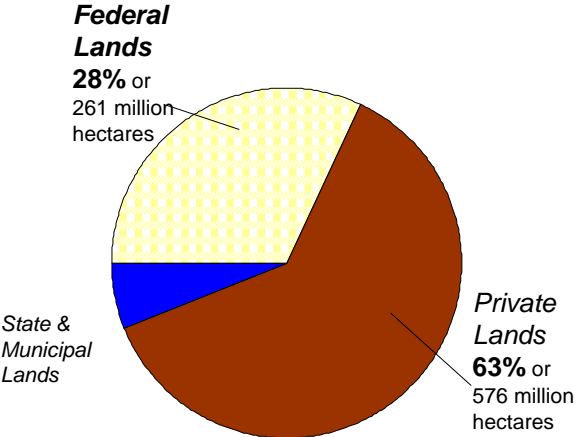
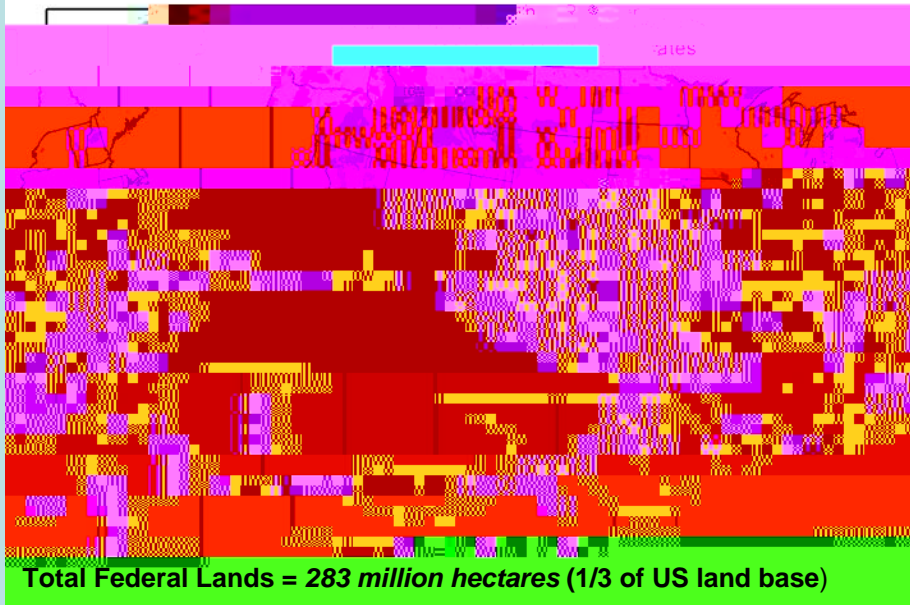


**LAND OWNERSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES**

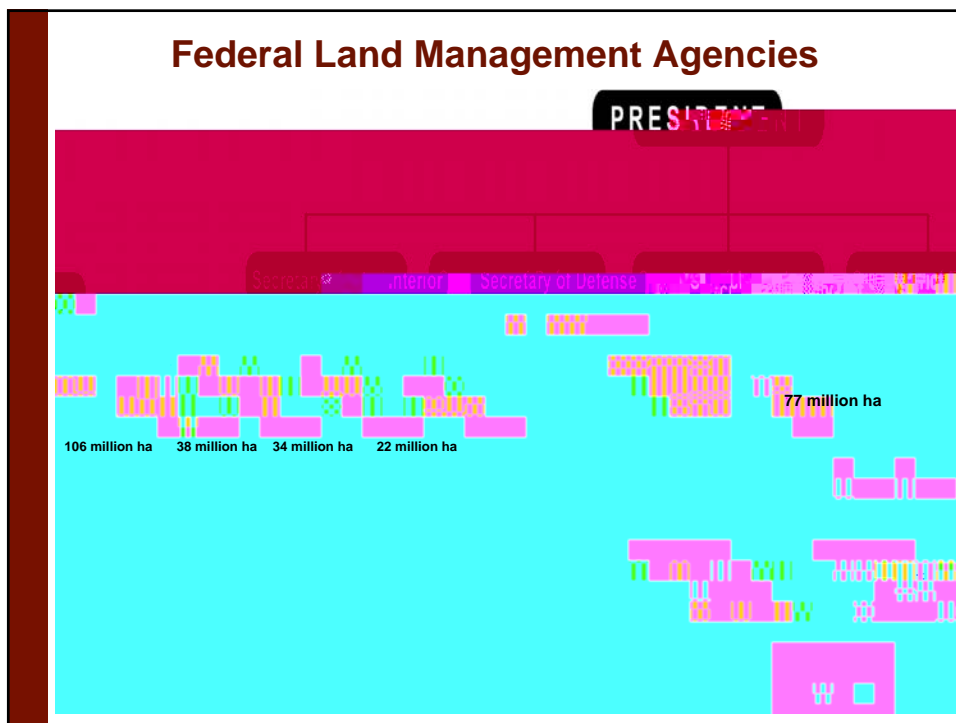


*Total land base of the United States--916 million hectares.*

## Ownership of Lands Managed by the Federal Government



## Federal Land Management Agencies



- The US Forest Service is the largest single agency in the US

## Historic Investment Climate in the Forest Sector

1. Agricultural productivity per hectare increased more rapidly than population, which reduced or eliminated the need for additional agricultural clearing
2. Stable and well-defined institutional frameworks for land tenure and land rights.
3. Strong and relatively consistent markets for forest products
4. Tax and regulatory systems that recognize the long-term nature of forestry investments.
5. Strong agricultural and forestry institutions that support information delivery.
6. Increases in per capita income encouraged investment in the forest sector and citizens that value forests.

## Recent Changes in the U.S. Forest Sector



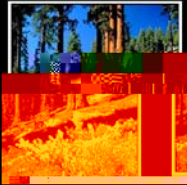
## Potential Opportunities

- Increasing productivity of intensively managed timber plantations.
- Expansion of the certified forest land base.
- Forests and payments for ecosystem services (water, carbon, biodiversity).
- Expanding the use of wood for energy and as an energy efficient building material.
- Expansion in the use of conservation easements to protect forestland.

## US International Financing for Forests

Goal is to recognize and maintain the multiple benefits of forests:

- Biodiversity
- Legal and sustainable production of timber
- Community development and livelihoods
- Maintenance of ecosystem services including REDD+



## International Financing for SFM

Key principals for international financing reflect many of the same priorities as encouraging investment in US forests:

- Integrating forests into development policy
- Good governance
- Enabling environment for private sector investment
- Demonstrating development effectiveness

## Financing for Forests: Domestic and International

- Manage Federal lands for multiple benefits
- Set standards for 3e7& nda  
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## US International Financing for SFM

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- US has consistently dedicated at least \$100 million a year to bilateral forest aid, with a major focus on the major tropical forest areas of the world
- Another \$100 million is destined for multilateral programs including the GEF, FIP and FCFP
- At Copenhagen, President Obama pledged \$1B billion over three years in fast-start REDD financing