

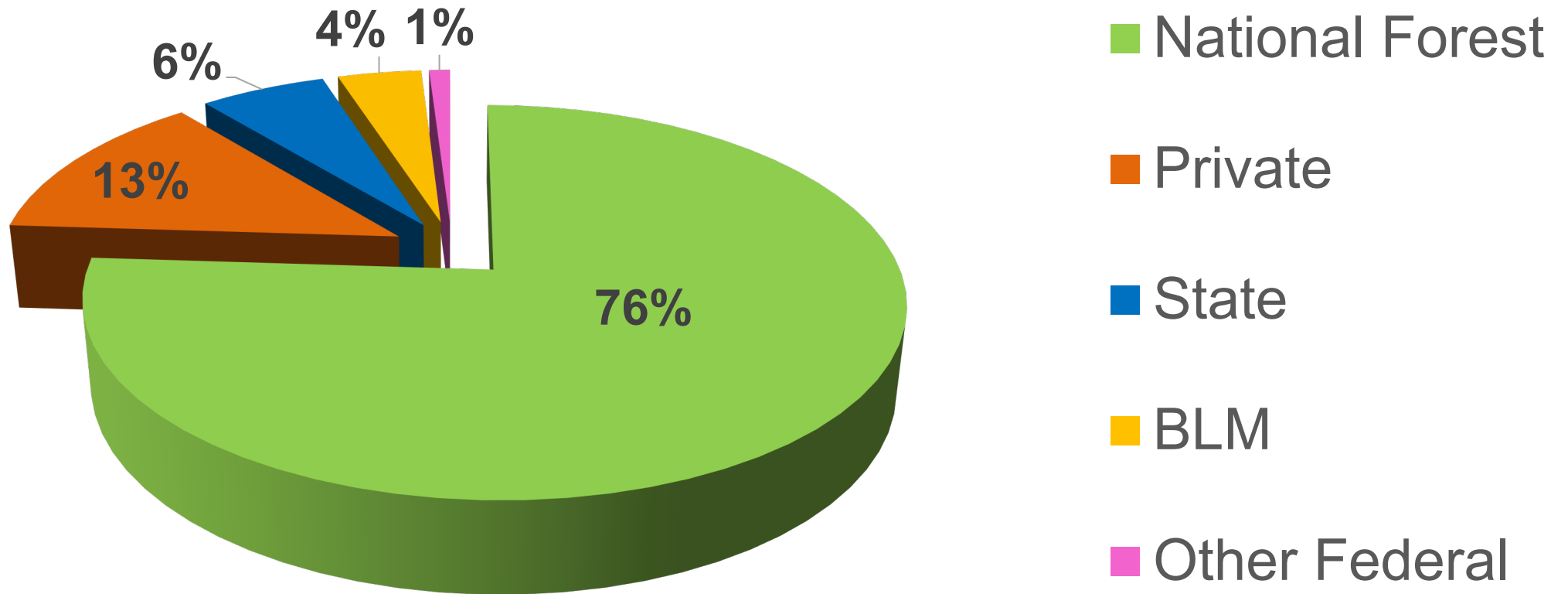


# **GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY 101**

# **GNA**

**Federal Land + IDL's Expertise = Healthier Forests**

# TIMBERLAND OWNERSHIP CHALLENGES





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# PURPOSE OF GNA

Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) allows the USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to enter into agreements for up to ten years with state forestry agencies to implement critically important management work on federally controlled land when the federal agencies are unable to do the work alone.



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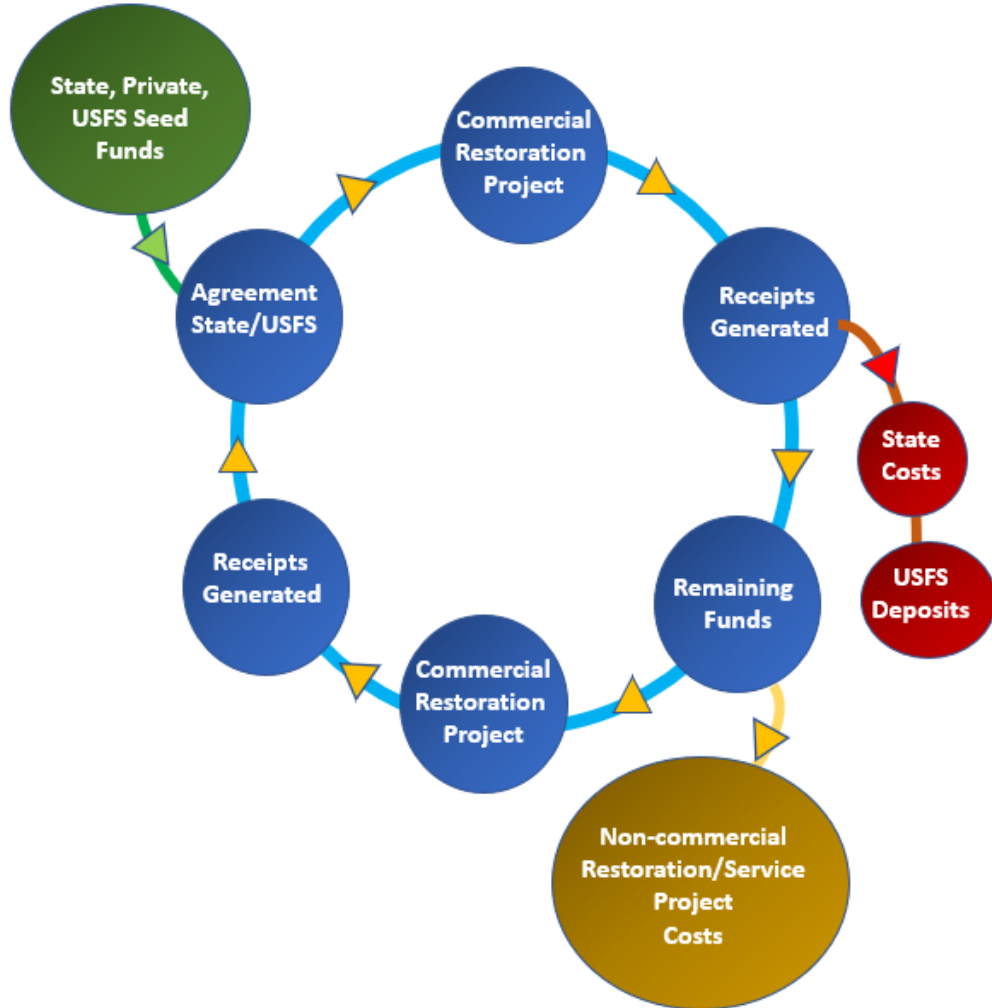
# AUTHORIZATION

- Authorized by 2014 Farm Bill; amendments added in the 2018 Omnibus and the 2018 Farm Bill
- In 2015 the Idaho Legislature, via SCR 126, directed IDL to “carry out forest, rangeland and watershed restoration services on appropriate federal lands within Idaho”
- GNA goals were established by Idaho’s GNA Working Group

# GNA WORKING GROUP GOALS

1. Increase the pace and scale of forest, watershed, rangeland restoration on federal land
2. Develop a self-sustaining program
3. Provide additive fiber to markets

# HOW GNA WORKS



- Partnerships under GNA agreements help accomplish authorized restoration services on federal land
- GNA leverages federal, state and partner resources to increase capacity to accomplish work
- Uses state procurement and contracting mechanisms to conduct work, including commercial timber sales where Idaho manages sale receipts on behalf of the USFS
- Activities must be planned collaboratively, and projects must be consistent with the forest plan for each national forest



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# PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- States, counties and tribes provide authorized restoration services on behalf of the USFS or BLM
- Excludes national wilderness preservation system & wilderness study areas
- No new Permanent road construction is allowed, but temporary roads are permitted
- All federal laws, policies and regulations apply – NEPA, NFMA, ESA, HSA, Etc.
- Projects are not required to be adjacent to state or private land
- State Cooperators may sell and administer timber sales
  - Silviculture RX must be approved
  - Only states can retain revenues
  - Receipts must be spent on federal lands for authorized restoration services

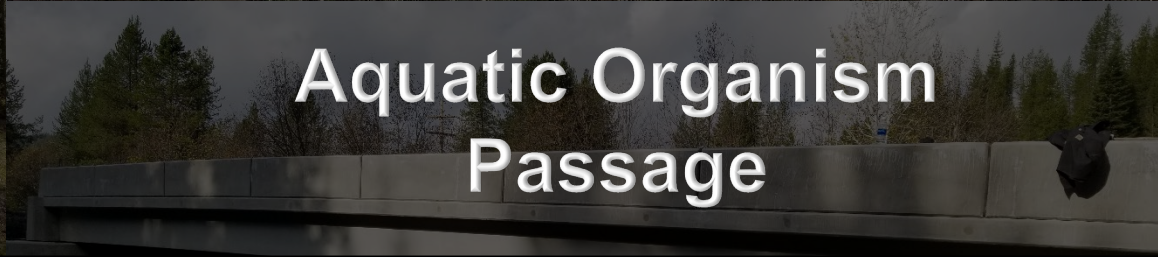
# GNA "RESTORATION SERVICES"



Planning & Monitoring



Reforestation



Aquatic Organism Passage



Road De-commissioning & Storage



# GNA "RESTORATION SERVICES"



Vegetation  
Treatments



Road Repair &  
Restoration



Prescribed  
Burning

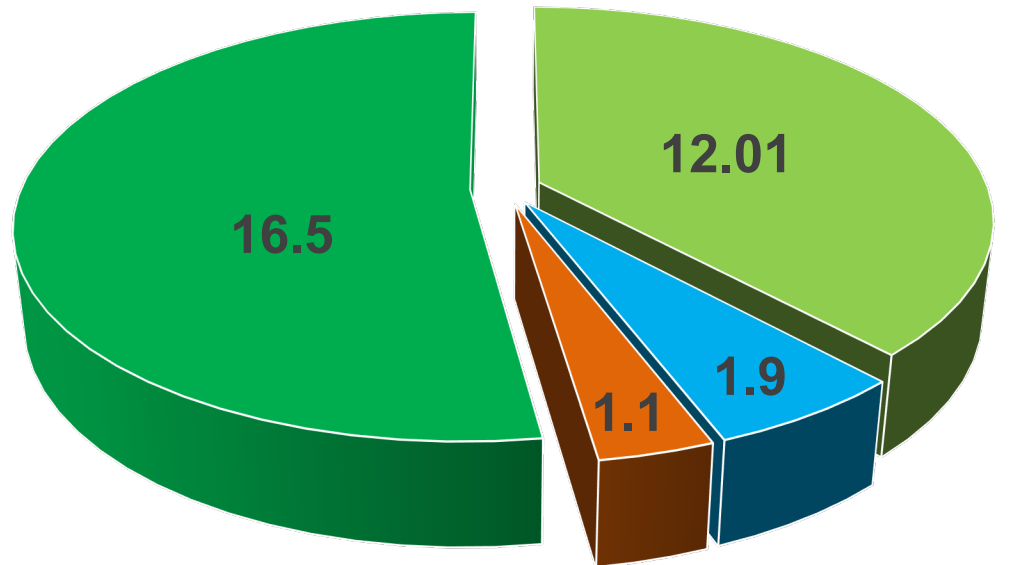




# GNA FUNDING SINCE 2016

- During Fiscal Years 2016 through 2022 the Legislature appropriated \$250k in PC annually as seed funding
- By the end of FY2022 it became apparent that Idaho's GNA program had become self-sustaining, so IDL reverted that year's \$250k appropriation.
- Beginning in FY2022 the Legislature began appropriating \$250k in OE annually for GNA

Total Program Funding in Millions by Source Since 2016



■ Federal ■ State ■ Third Party ■ GNA Revenue



# GNA FUNDING REQUEST FOR FY2025

## **Staffing**

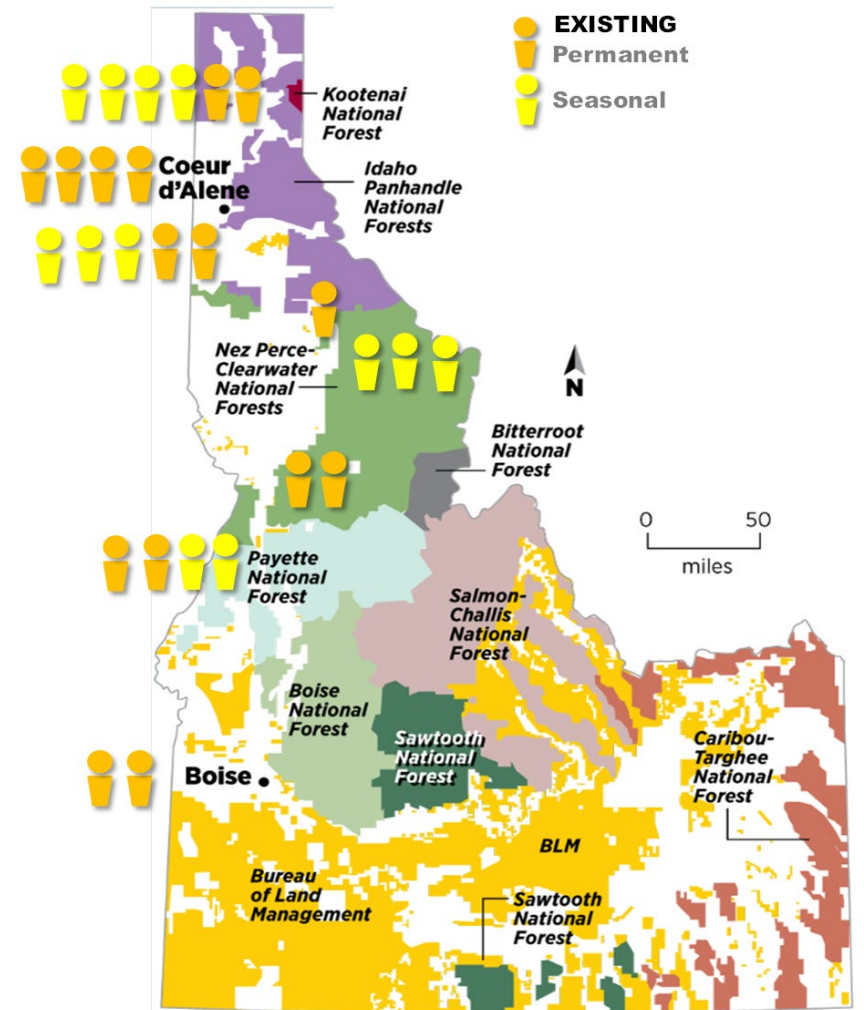
- 1.0 FTP, Lands Program Manager – Region 4 (area south of the Salmon River)
- 1.0 FTP, Lands Program Specialist – Salmon Challis /Caribou Targhee NFs
- 1.0 FTP, Land Resource Specialist – Nez Perce-Clearwater NF

## **Spending Authority**

- \$2.0M Dedicated OE Spending Authority
- \$154K Dedicated PC Spending Authority

# ACHIEVING OUR GOALS - PACE & SCALE

- Idaho has GNA agreements with the BLM and all NFs in the state except the Sawtooth NF
  - In 2016 the Statewide GNA Master agreement was signed along with supplemental agreements for Idaho Panhandle NF, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF, Payette NF and Boise NF
  - In 2020 agreements with the Caribou-Targhee NF and BLM were added
  - In 2023 an agreement with the Salmon-Challis NF was added





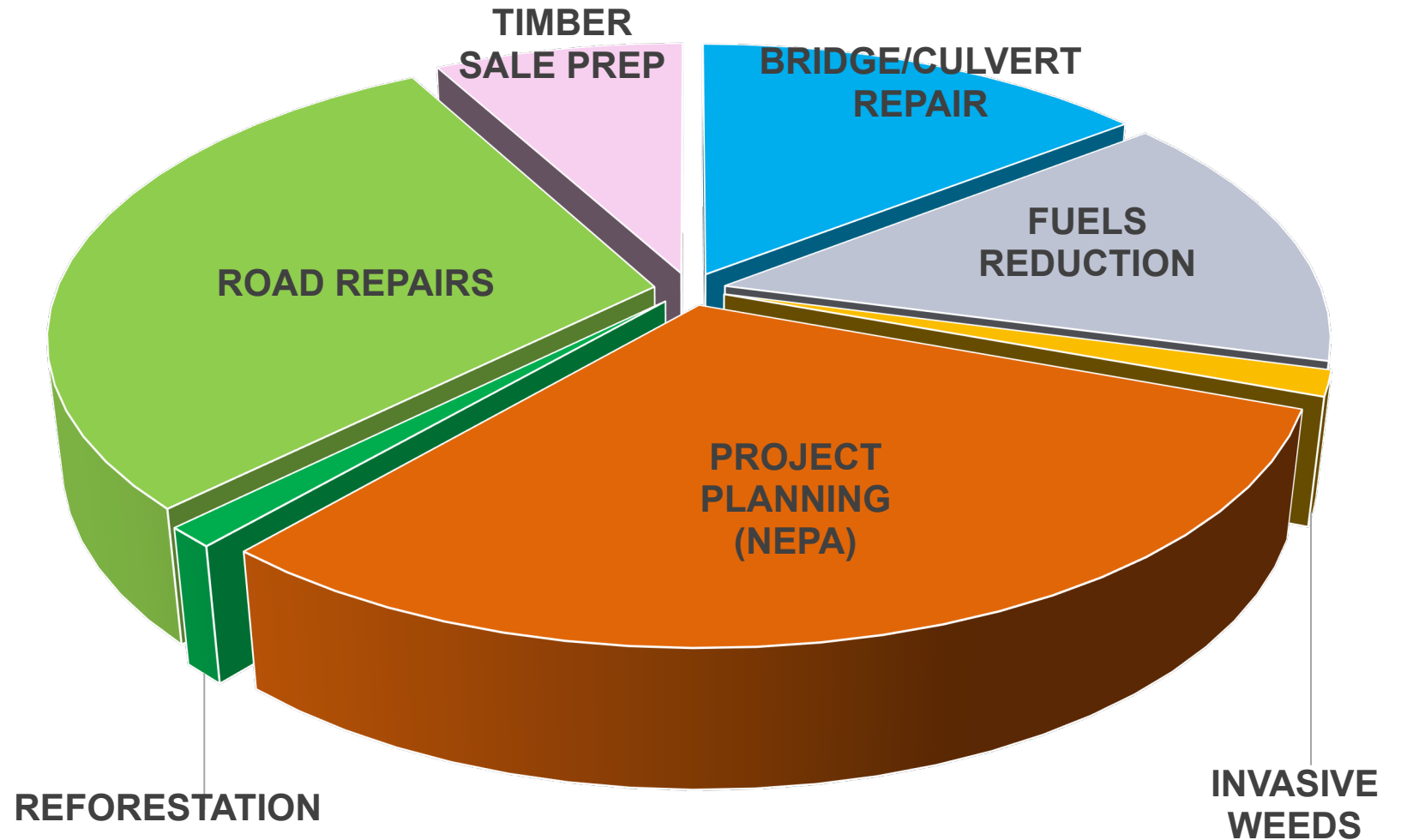
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# ACHIEVING OUR GOALS – RESTORATION

- Revenue generated from GNA timber sales is retained by Idaho and reinvested in additional projects on federal land, creating a perpetual funding source for GNA restoration services
- Since 2016, \$11 million in contracts with private companies for restoration services have been awarded in Idaho
  - Fuels reduction (mastication, thinning, piling)
  - Project planning – NEPA
  - Noxious weed treatment
  - Reforestation
  - Road improvements/decommissioning
  - Bridge and culvert replacements

# ACHIEVING OUR GOALS – RESTORATION

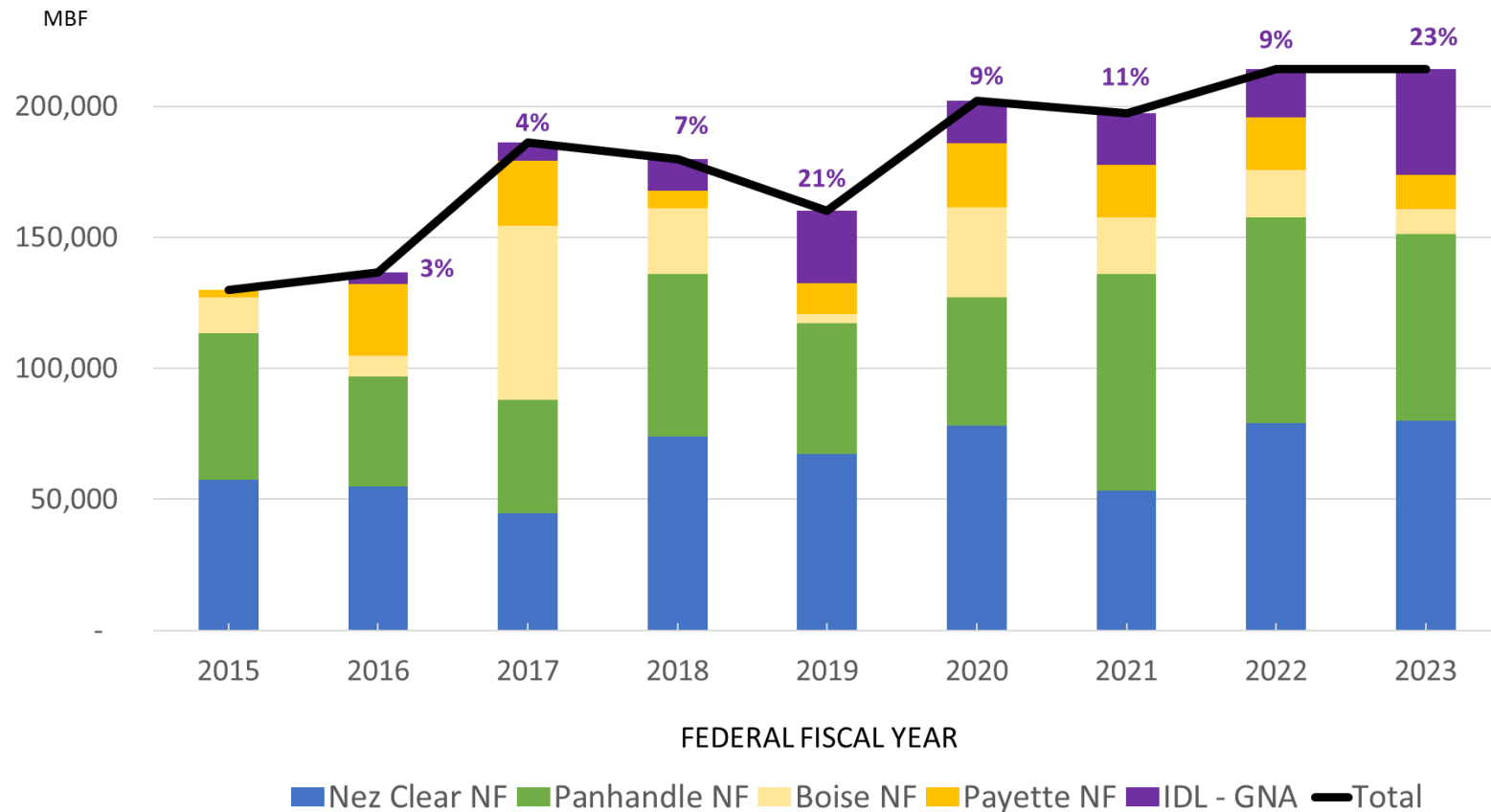
- \$3.4M - NEPA
- \$4.8M – Roads & Bridges
- \$1.6M – Fuels Reduction
- \$1.2M - Other





# ACHIEVING OUR GOALS – FIBER SUPPLY

ANNUAL TIMBER SALE VOLUME SOLD FROM PARTNERING NATIONAL FORESTS IN IDAHO



Data Source: USFS Cut and Sold Reports, Nez Perce - Clearwater, Idaho Panhandle, Payette, Boise National Forests



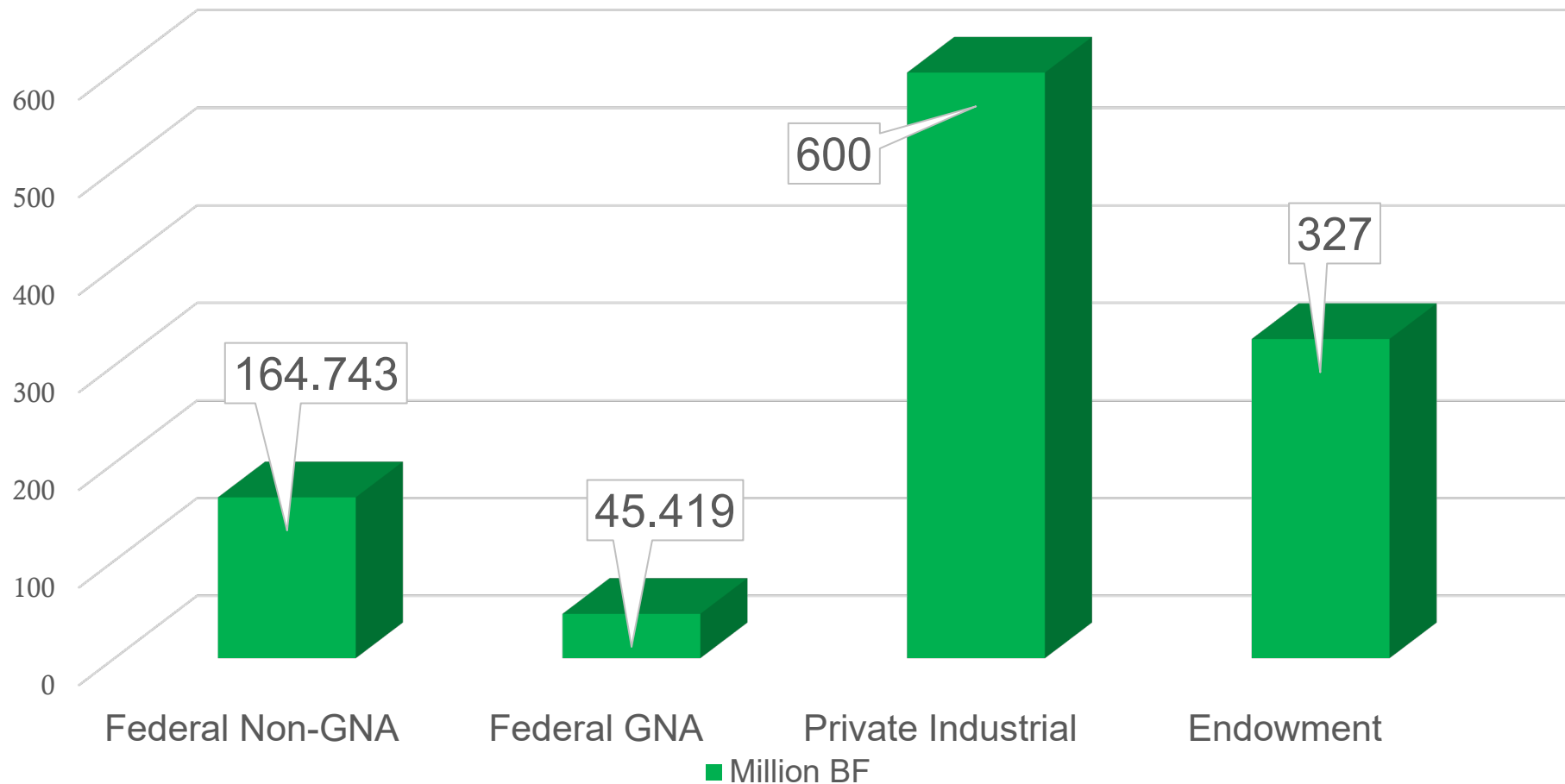
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# FUTURE PROOFING IDAHO'S FIBER SUPPLY

- Idaho's \$2.5 billion forest products industry requires approximately 1 billion board feet of fiber annually to sustain milling operations
- More than 80% of industry's fiber needs are currently met by harvesting timber on private and industrial forestland, and endowment land
- As development continues to expand into the Wildland Urban Interface, Idaho's private and industrial timberland acreage will decrease over time

# FUTURE PROOFING IDAHO'S FIBER SUPPLY

FY2023 Timber Harvest by Ownership





# QUESTIONS

Find more information about GNA by visiting:

## NO BOUNDARIES FORESTRY



<https://www.idl.idaho.gov/noboundariesforestry/>