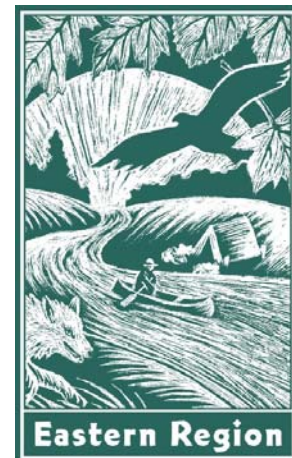
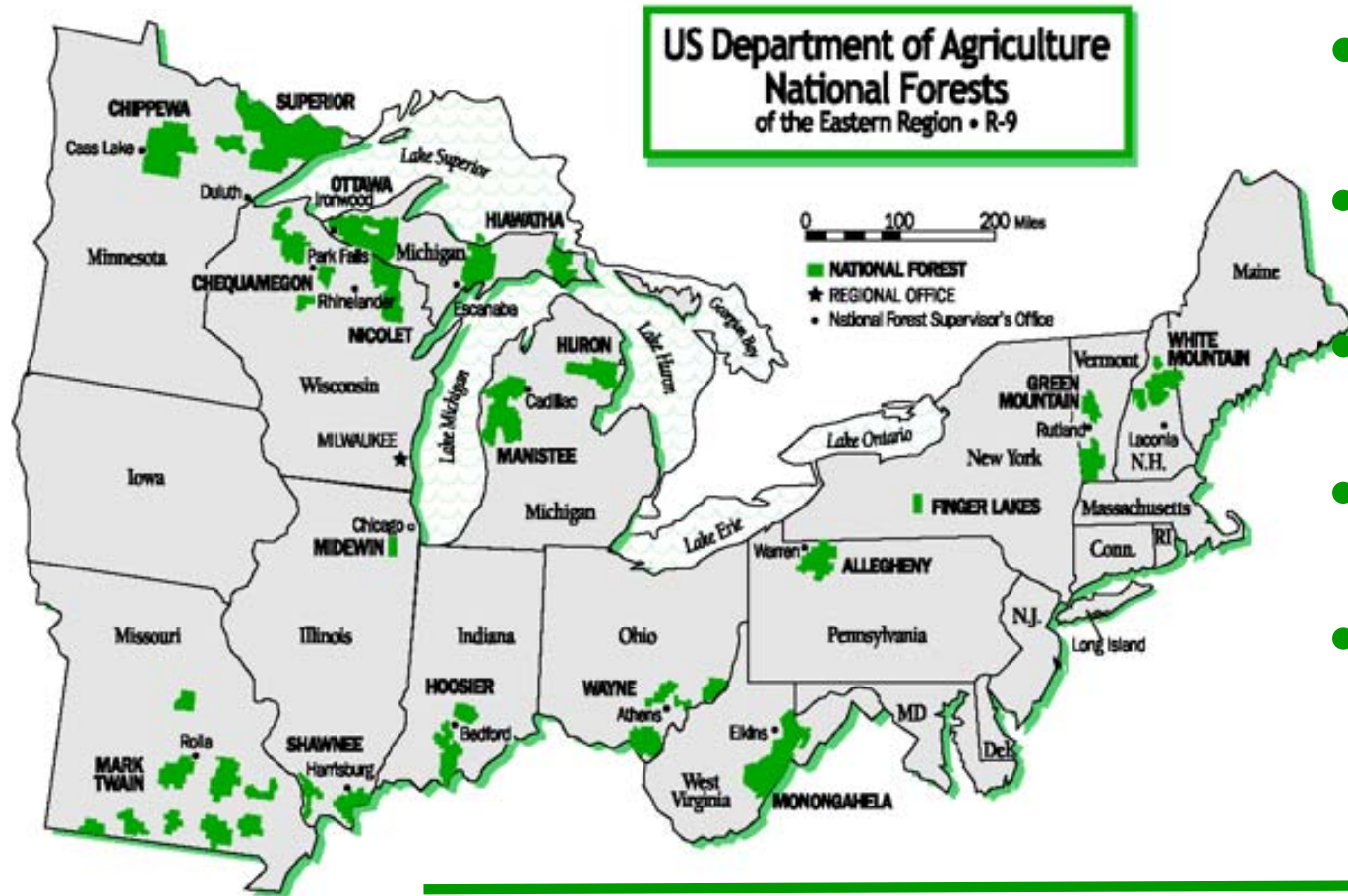


USDA Forest Service Eastern Region



Eastern Region: *overview*



- 20 States
- 12 million acres
- 17 National Forest
- 1 Tallgrass Prairie
- 115 million people



Eastern Region: *overview*

Kent Connaughton

Regional Forester



Eastern Region: *subregions*



Great Lakes States

0 100 200 Miles

- NATIONAL FOREST
- ★ REGIONAL OFFICE
- National Forest Supervisor's Office

Eastern Region: *subregions*

Southern Tier



Eastern Region: *Courageous Conservation*

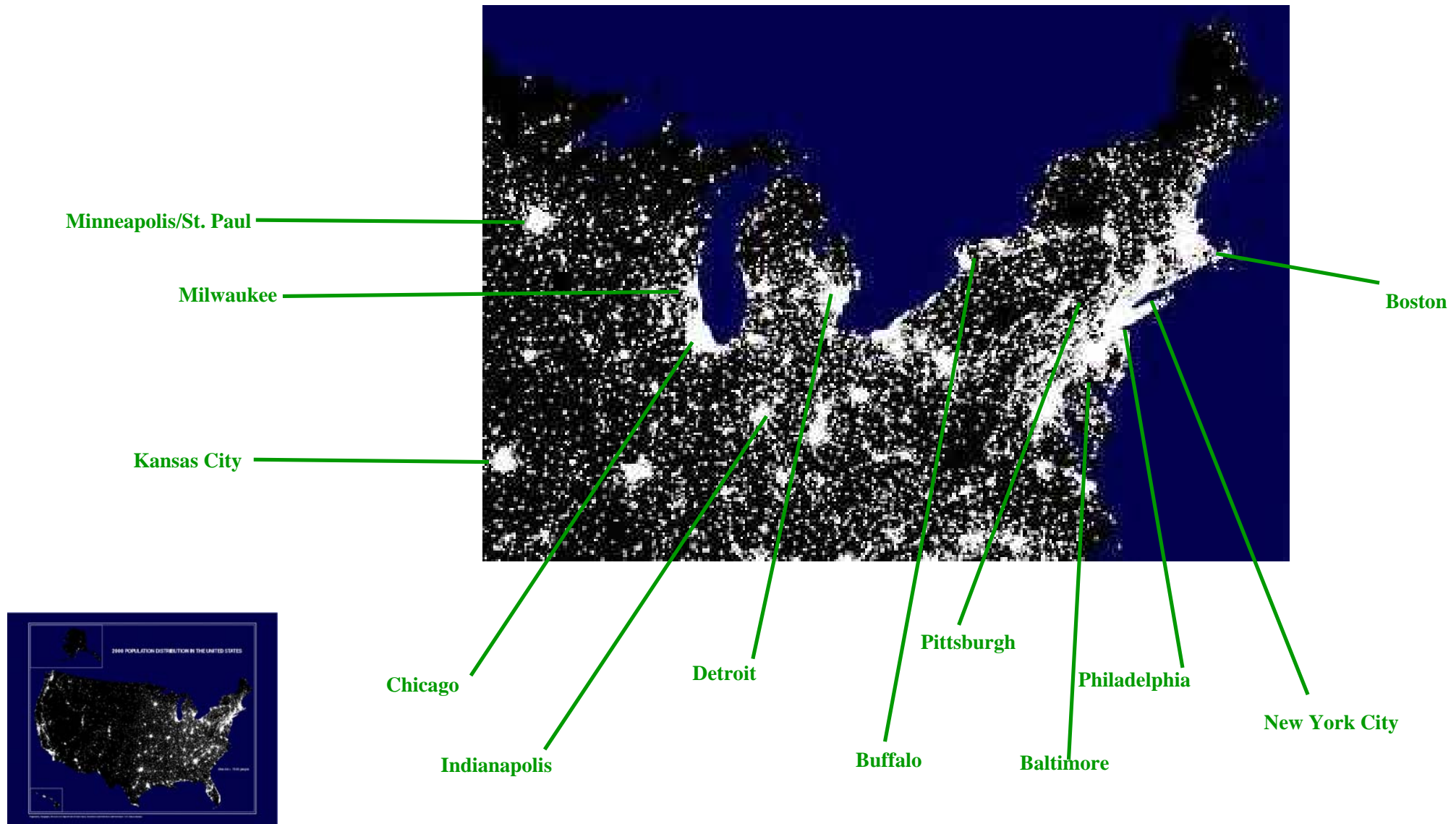
- **Protect ecosystems across boundaries**
- **Connect citizens to the land**
- **Walk the talk for sustainability**
- **Revolutionize effectiveness and efficiency**
- **Be an employer of choice**



Eastern Region: *resources*



Eastern Region: *resources*



The People

Eastern Region: *resources*

- Half the US population is within a day's drive of one or more eastern region forests.
- 41% of the nations population
- 40% of the U.S. Senate seats
- 44% of the U.S. House seats
- 9 of the top 20 U.S. metropolitan areas
- 13 of the country's top 20 newspapers
- Nearly 80 million people visit the Eastern Region/year

The People



Eastern Region: *resources*



- 30,000 miles of roads
- 4,039 miles of trail
- 3,705 buildings
- 1,641 fleet



Physical Infrastructure



Eastern Region: *resources*



- Two million acres of wetlands
- 48% of the nations anglers
- Over 30,000 miles of streams
- More than 10,000 lakes
- Over 300 fish species

Water & Aquatic Organisms



Eastern Region: *resources*

- 36 threatened or endangered species
- 20% of nations small game hunting in Lakes States
- Diverse habitats: alpine meadows to lake shoreline and boreal forests to restored prairie and southern cypress



Wildlife



Gail Kimbell - Chief

Emphasis areas

- Climate Change
- More Kids in the woods
- Water



Eastern Region:

Emphasis areas

- **Implementing Forest Plan Revisions**
- **Restoration**
 - **E.g. Oak-hickory forests**
- **Climate Change**
- **Sustainability**
- **Carbon Sequestration**
- **Biofuels**



Eastern Region:

Emphasis areas

- **Partnerships**
- **Forest Health**
- **Stewardship Contracting**
 - **Goods for services**
 - **47,000 acres in R9**

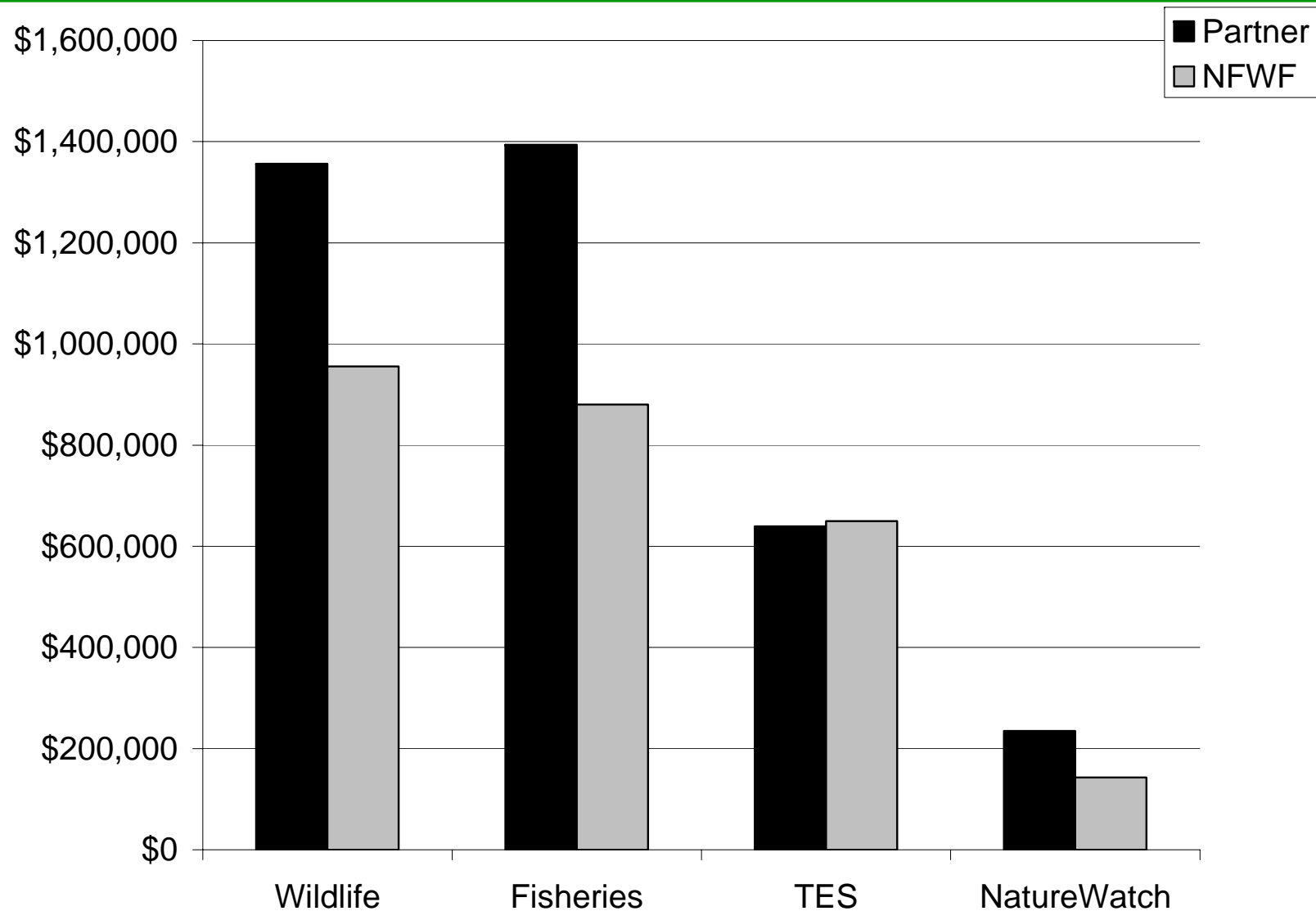


Eastern Region: *threats*



- Loss of open spaces
- Invasive species
- Climate change
- Barriers to management
- Fire
- White Nose Syndrome
- Emerald Ash Borer

Eastern Region: *partnerships*



Eastern Region: *partnerships*

Incredibly important for our ability to achieve our mission:

Joint Ventures

Educational – reaching youth, achieving diversity

Tripled amount of shared funding from \$8 to \$27 million

Over 700 partners region wide

Resulted in planting 80,000 trees for carbon sequestration



Eastern Region: Change

New Forest Supervisors

Dave Whittekiend – Mark Twain

Barry Paulson – Huron/Manistee

Retirements

Steve Mighton, TES PM

Nancy Berlin, Deputy Dir. RR

Moving On

Tommy Parker, Asst. TES



Eastern Region: Change

TRANSFORMATION





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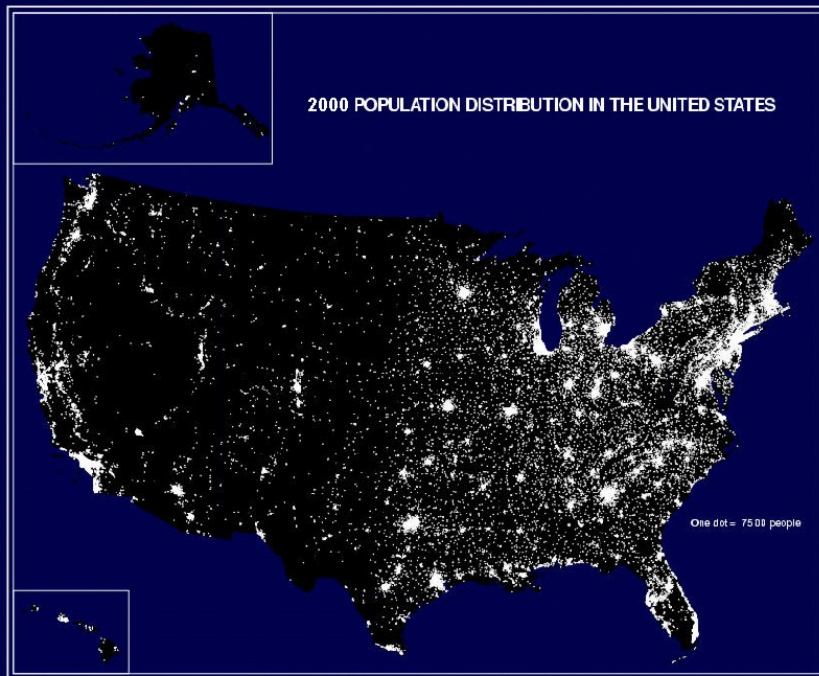


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