

STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

November 18, 2025

Information Agenda

Subject

Idaho Shared Stewardship and Good Neighbor Authority Updates and Future Plans

Background

This is Idaho Department of Lands' (IDL) and the USDA Forest Service's (USFS) 2024 and 2025 progress reports showing annual updates, 2026 goals and the accomplishments of the No Boundaries Forestry programs—including Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) projects—under Idaho's Shared Stewardship Initiative.

Discussion

Summary updates and progress reports for 2024 and 2025.

- Signing of enhanced 2025 Idaho Shared Stewardship Agreement
 - This is the second Idaho Shared Stewardship Agreement between the State of Idaho and the USFS, signed 11/14/25.
 - First Shared Stewardship master agreement between the State of Idaho and the USFS was signed December 2018.
 - This is an enhanced interagency agreement to manage forestlands, across ownership boundaries, with a collaborative, all-lands-all-hands approach to increase the pace and scale of harvesting and fuel-reduction treatments in high-risk forested landscapes across the state.
 - This Agreement contains additional GNA harvesting targets on Idaho national forests.
- Policy and statutory changes in the Shared Stewardship and GNA programs
- Grant and funding changes that support Shared Stewardship cross-boundary and GNA projects
- Statewide progress in completing harvesting, thinning and fuel-reduction treatments on federal, state and private forestlands in Idaho over the last two years
- Future goals and plans of the cross-boundary fuel-reduction projects and GNA harvesting targets on the seven national forests

- Why continuing, enhancing and supporting IDL's efforts to increase the amount of harvesting and active management on all ownerships of forestlands is important—and is the only way to create effective fuel breaks to reduce the threats of wildfire damage

Attachments

1. GNA and Shared Stewardship Accomplishments

Idaho's GNA and Shared Stewardship Accomplishments

#NOBOUNDARIESFORESTRY

*Expanding Timber Production and Reducing Wildfire Risks
across Federal, State and Private Forest Ownerships*

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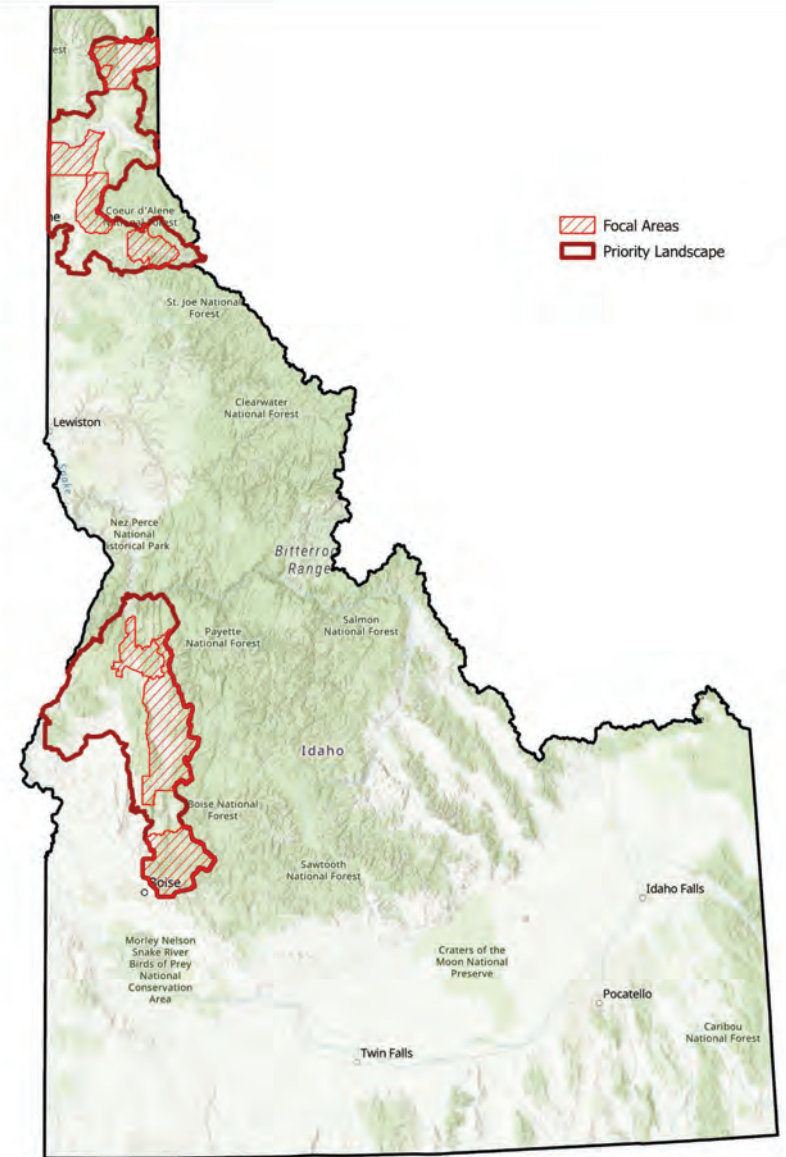
IDAHO SHARED STEWARDSHIP

► Shared Stewardship

- *First Shared Stewardship Master Agreement signed in 2018*
- *Enhanced Shared Stewardship Agreement signed in 2025*

► Priority Landscapes

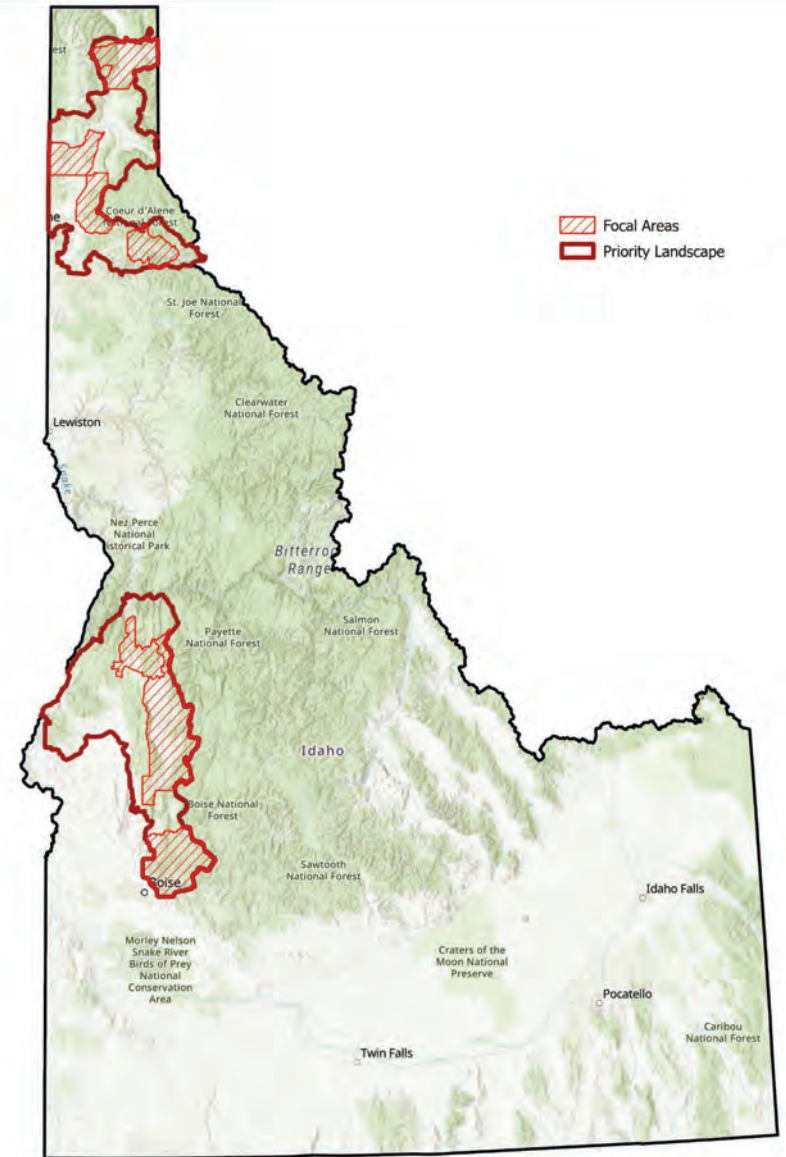
- *Designated by the IDL State Forester and USDA Forest Service Region 1 and Region 4 Foresters in 2019*
- *Modifications to southern PL boundary in 2022*



IDAHO SHARED STEWARDSHIP

► Shared Stewardship Highlights—2025

- *New 2025 Idaho Shared Stewardship Agreement*
- *Enhanced GNA targets*
- *Infrastructure funding, federal funding pauses, and new funding opportunities have resulted in a roller-coaster effect of treatments implemented on private lands*
- *FFY25 resulted in over \$12.9 million awarded to the participating seven counties in our North and South Priority Landscapes*
- *Cross-Boundary Teams in Valley and Shoshone Counties*
- *New County-IDL GNA Agreements with Boundary, Latah and Idaho counties*



IDAHO SHARED STEWARDSHIP

STATEWIDE PROGRESS

WITHIN S² PRIORITY LANDSCAPES

Cross-Boundary Projects next to 3 National Forests:

- Idaho Panhandle National Forests
- Payette National Forest
- Boise National Forest

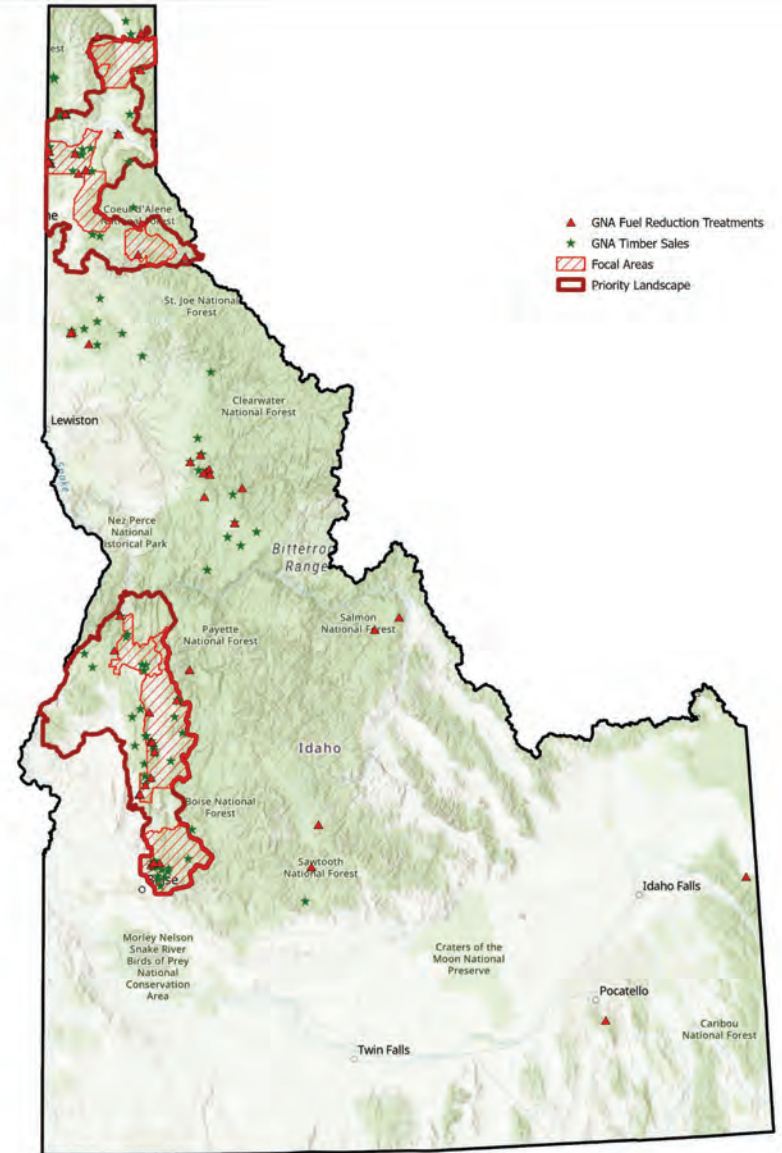


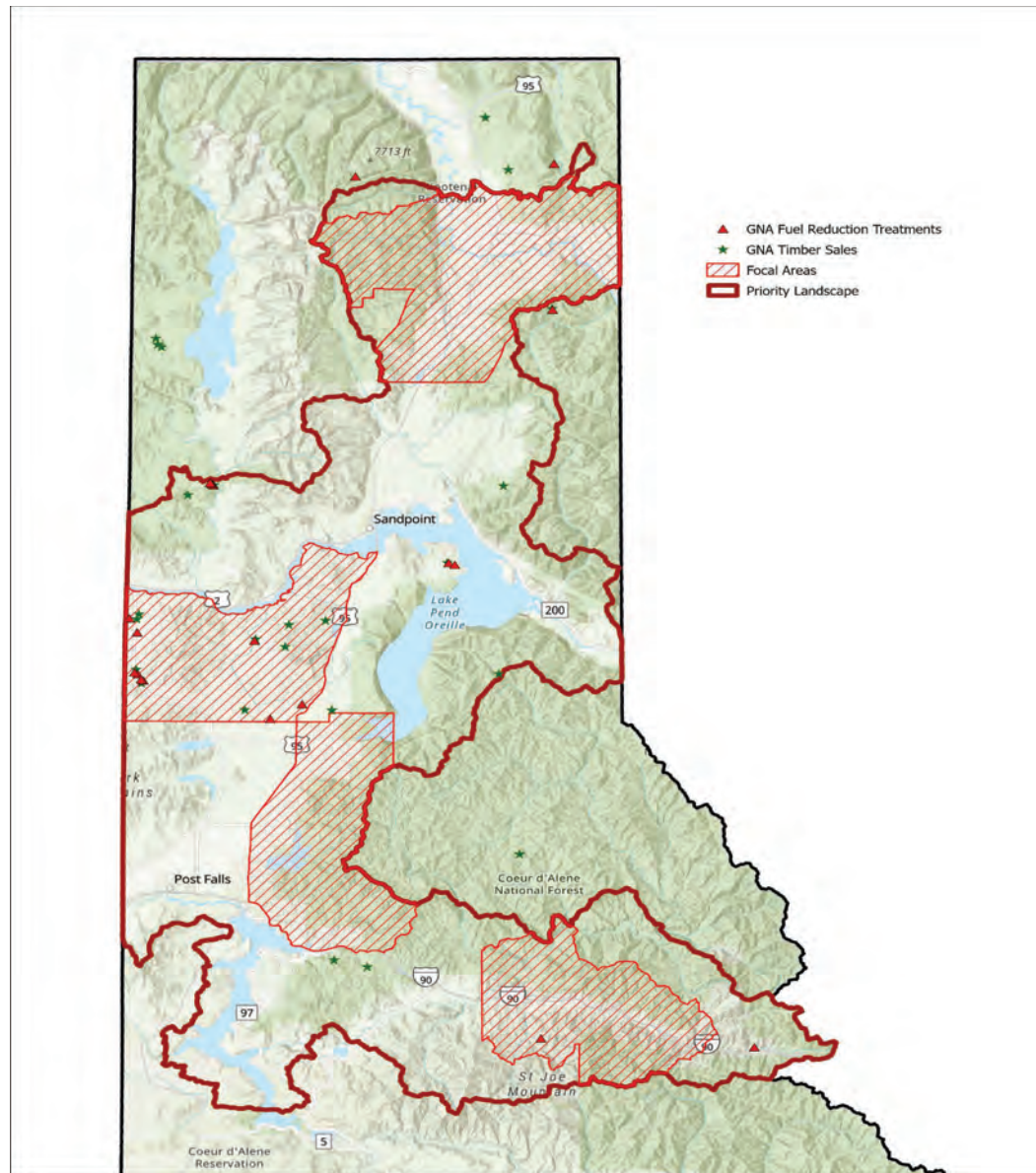
= *Timber sales*



= *Non-commercial treatments*

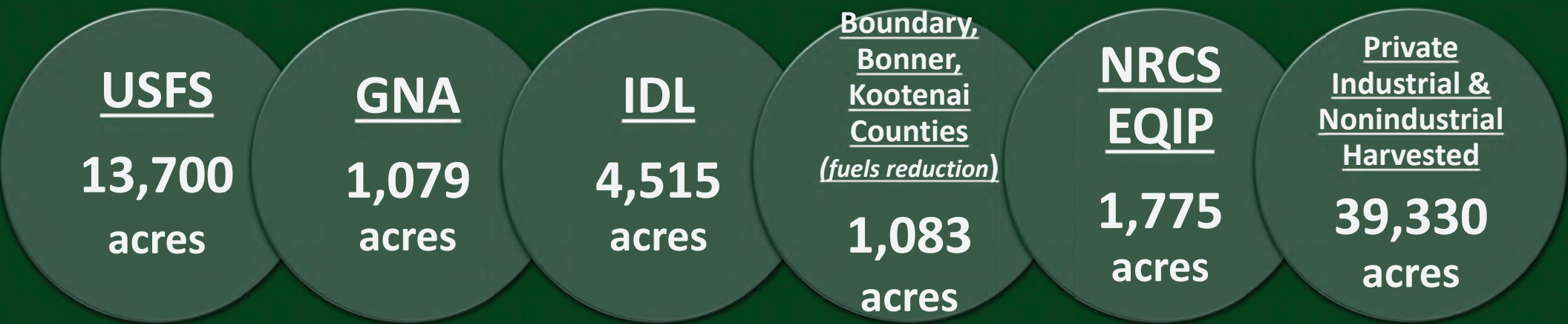
on National Forests and BLM
Lands Administered by **IDL GNA** Foresters





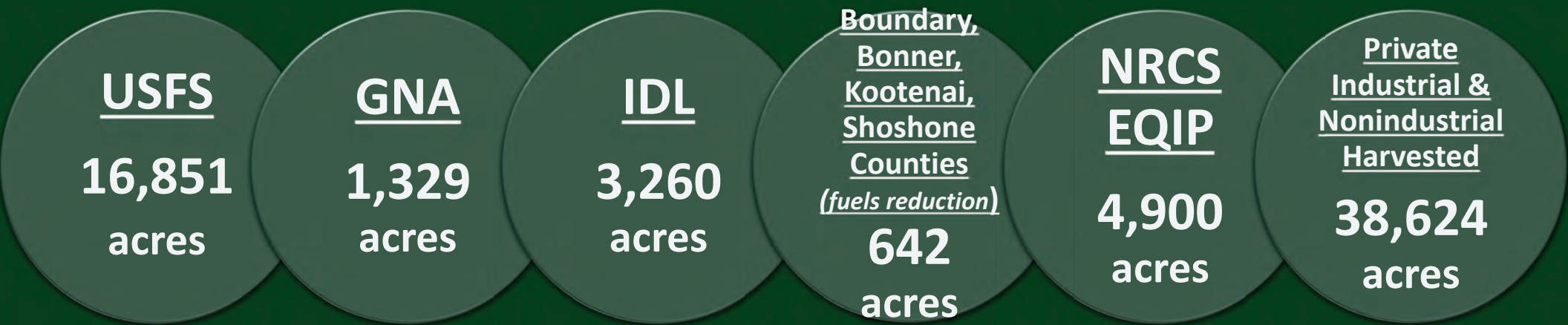
North-Idaho Shared Stewardship Priority Landscape

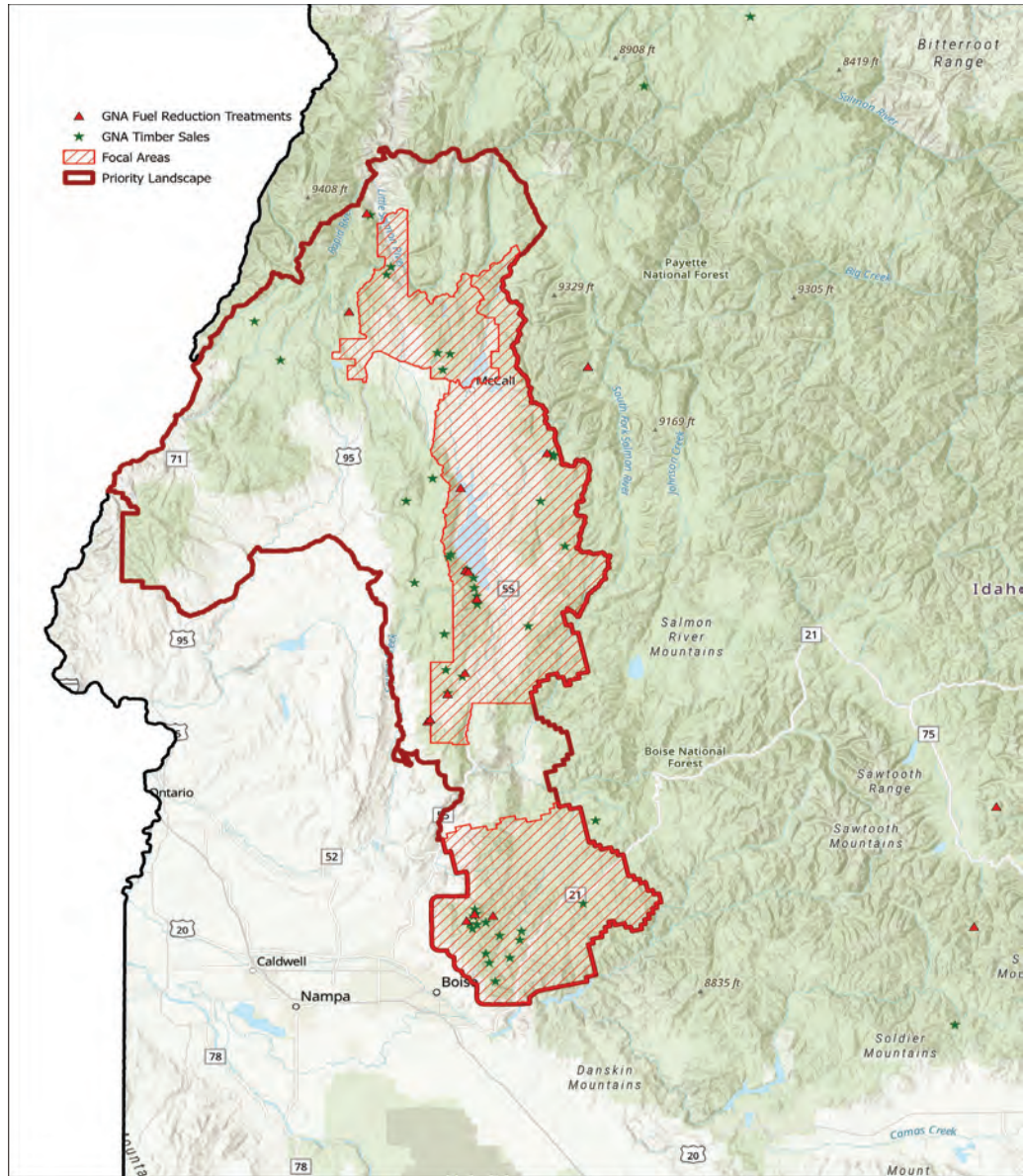
2024 Accomplishments



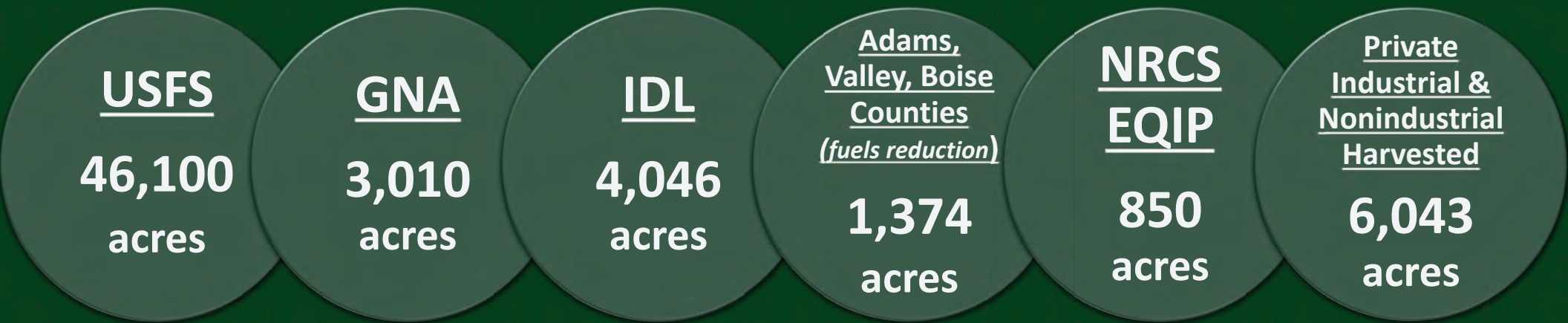
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2025 Accomplishments

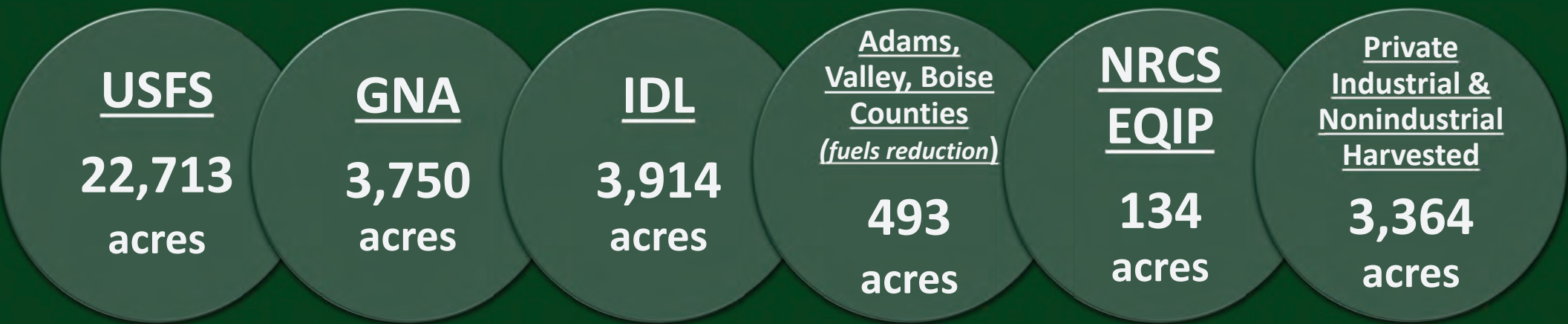


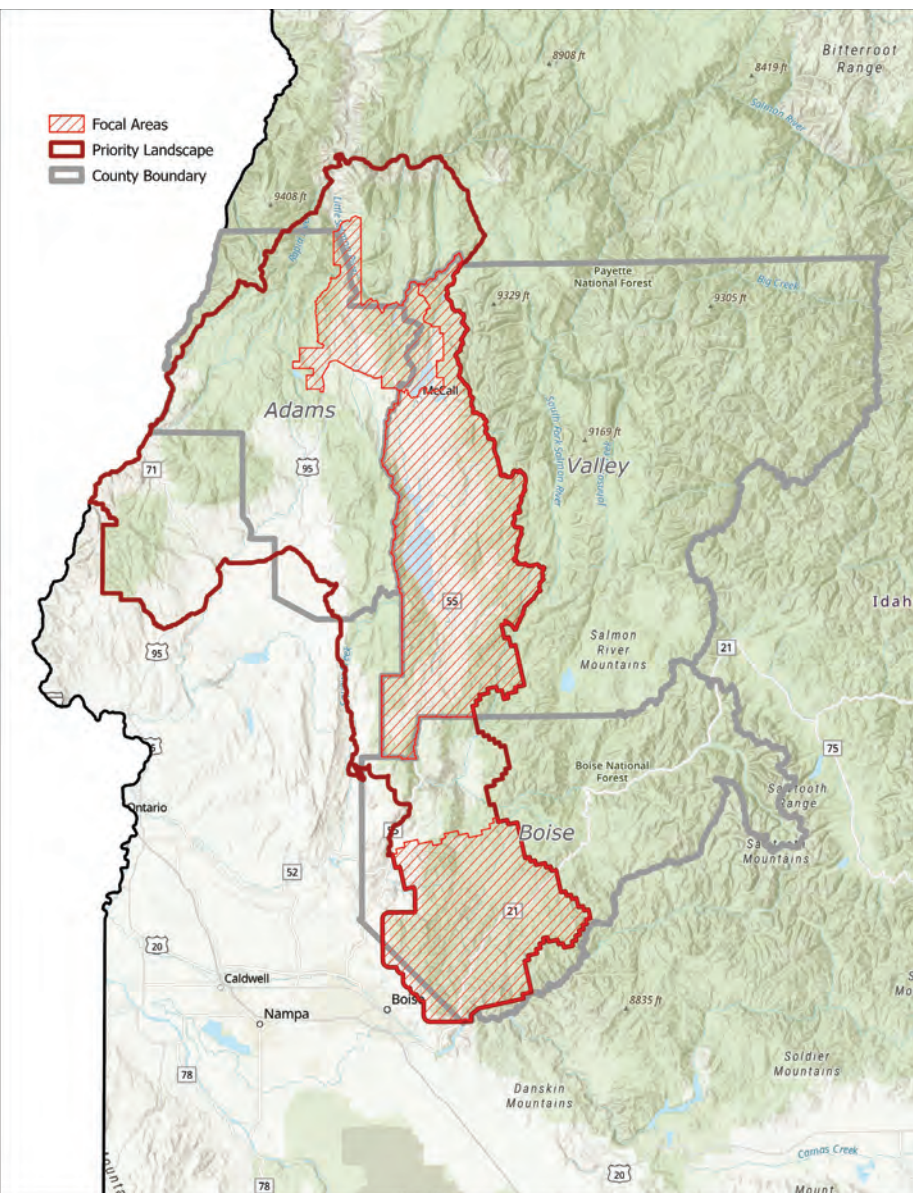


South-Idaho Shared Stewardship Priority Landscape 2024 Accomplishments



South-Idaho Shared Stewardship Priority Landscape 2025 Accomplishments





County GNA Funding

Adams County
\$995,000

Valley County
\$675,850

Boise County
\$675,000

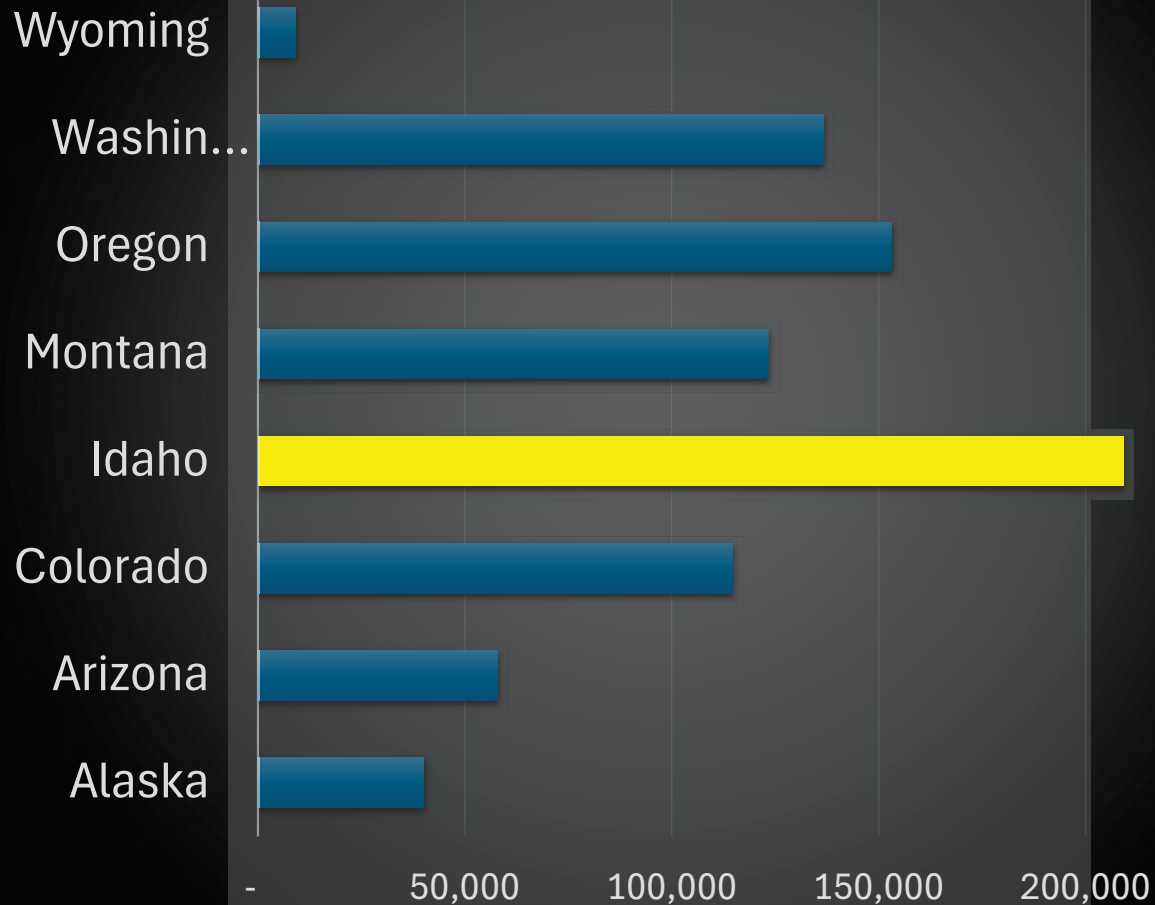




IDL GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY

GNA

GNA Timber Vol Sold (MBF) to Date



64 Timber sales

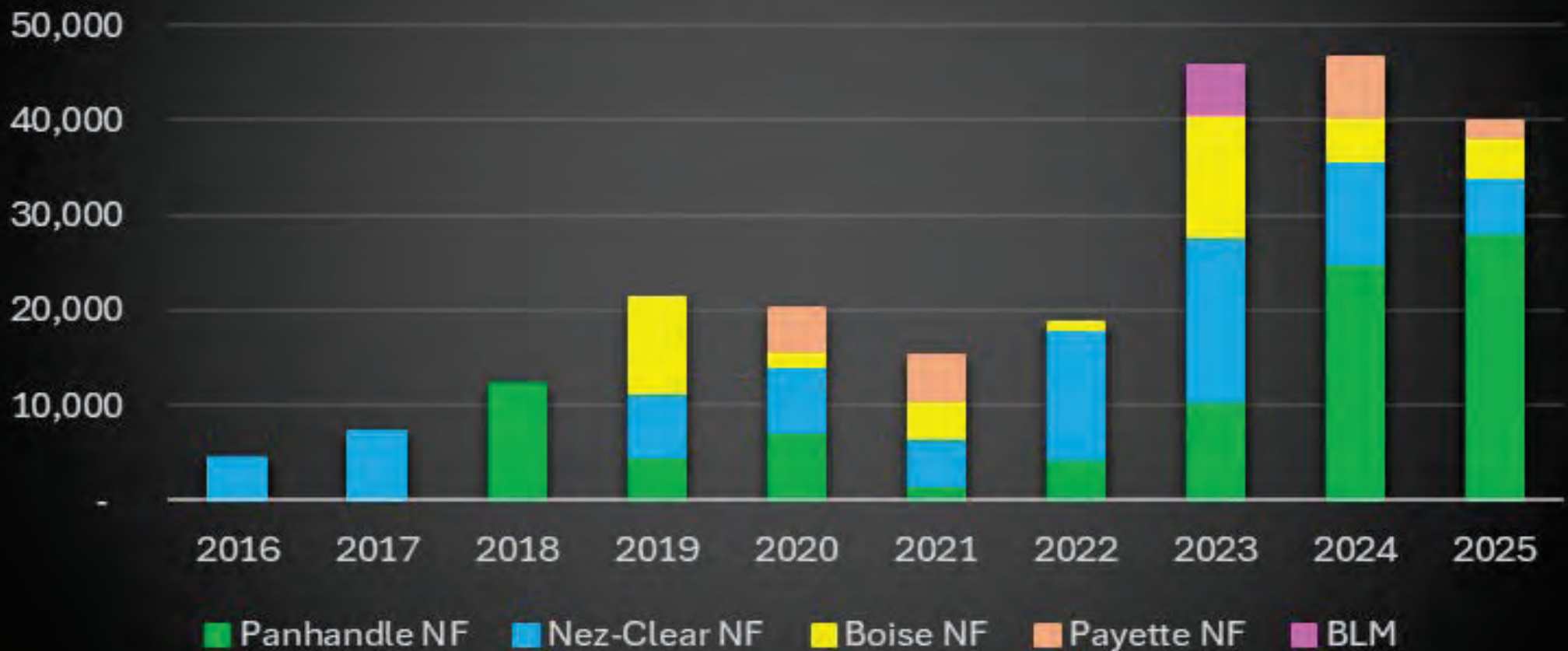
16,570 Acres

209 M BF sold

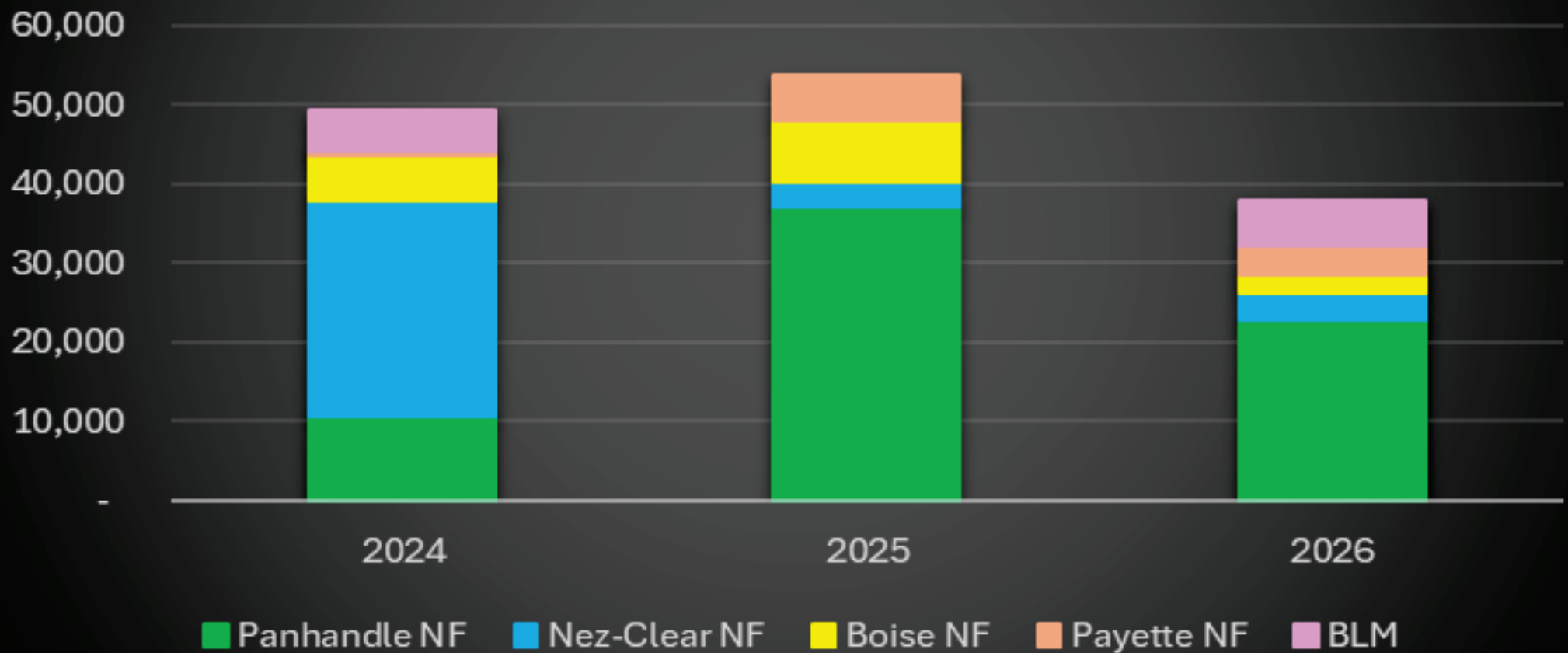
\$21 M in receipts

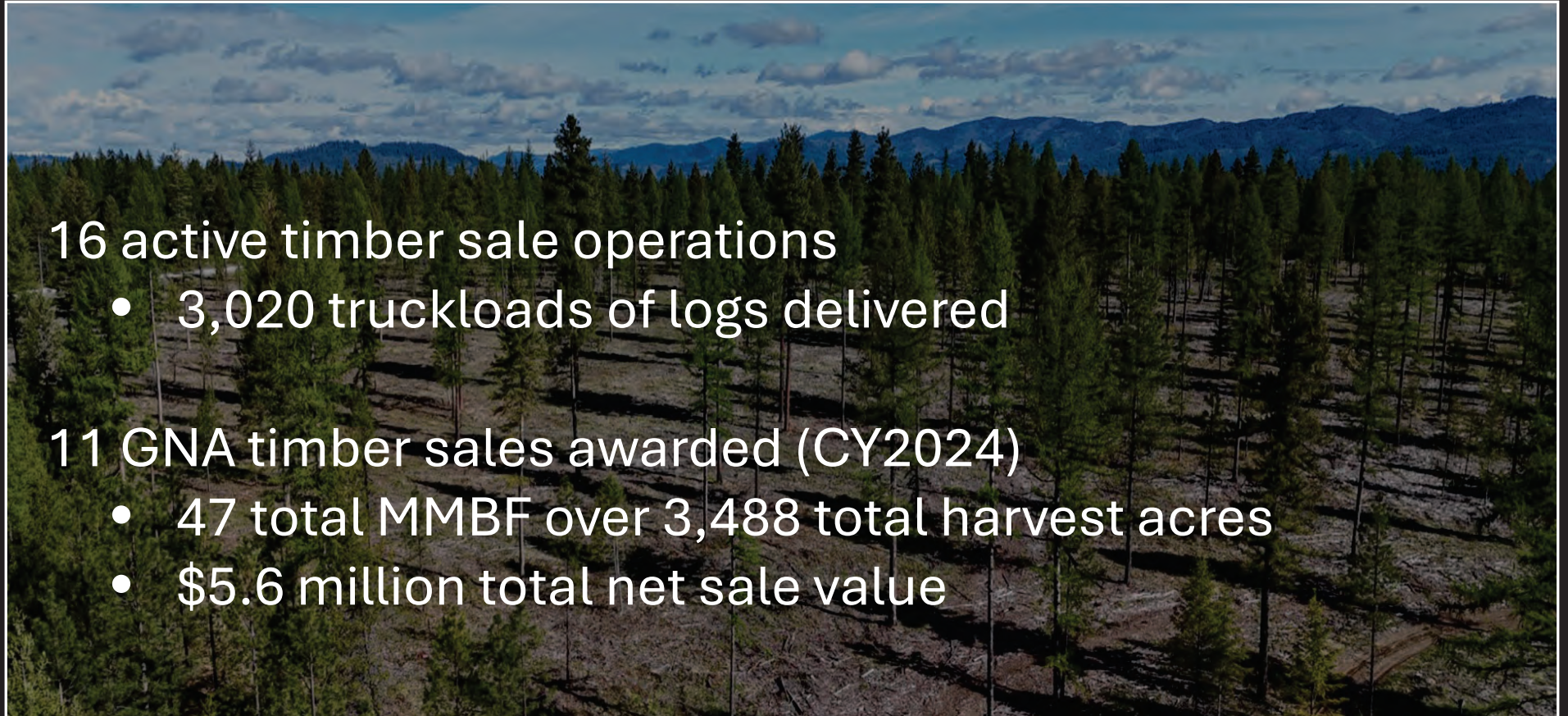
**20%+ Annual USFS
vol in sold in ID**

Annual GNA Timber Vol Sold (MBF/CY)



Annual GNA Timber Vol Sold (MBF/SFY)





16 active timber sale operations

- 3,020 truckloads of logs delivered

11 GNA timber sales awarded (CY2024)

- 47 total MMBF over 3,488 total harvest acres
- \$5.6 million total net sale value

IDL GNA 2024 Highlights—*Timber Sales*

IDL GNA FY2025 Highlights

14 GNA Timber Sales Awarded

- 53.7 total MMBF, 4,510 total harvest acres
- \$9.4 million total net sale value

40 GNA Restoration Contracts Awarded (\$2.4M value)

- 13 road improvement projects
- 2,500 ac hazardous fuels treatments
- 750 ac reforestation
- 4 Project Planning/NEPA contracts

IDL-Sawtooth NF GNA Agreement Executed Sep 2025



⏪ PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

Immediate Expansion of American Timber Production

The White House

March 1, 2025



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Gov. Little ramps up federal forest management with new executive order

Tuesday April 22, 2025

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho – Governor Brad Little issued a new executive order today, the “Make Forests Healthy Again Act,” directing the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) to expand its partnership with the U.S. Forest Service to increase management activities and reduce fire risk in federally managed national forests in Idaho.

*“For too long, millions of acres of national forests in Idaho have remained totally untouched, creating a tinderbox of fuel that threatens communities, air quality, and the environment. The State of Idaho has led the country in standing up programs to help our federal partners increase the pace and scale of active management on federal ground. The work we’ve done is making a difference. However, under the previous administration, we were limited in the extent we could help. That has changed under the Trump administration,” **Governor Little** said.*

The Governor’s action complements a [March 1 executive order](#) from President Donald Trump called the “Freeing our Forests Act” and [an order by USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins](#) this month, both aimed at revitalizing rural communities, improving forest health, and minimizing wildfire risk through increased management of federal forests.

Trump administration officials and Idaho’s agriculture community expressed support for Governor Little’s executive order.

*“I commend Governor Little for acting quickly to fix our national forest emergency. Americans rely on Idaho’s productive and abundant forests, and this executive order will go a long way towards strengthening the timber industry in the state and minimizing harmful pests, disease, and risk of fire,” **U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins** said.*

*“The Forest Service and Idaho share a proud history of collaboration to address critical challenges in maintaining healthy national forests. Idaho leads the way in leveraging the Good Neighbor Authority and advancing our Shared Stewardship efforts to reduce wildfire risk, create healthy and resilient forests, and generate jobs in rural communities,” **Deputy Under Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment Kristin Slesner** said.*







Mercy Fire
August 2023—Bonner County

