

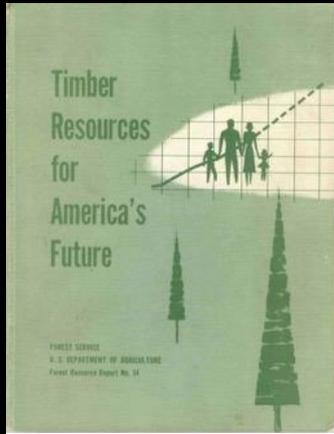
FIA and Forest Ownership

National Woodland Owner Survey

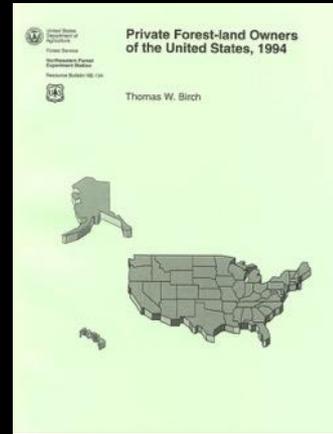
NWOS Research Questions

- Who owns America's forests?
- Why do they own them?
- How have they used them in the past?
- How do they intend to use them in the future?

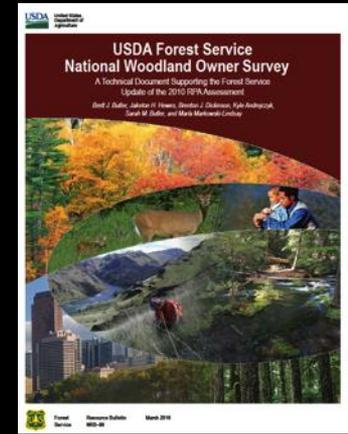
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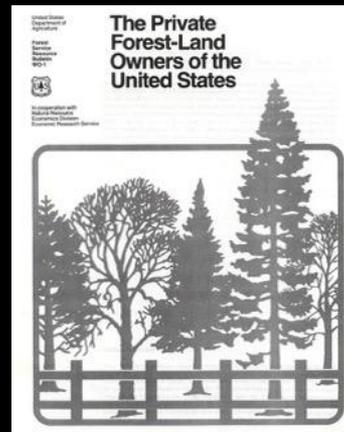
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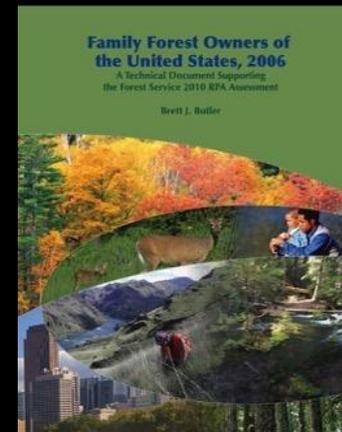
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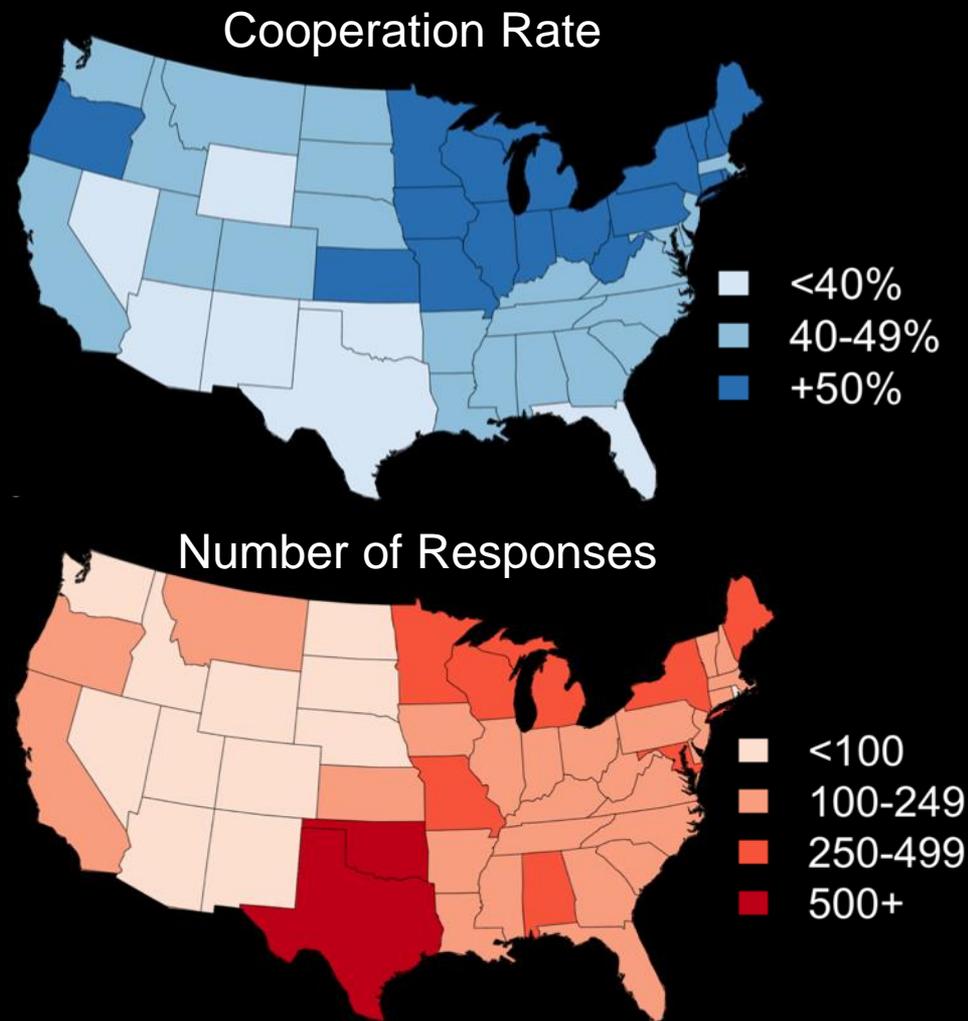


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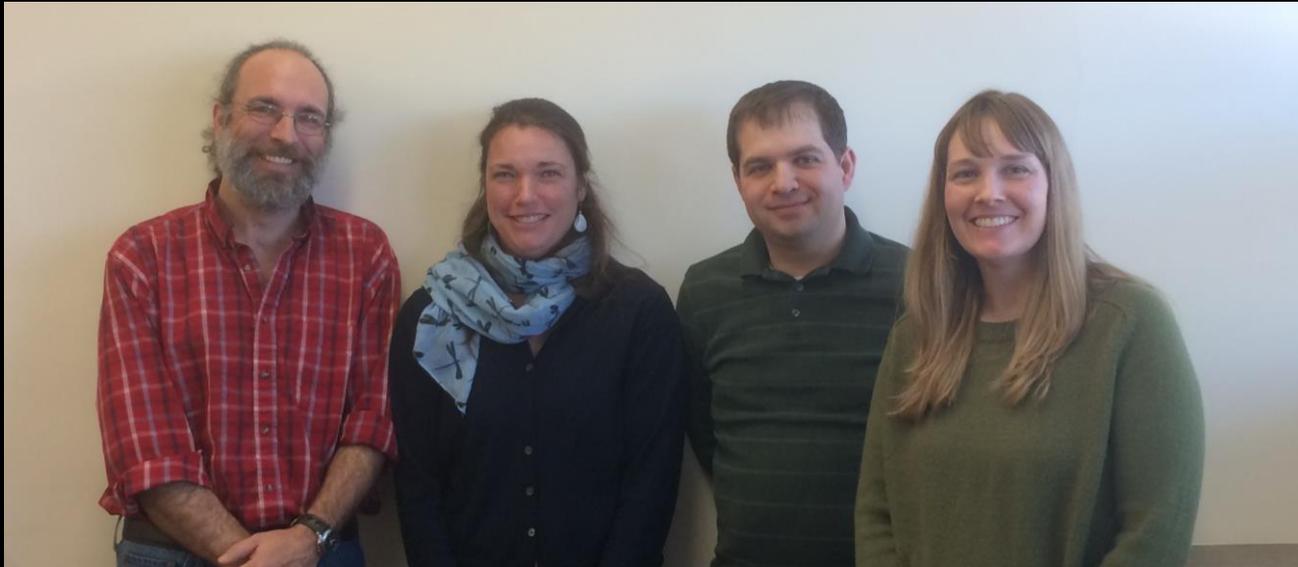
NWOS Methods

- Part of FIA
- Probability proportional to size sample design
- Self-administered, mail-based paper questionnaire
 - With telephone follow-up
- Most recent data:
 - 2011-2013
 - $n = 8,576$
 - Coop. rate = 51.6%



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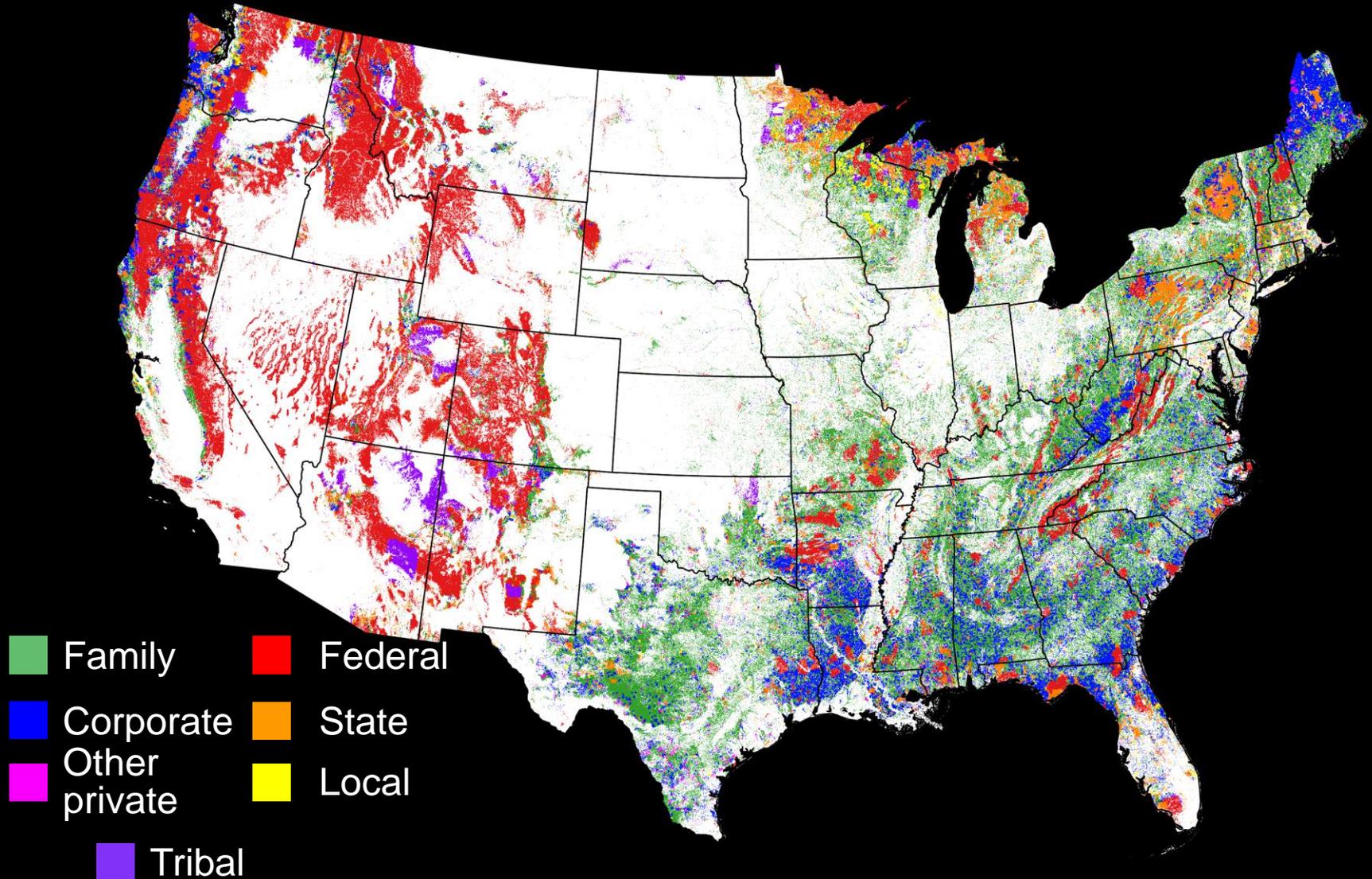


The NWOS Core Team

NWOS 2013 Key Findings

- Family forest owners rule!
- Size matters
- Beauty, wildlife, nature, legacy, privacy
- To manage or not to manage?
- A bunch of old guys (and gals)

Forest Ownership



NWOS 2017-2018

- Base
 - Augmentation
 - Customization
- Urban
- Corporate
- Islands
- Tribal



The Future of the National Landowner Survey

- All lands
- All ownerships
- Customization
- Annualization
- Science modules



A Few Other Projects

- Digital parcel data
- Timber supply
- RPA ownership dynamics
 - TIMO/REIT
- American Forest Foundation
- Sustaining Family Forests Initiative



Comments or Questions?

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