



Bonn Challenge: Making and Tracking the United States Pledge

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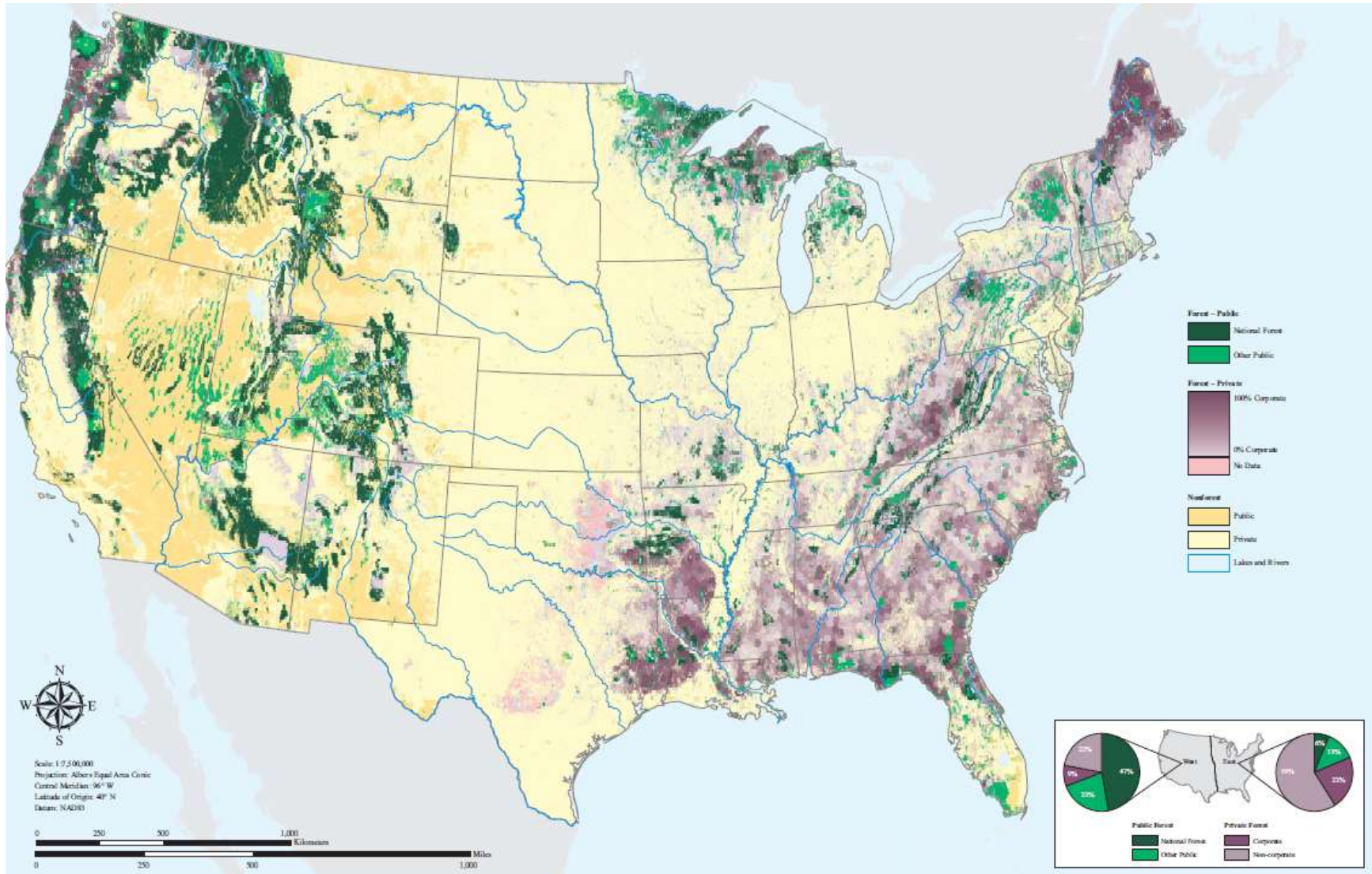


United States Pledge

- ❖ In 2012, US pledged 15 million ha to Bonn Challenge
- ❖ By 2018, 17 million ha under restoration by USDA Forest Service and partners



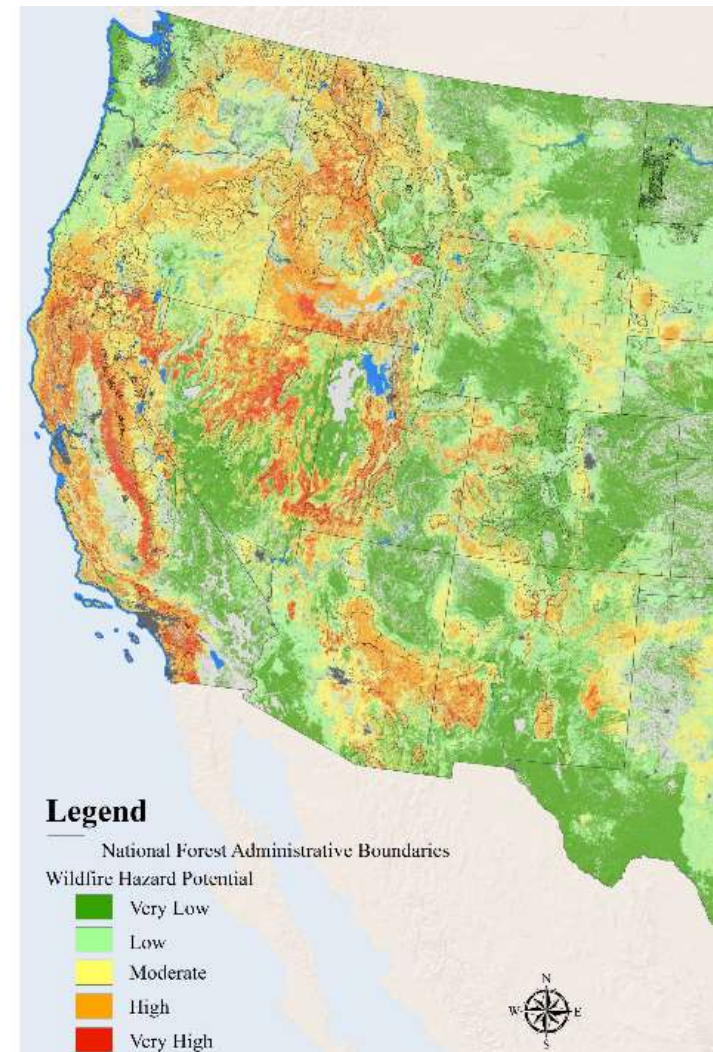
United States Context



https://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/rmap/rmap_nrs2.pdf

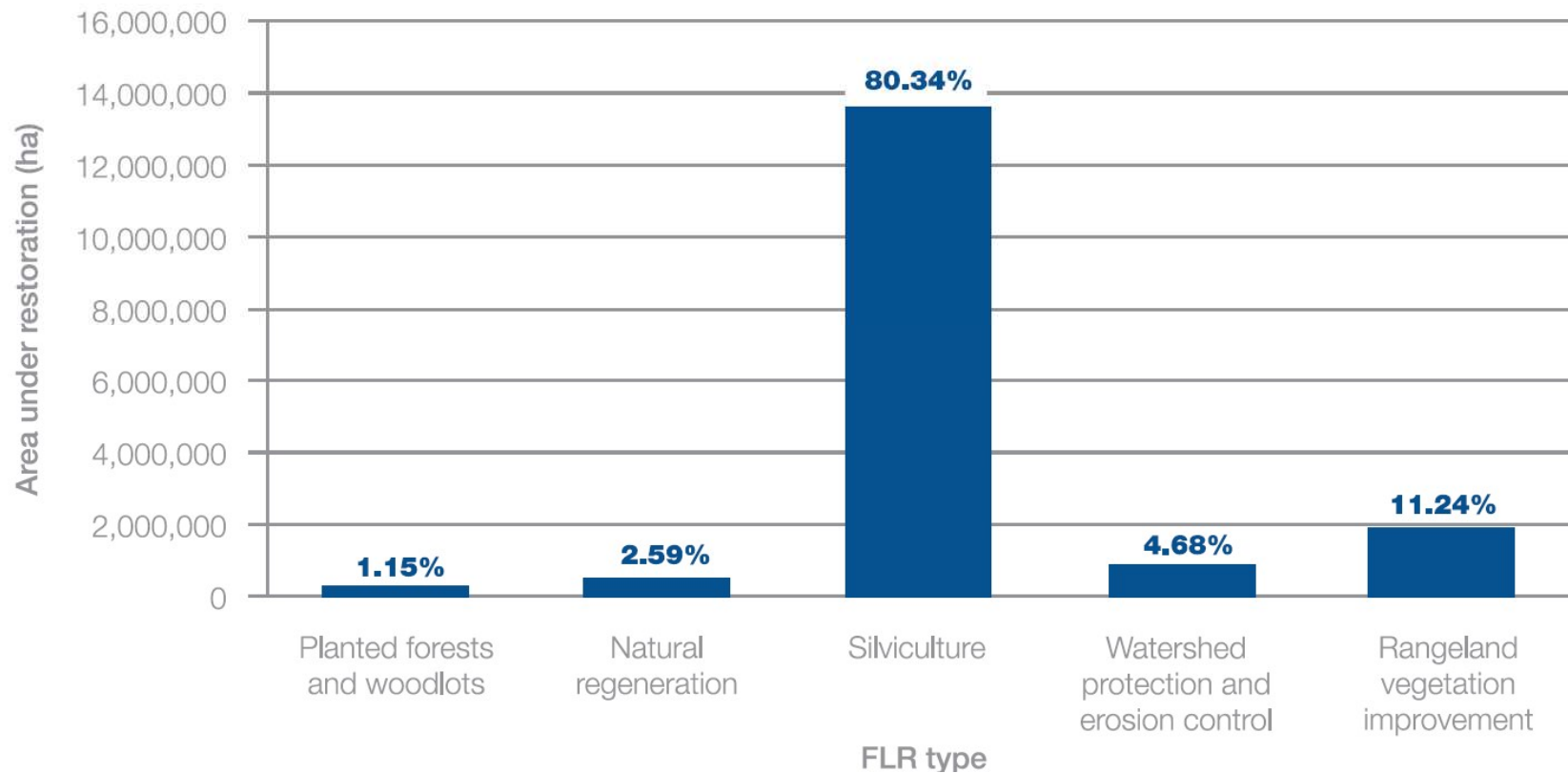
Restoration Context

- ❖ Success factors
 - Strong governance
 - Relatively stable forest estate
- ❖ Challenges
 - Degraded forest conditions due to
 - Fire exclusion
 - Insect and disease
 - Past poor management
 - Climate change makes this worse



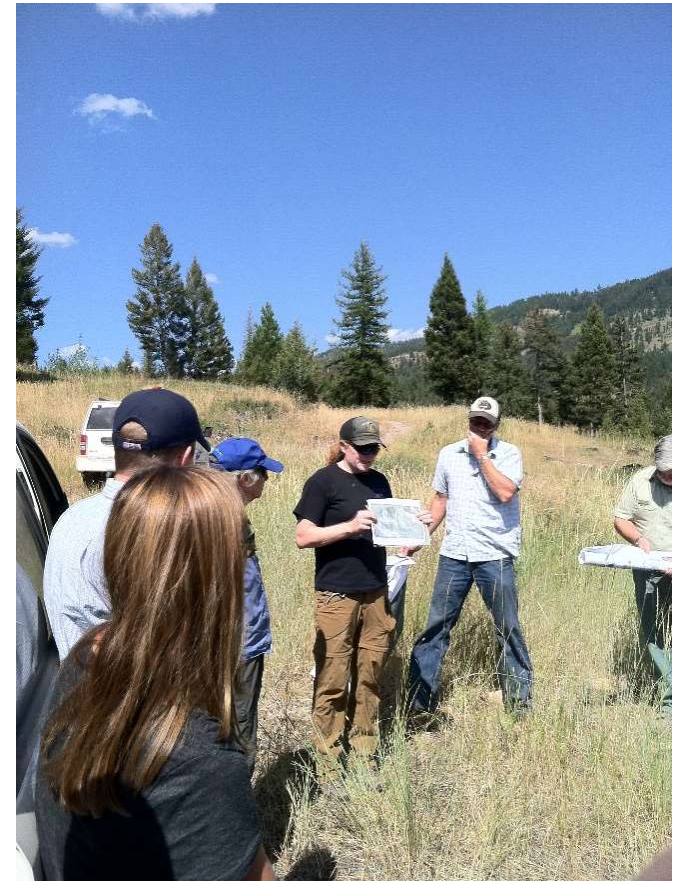
Work under Bonn Challenge

Figure 8.1 Area under restoration by FLR intervention types



Success Factors

- ❖ *Strong governance*
- ❖ *Relatively stable forest estate*
- ❖ Strong partnerships
- ❖ Policies supporting restoration
- ❖ Solid reporting infrastructure with flexibility for scale
- ❖ Monitoring and adaptive management



Where next?

- ❖ Working at larger, cross-boundary scales
- ❖ Leveraging conservation finance opportunities
- ❖ Shifting from outputs to outcomes
- ❖ New policy opportunities



Value of Bonn Challenge

- ❖ Catalyst for improvement
- ❖ Empowering community of practice

“We are the people who will figure this out.”

- Forest Service restoration partner





Thank you!

Further details available in Second Bonn Challenge progress report:
<https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48446>