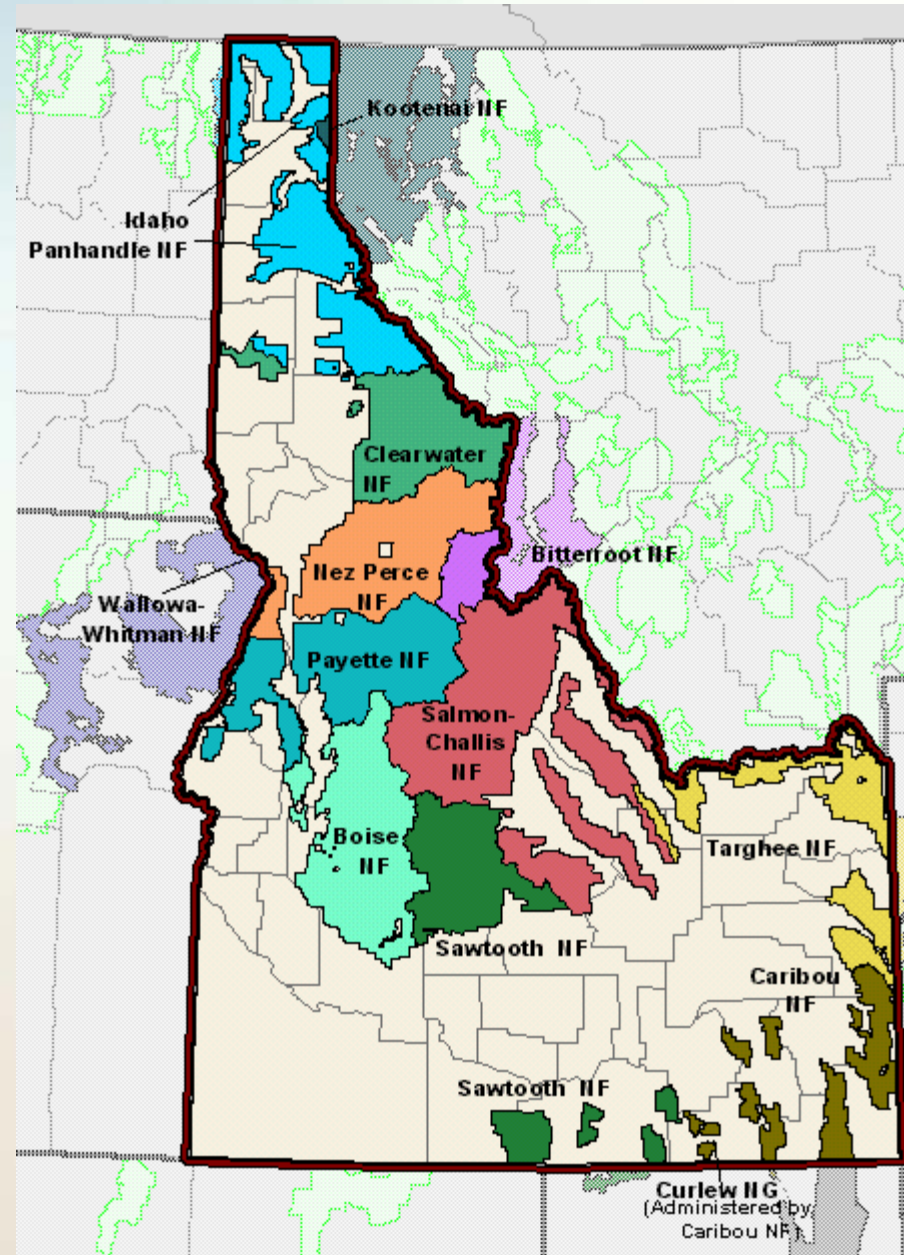


Responsibilities Associated with Management and Use of National Forests in Idaho

US Forest Service
August 9, 2013





US Forest Service Employment February 2013 = 2,300 in Idaho

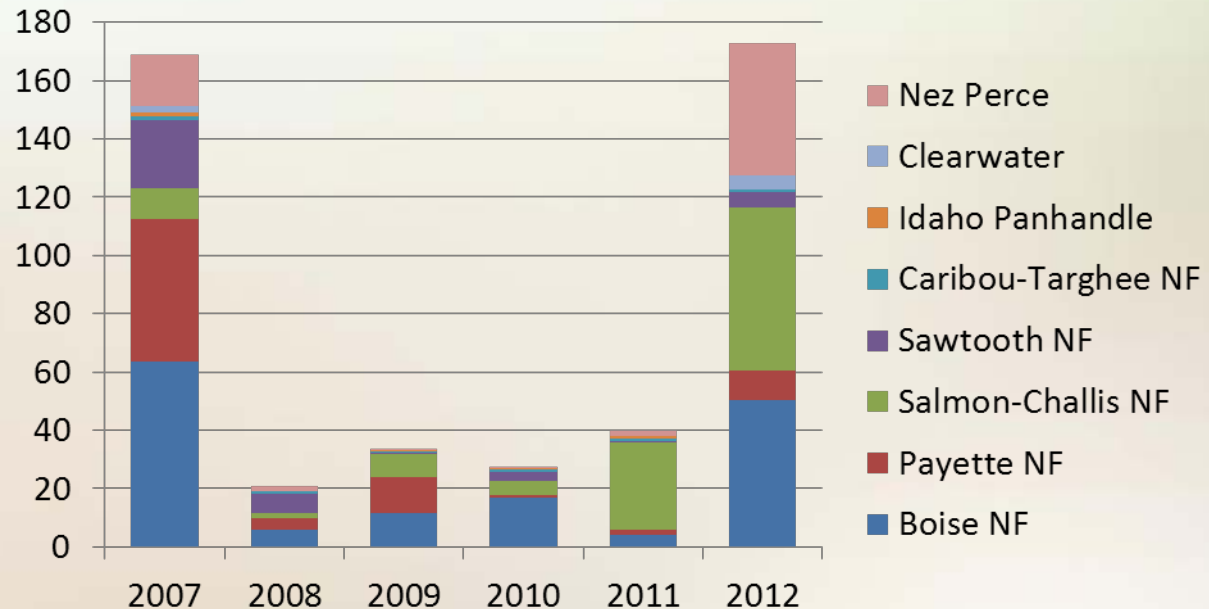
- National Forest System – 1,800
- Law Enforcement – 40
- Regional Support Services – 200
- National Interagency Fire Center – 90
- Research – 90
- Job Corps – 80

Additional Seasonal Employees – 1,000 (Aug. '13)
 35 Idaho communities have 20 or more Forest Service employees

National Forest System

- 20.4 million acres
- Seven National Forests
- Annual Budget \$158 million
- Fire suppression costs are an additional \$20 - \$175 million annually depending on the year

Wildfire Suppression Costs 2007 - 2012 (millions of dollars)

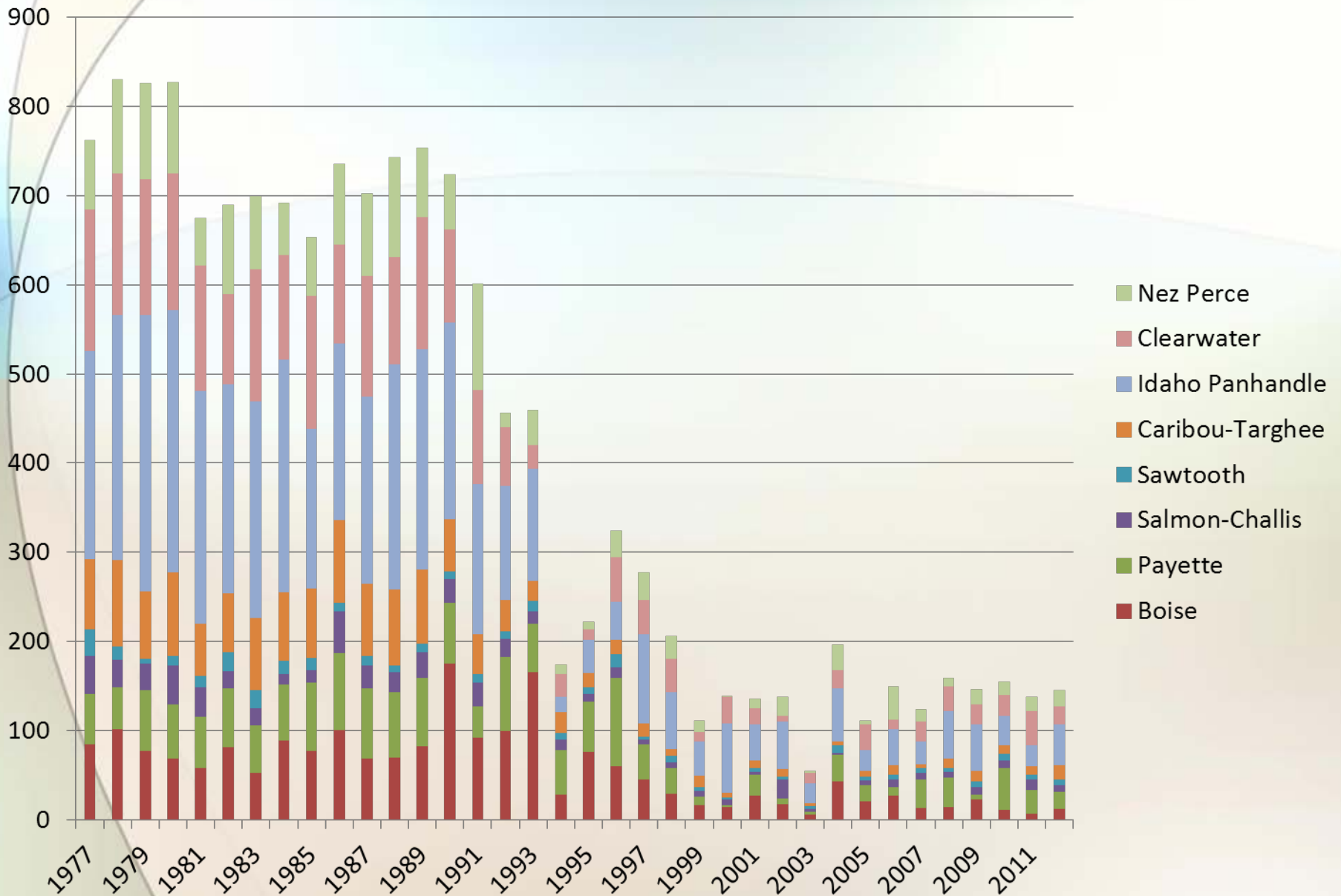


Some Laws & Regulations Governing Land Management

- **Organic Act 1897**
- **Multiple Use Sustain Yield Act 1960**
- **Wilderness Act 1964**
- **Forest Road and Trail Act 1964**
- **National Environmental Policy Act 1969**
- **Endangered Species Act 1973**
- **National Forest Management Act 1976**
- **Appeals Reform Act 1992**
- **Stewardship Contracting 2002**
- **Healthy Forest Restoration Act 2003**
- **Tribal Trust Responsibility, Government to Government**

Historical Timber Sales Trend

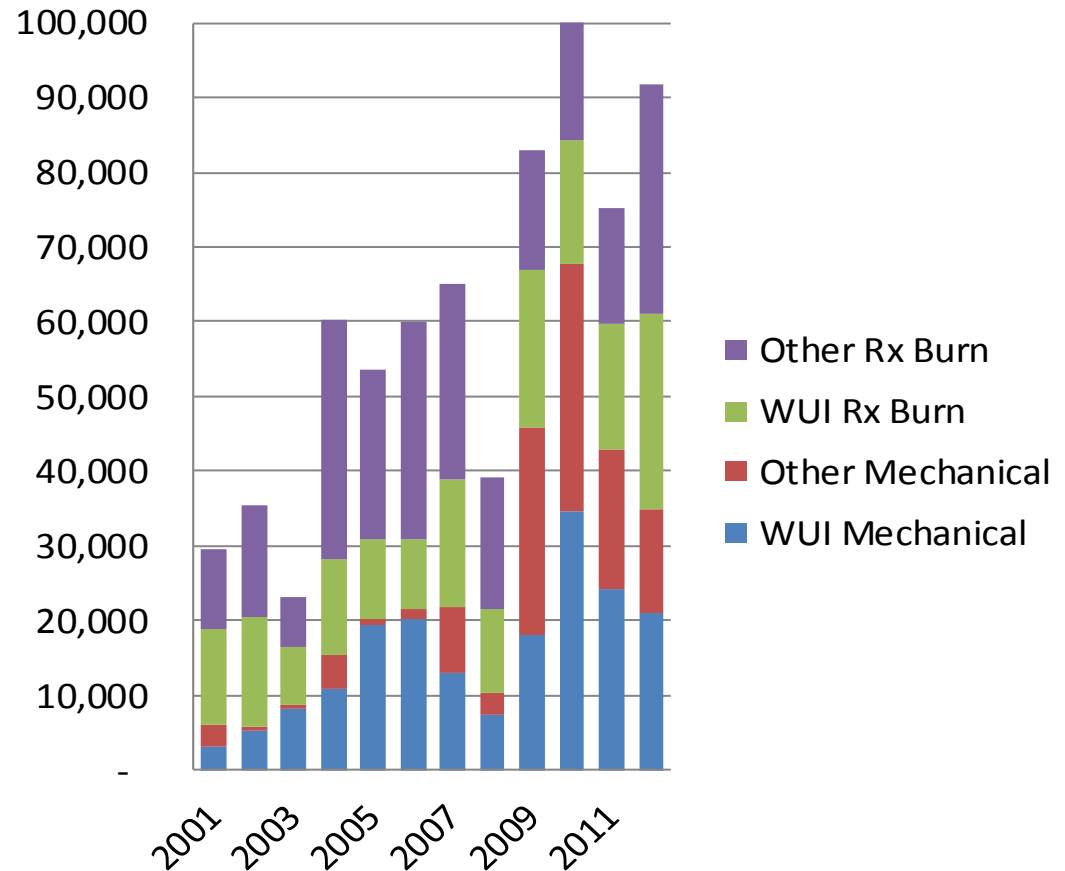
Timber Sold from National Forests in Idaho 1977 - 2012 (MMBF)



Wildfire and Fuels Management



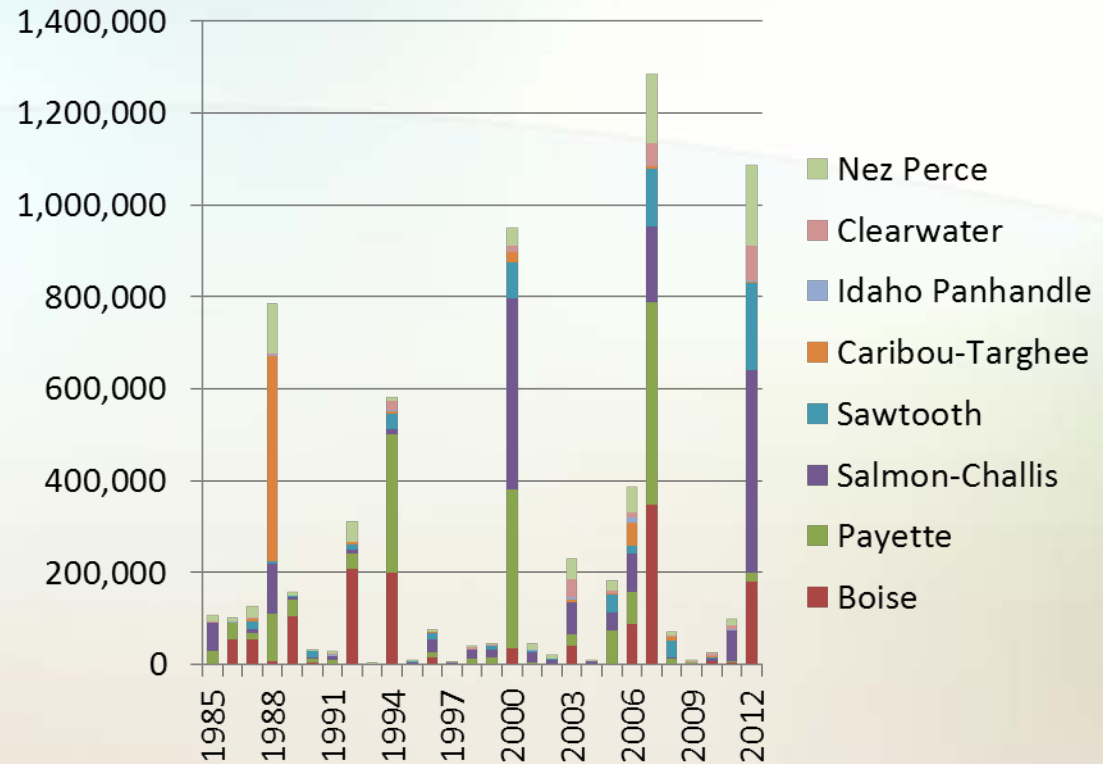
**Hazardous Fuels Treatment Acres
National Forests in Idaho 2001 - 2012**



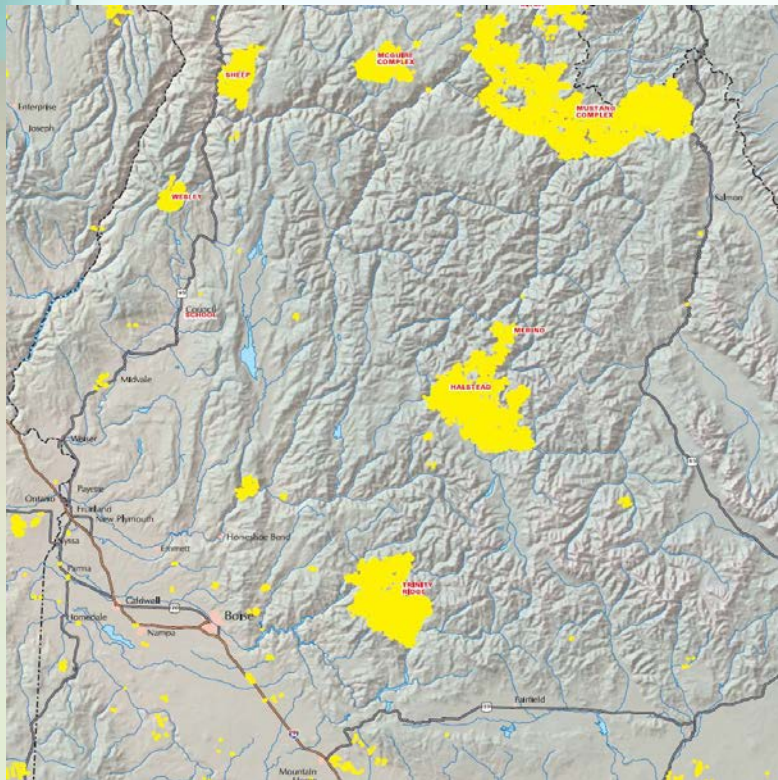
Longer, Hotter Forest Fire Seasons

- 2012: dry conditions with near record highs
- Multiple large fires in central and southern Idaho

Wildfire acres on National Forests in Idaho 1985 - 2012



Dry conditions with near record highs
Multiple large fires in central and southern ID



Trinity Ridge Fire

- **Person-caused fire August 3, 2012**
- **Heavy initial attack with 46 loads & over 126,000 gallons of retardant used on August 4**
- **Continued loss of fire line due to dry fuels, vegetation type with excessive spot fires**
- **Significant growth of nearly 20,000 acres on one day**



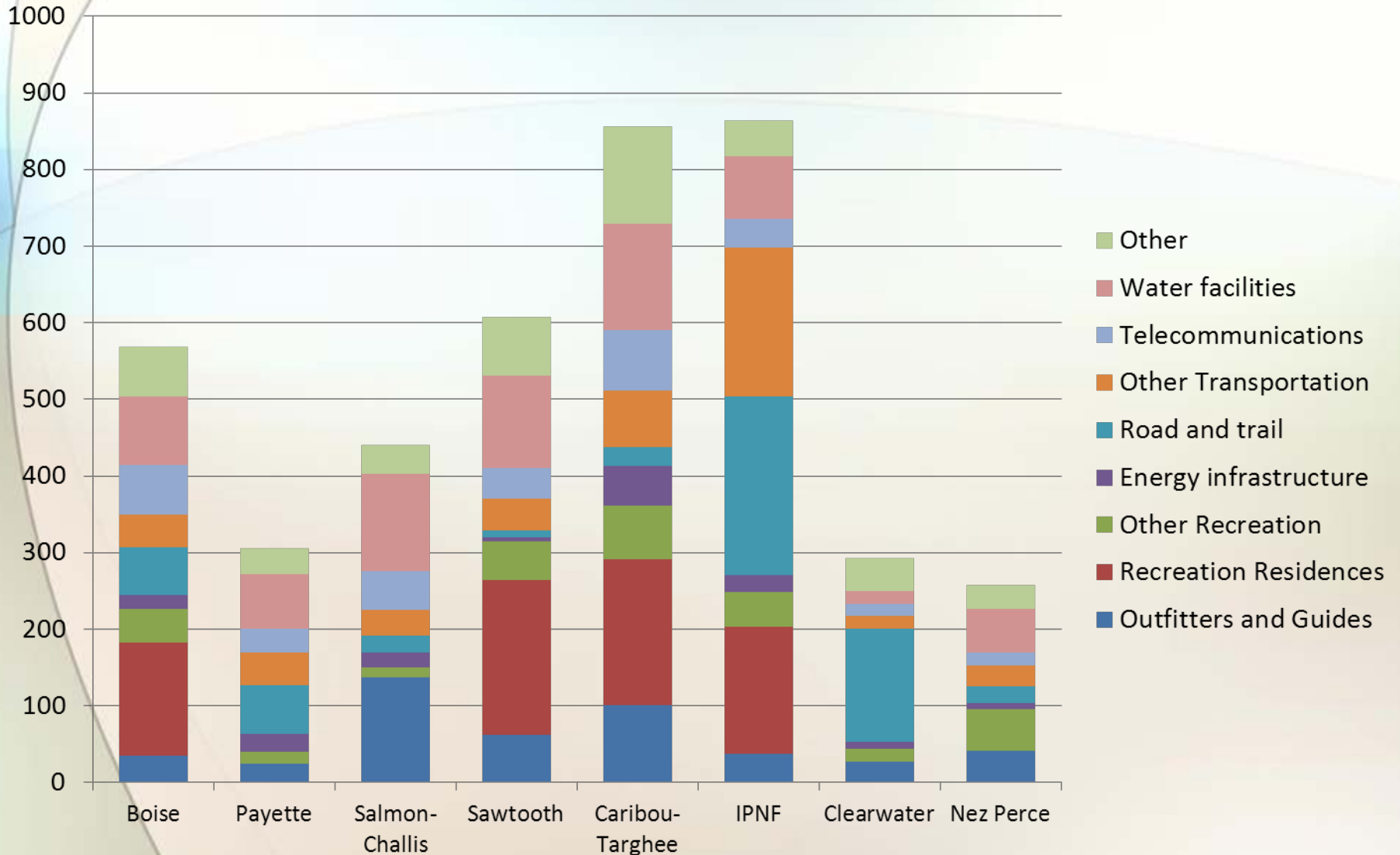
Uses and Benefits on National Forests

**Land Use Plan provides policy
Direction for each resource topic**

- Air Quality
- ESA species
- Wildlife
- Aquatic species
- Watersheds
- Vegetation
- Botanical
- Non-native
- Fire Management
- Timberland Resource
- Rangeland Resources
- Minerals & Geology
- Social and Economic
- Tribal
- Land Adjustment
- Special Uses
- Facilities & Roads
- Recreation
- Scenic Environment
- Heritage
- Wilderness and IRA
- Wild & Scenic Rivers
- Research Natural Areas

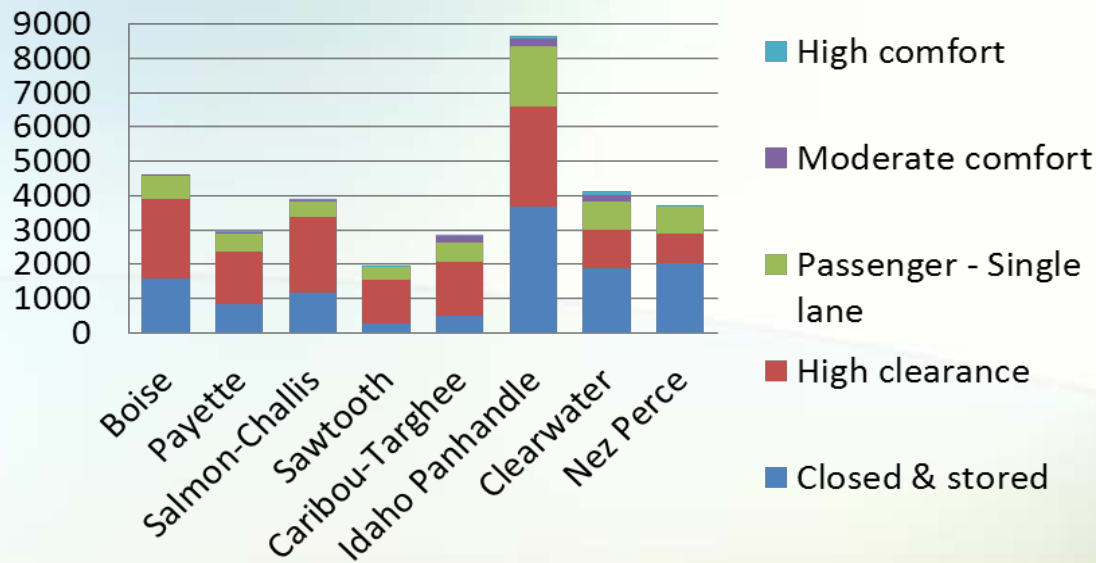
Multiple Uses on National Forests

4,191 Special Use Permits on Idaho National Forests (2011)

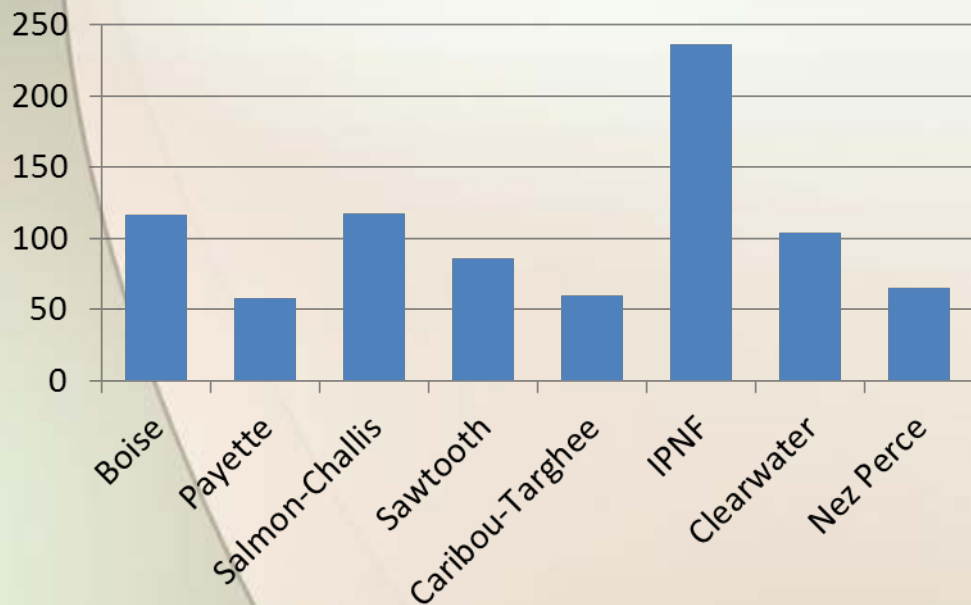


National Forest Road System Responsibility

National Forest Road System Miles by Maintenance Level

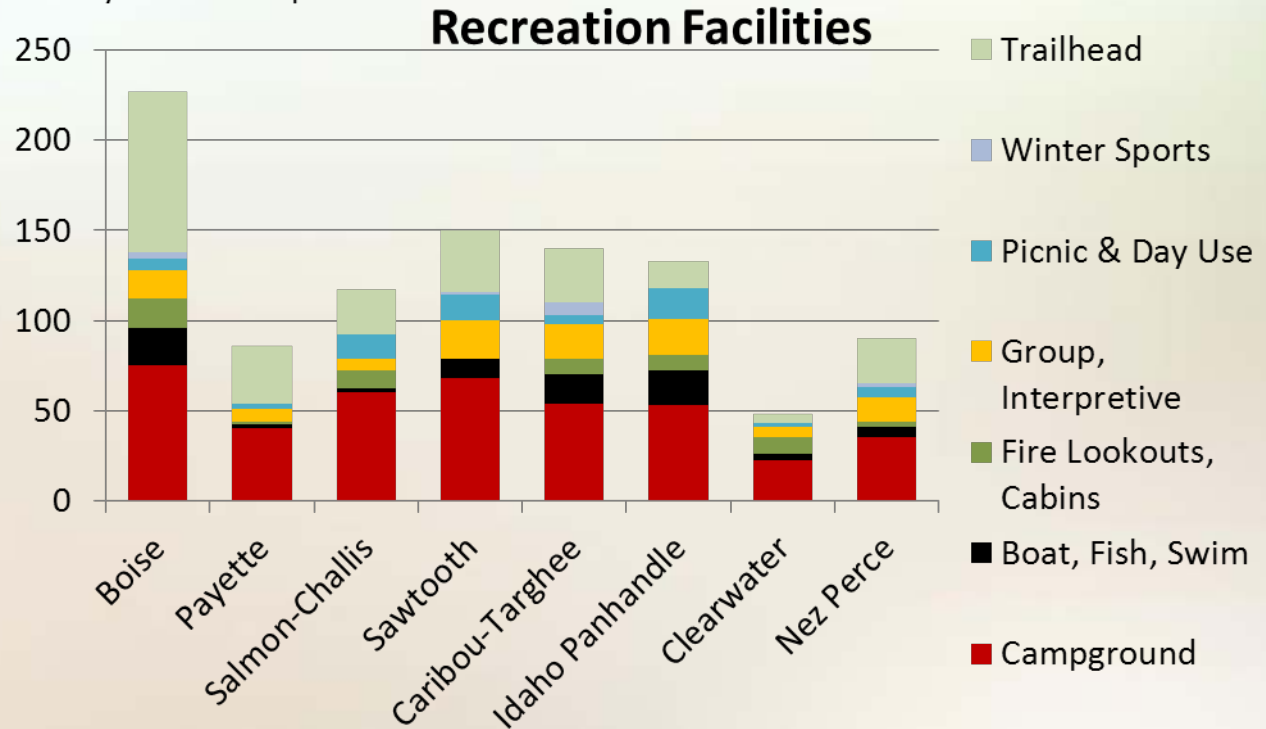
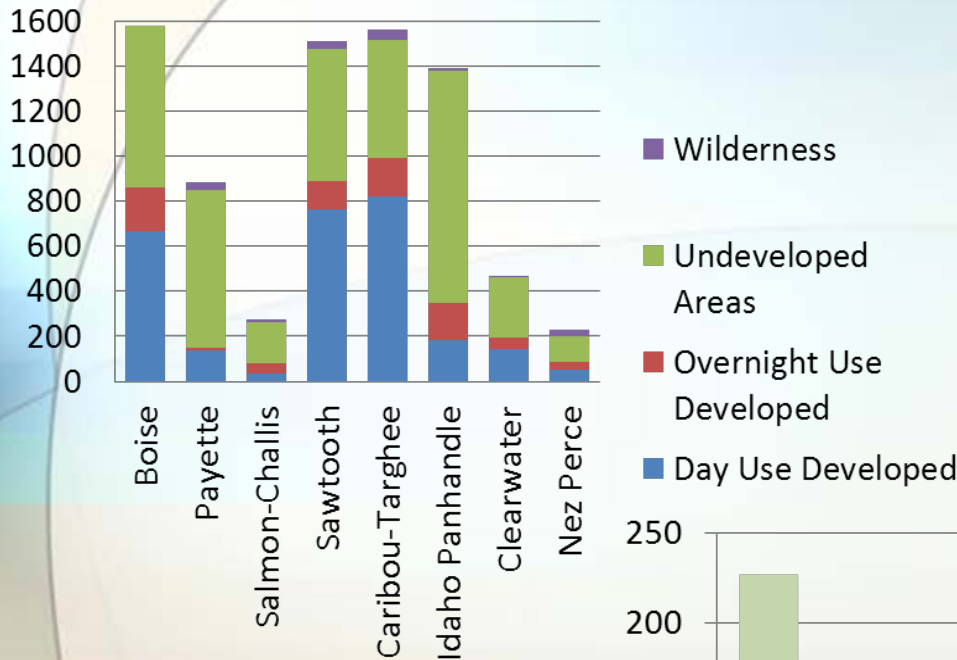


Bridges

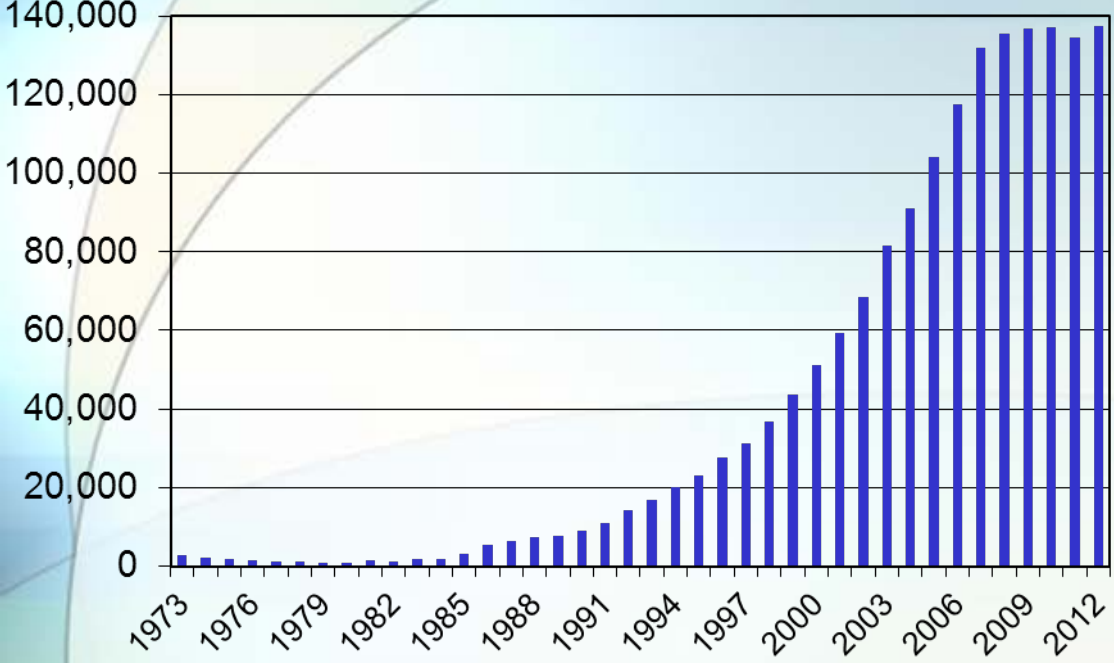


Annual Visitation Use Estimate (000) by Site Type National Forests in Idaho 2005 - 2009

Recreation use and Facilities



Off-Highway Motorbike/ATV Registrations 1973-2012

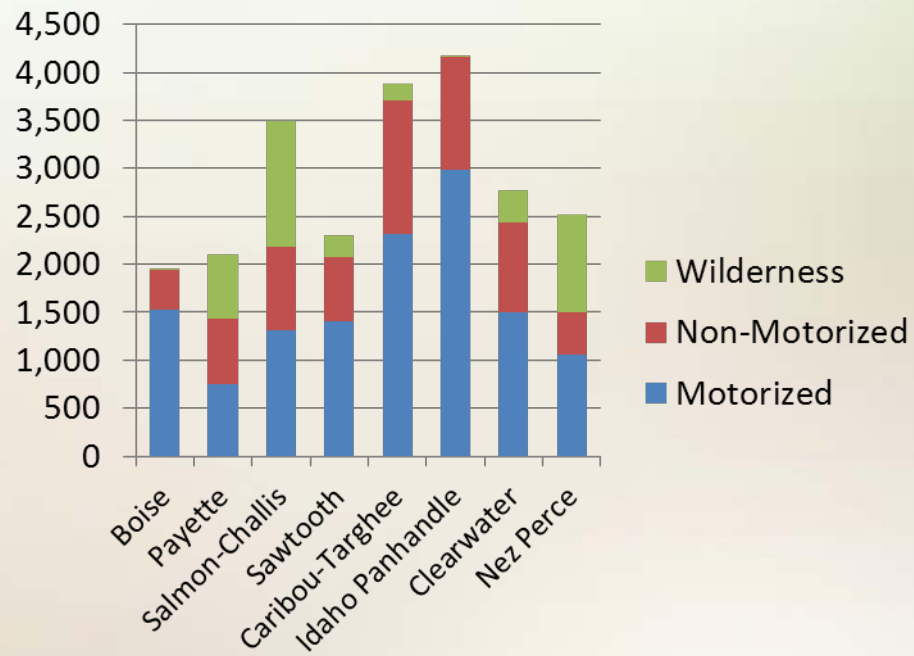


Off-Highway Motorbike/ATV vehicles & trails



Idaho Parks' Trail Rangers crew cut through a blowdown

National Forest System Trail Miles



State and local involvement in National Forest Management

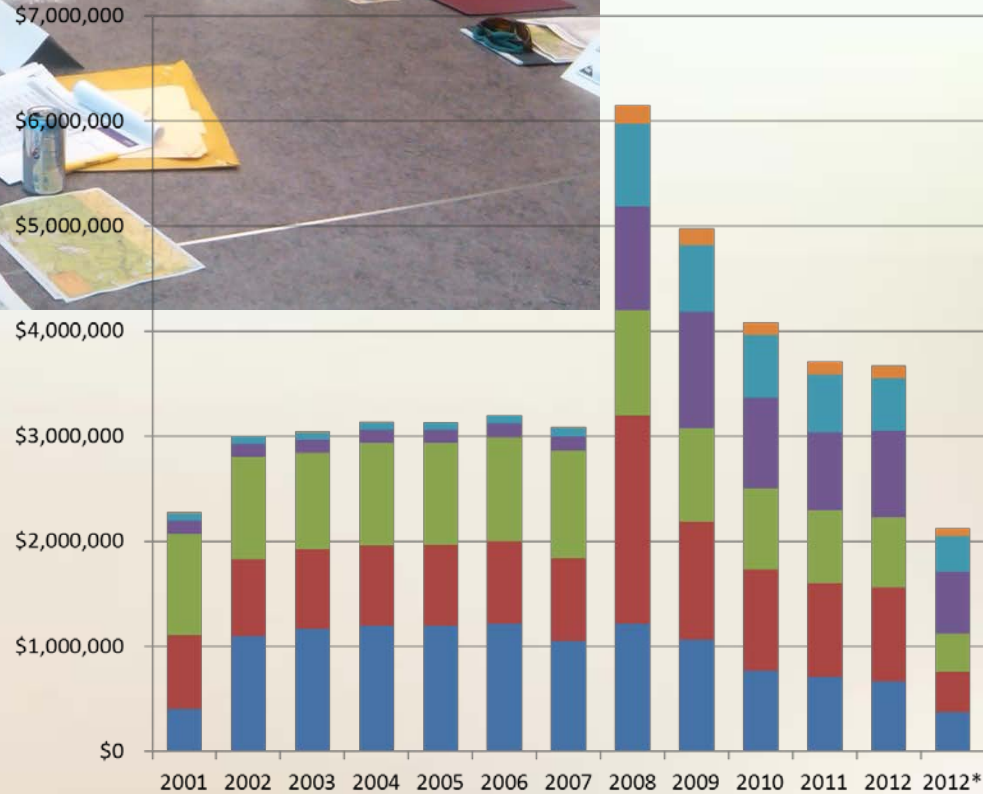
- **Cooperating Agency on NEPA projects: Idaho Roadless Rule (2007); Idaho Panhandle NF grizzly bear policies (2004); Payette NF Bighorn Sheep management (2007); Payette NF Travel Plan (2005-07)**
- **Idaho Parks & Recreation invests in recreation infrastructure for recreational vehicles, motorized and nonmotorized trails, boat launches on National Forests.**
- **Long-standing cooperation with Idaho Fish and Game on fish and wildlife management**
- **County-developed Community Wildfire Protection Plans prioritize thinning projects in Wildland-Urban Interface**
- **Six Craig-Wyden Resource Advisory Committees – exceeding \$3 million annually in recommendations on projects**

Projects funded by Resource Advisory Committees

2001-2012



\$7,000,000
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- South Central
- Eastern
- Central
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- North Central
- Panhandle

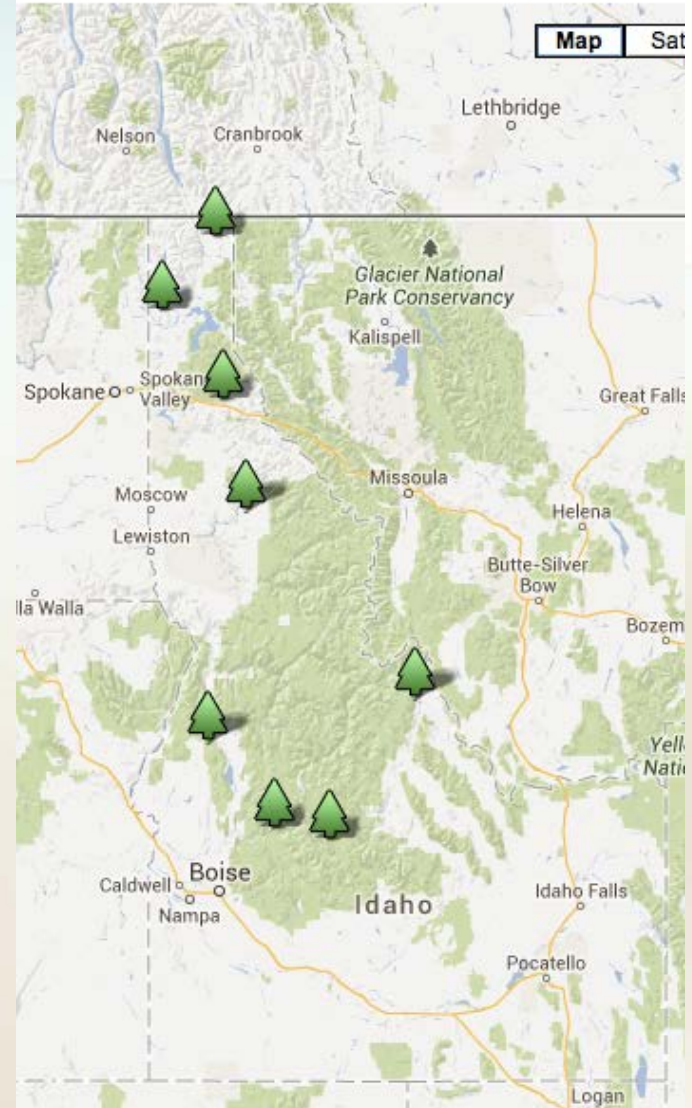
Forest Collaborative Groups in Idaho



Clearwater Basin Collaborative Field Trip

www.idahoforestpartners.org tracks the activities of eight forest collaborative efforts in Idaho

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Questions?

