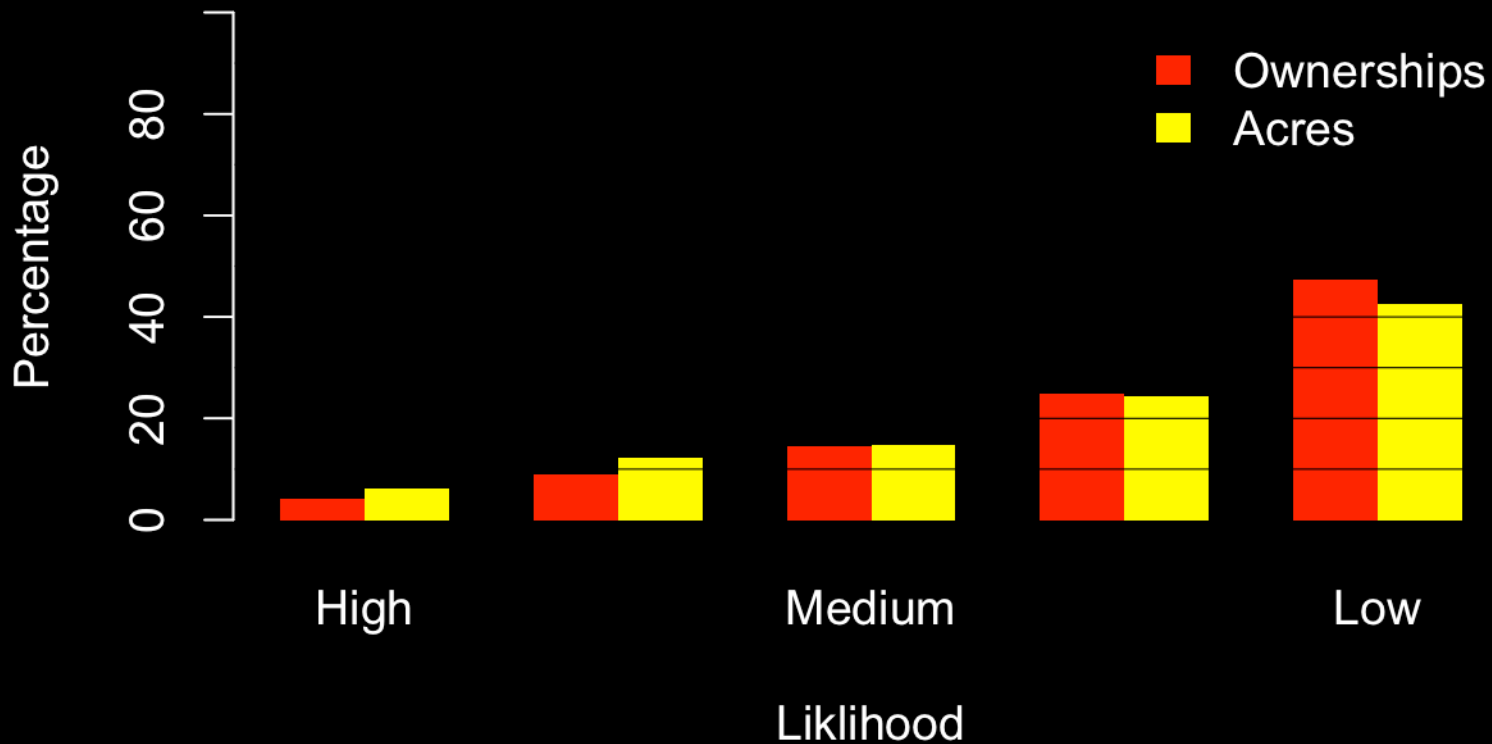
Education: 48% college degree

Income: 27% \$100,000 or greater

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Plans to Sell

10+ ac, US, 2011



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Next Steps

NWOS 2011-2013

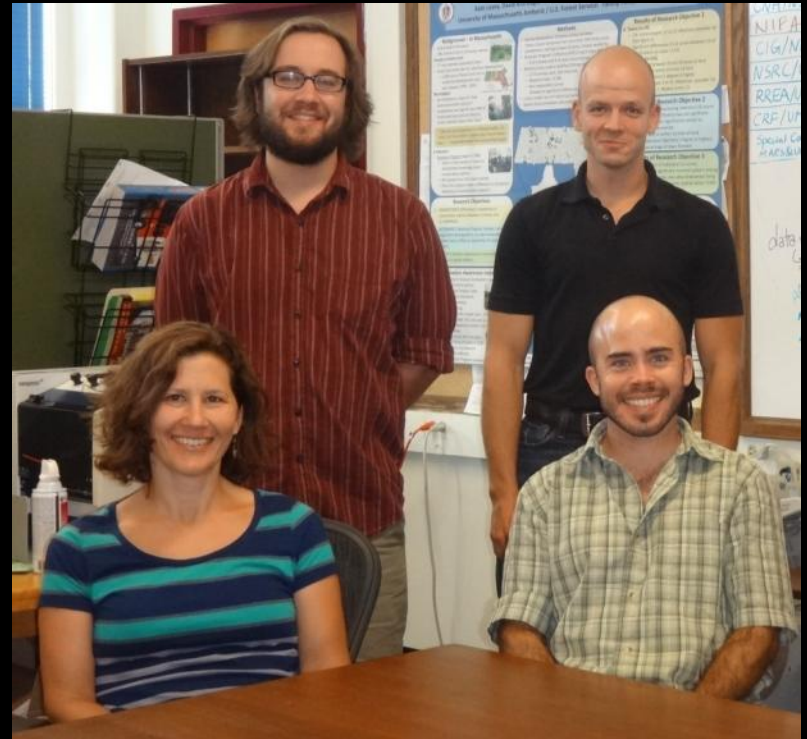
- Data processing
 - Change detection
- Tables
- Online tool
- Publications

NWOS 2015 (?)

- OMB Approval Process
- State intensification
- State customization

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Questions or Comments?

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