

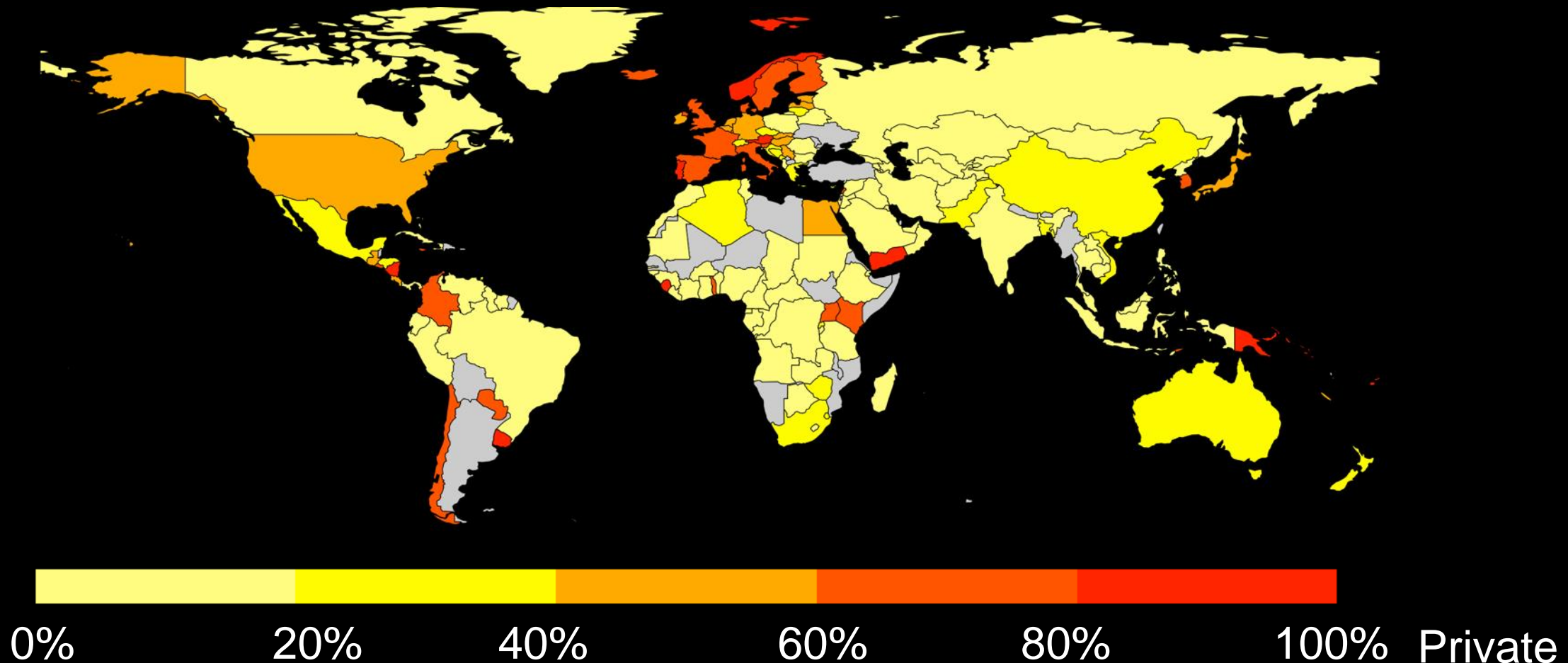
Private Forest Owners and Private Forest Owner Organizations

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Percentage of Forestland that is Privately Owned

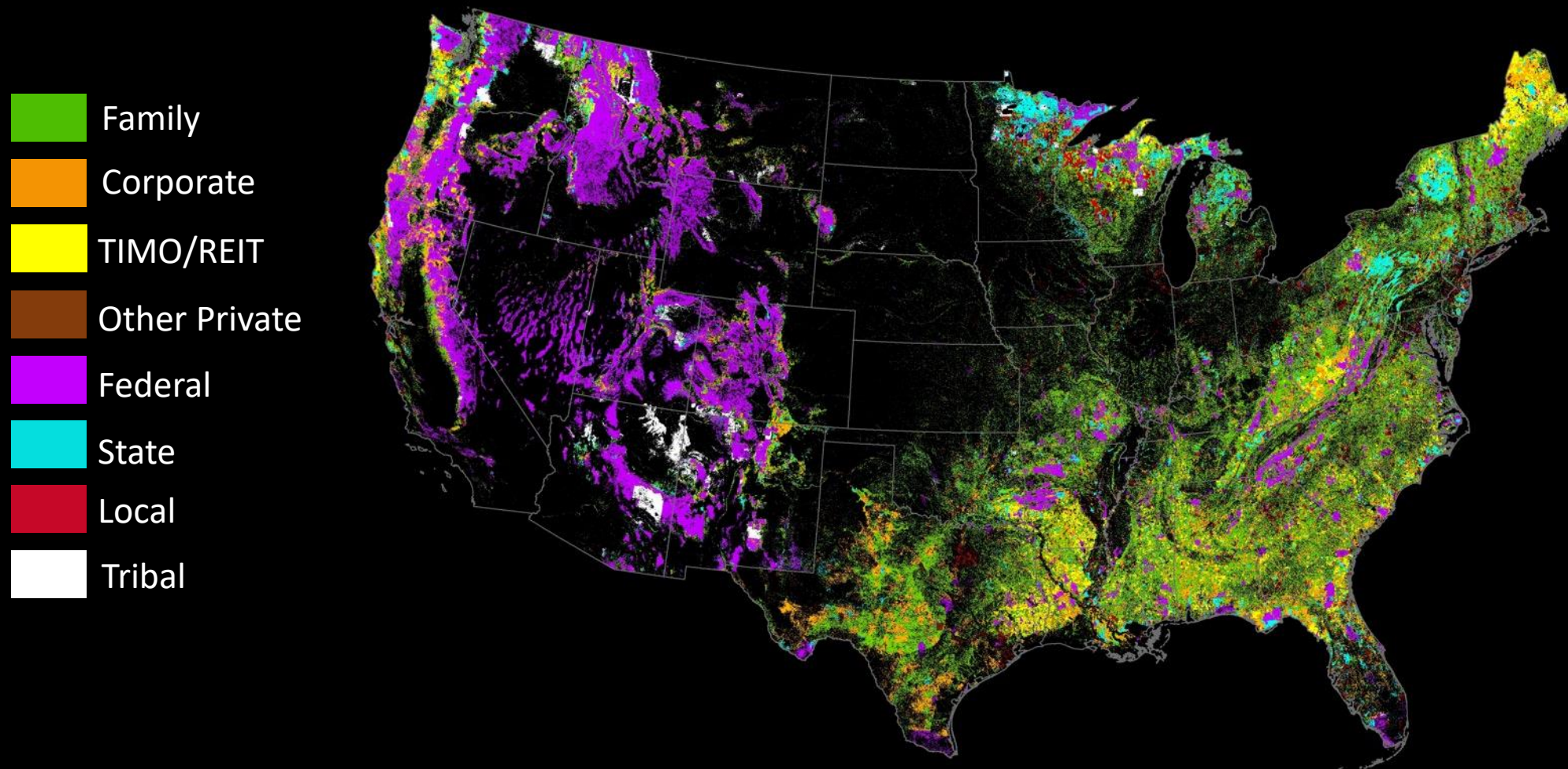


USDA Forest Service Forest Inventory & Analysis Program

- National Forest Inventory
 - Biophysical resources
- National Woodland Owner Survey
 - Social context
- Timber Products Output Survey
 - Economic output

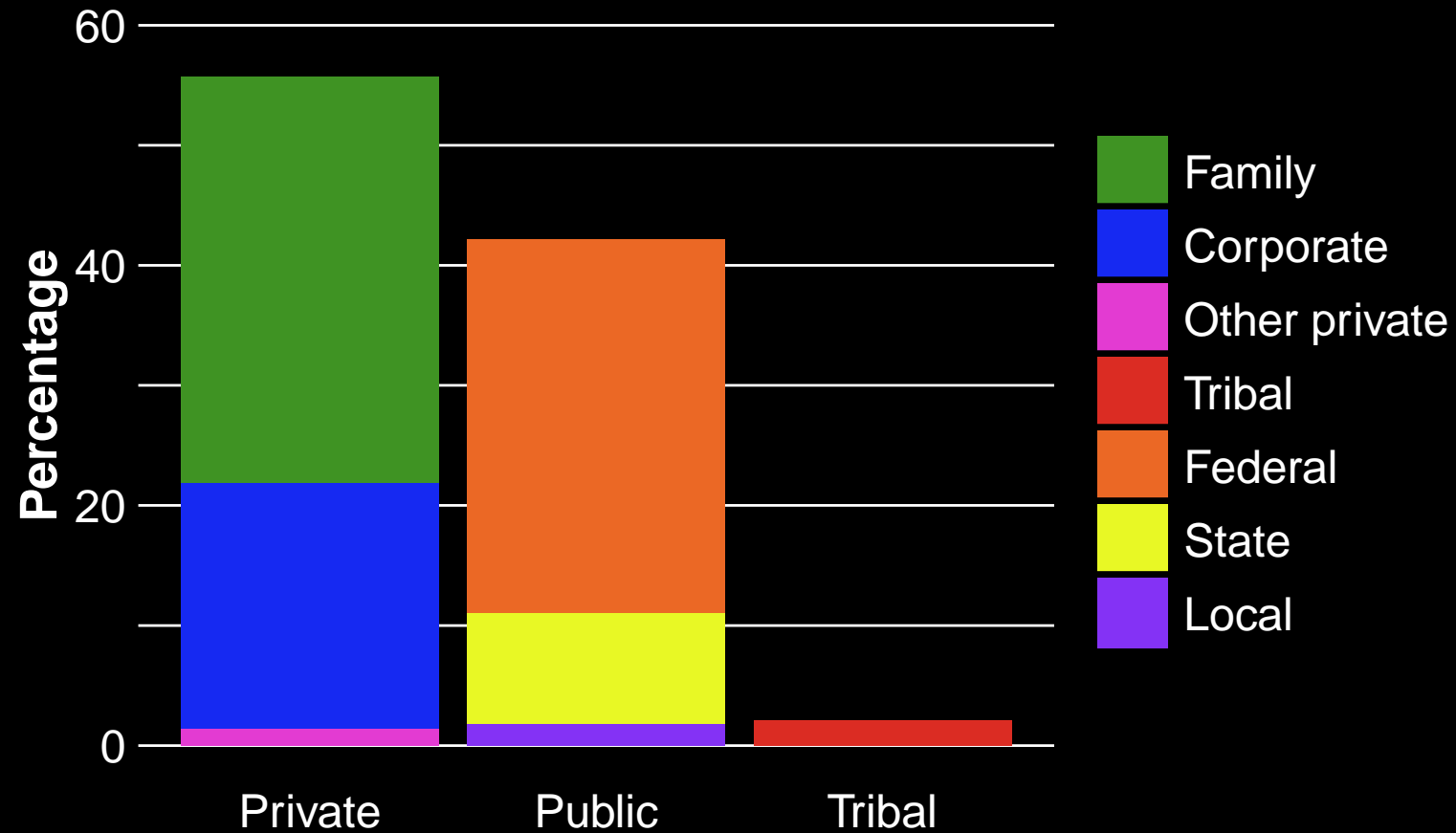


Forest Ownership, 2018



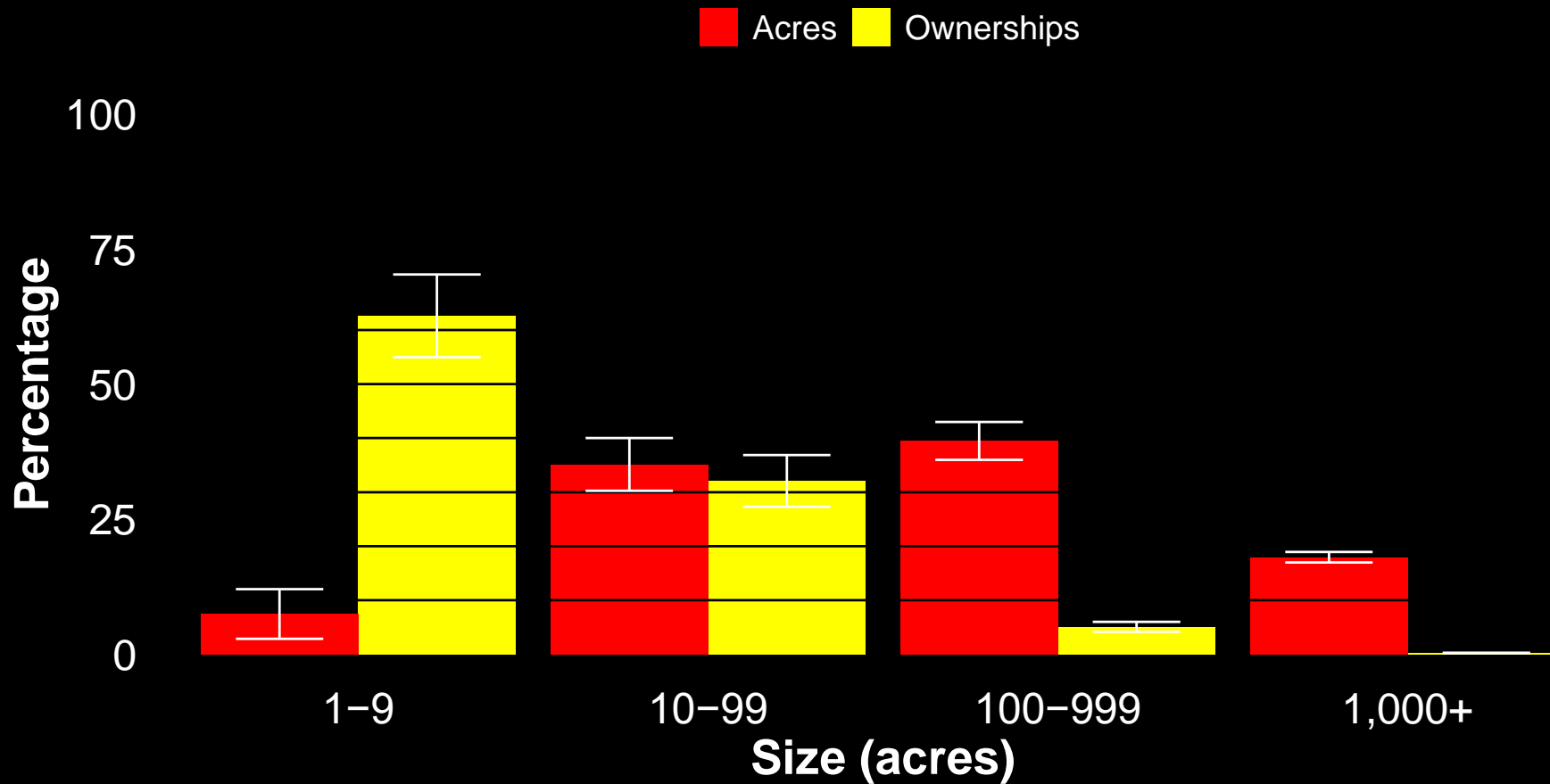
Forestland by Ownership Group

USA, 2018

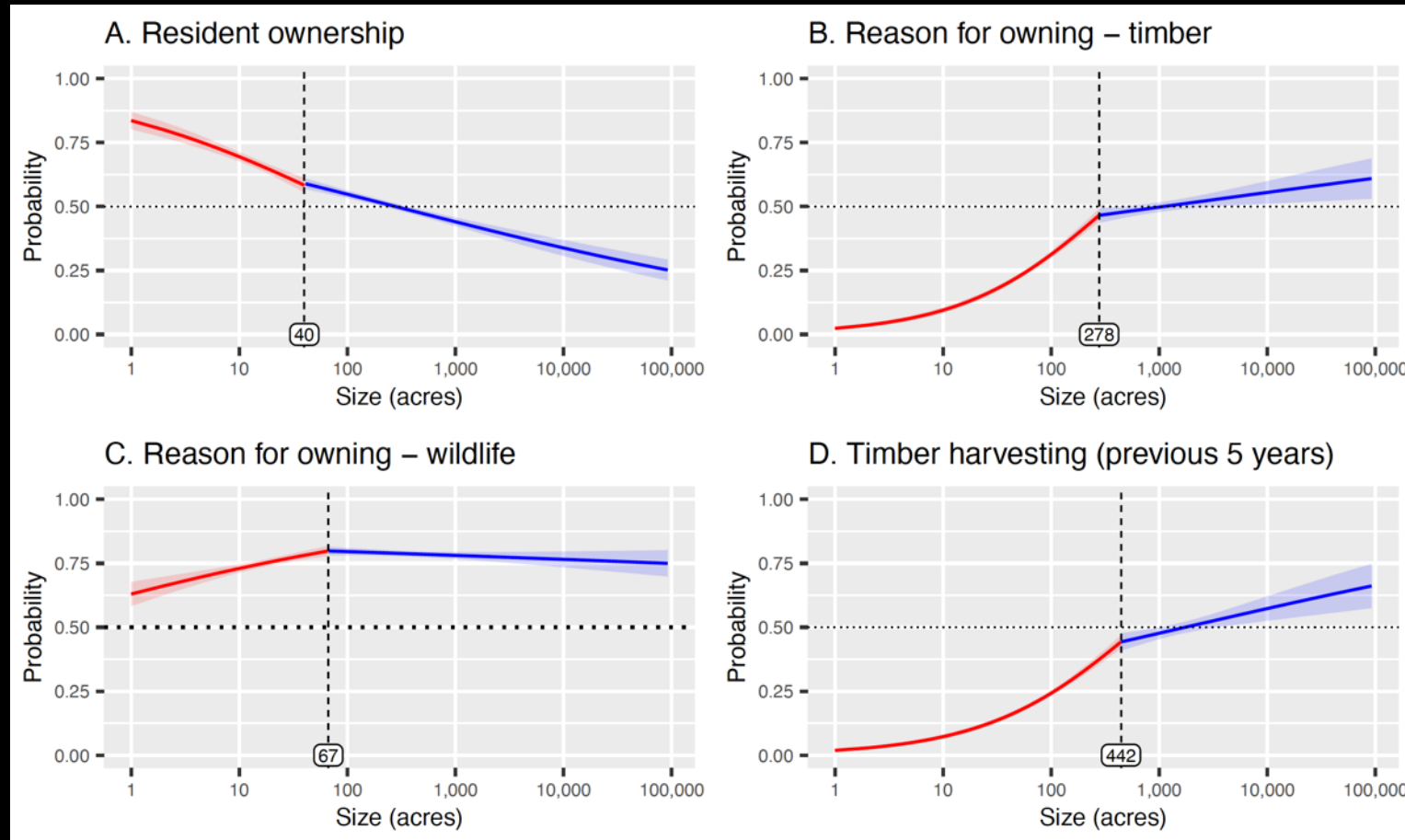


Size of Forest Holdings

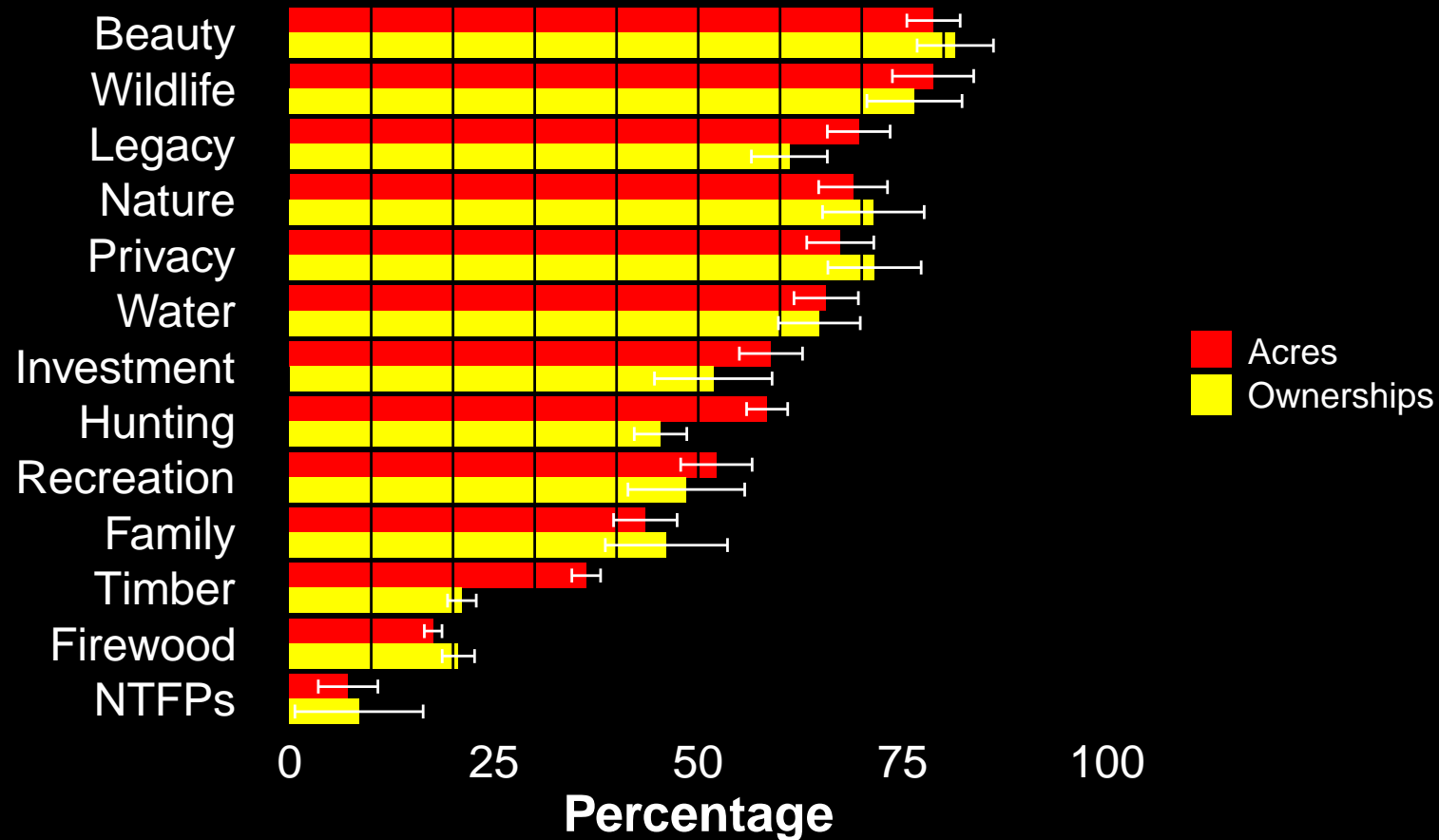
Family Forests, USA, 2018



Relationships between Size of Forest Holdings and Attitudes and Behaviors

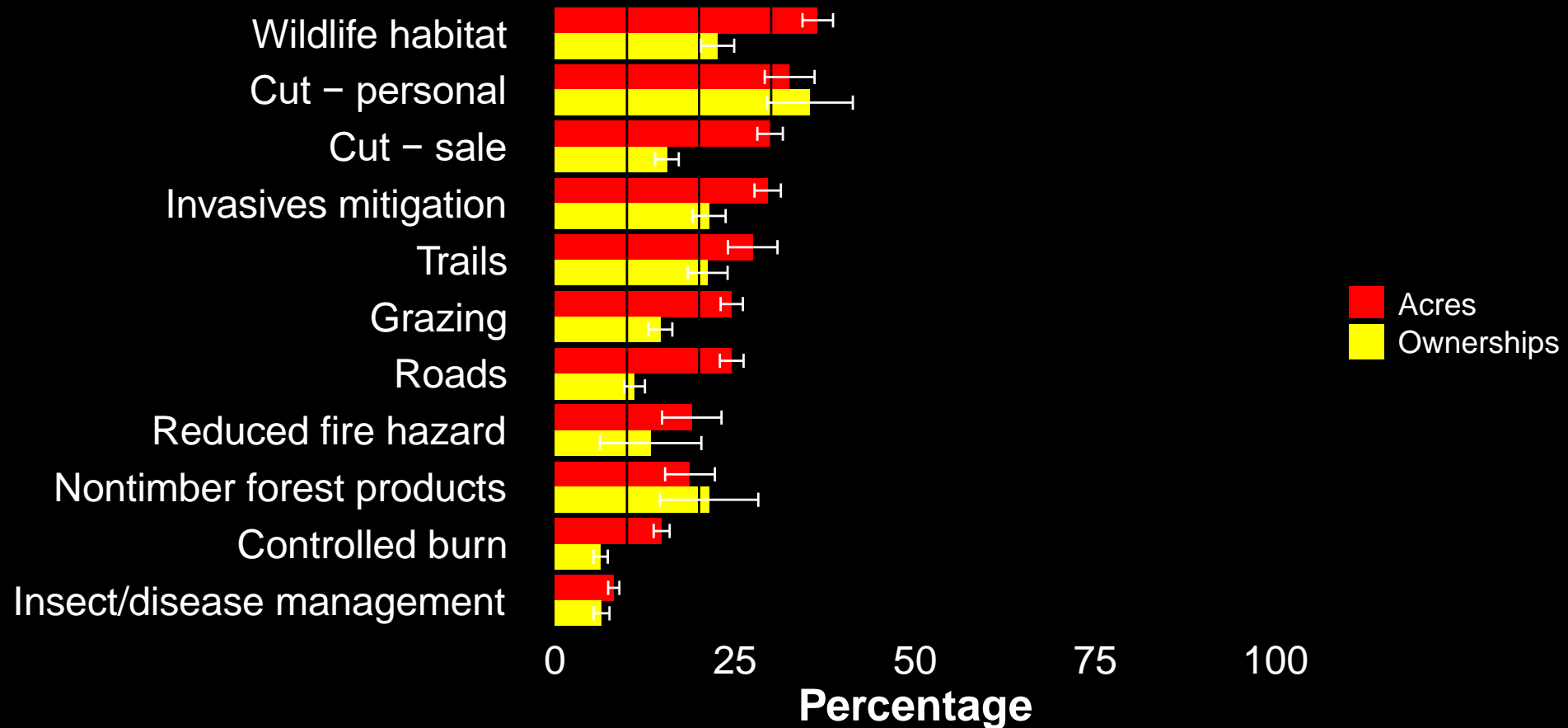


Reasons for Owning Family Forests (10+ ac), USA, 2018



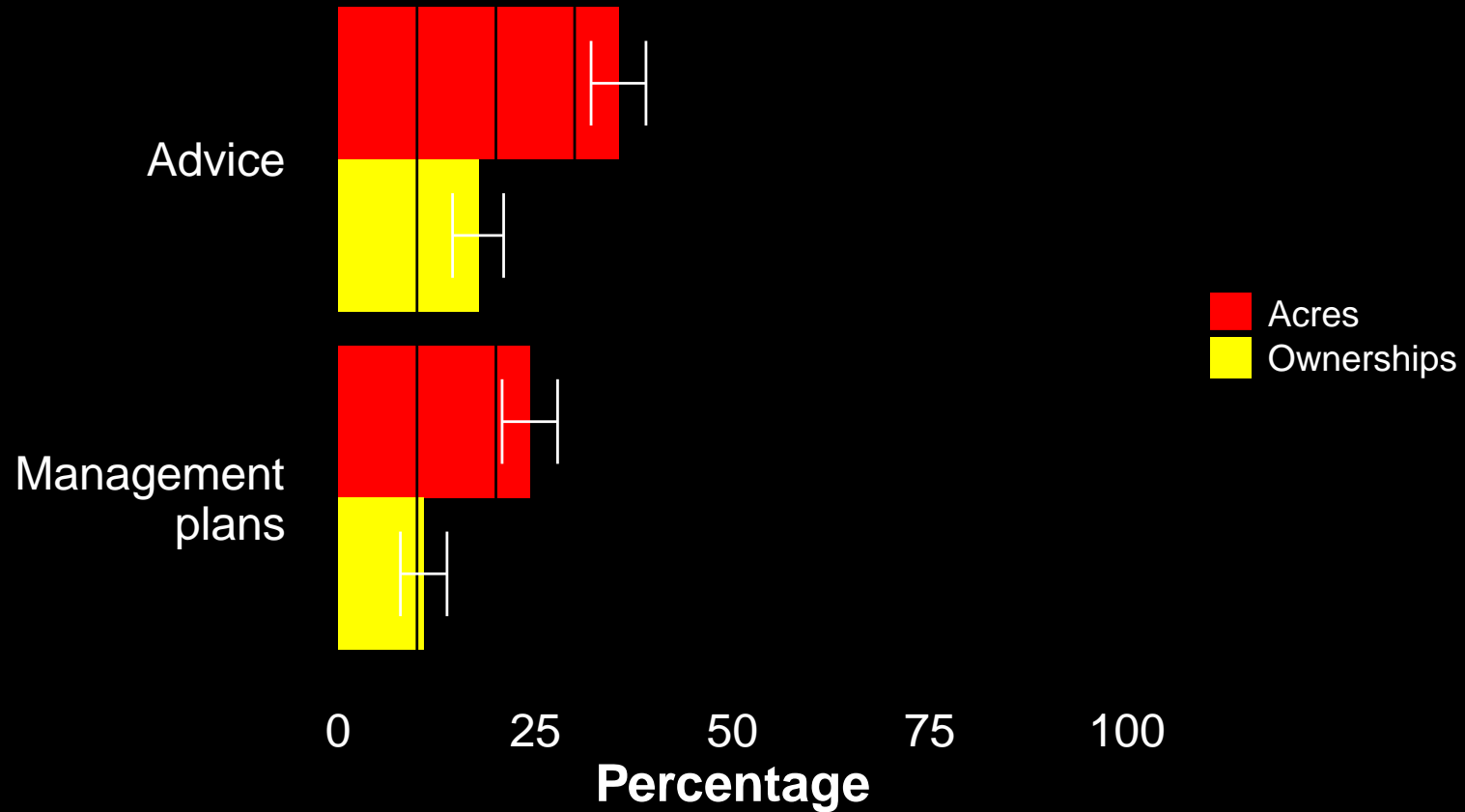
Forest Management Activities (past 5 years)

Family Forests (10+ ac), USA, 2018



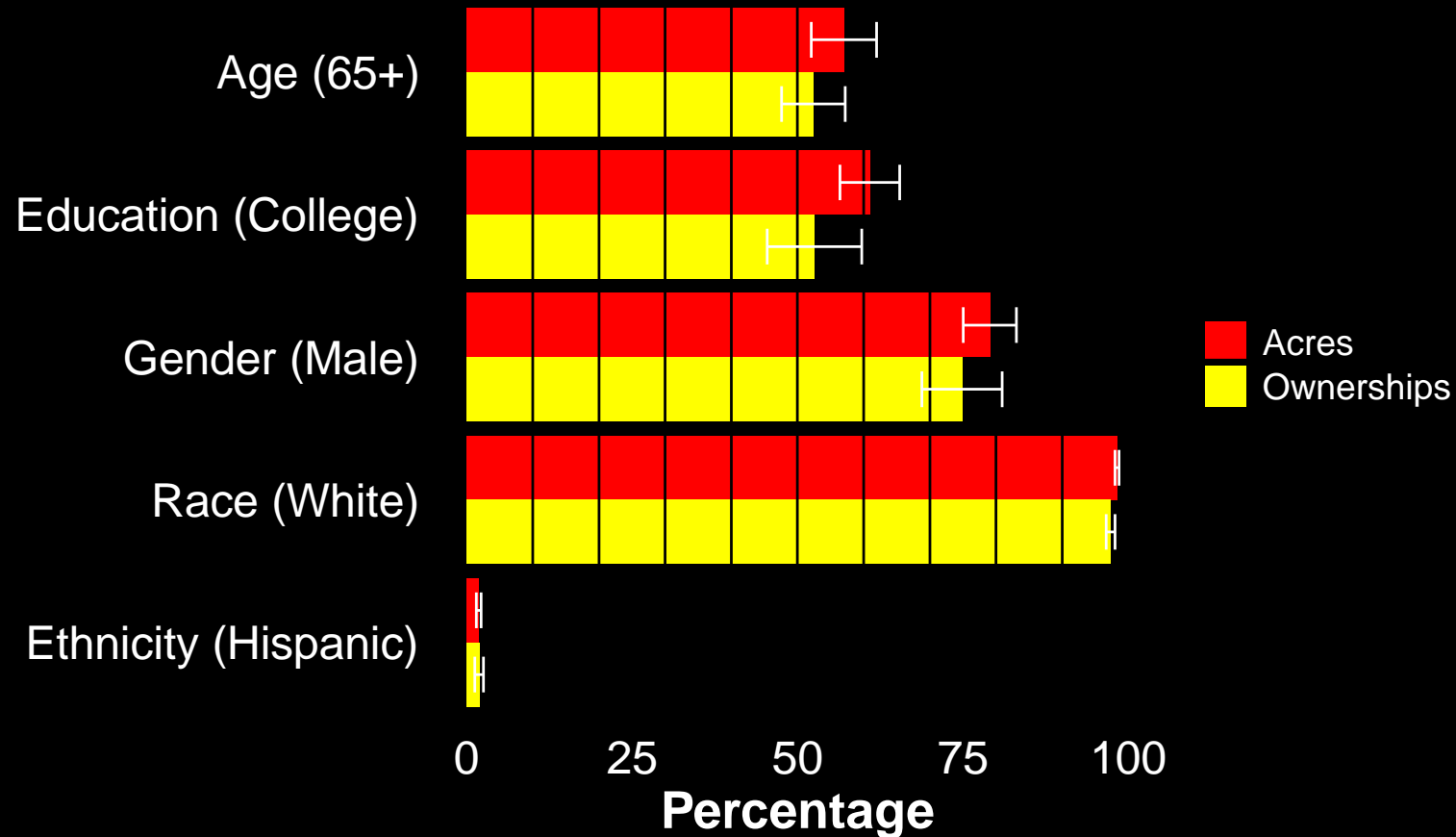
Advice/Planning

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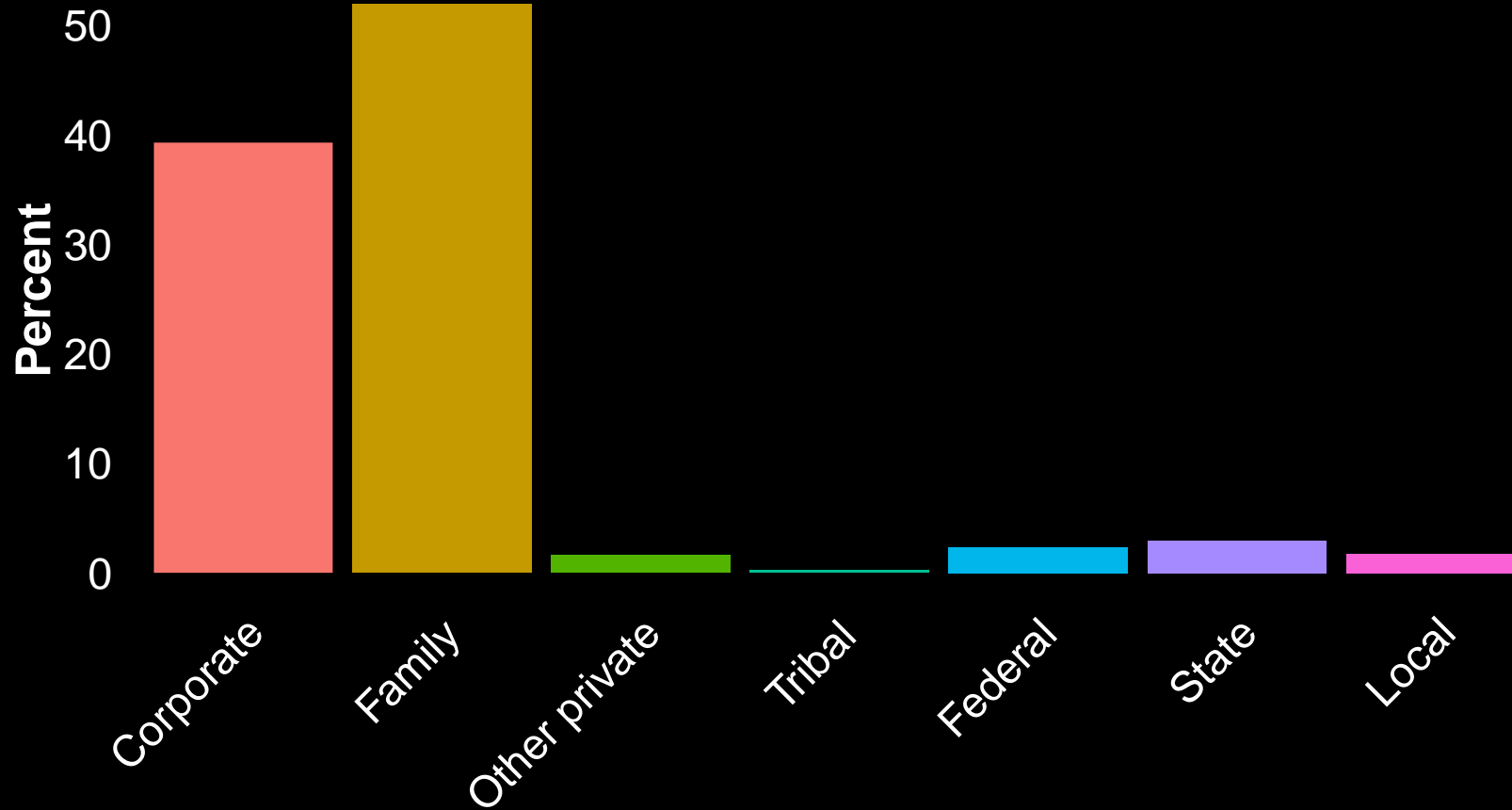


Demographics

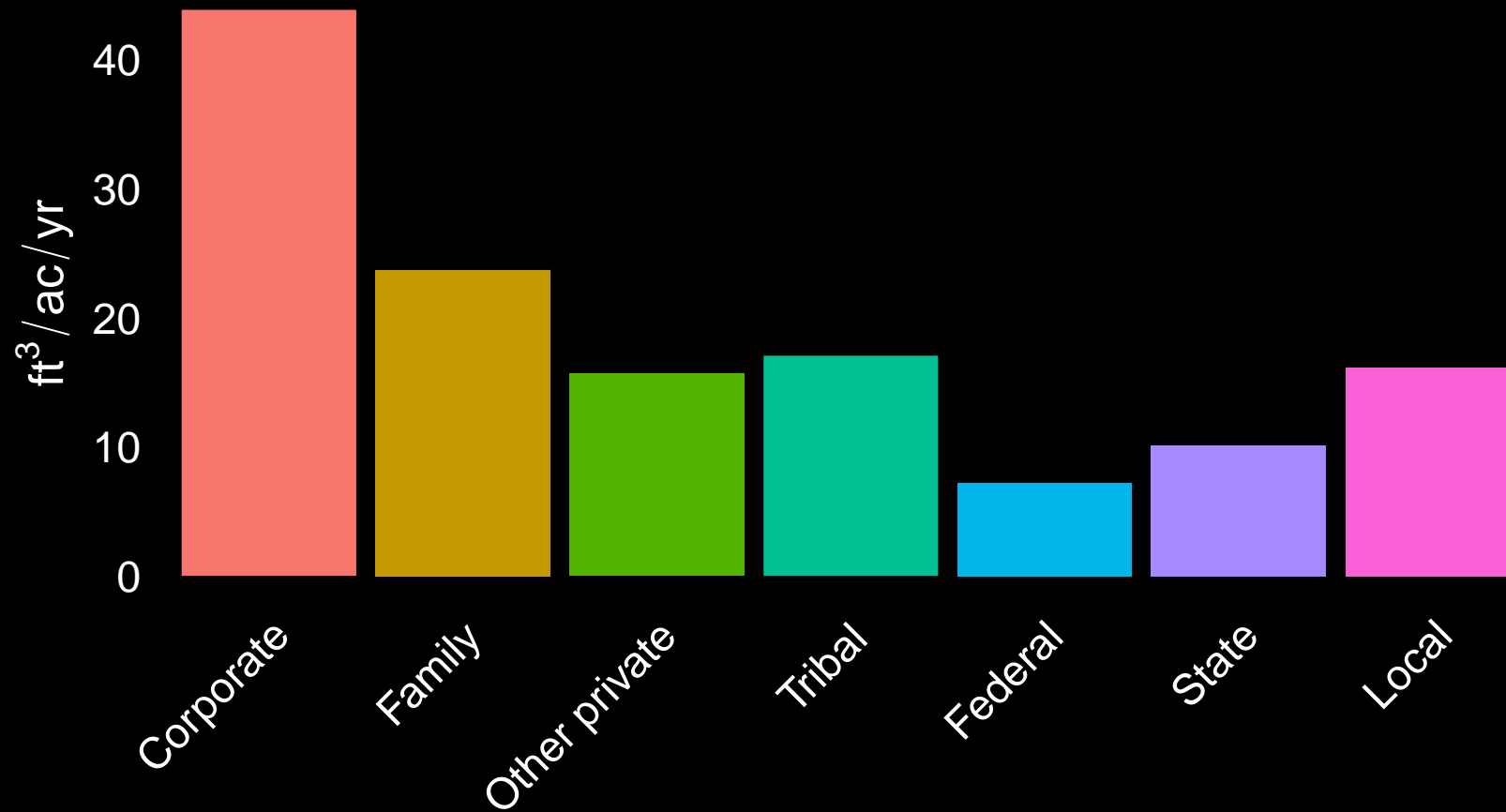
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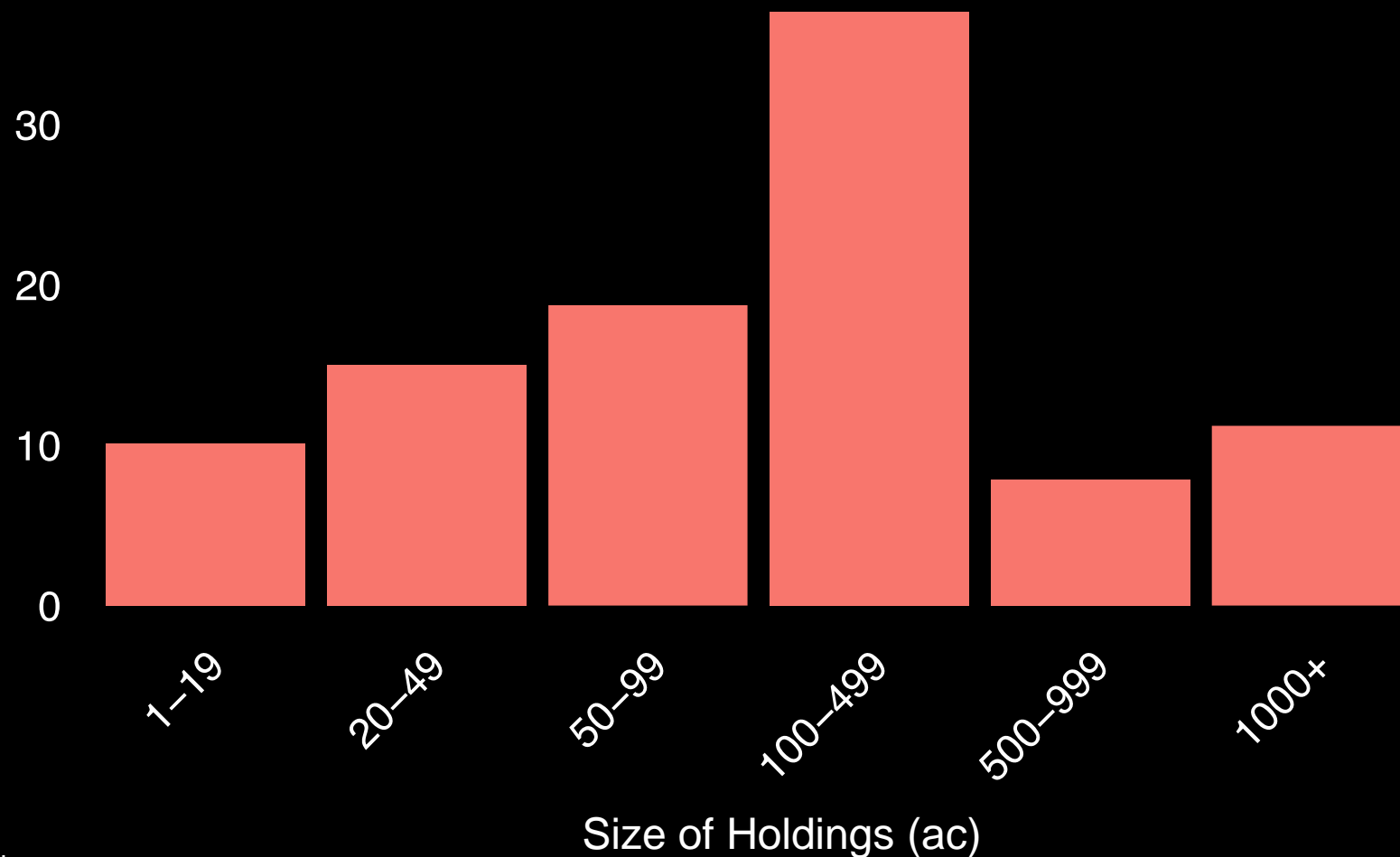
Timber Removals U.S. North and South



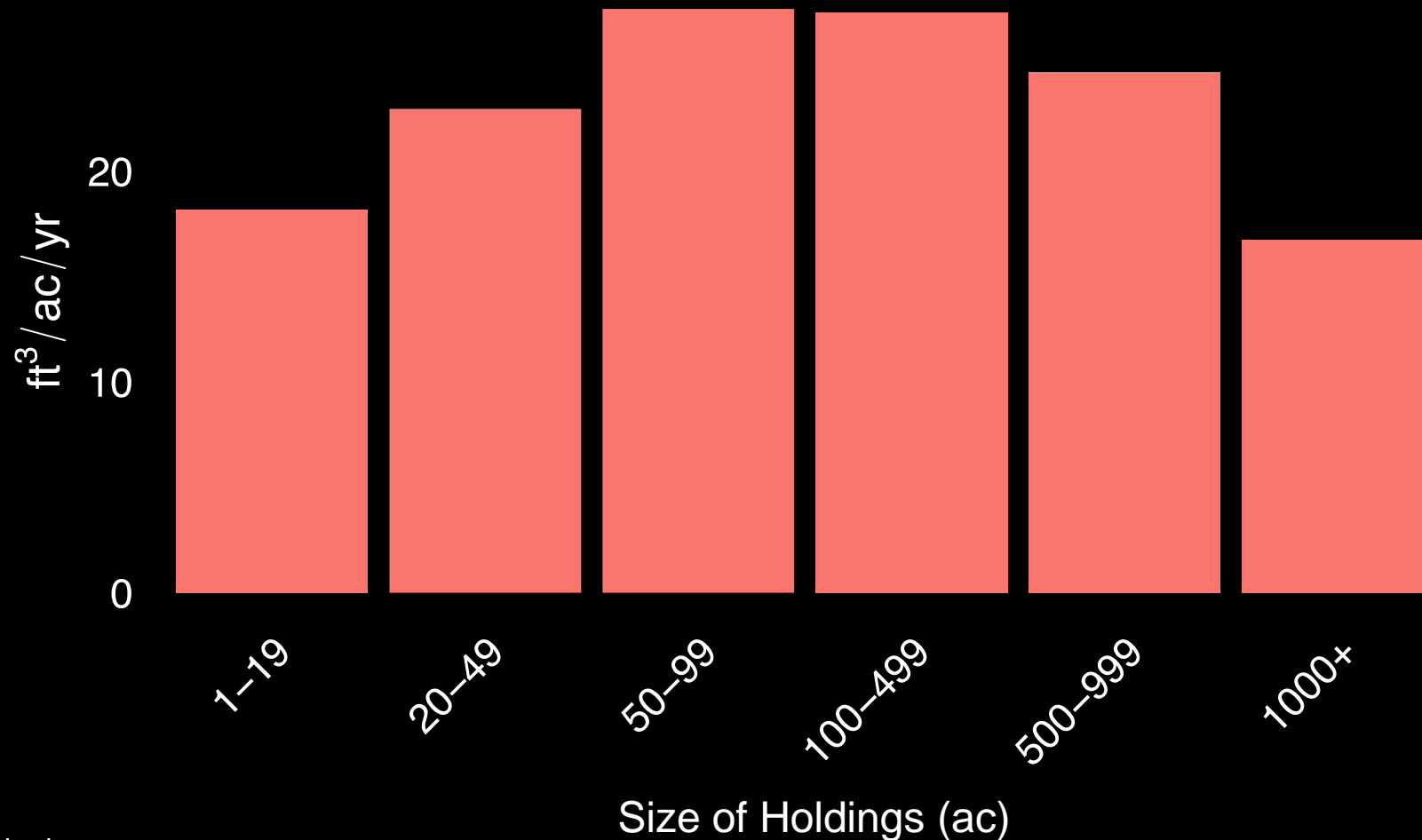
Timber Removals per Acre U.S. North and South



Family Forest Timber Harvesting US North and South



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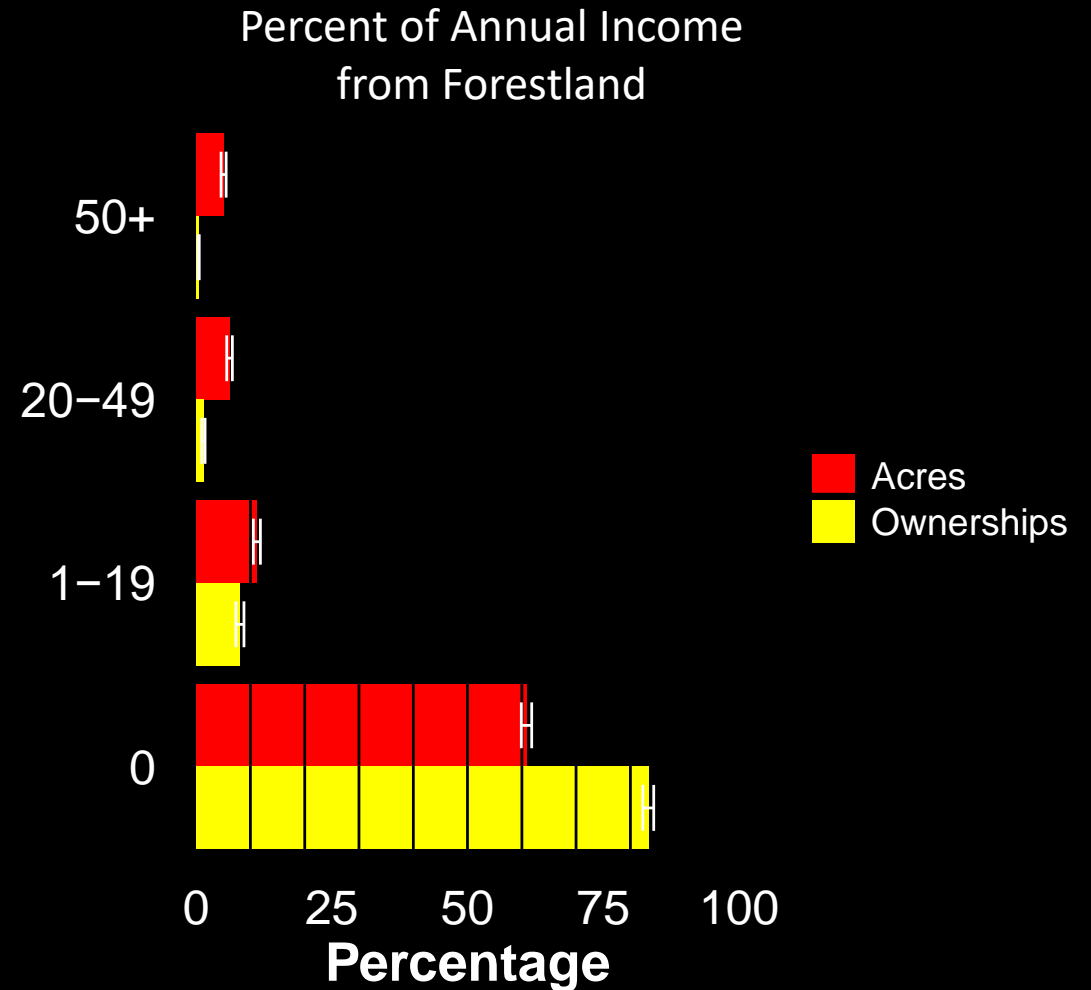
Exogenous Factors Impacting U.S. Private Forests

- Markets
- Laws & Regulations
- Incentives
- Education



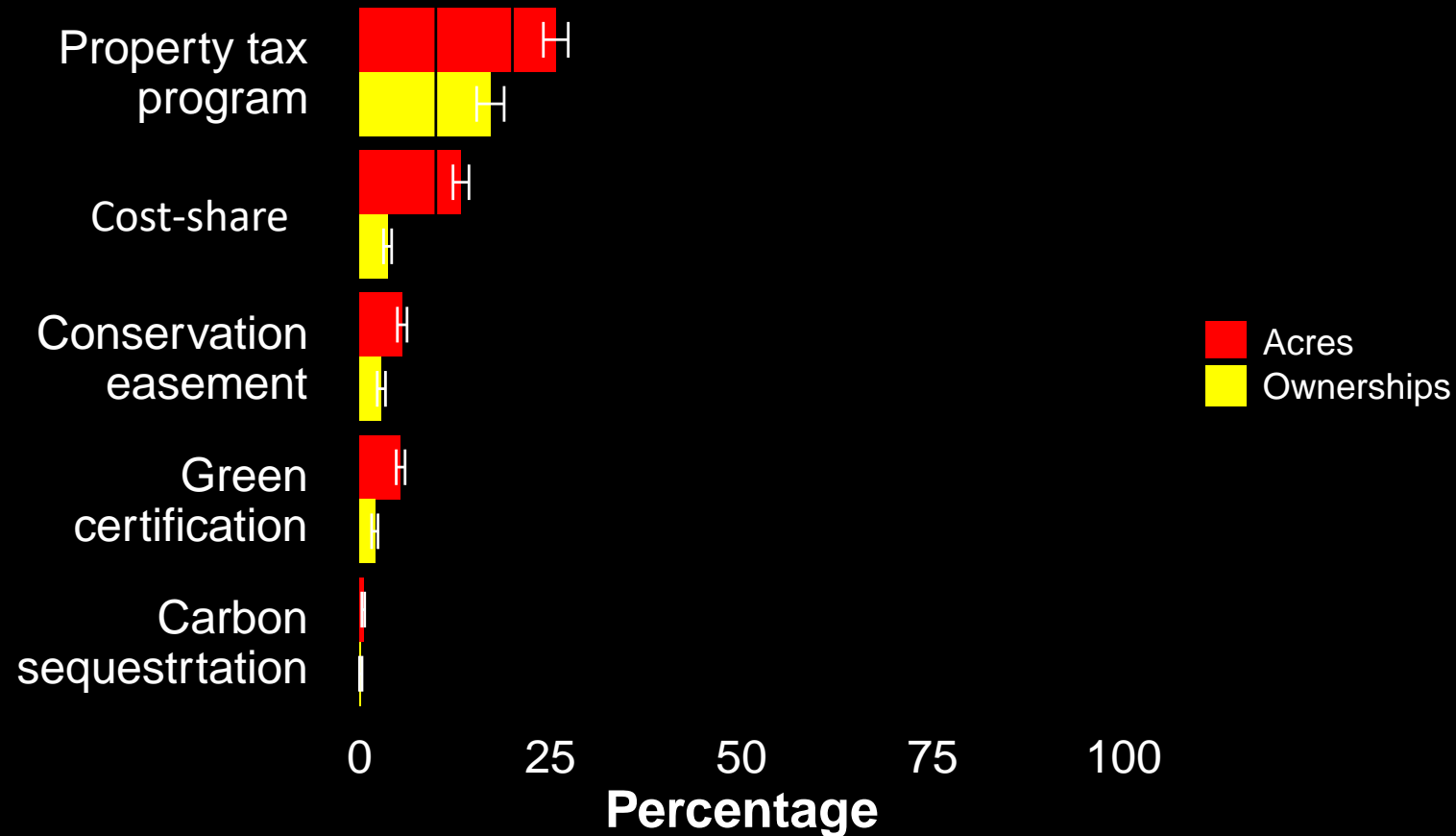
Markets

- Land
- Timber
- Hunting leases
- Nontimber forest products
- Payments for ecosystem services
 - Carbon
 - Wetlands mitigation



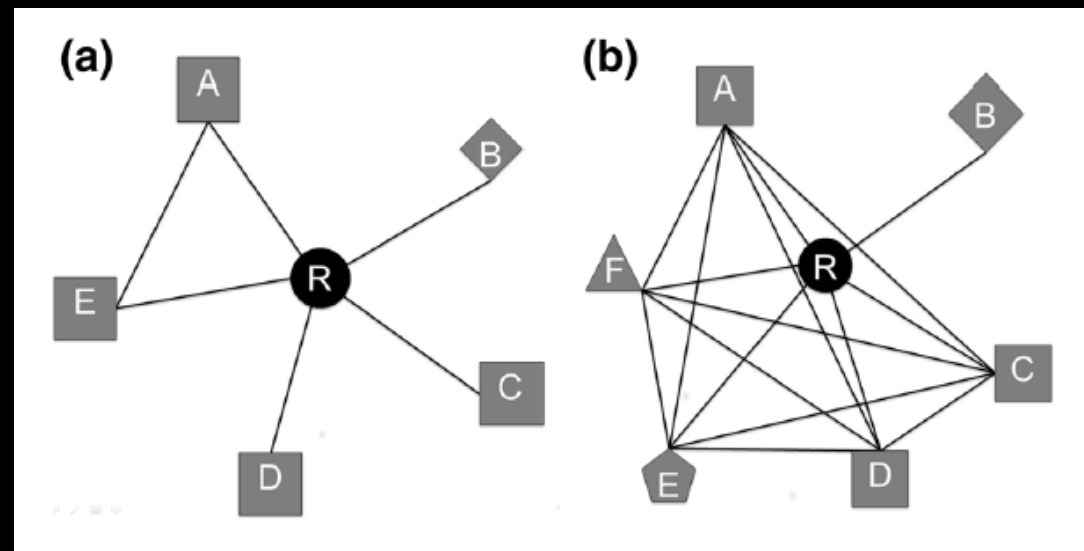
Program Participation

Family Forests (10+ ac), USA, 2018



Social Networks and Social Capital

- Landowner organizations
- Peer-to-peer
- Master forest owner programs
- Woods forums



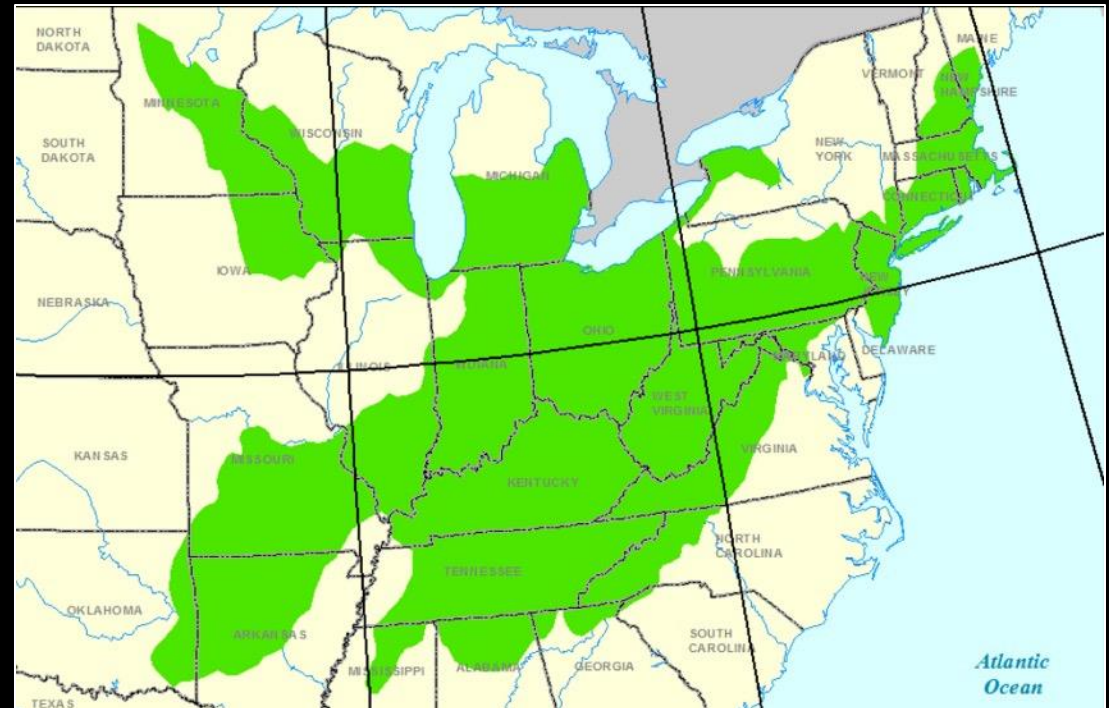
Sagor and Becker 2014, p. 307

The White Oak Initiative

- Goal: Sustain the upland oak resource of the United States
- Partners: Landowner organizations, other non-governmental organizations, public agencies, universities, forest industry, distillery industry

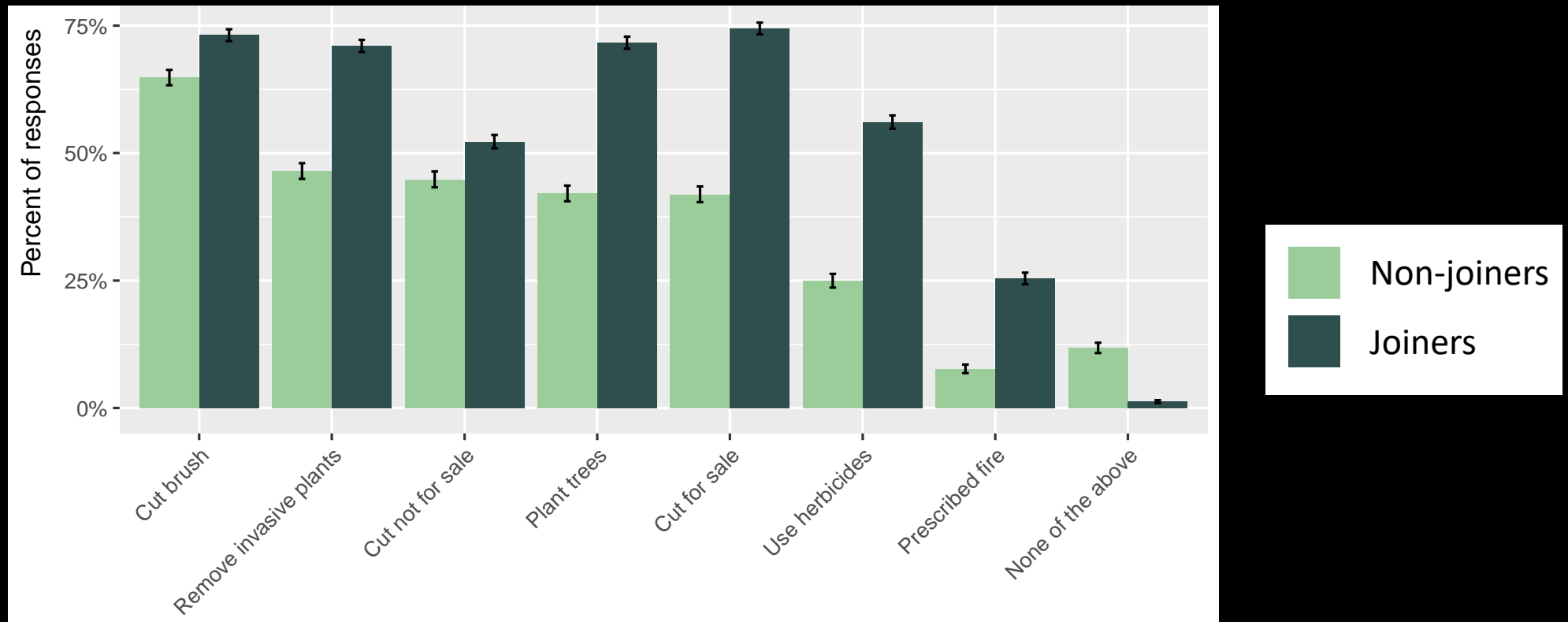


White Oak Range across the U.S.A.

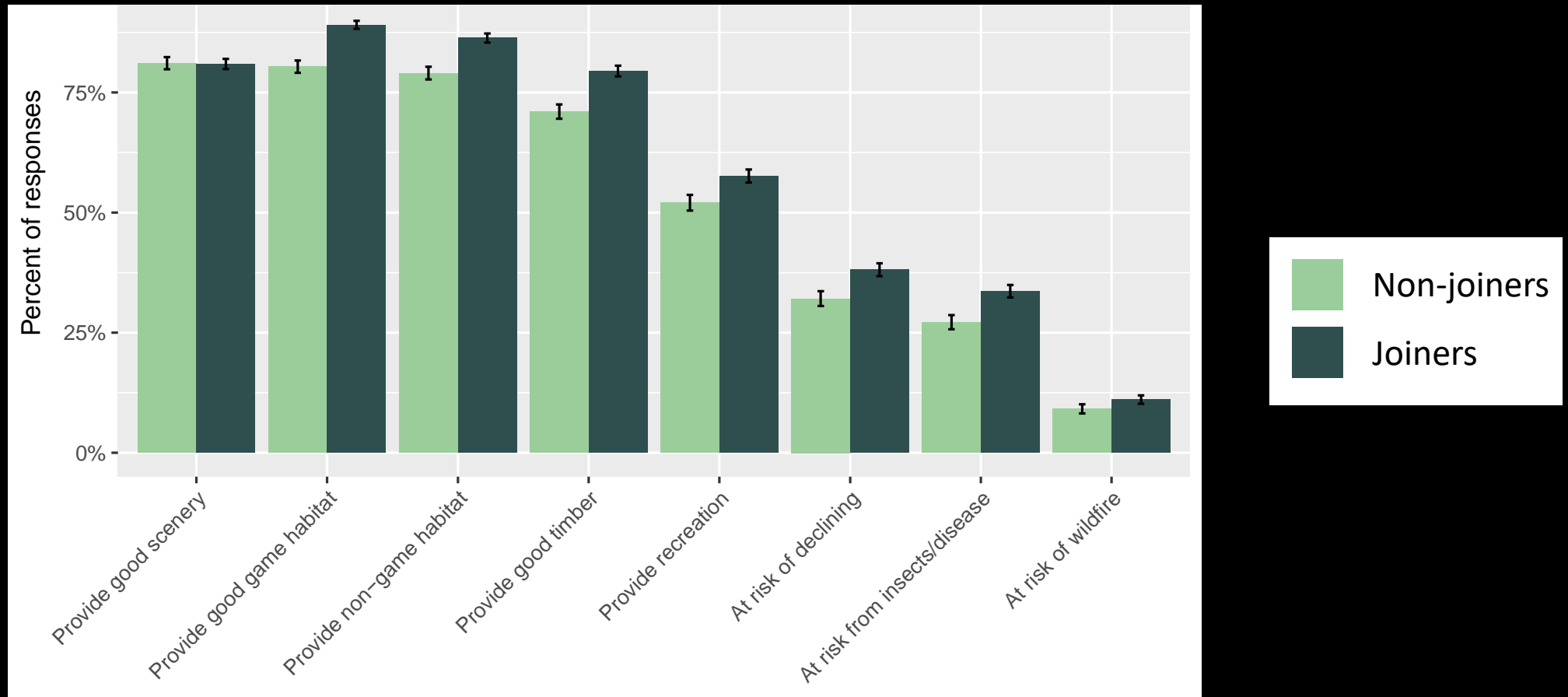


Joiner versus Non-joiner Landowners

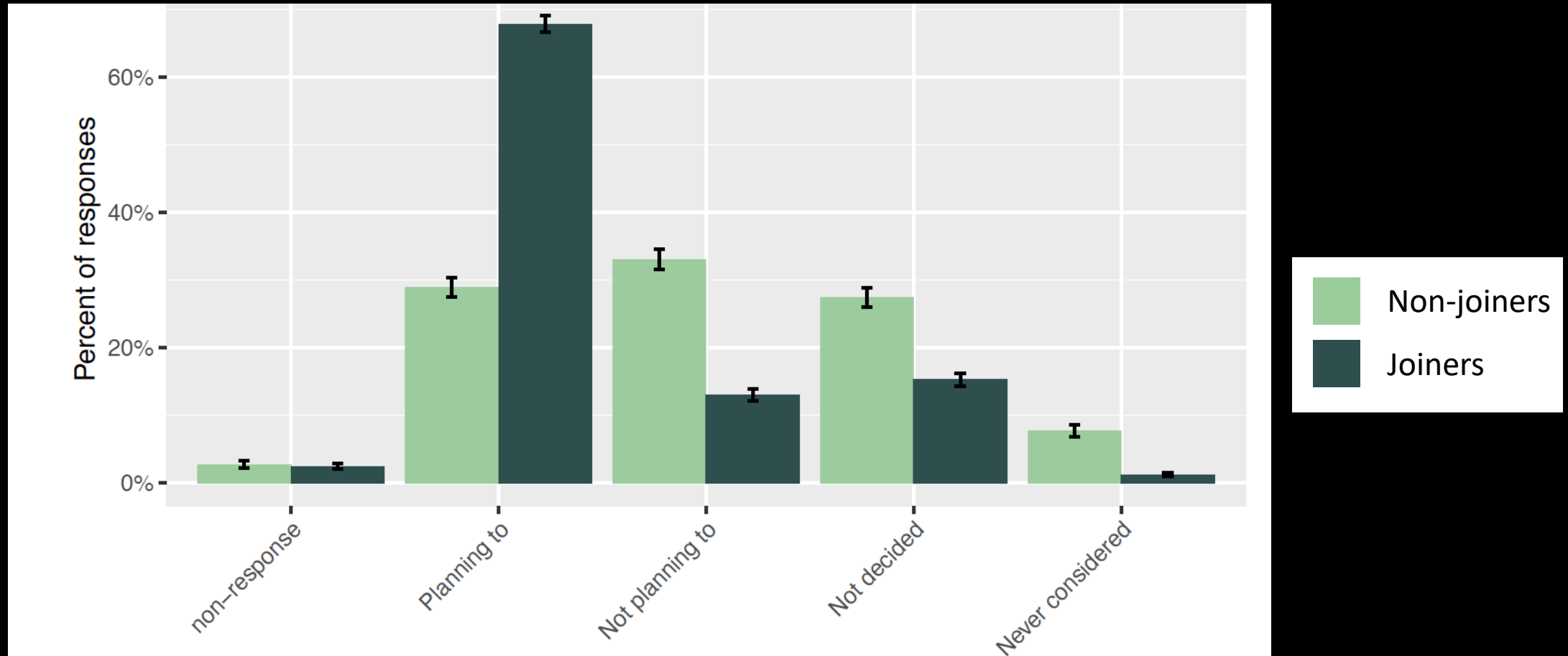
Land Management Activities



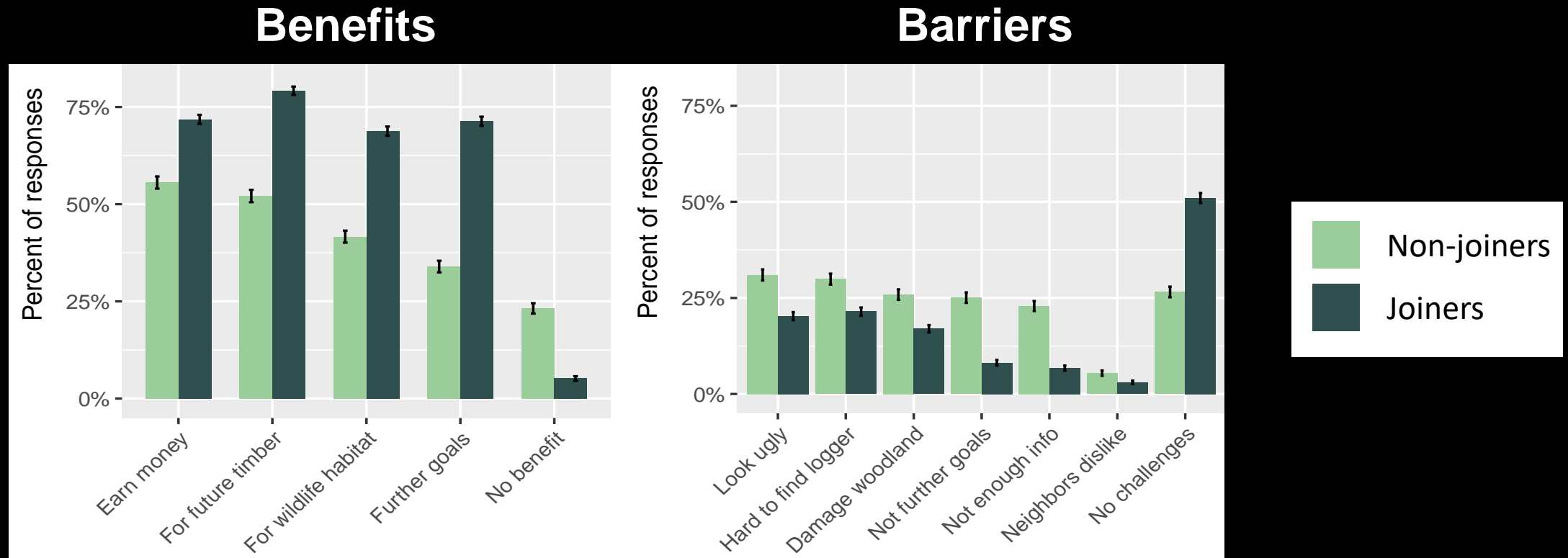
Joiner versus Non-joiner Landowners Benefits from Upland Oaks



Joiner versus Non-joiner Landowners Intentions to Harvest Trees



Joiner versus Non-joiner Landowners Timber Harvesting Benefits and Barriers



Conclusions

- Family forest owners rule!
- Size of holdings matters (and it doesn't)
- Beauty, wildlife, nature, legacy, privacy
- To manage or not to manage?
- A bunch of old(er) men (and women)
- Knowledge is power
- Need to capitalize on social capital

Comments or Questions?

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