



Giving a Voice to Private Forest Landowners

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Forest Landowners Association

- Founded in 1941 to support through advocacy, education, and information, forest landowners' responsible management of private property.
- 5,400 members
- 48 states
- 37 million acres

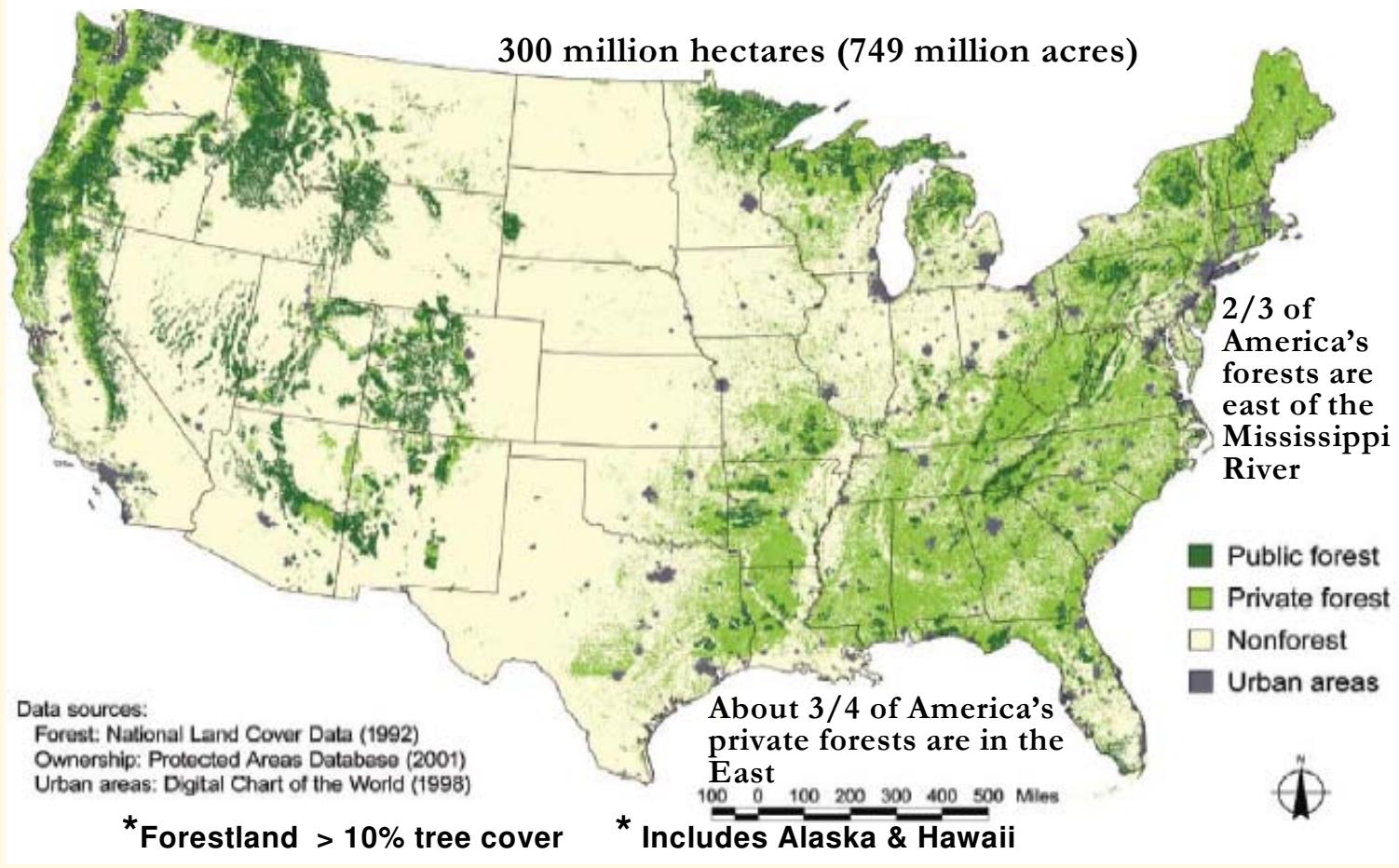


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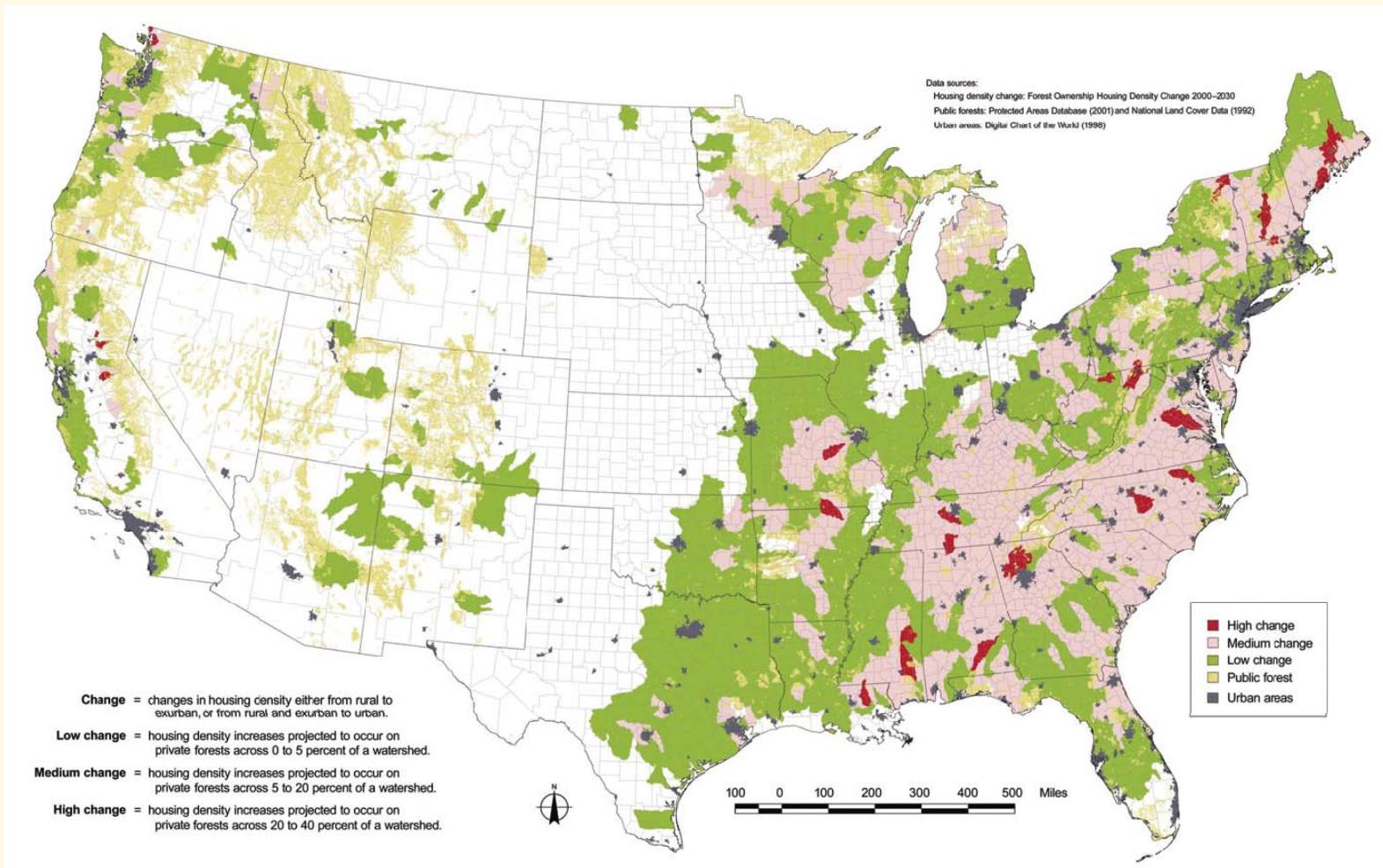
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60% private 11 million owners

America's Forest Resource*



Forest Ownership Housing Density Change 2000–2030



Source: Susan Stein, et. al., USDA Forest Service, Forest on the Edge

How will Growth Affect Land Use?

- 19 million acres of forest converted to developed uses from 1992–2020 in the southeast.¹
- The need for services will cause fragmentation.²
- Private, family, forest landowners managing smaller tracts of land that have greater potential for development.³

¹ Source: David Wear, USDA Forest Service, *Southern Forest Resource Assessment*

² Source : Susan Stein, et. al. USDA Forest Service, *Forests on the Edge*

³ Source: Butler and Leatherberry, 2004. *America's family forest owners*. *Journal of Forestry* 102 (7): 4-9

Population Growth Forecast

- Urbanization will have the “most direct, immediate and permanent” effects... of all forces of change.¹
- Population Growth Projections 2000–2030²

	<u>New People</u>	<u>% Growth</u>
United States	82.1 million	29.2 %
Georgia	3.8 million	46.8%
Florida	12.7 million	79.5%

1 Source: Wear and Greis, USDA Forest Service, Southern Forest Resource Assessment.

2 Source: US Census Bureau Interim Projections Released April 2005



Protecting America's Private Forest Landowners

U.S. Mill Closures



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Renewable Energy

Opportunity if.....

- Restrictive definition in Renewable Fuel Standard (*2007 EISA*)
- Renewable Electricity Standard not yet determined
- State Renewable Portfolio Standards (*24 states & DC*)
VA is voluntary 12% by 2022 (5 total voluntary state guidelines)
- Environmentalist fear of biomass (*Conversion*)



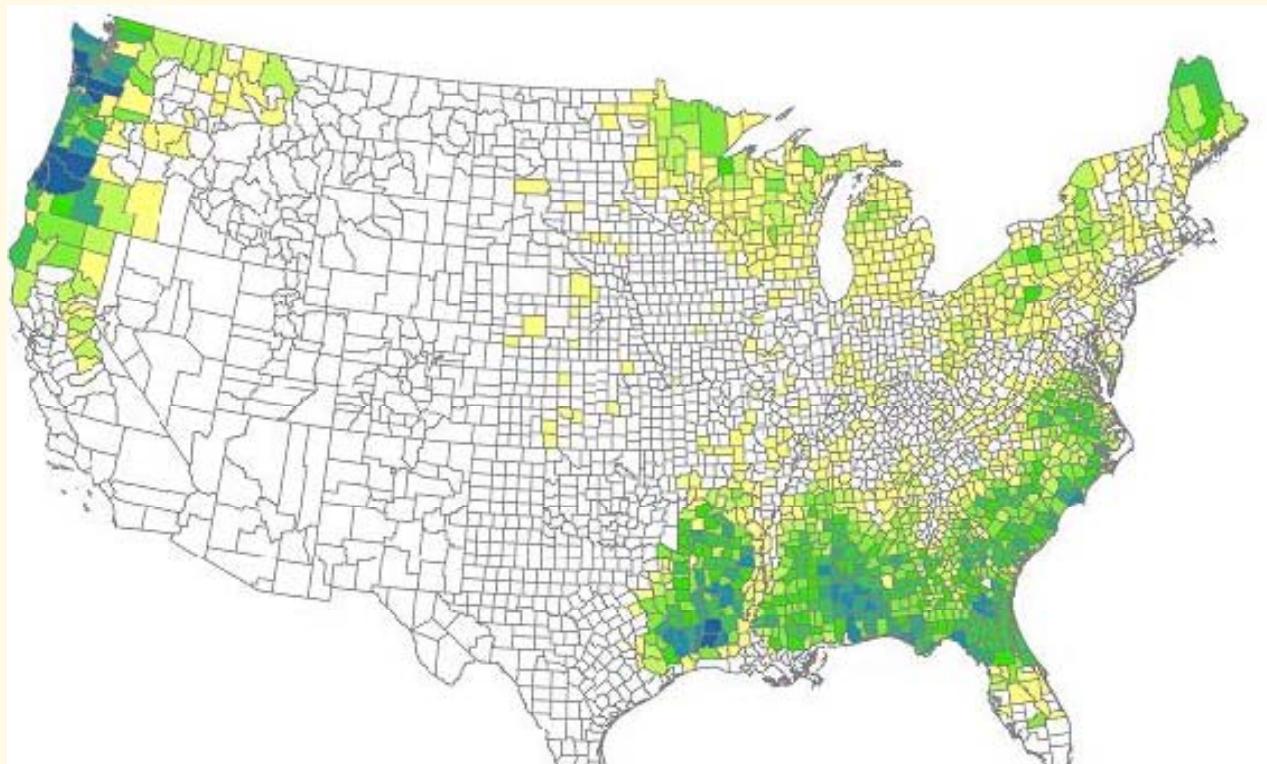
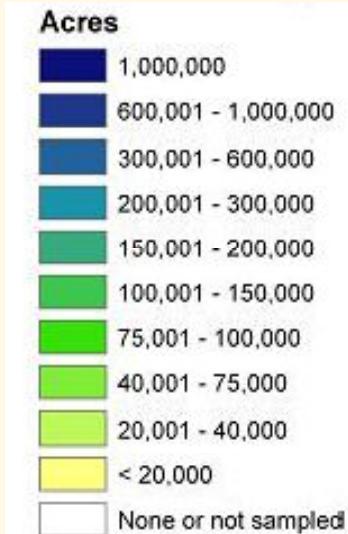
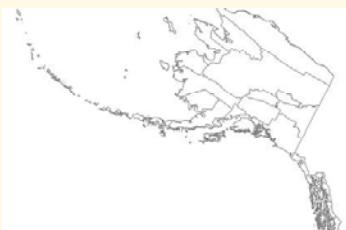
Wood for Energy Legislation

Energy Independence Security Act '07: (EISA) Ambiguous language, undefined by statute -

- “cleared before the passage of this sentence”; “planted”; “pre-commercial thinning”
- Most restrictive interpretation excludes 88% of private forests
- **Bottom Line:** Adversely impacts the siting of new facilities
- **Solution =** 2008 Farm Bill: “...other plants and trees”



Area of Timberland Qualifying Under the 2007 EISA



Forest Inventory and Analysis

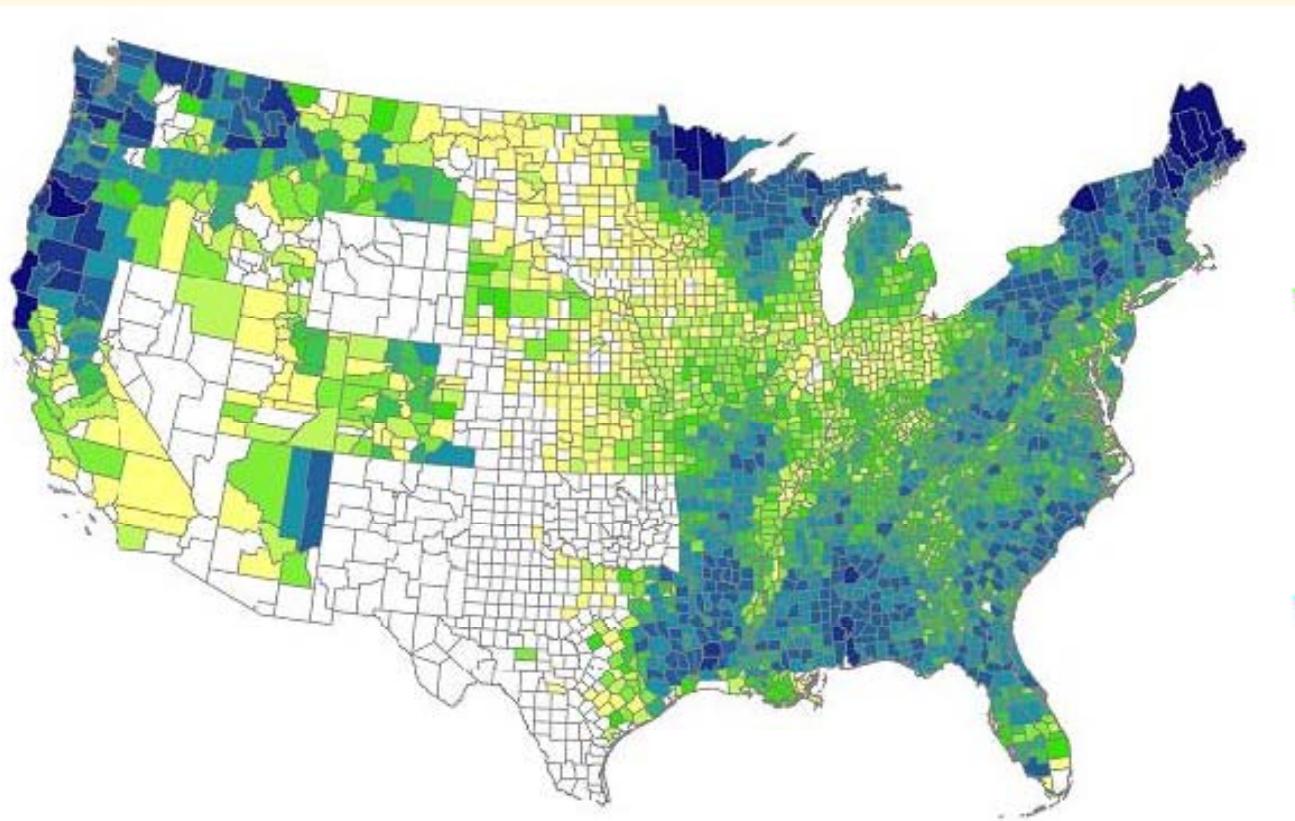
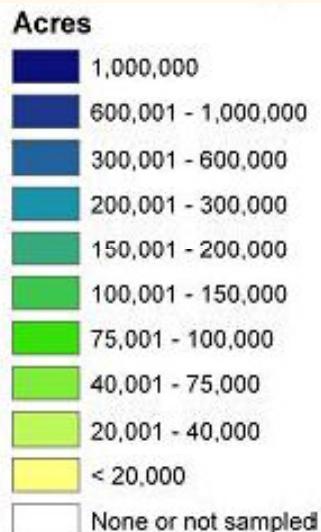
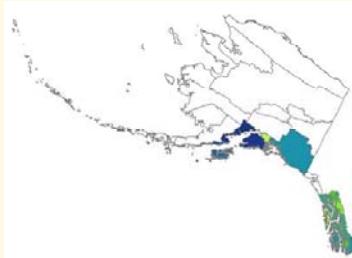


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Renewable Electricity Standard

American Clean Energy & Security Act (*Waxman-Markey*)

- Passed House 219-212 on June 26, 2009
- Included a Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) with a broad definition of biomass. “other plants and trees” and “residues or byproducts from wood, pulp, or paper products facilities”
- Senate – E&NR passed restrictive bill in June ‘09 that did not include climate change provisions. No floor action.
(Debate now on if any bill will pass in 2010)

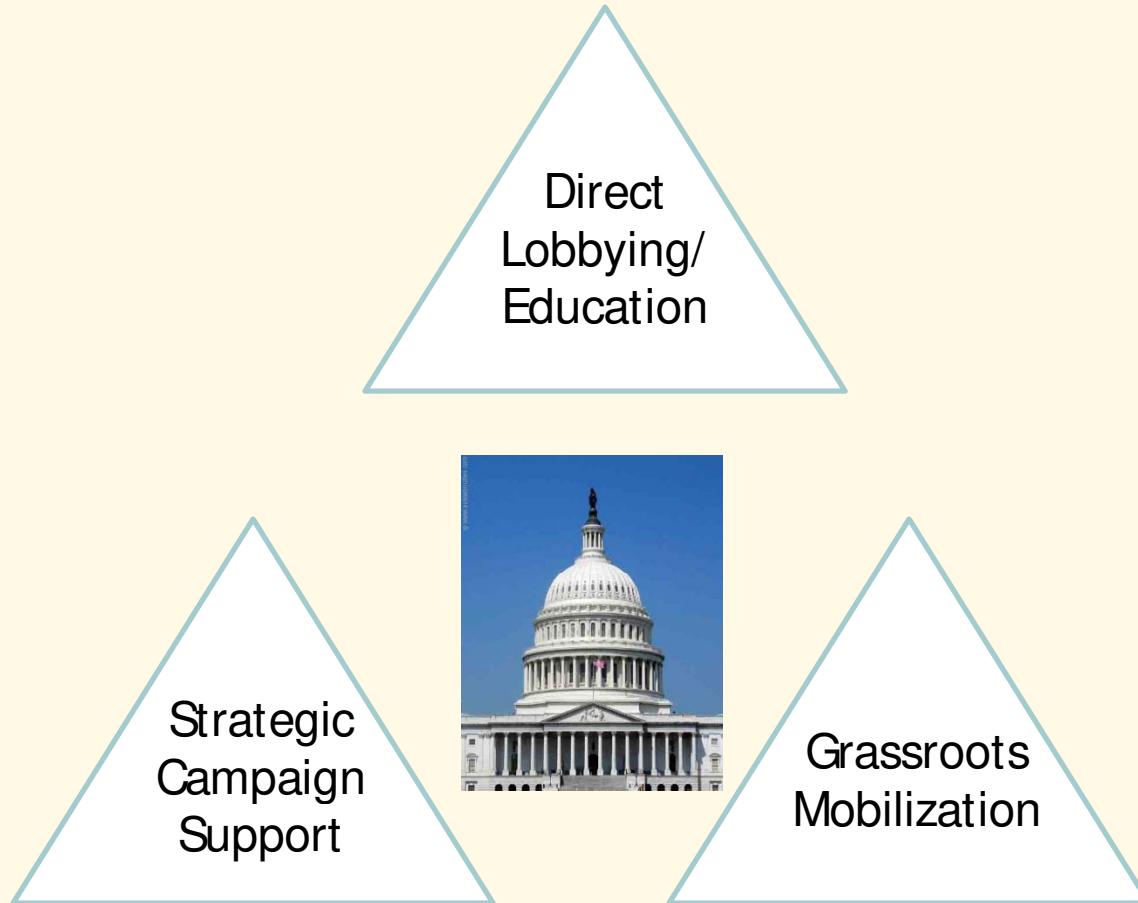


Clean Water Restoration Act

- June 18 – Senate E&PW passed S.787
- Low profile issue at times
 - “Navigable waters changed” to “Waters of the United States”
 - Dilutes silvicultural exemption for forestry operations



FLA National Representation for Landowners





FLA Political Action Committee



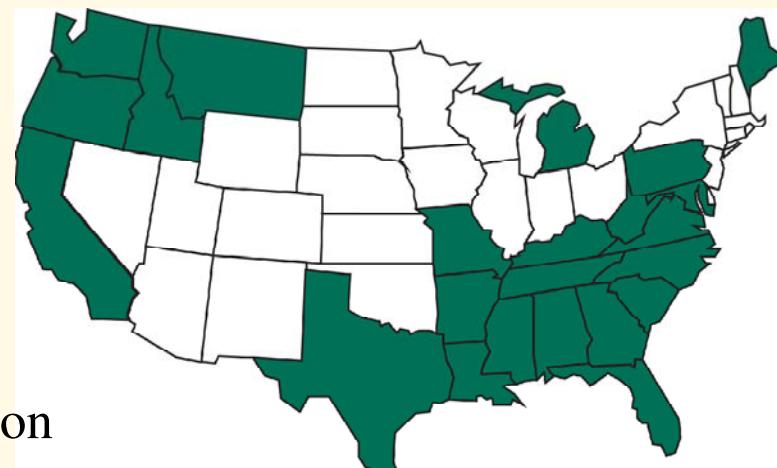
2007-2008 FLA-PAC Contributions

\$71,139

2005-2006 FLA-PAC Contributions

\$74,280

- 15, 276 Registered Federal Lobbyist
- 2008: \$3.27 Billion 2009: \$800 million
- Environmental Lobby 2008: \$18 million
- Paper Co. Lobbying 2008: Over \$15 million





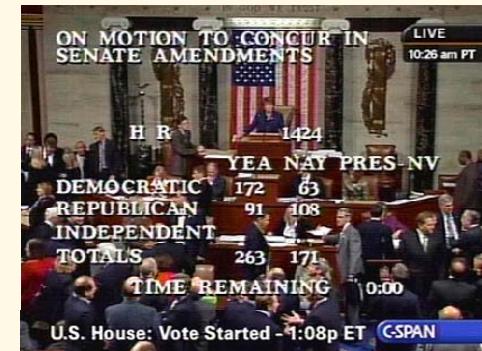
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FLA Grassroots



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Direct Lobbying



Keeping Forests as Forests

- Traditional markets – *solid wood, pulp and paper*
- Emerging markets – *energy, ecosystem services*
- Non-traditional uses – *easements, mitigation, ESA*
- Strong representation- *Ensure a voice in legislation and regulation*



Questions?

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