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# National and Regional Reforestation Policy, Priorities, and Challenges

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# Reforestation Symposium

## A National Reforestation Perspective

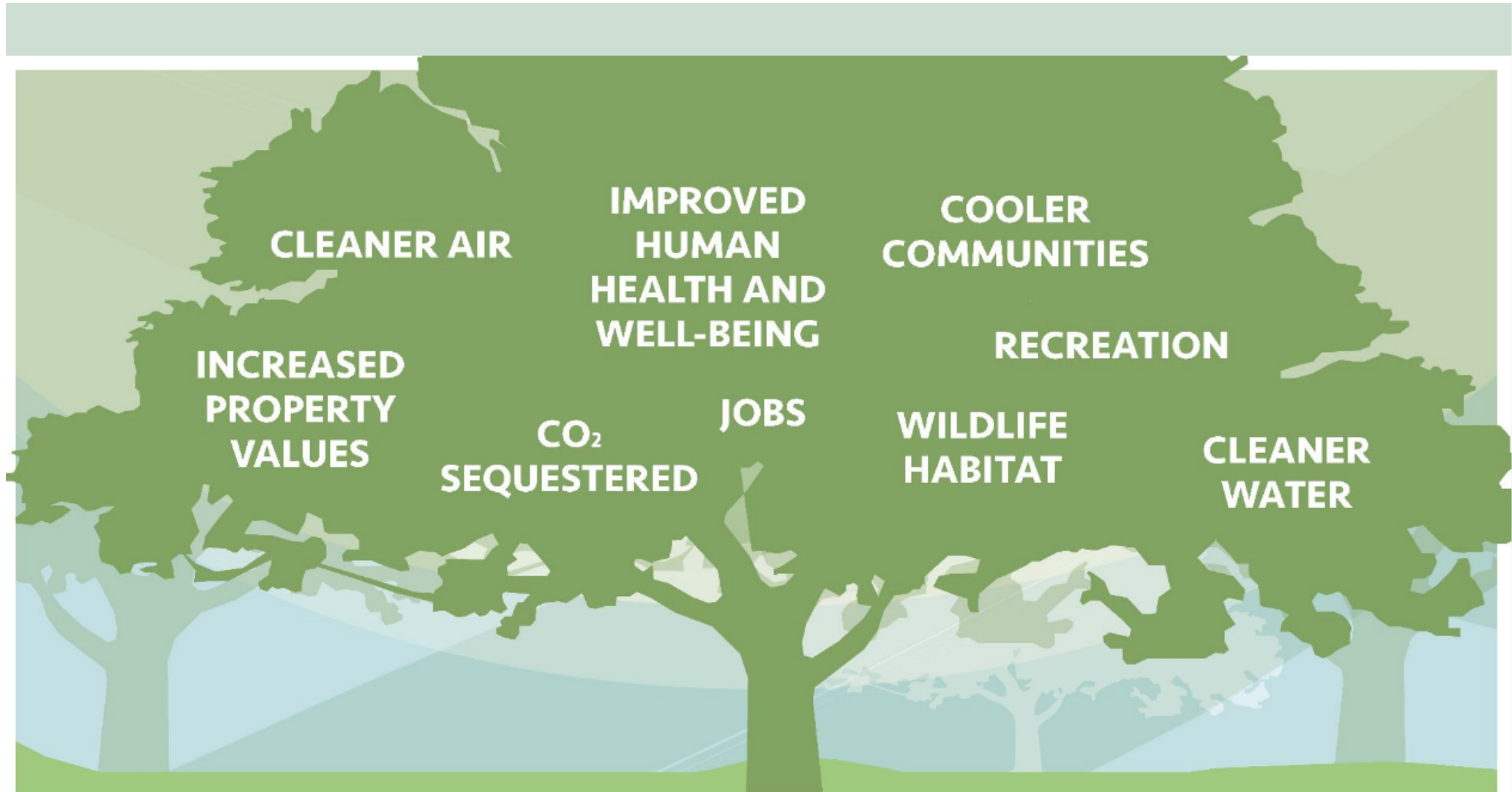


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## USFS Mission

*To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.*

## Laws/Policies - National Forest Management Act (NFMA) 1976

*...all forested lands in the National Forest System shall be maintained in appropriate forest cover... in accordance with land management plans.*

*...the amount and location by forests...where objectives of land management plans indicate the need to reforest areas that have been cut-over or otherwise denuded or deforested.*

# REFORESTATION CHALLENGES

- Reforestation\* Needs on NFS Lands are Growing
  - FY18 – 1.3 million acres
- 80% wildfire-caused needs
- 183,314 acres treated in FY18
  - 60,000 acres planting
  - ~15% needs treated annually
  - <5% wildfire-caused planting needs

\*Reforestation = Natural Regeneration & Tree Planting (& Seeding)





# REFORESTATION CHALLENGES



- Scale
- Funding
- Priorities
- Capacity
- Future vs. Today
- Climate change



# ACTIONS

- National Reforestation Strategy & Partnerships
  - Establishing a framework for agency and partner support
  - Establishing & maintaining resilient forests
    - Lead with Science & Technology
    - Strengthen Resources & Capacity
    - Partnering & Collaborating
    - Strengthen Awareness & Support
- Regional Reforestation Strategies, Tools, Training, etc.
- Forest-level actions to establish & maintain resilient forests for the future

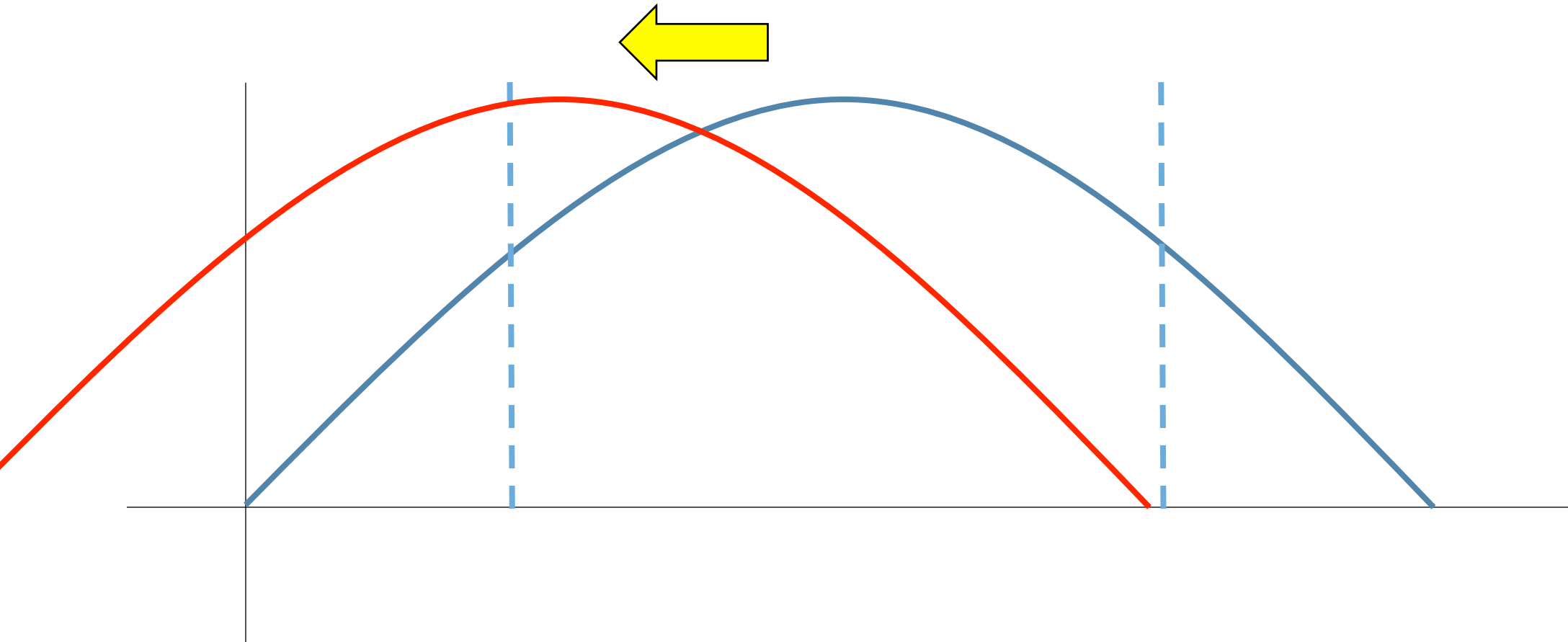


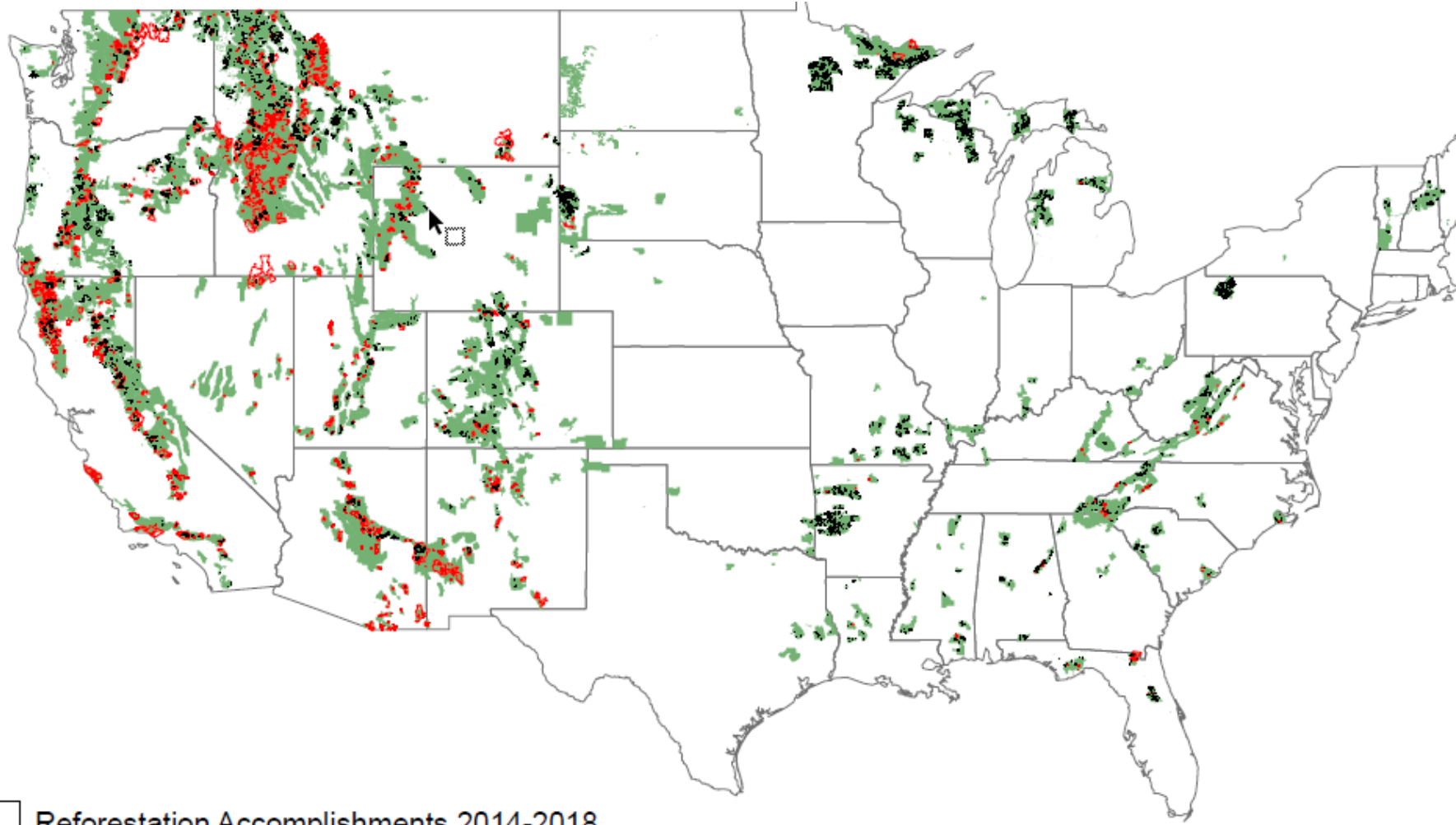
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Regional Reforestation  
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Forest-Level Actions

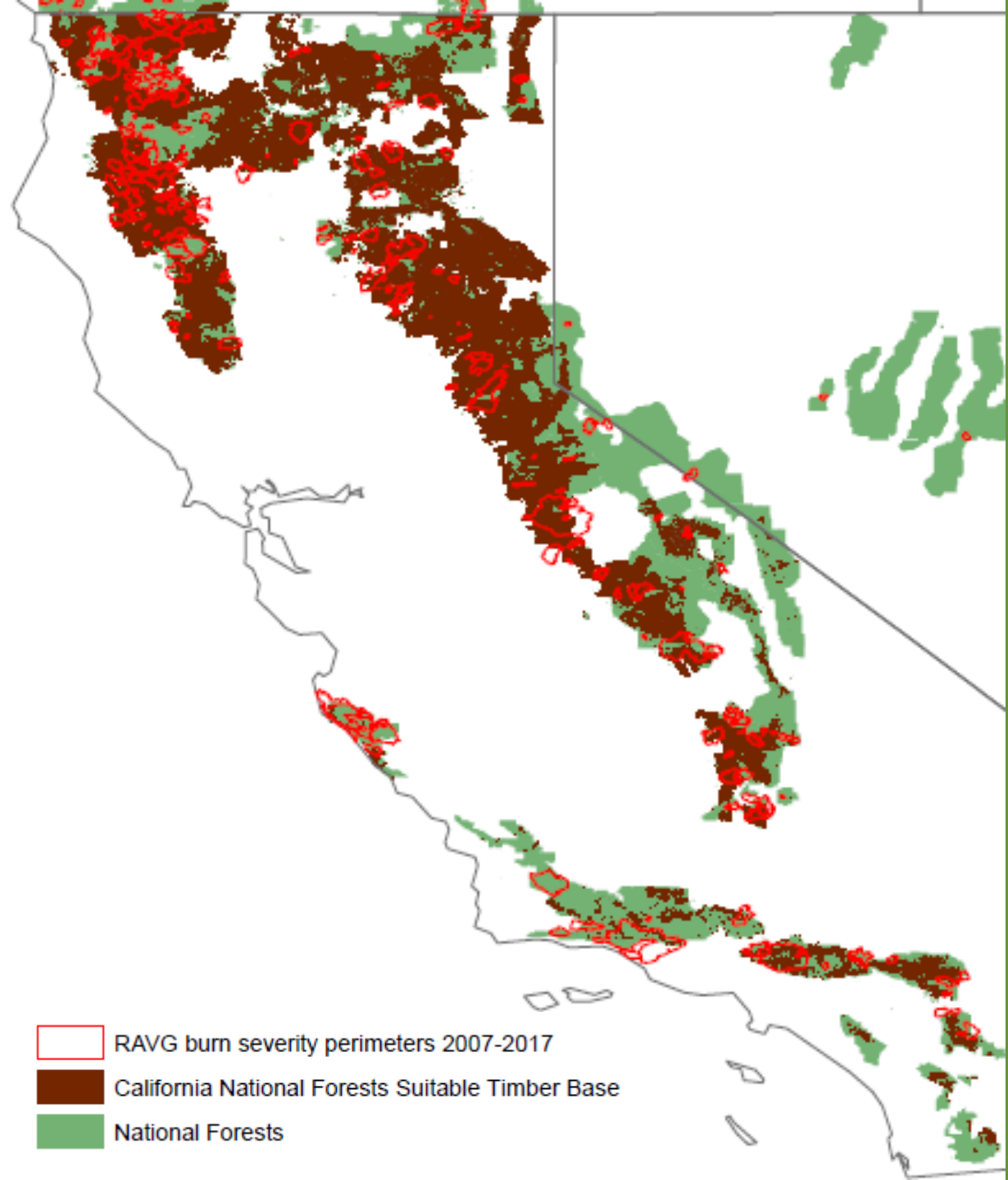
THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW





-  Reforestation Accomplishments 2014-2018
-  RAVG burn severity perimeters 2007-2017
-  National Forests





# Regional Reforestation Policy, Priorities, and Challenges

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# Forest Plans

SNFPA (2004 ROD) – NWFP – Southern California National Forest Plans









# Reforestation Policy, Priorities, and Challenges on a National Forest

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