



# USDA Forest Service

*Sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands now and for future generations*

- *Directly manage 193 million acres of national forests and grasslands;*
- *Provide states, tribes, and private forest landowners with technical and financial assistance; and*
- *Conduct innovative research on sustaining forest resources for future generations.*



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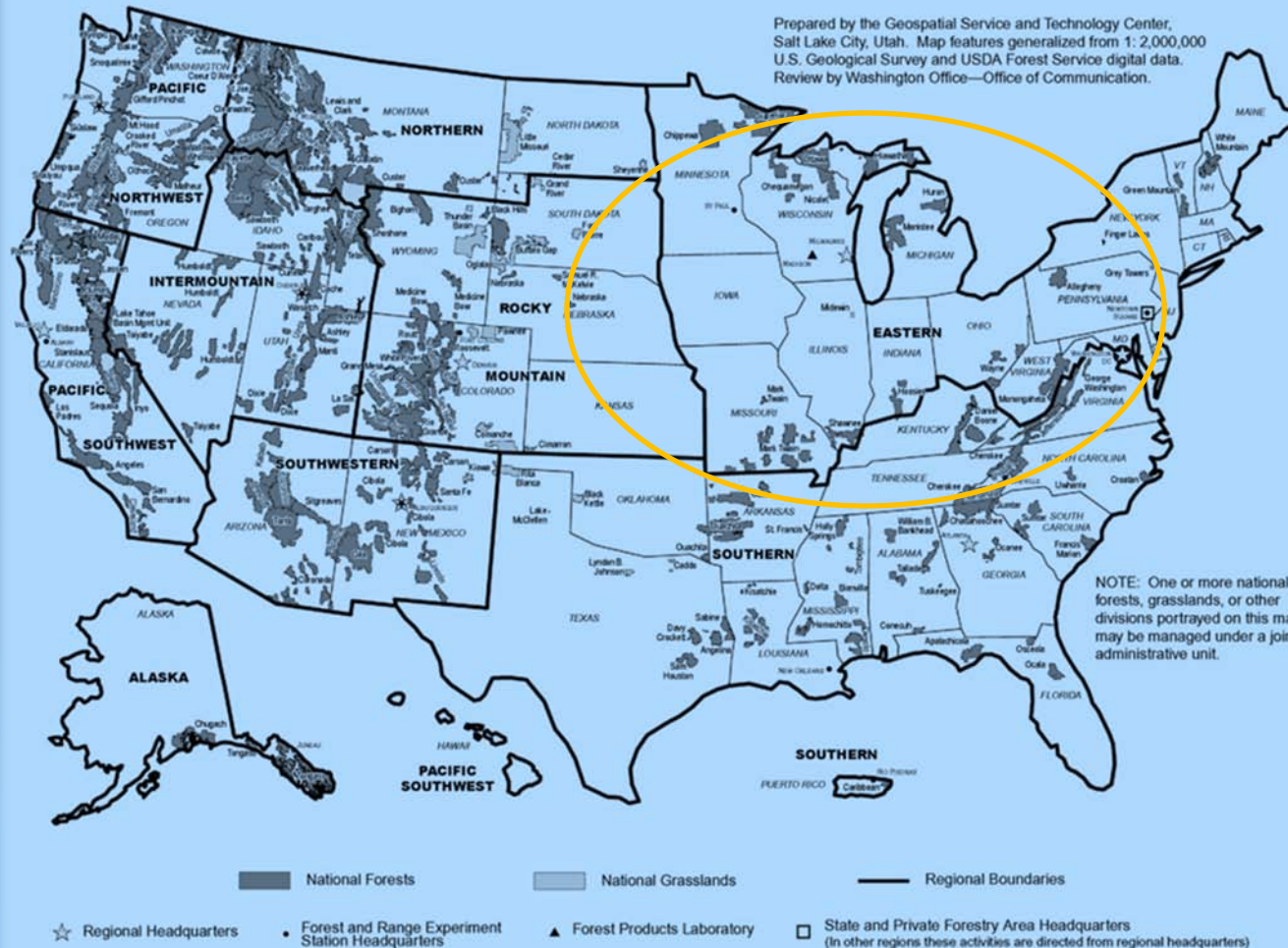
## *National Strategy objectives:*

- 1. Restoring and Sustaining Forest Landscapes*
- 2. Protecting and Enhancing Water Resources and Watershed Health*
- 3. Making Landscapes More Resilient to Climate Change*
- 4. Responsibly Budgeting for Wildfire*
- 5. Creating Jobs and Sustainable Communities*



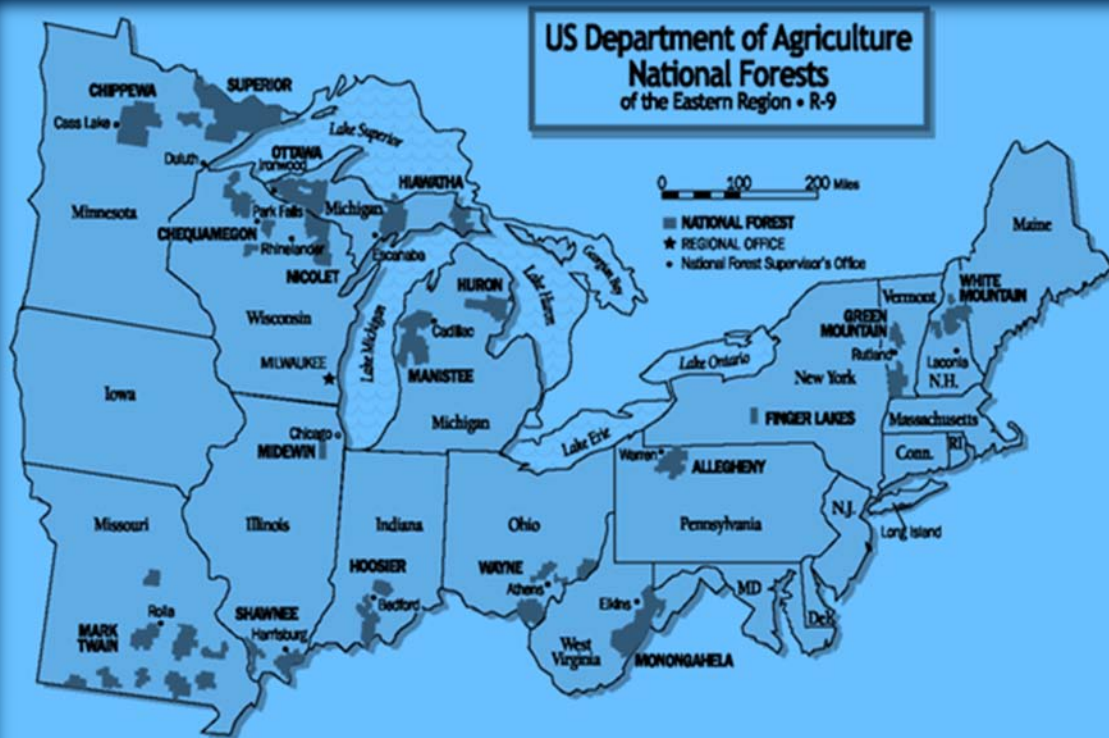
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# U.S. Forest Service Northeastern Region (9)





# U.S. Forest Service Northeastern Programs



- NE Area State and Private Forestry
- Northern Research Station
- International Programs





# U.S. Forest Service Eastern Region (9)



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



# Northeastern USFS Change Environment

- *Climate Change*
- *Within USFS Coordination*
- *State Forestry Assessments*
- *Coordination with NRCS*
- *Northern Forest Futures Project*
- *Landscape Scale Conservation*



# Climate Change Strategy

- Multi-year Strategic Framework
- Full engagement of all FS Mission Areas and NAASF
- Other Agency & NGO Partners
- Northern Forest Futures Study
- Pilot on Chequamegon-Nicolet NFs
  - Vulnerability Assessment
  - Shared Landscape Initiative



# 2008 Farm Bill

## State Forest Assessments

*“For a State to be eligible to receive funds under the authorities of this Act,  
the State*

*forester ... shall develop and submit to the Secretary ... the following:*

*(1) A State-wide assessment of forest resource conditions, including—*

*(C) State priorities*

*(D) Multi-State regional priorities.*

*(2) A long-term State-wide forest resource strategy, including—*

*(A) strategies for addressing threats to forest resources*

*(B) description of resources necessary ... to address State-wide  
strategy.*

Is your WAP considered?





# Secretary's All-Lands Vision

- “Sustaining our forests and our working landscapes.
- Our shared vision must adopt an all-lands approach, requiring close collaboration with the NRCS and its work on America’s private working lands.”



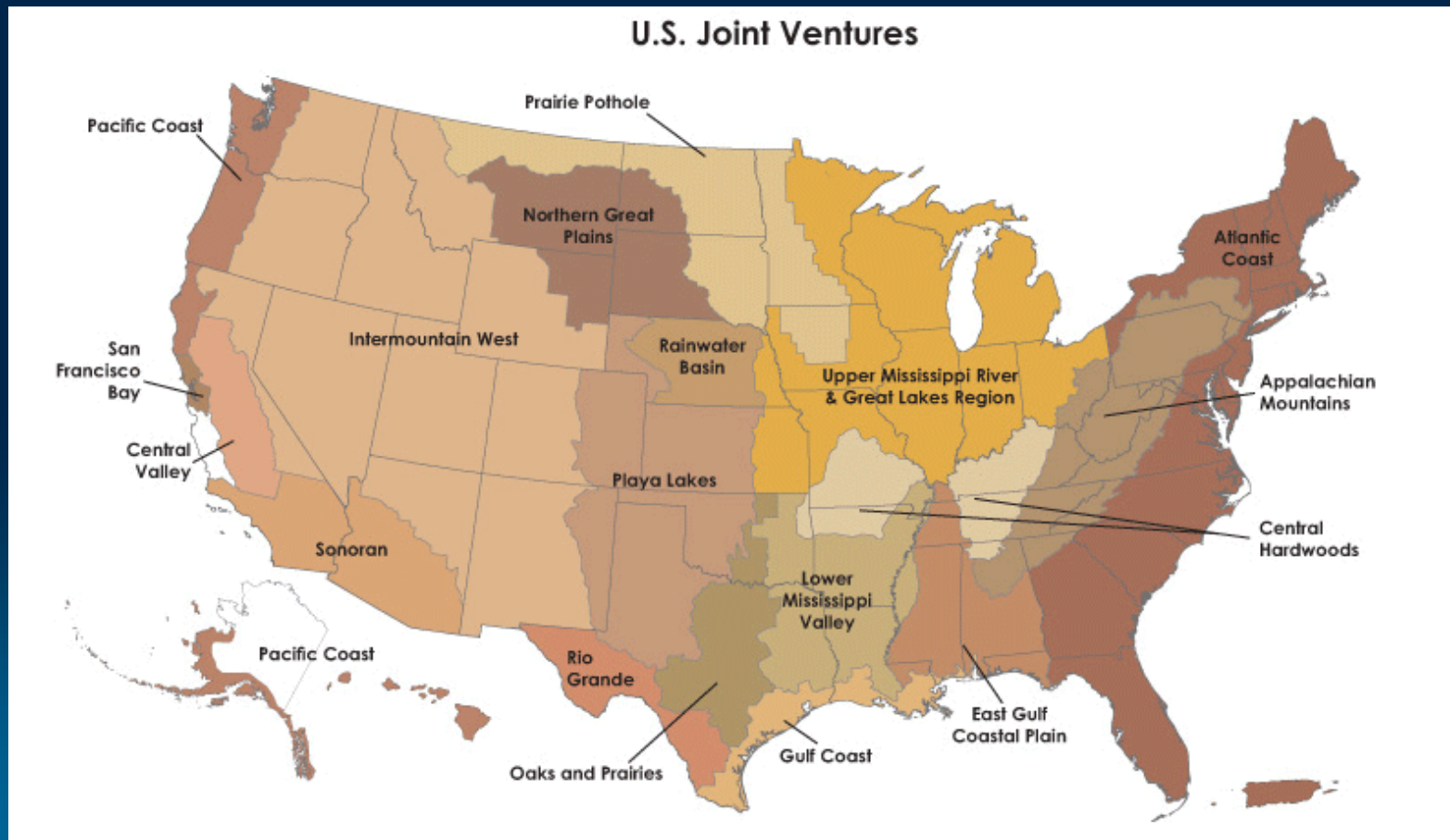
# Landscape Scale Conservation in the Eastern Region



- Landscape Scale Conservation
  - Watershed
  - Eco-region
  - Fish Habitat Partnerships
  - Joint Ventures
  - LCC

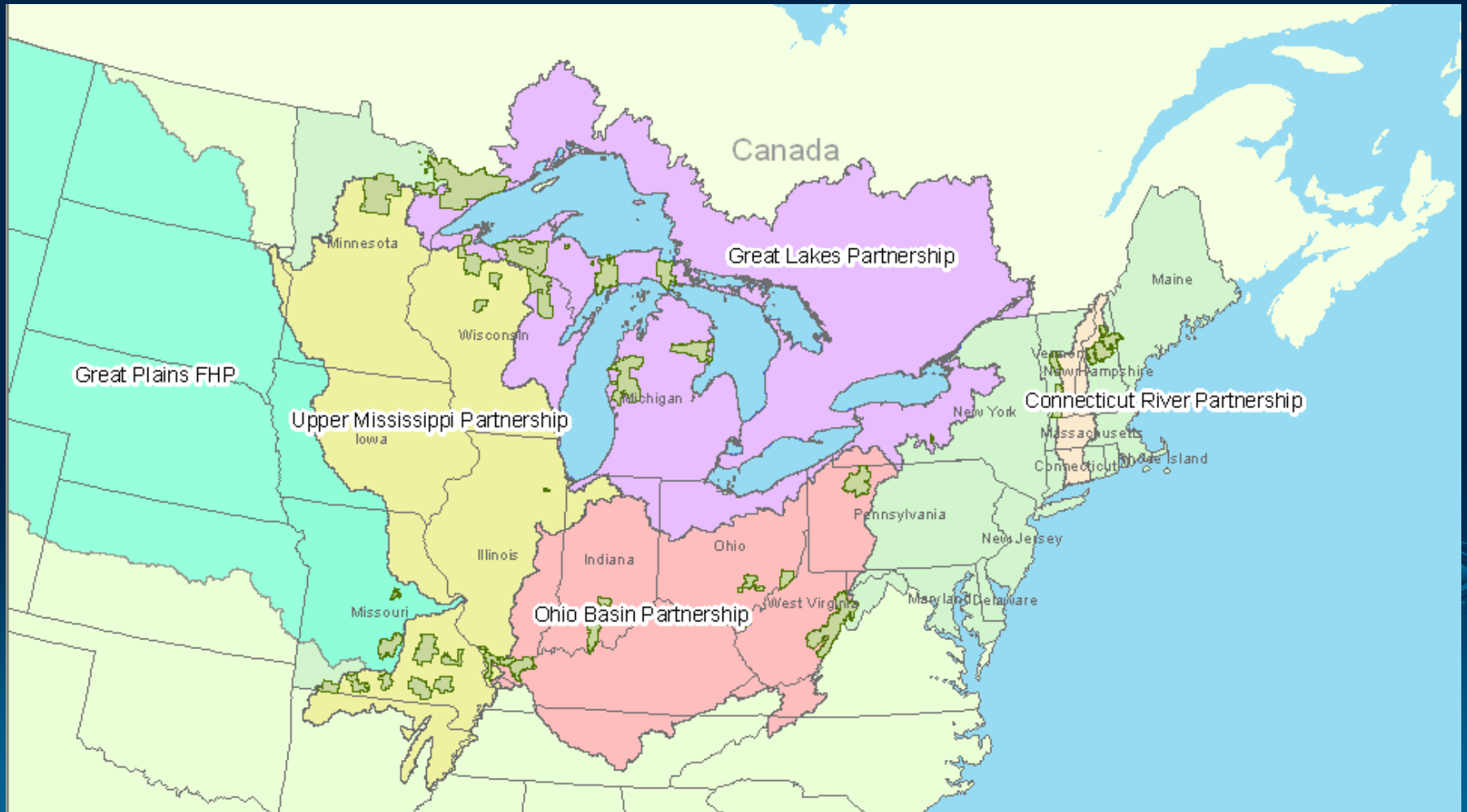


# Joint Ventures/LCCs



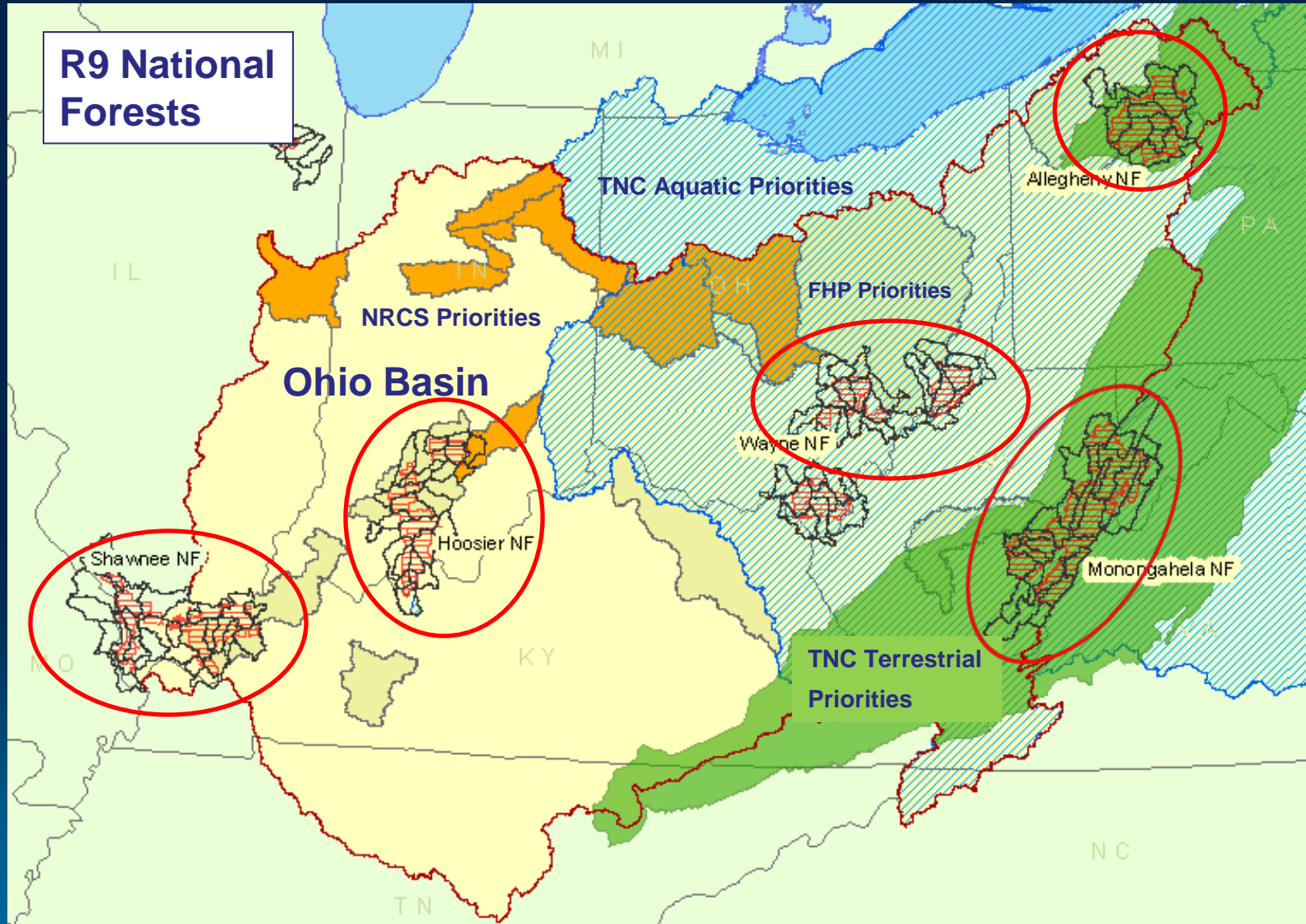


# FHPs





# Other Partnership Opportunities







# Regional Landscape Investments

- NRCS – One USDA
- Watershed Partnerships – Local, GLRI, Chesapeake, Mississippi
- FWS LCCs – healthy forests = healthy habitats & populations

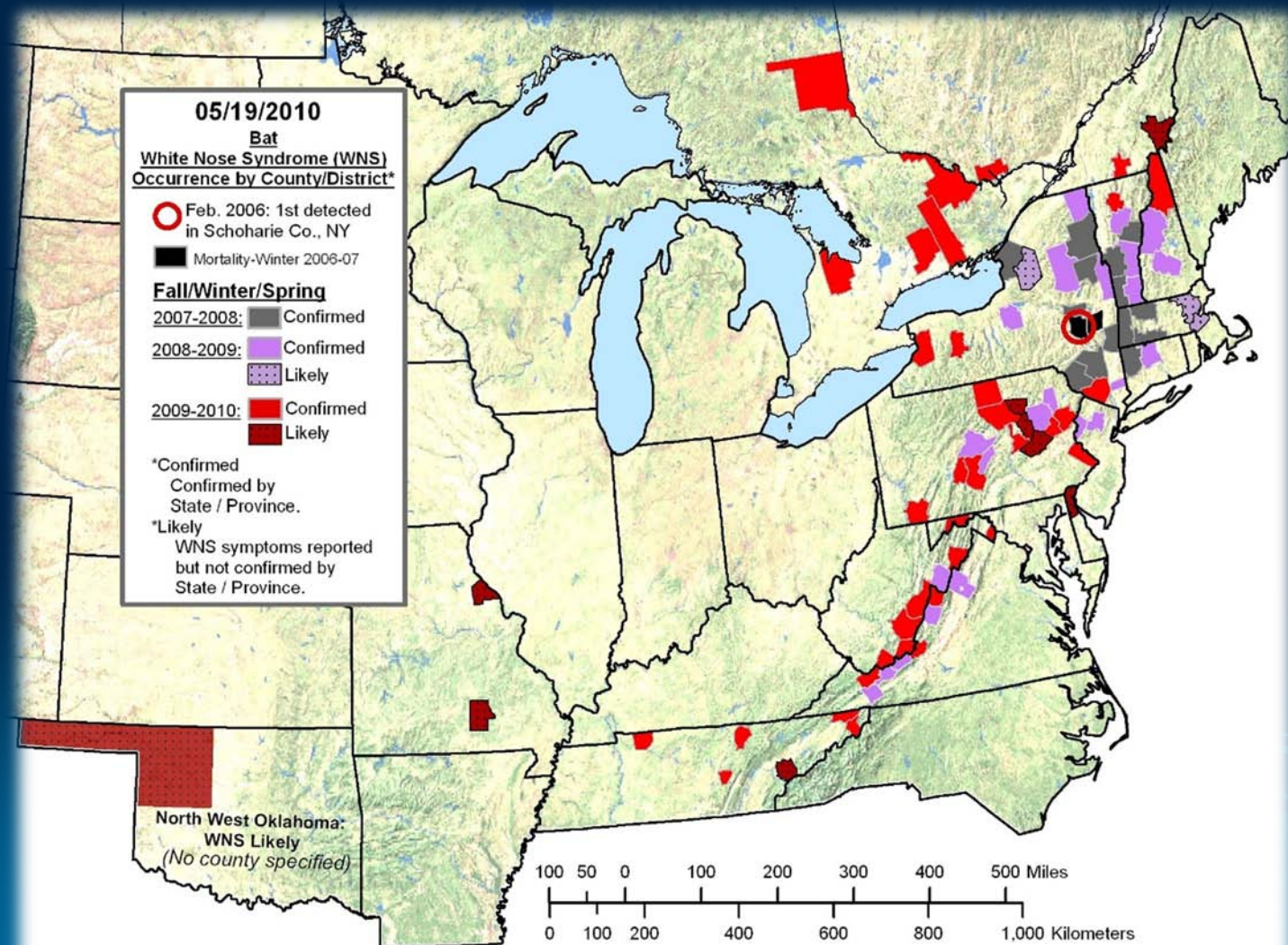


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### Partnership Issue - White Nose Syndrome



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