

# Idaho Good Neighbor Authority

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# GNA Investment

FY 2017

FY2018

FY2019

**State General  
Funds**

\$0

\$250,000

\$250,000

**Forest Industry  
Funds**

\$200,000

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**USFS Funds**

\$300,000

\$300,000

\$300,000

**Total:** \$500,000

\$750,000

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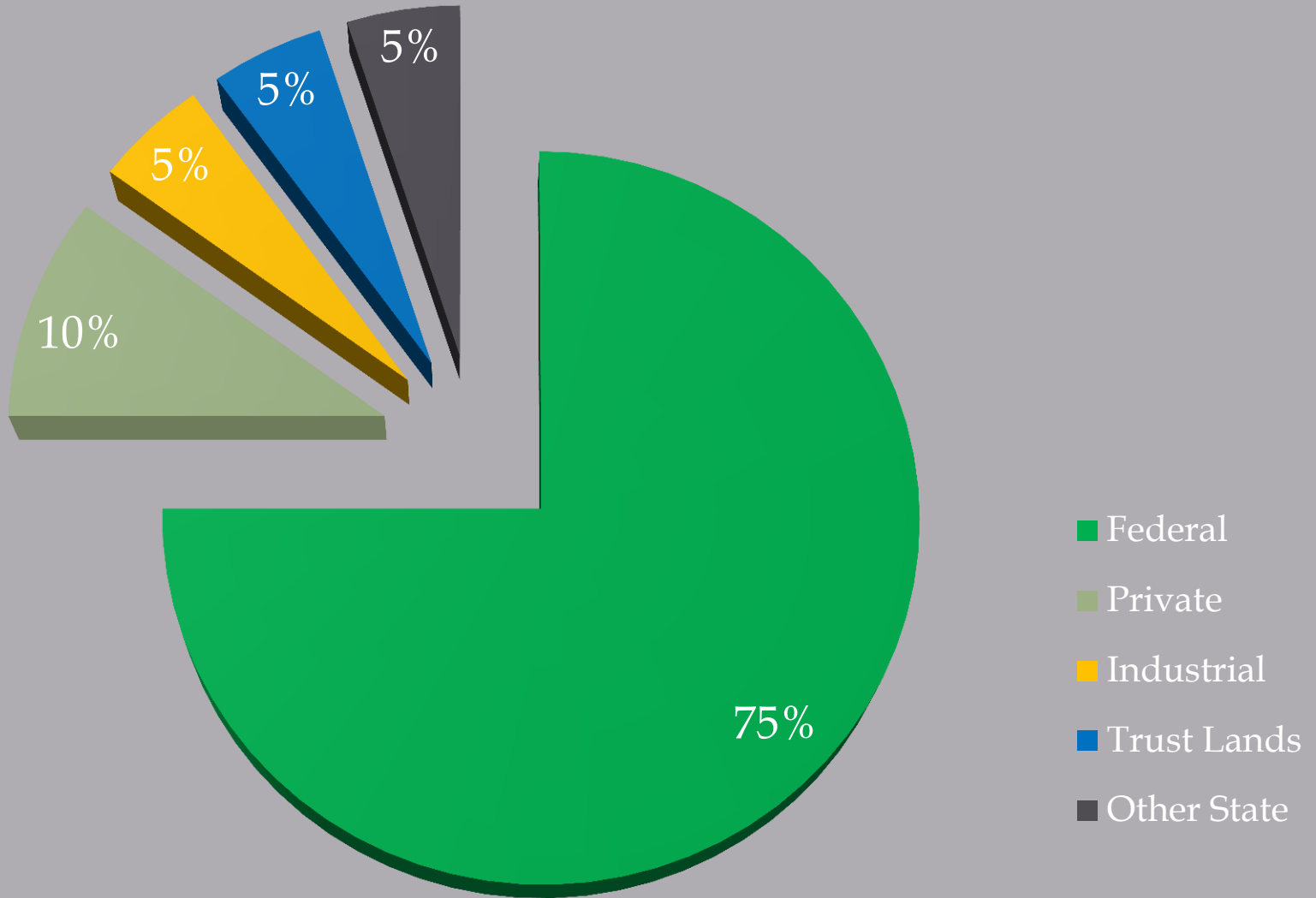
# Goals

- Increase pace and scale of forest and watershed restoration
- Provide additive fiber to markets to maintain infrastructure and support rural economies
- Develop a self-sustaining program in 3-5 years

# Discussion

- ❑ What GNA is and is Not
- ❑ Why Idaho is all in
- ❑ How we got here
- ❑ Where we are at now
- ❑ Challenges, Opportunities, Next Steps
- ❑ Lessons Learned (Strategies/Tactics)

# Idaho's Forest Ownership



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

# What is GNA?

## 2014 Farm Bill Authority

- ❑ Forest Service and BLM with States
- ❑ Leverage state resources to augment FS capacity for authorized restoration activities
  - States may award and administer contracts as Agent
- ❑ \*Program income may be generated through sale of timber
- ❑ Forest Service retains NEPA Decision Authority, Silv Rx's, marking guide approval
- ❑ A few FS protocols may revert to State processes (tracer paint not required; state cruise standards; state auction / contract procedures utilized, more)
  
- ❑ \*\*No reconstruction of roads (except temps) – needs fixed!
- ❑ Program income remains on proclaimed NF
- ❑ Must be spent within 10 year agreement

# Good Neighbor is not...

- ❑ A bypass of NEPA or other Federal Laws
  - Clean Air and Water Acts
  - Endangered Species
  - National Historic Preservation Act
  
- ❑ A means to impose state management objectives on federal lands
  
- ❑ A delegation of silviculture authority to the states
  
- ❑ A state takeover of federal lands or jobs
  
- ❑ Projects do not require financial match, multiple funding sources possible

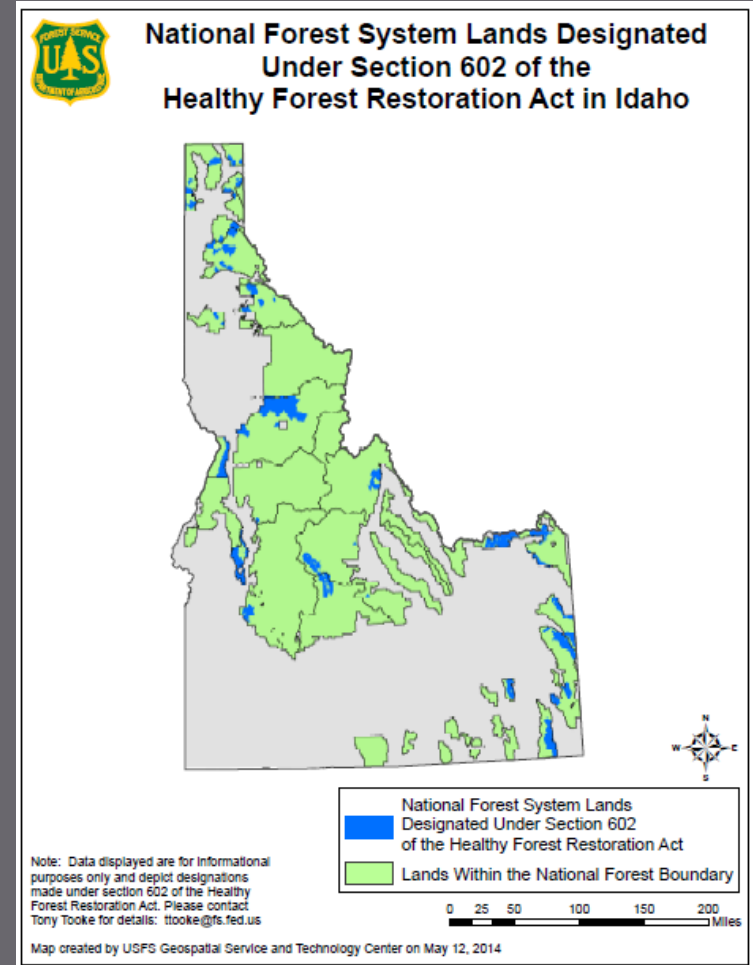
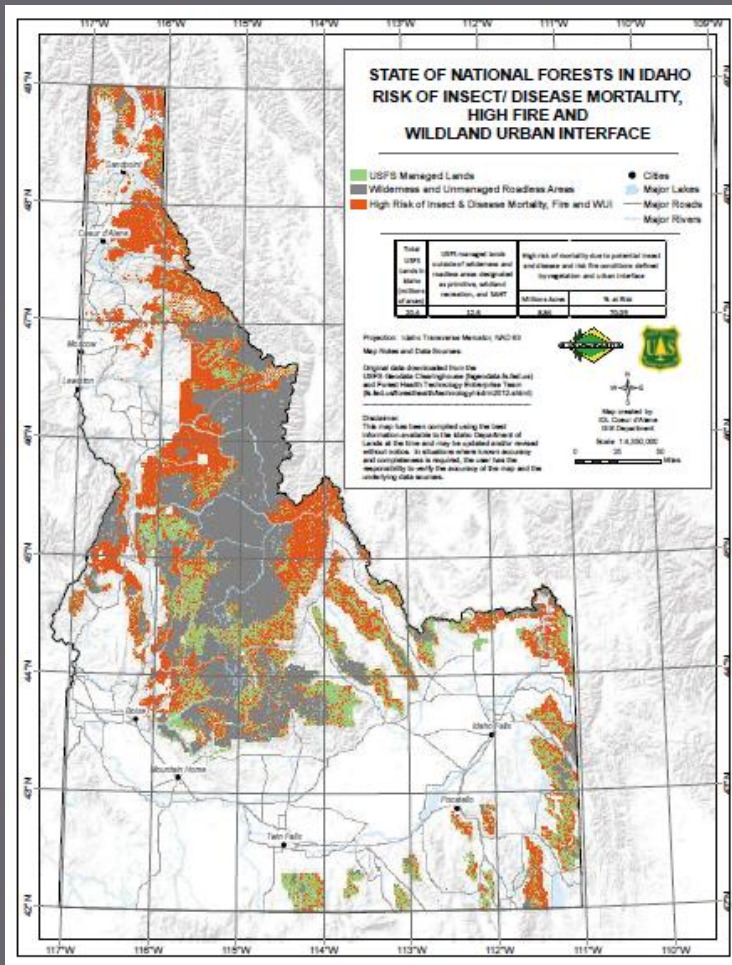




# 2014-2017

- ❑ Governor's Designation 1.8 million acres at high risk; approved by Secretary
- ❑ State led Collaborative Process to discern best fit for Idaho use of Farm Bill tools
- ❑ Legislature encouraged use of GNA
- ❑ State / Regional Foresters dialogue, commitment of funds
- ❑ Industry commitment of funds
- ❑ Governor requests, Legislature approves funds
- ❑ State asked Forest Supervisors: "Who wants to work with us? How can we help?"

# Declining Forest Health Compels Active Forest Restoration

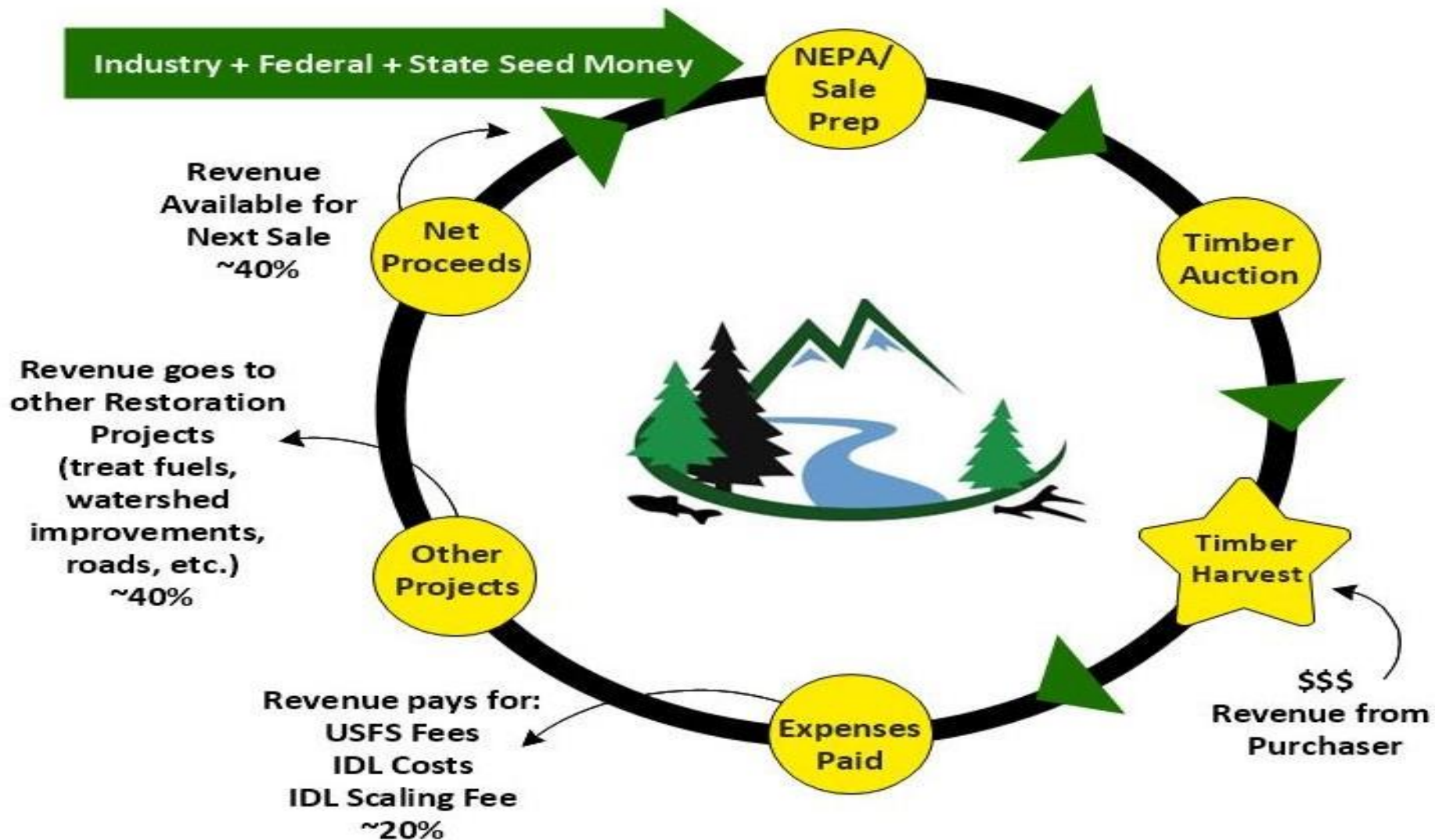


# Economics Compels Active Forest Restoration

- Wildfire suppression Costs
  - 2 to 3 times more fire on landscape by 2050
  - 30% increase in suppression costs predicted in next 10 years
  
- Maintain Infrastructure
  - USFS supplies 10% of raw material needs
  - Two mill closures in 2016
  
- Jobs - Every million board feet harvested generates:
  - \$3.85 million in goods and services
  - \$667,000 in wages
  - 12 FP industry and 8 support jobs
  - 56,600 average industry earnings



# GNA Timber Sale Revenue Flowchart



**NOTE: The percentages in this diagram are approximate and can vary based upon the terms of each individual sale agreement.**



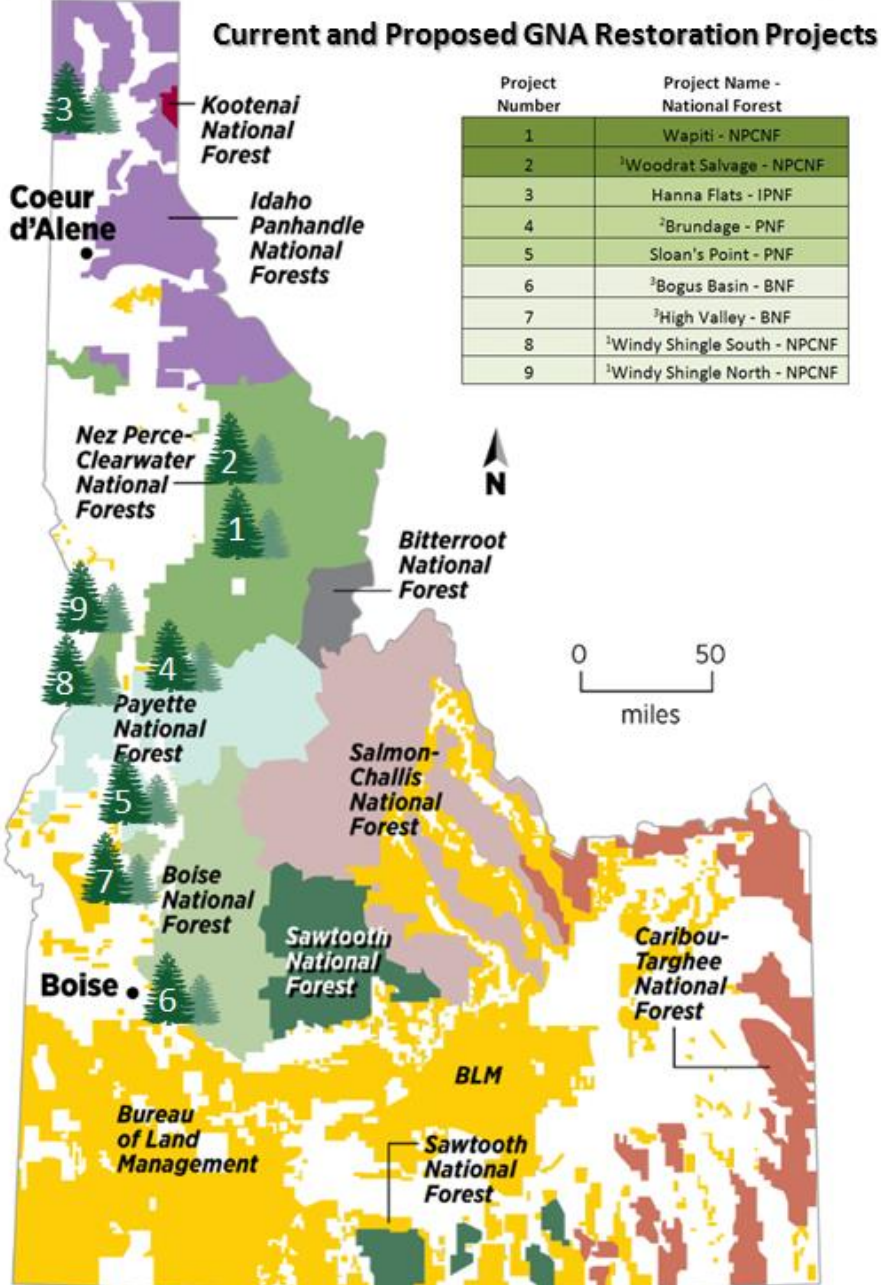




# Contracting NEPA Planning

- ▣ Indefinite Deliverable, Indefinite Quantity Contract
  - Awarded to 5 firms for a 3 year term
  - Awarded based on:
    1. Knowledge of Geographic Area
    2. Specialized expertise/Past performance
    3. Professional Qualifications
  - Minimum OPM agency qualifications required
  - Task Orders awarded individually based on price
  - Individual Task Orders are anticipated to be between \$2,500 and \$100,000.

## Current and Proposed GNA Restoration Projects



# 3 year Program

- 4 National Forest
- USFS Regions 1 & 4
- 9 Proposed projects
- 9,236 Treatment AC
- 47,540 MBF

## IDL Providing:

- NEPA Planning
- Project Design
- Sale Preparation
- Sale Administration

<sup>1</sup>modification of supplemental project agreement in progress

<sup>2</sup>agency responsible for auction and administration of timber sale contract undetermined at this time

<sup>3</sup>supplemental project agreement in progress

# Innovations



- ❑ State Foresters provide Silviculture and Transportation expertise on NEPA Team...design plan for preliminary proposed action (Forest Plan objectives) for FS/public consideration
- ❑ State Contract to 5 firms that can augment FS NEPA Capacity...FS/State working together on Task Orders
- ❑ Quick response post fire assistance from State, as requested, to “help out” with post fire or other emergencies



# What's Next?

- Define “Additive”
- 5 year program of work (request to Forests to plan State capacity needs...conceptual, inexact)
- Develop shared vision ~ what is possible?
  - Forest Supervisors looking at this based on approved Forest Plans... Implementation

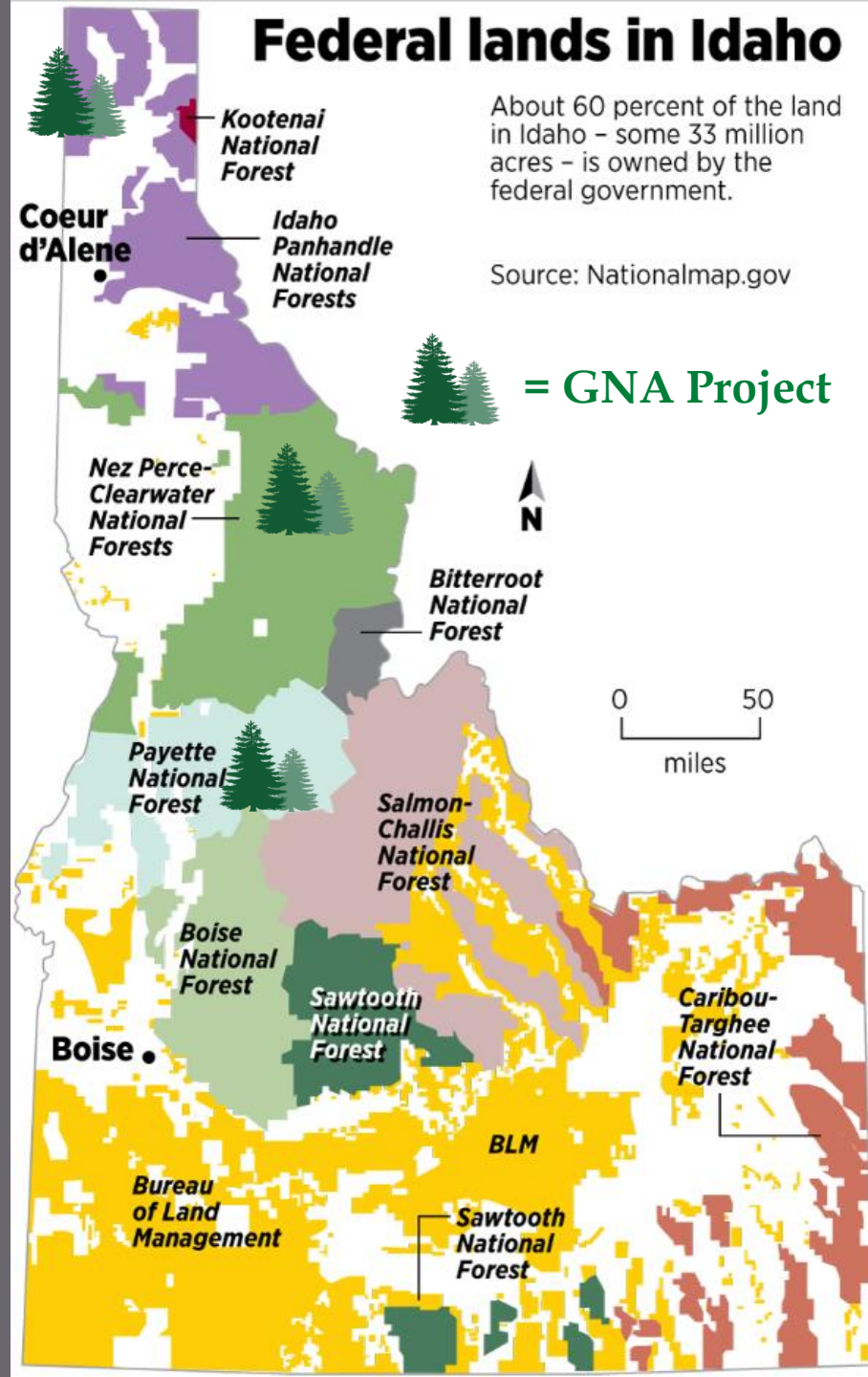
# Challenges and Opportunities

- Agencies Culture and Capacity
- The NEPA Bottleneck
- Litigation
- Define GNA Performance Metrics
- Director's Moonshot

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."*

Questions?





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