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# Department of Interior, Energy & Agriculture Collaborative Biofacility Initiative

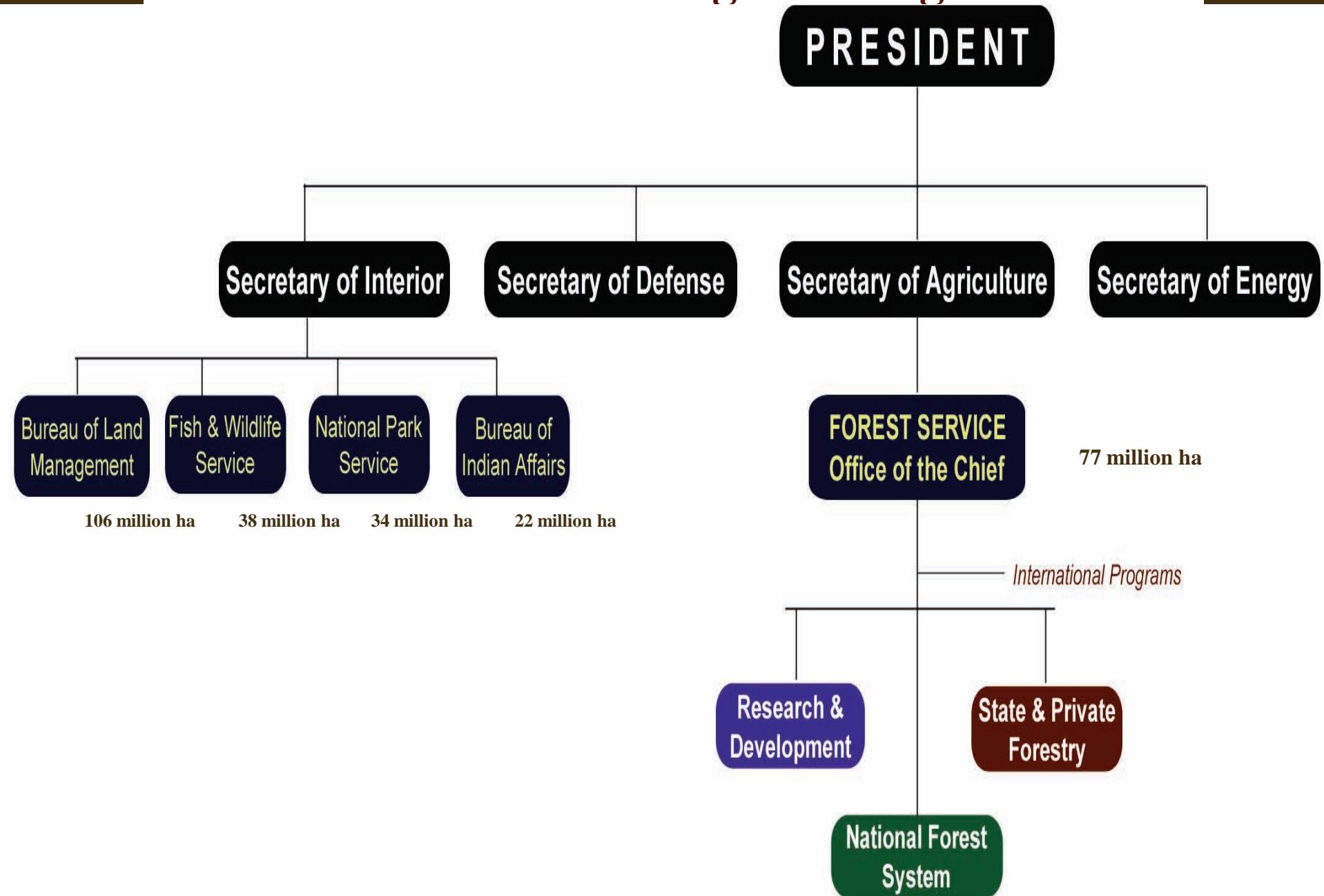
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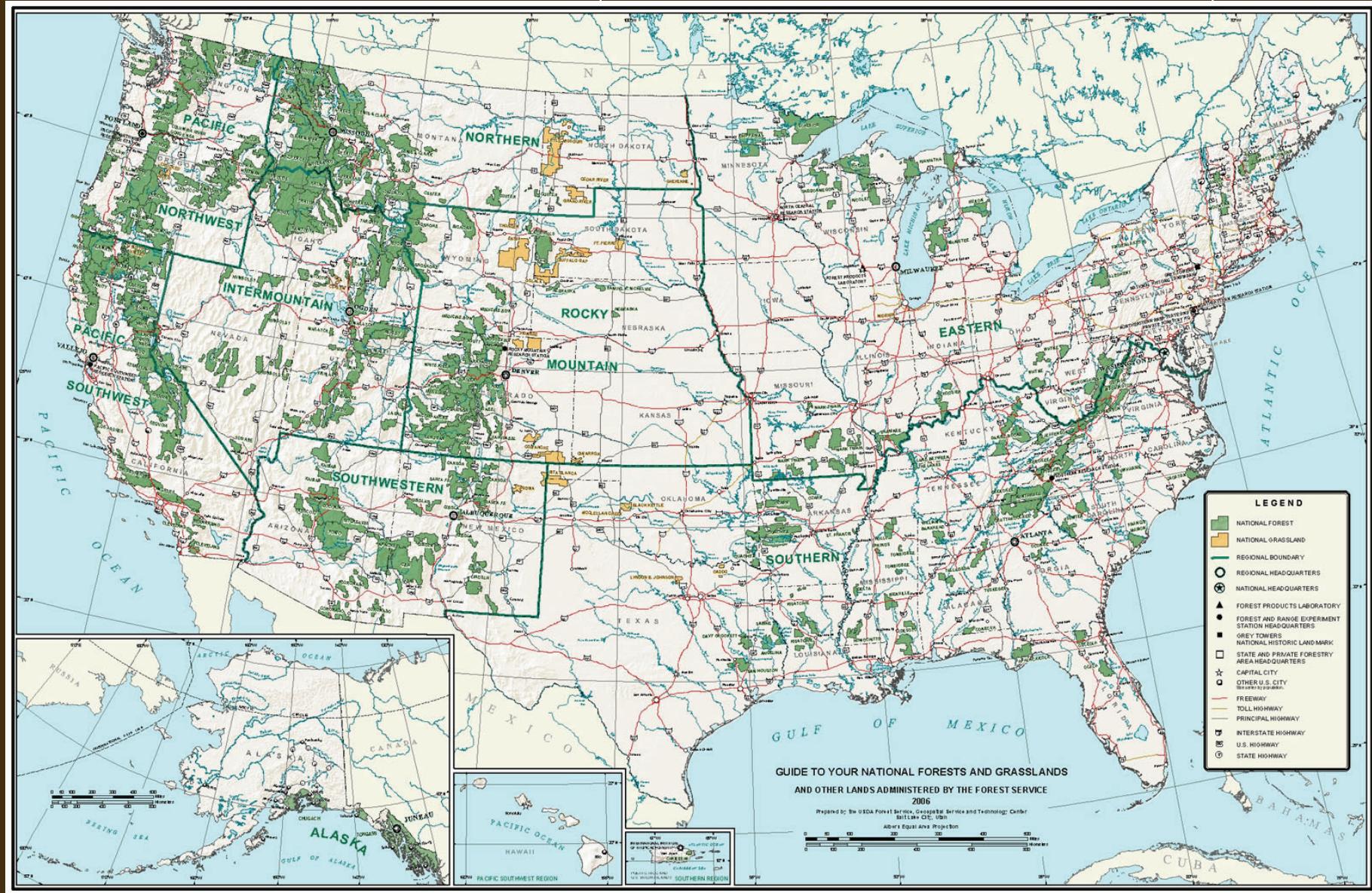
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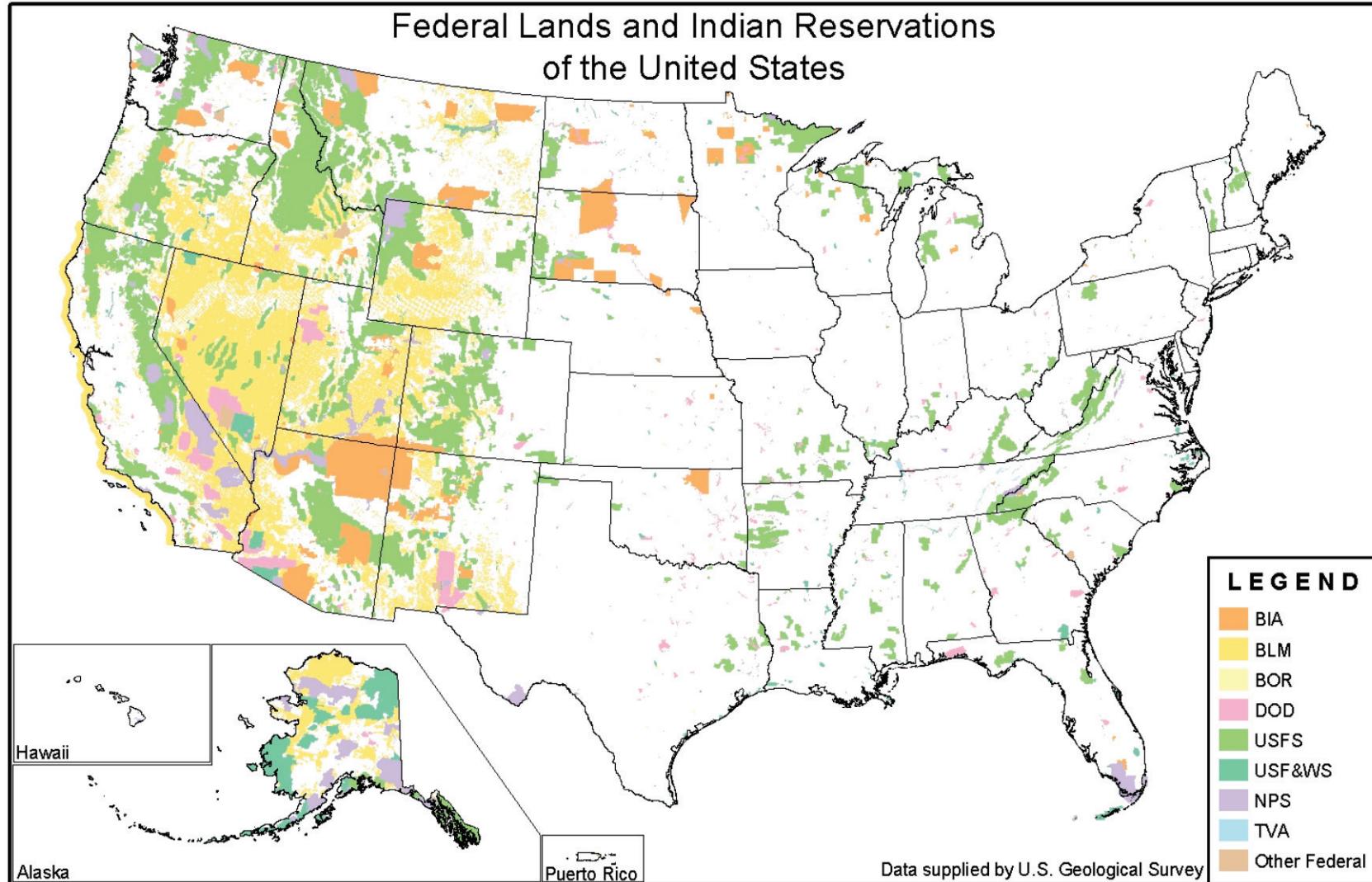
# Federal Land Management Agencies



# The National Forests and Grasslands – 77 million hectares (8% of U.S. Land Area)



# *Ownership of Lands Managed by the Federal Government*



Total Federal Lands = 283 million hectares (1/3 of US land base)

# Forest Service/Tribal Relationship



**"We envision a future where the Forest Service and Indian Tribes work collaboratively through government-to-government relationships to manage the resources entrusted to their care, a future where the Forest Service has the organizational structure, skills and policies to redeem our responsibilities in this partnership".**

# The FS Tribal Relations Program

- Together, Tribes and Agencies – including the Forest Service – can accomplish projects and programs that affect positive change to the country's ecosystems, economies and social systems, especially those in Native America.



# The Washington Office part of the Tribal Relations Program: OTR

- The Office of Tribal Relations is still new
- Key responsibility is national policy and direction
- The field offices are primarily responsible for relations with individual Tribes and regional or local issues
- Still a small staff, with four permanent positions filled

# Tribal-FS Partnerships

## Native American Forestry & Wildland Fire Small Business Training

- 2 Modules
- Forest Restoration
- Small Business Development



# Center for First Americans Forestlands

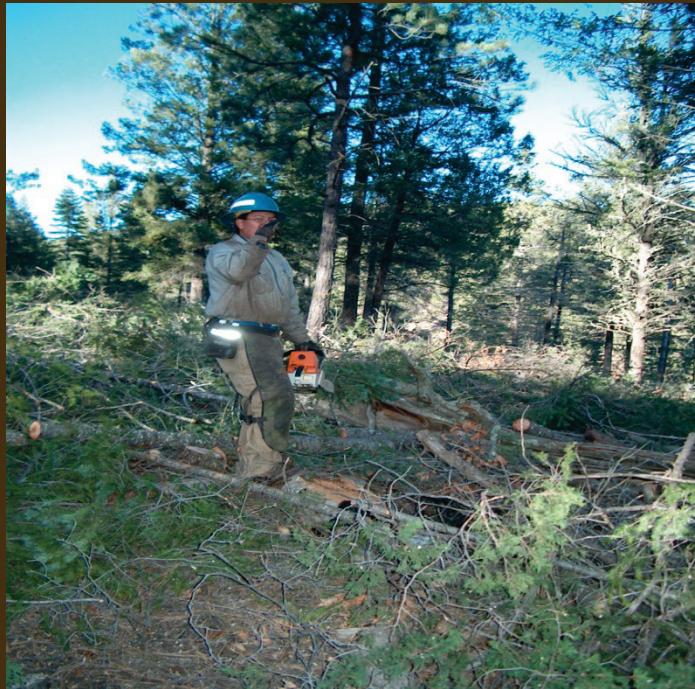


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# Forest Health Protection Assistance



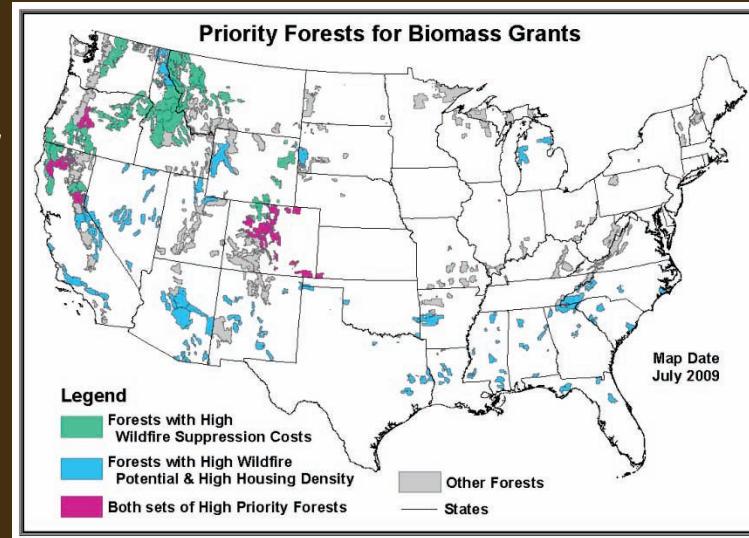
An example of an effective and valuable working relationship between the Tribes and the Forest Service, include the provision of technical assistance and funding devoted to forest health protection projects.

# Forest Products Laboratory

<http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/aboutus.html>

## 2010 Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Restoration Activities on All Priority Forestlands

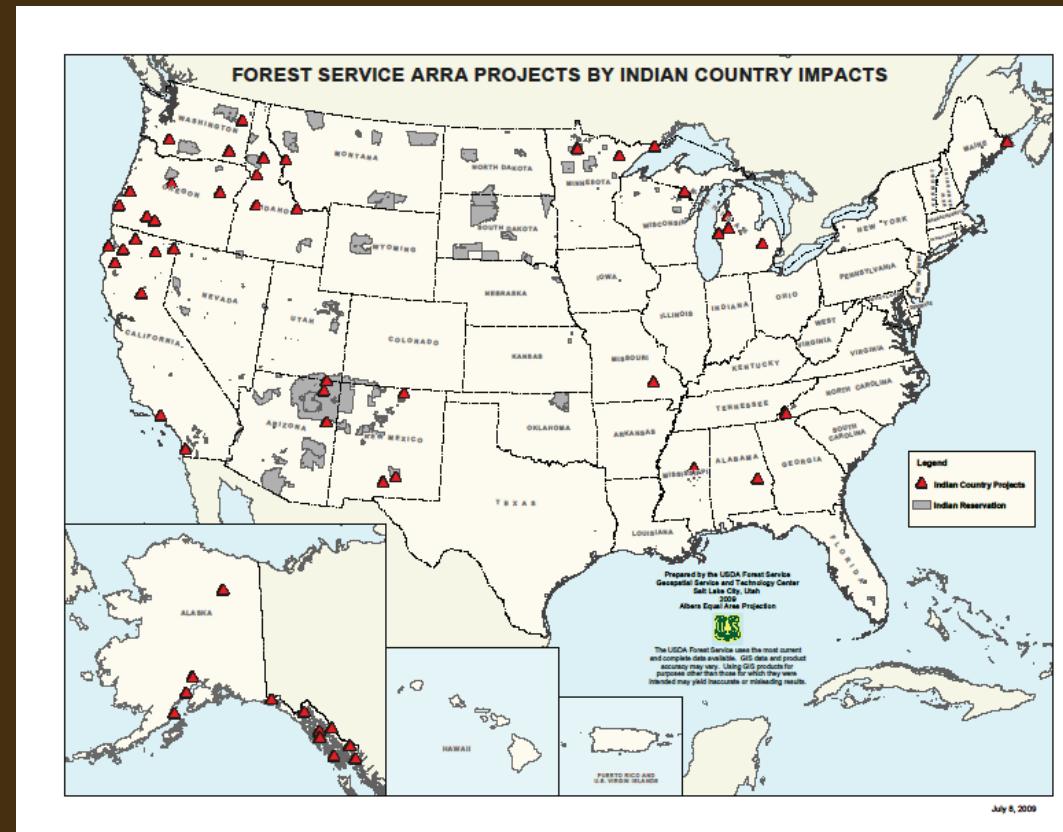
- To address the goals of Public Law 110-234, *Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Rural Revitalization Technologies (7 U.S.C. 6601)*,
- Address the nationwide challenge in dealing with low-valued material removed from hazardous fuel reduction activities, restoration of insect and diseased conditions or catastrophic weather events.
- grant that will be not less than \$50,000 or more than \$350,000 each.
- funds are targeted to help communities, entrepreneurs, and others turn residues from forest restoration activities into marketable forest products and/or energy products.



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# American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

- Wildland Fire Management (State and Private Lands)
  - \$25.6 million
  - Hazard Fuels Reduction
  - Biomass
  - Training & Crew Development
- Wildland Fire Management (Federal Lands)
  - \$90.4 million
- Capital Improvement and Maintenance (Federal Lands)
  - \$90.1 million



# Ecosystem Services

[www.fs.fed.us/ecosystemservices](http://www.fs.fed.us/ecosystemservices)

...the benefits people obtain from ecosystems



Marketable

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Non-Marketable

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Priceless

# 3 categories of ecosystem services

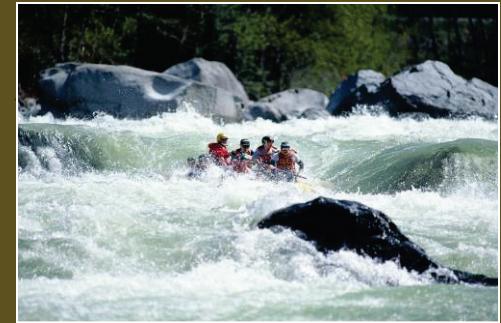
## Provisioning



## Regulating



## Cultural



## DRIVERS of ECOSYSTEM DECLINE

### Management CHALLENGES

wildfire & extreme events  
pests & invasives  
loss of open space  
water scarcity & decline  
recreation pressures  
etc..

climate change  
increases in population, wealth  
globalization  
disconnect between people & nature  
etc..

### Management OPPORTUNITIES

climate mitigation  
new ecosystem markets  
alternative energy  
sustainable operations  
collaboration; new partners  
etc..

### Ecosystem MANAGEMENT



restoration  
fuels treatments  
biomass utilization  
demonstration projects  
etc..

### Ecosystem SERVICES protection & enhancement



cleaner air and water  
species diversity  
climate adapted forests  
flood control  
cultural & educational values  
etc..

An ECOSYSTEM  
SERVICES  
perspective...

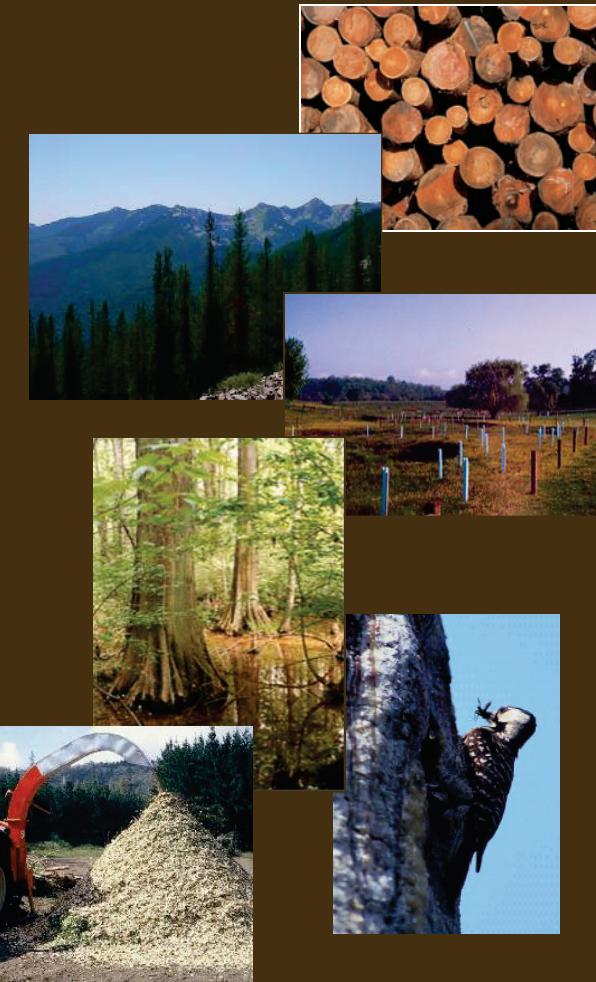
# *What services are currently marketable?*

- Carbon sequestration
- Watershed services
  - Wetlands
  - Water quality
- Biodiversity (T&E Habitat)
- Renewable energy (bioenergy)



# Markets for forest ecosystem services

- **Traditional markets**
  - Wood/Food Products
  - Recreation/Hunting leases
- **New emerging markets**
  - Renewable energy (bioenergy)
  - Carbon sequestration
  - Watershed services
  - Stream and Wetlands
  - Water quality
  - Biodiversity (T&E Habitat)
  - Avoided deforestation





# Federal Woody Biomass Working Group

- Providing technical and policy advice
- Serving as an information clearinghouse
- Overseeing research and development
- Coordinating, planning and encouraging woody biomass utilization
- Implementing the Woody Biomass MOU



**Small  
Wood  
Products**

**Bioenergy**

Oriented Strandboard

## Vision Statement

**Ecologically and economically sustainable woody biomass utilization will result in more diverse forest ecosystems – characterized by native flora and fauna, healthy watersheds, better air quality, improved scenic qualities, resilience to natural disturbances, and reduced wildfire threats to communities – and provide an alternative waste management strategy contributing to rural economic vitality and national energy security**



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# WOODY BIOMASS UTILIZATION DESK GUIDE



[http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/Woody\\_Biomass/documents/biomass\\_deskguide.pdf](http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/Woody_Biomass/documents/biomass_deskguide.pdf)

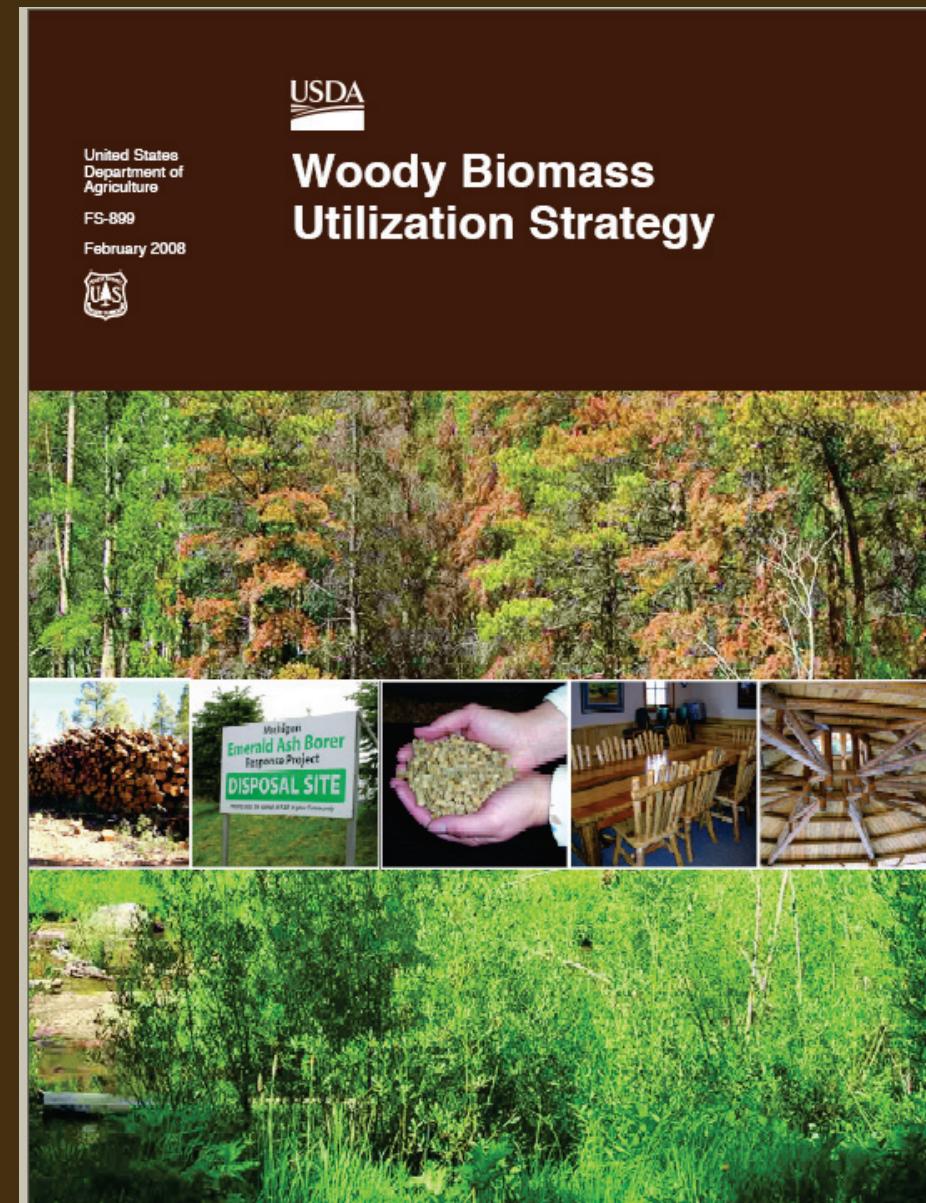
# Strategy Goals

**Goal 1:** Identify and Build Partnerships Through Collaboration

**Goal 2:** Develop and Deploy the Needed Science and Technology

**Goal 3:** Help Develop New and Expanded Markets for Bioenergy and Biobased Products

**Goal 4:** Facilitate a Reliable and Sustainable Supply of Biomass



# Interagency Biofacility Initiative



- Department of Interior  
Bureau of Land Management
- Department of Energy  
National Energy Technology  
Laboratory (NETL) Federal  
Energy Management  
Program (FEMP)
- USDA Forest Service
- Tribes and States



# DOI, USDA & DOE Collaboration Goals

## USDA & DOI

- To transform woody biomass residues into a long-term revenue stream.
  - Reduce costs and need for on-site disposal (chipping, crushing, burning) or slash removal/landfilling.
  - important suppliers of a renewable energy resource for use by federal agencies and the general public.
- reduction of smoke, particulate matter and GHG emissions through the controlled use of biomass
- short- and long-term job creation benefits to the public.

## DOE

- The work will advance FEMP's mission in assisting federal agencies in meeting their renewable energy mandates.
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act funding for the preparation of the Feasibility Studies.

# Bioenergy Facility Initiative Deliverables

Feasibility Studies for each regional project

Studies will evaluate:

- Heat and power demand by site
- Woody Biomass residues by site
- Discussion of technologies used to convert woody biomass to heat and power with benefits and risks associated with each technology
- Discussion of contracting and financing options
- Descriptions of Roadmaps 1 and 2 and their respective objectives and benefits
- Discussion of how power is wheeled, and possibility for Power Purchase Agreements
- Recommendations on project development
- Proposed Task Order Lists
- Next steps in project development

# Biomass Project Types

## Roadmap 1

- For smaller projects where a site would use its own woody biomass resources to generate its own heat and/or power.

- Will use the Super Energy Savings Performance Contract, Super ESPC, as the contracting vehicle.
- Super ESPCSs utilize private sector financing for capitalization needs and provide guaranteed energy cost savings to the government agency for each year of the performance period.

# Biomass Project Types

## Roadmap 2

- larger biomass projects where the biomass resources exceed the heat and/or power demand of an individual site.

- one or multiple sites with excess biomass resources will be bundled to provide feedstock to a larger biomass facility.
- That facility may or may not be located on federal property.
- The heat and power needs of the participating sites would be addressed first with excess renewable electricity wheeled to other federal agencies and the public through Power Purchase Agreements.
- FEMP would assist in identifying potential buyers and in contract development with the local utility.

# Project Sites

| Agency                    | Region     | No. of biomass resources sites in Region |
|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Forest Service            | 1          | 2  |
| Forest Service            | 2          | 21                                       |
| Forest Service            | 3          | 5  |
| Forest Service            | 4          | 3  |
| Forest Service            | 5          | 3  |
| Forest Service            | 6          | 3  |
| Bureau of Land Management | Oregon     | 53                                       |
| Yakama & Colville Tribes  | Washington | 5  |
| Total Number of Projects  | 8          | 113                                      |

# Project Schedule

- November 9, 2009 Biomass surveys sent to all F.S. and BLM sites
- November 24, 2009 Briefing to Woody Biomass Steering Committee
- December 18, 2009 Biomass surveys due from F. S., BLM & Tribal sites
- December , 2009 Data analysis begins
- January 30, 2010 Data analysis completed
- February 2010 Regional Office visits/briefings at 6 Forest Service Regional Offices, BLM Oregon Office, and Yakama Tribal Office. Regional and site officers to attend.
- March – April 2010 Site visits/briefings
- February – May 2010 Preliminary Task Order lists developed for each project; preliminary biomass plant site selections
- June 2010 Visits to all Forest Service Regional Offices, BLM Oregon Office, Yakama Tribal Office to present, discuss, review, and adjust as necessary Task Order Lists.
- July – August 2010 Feasibility Studies finalized
- August 30, 2010 Feasibility Studies submitted for review to offices
- September 30, 2010 Finalized Feasibility Studies submitted

# Nature is humanity's landlord....

*...and we have been getting  
free rent and utilities!*



The End

*Any Burning  
Questions?*