

Good Neighbor Authority

Legislative Presentation

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2014 Farm Bill

- ▶ Magnitude of issue
- ▶ HFRA I&D Designation
- ▶ Proposed Treatment Areas
- ▶ Additional designations

STATE OF NATIONAL FORESTS IN IDAHO RISK OF INSECT/ DISEASE MORTALITY, HIGH FIRE AND WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE

- USFS Managed Lands
- Wilderness and Unmanaged Roadless Areas
- High Risk of Insect & Disease Mortality, Fire and WUI
- Cities
- Major Lakes
- Major Roads
- Major Rivers

Total USFS Lands in State (Millions of Acres)	USFS managed lands outside of wilderness and roadless areas designated as primitive, wildland recreation, and SALT (Millions Acres)	High risk of mortality due to potential insect and disease and risk the conditions defined by vegetation and urban interface	
30.4	17.6	8.86	50.3%

Projection: Idaho Transverse Mercator, NAD 83
Map Notes and Data Sources:

Original data downloaded from the USFS (Mobile Clearinghouse (sgpdata.fs.fed.us) and Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team (fhtet.us/foresthealthtechnology/submit2.cfm/))

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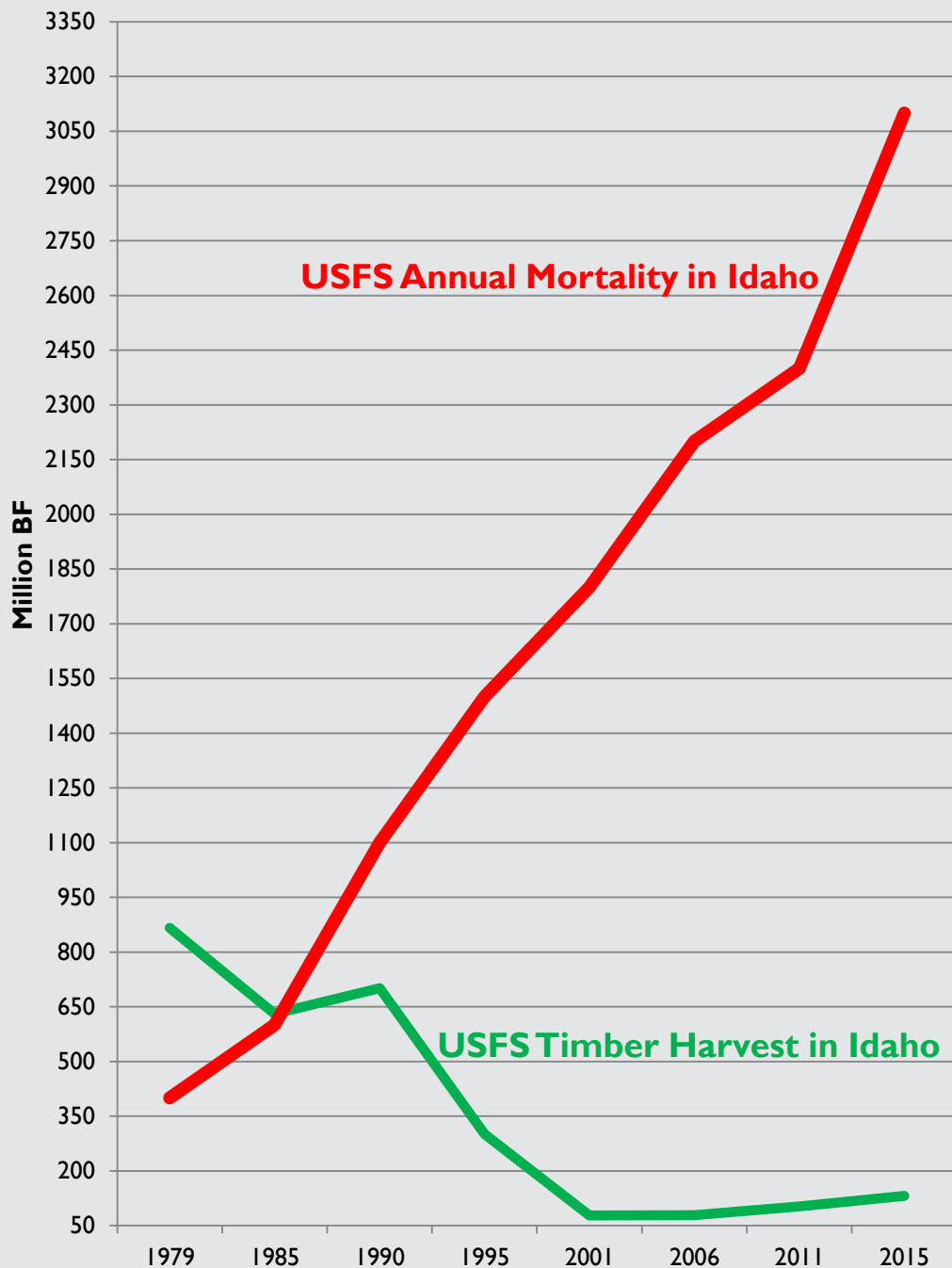
What is Good Neighbor Authority?



- ▶ Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) allows states to enter into cooperative agreements with federal agencies to achieve restoration and resilient landscape objectives across ownership boundaries.

Why are “we” doing GNA?

- ▶ To Increase Pace & Scale of Forest & Watershed Restoration on Federal Lands through Active Management
- ▶ **Benefits:**
 - ▶ Improves forest health
 - ▶ Reduces fuels and threats to communities and watersheds from catastrophic wildfires
 - ▶ Creates more jobs and economic benefits by providing more fiber to Idaho forest products markets



What has been done?

- ▶ HFRA Designations Accepted (May 2014)
- ▶ Passage of SCR 126 (March 2015)
- ▶ 2017 GNA Funding/Decision Unit (FTEs & Spending Authority)
- ▶ Signed Master GNA Agreement & 3 Supplemental Project Agreements (SPAs) (2016)
- ▶ Sold First GNA Timber Sale – Wapiti
- ▶ Other GNA Project Work Completed



Next Steps?

- ▶ Additional SPAs?
- ▶ Evaluate & Select Additional GNA Projects
- ▶ Administer Wapiti Timber Sale
- ▶ 2018 GNA Decision Unit

Challenges & Opportunities

- ▶ Focus on “End Results”
- ▶ Defining “Additive”
- ▶ Sustainability and Growth of Program
- ▶ Sustained Commitment
- ▶ NEPA Bottleneck & Legal Challenges
- ▶ Director’s “Moon Shot”



Thank You!



Questions?