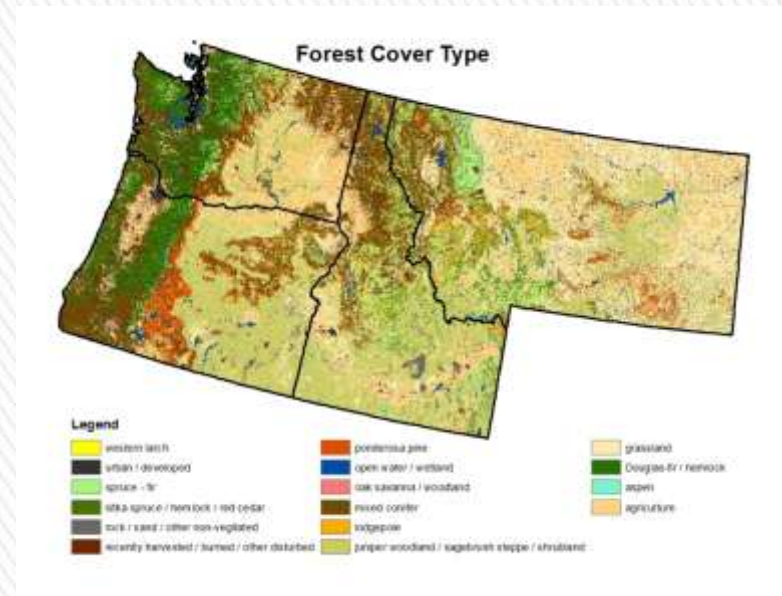




# Stocked stands to standing stocks: Sustainable forest management and bioenergy



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- > Pacific Northwest forest condition – “overstocked”
- > Spatial and temporal dynamics

## » Framework

- > Sustainable forest management = feedstock
- > Prescription elements
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# ***A history of biomass accumulation in general, and landscape continuity***



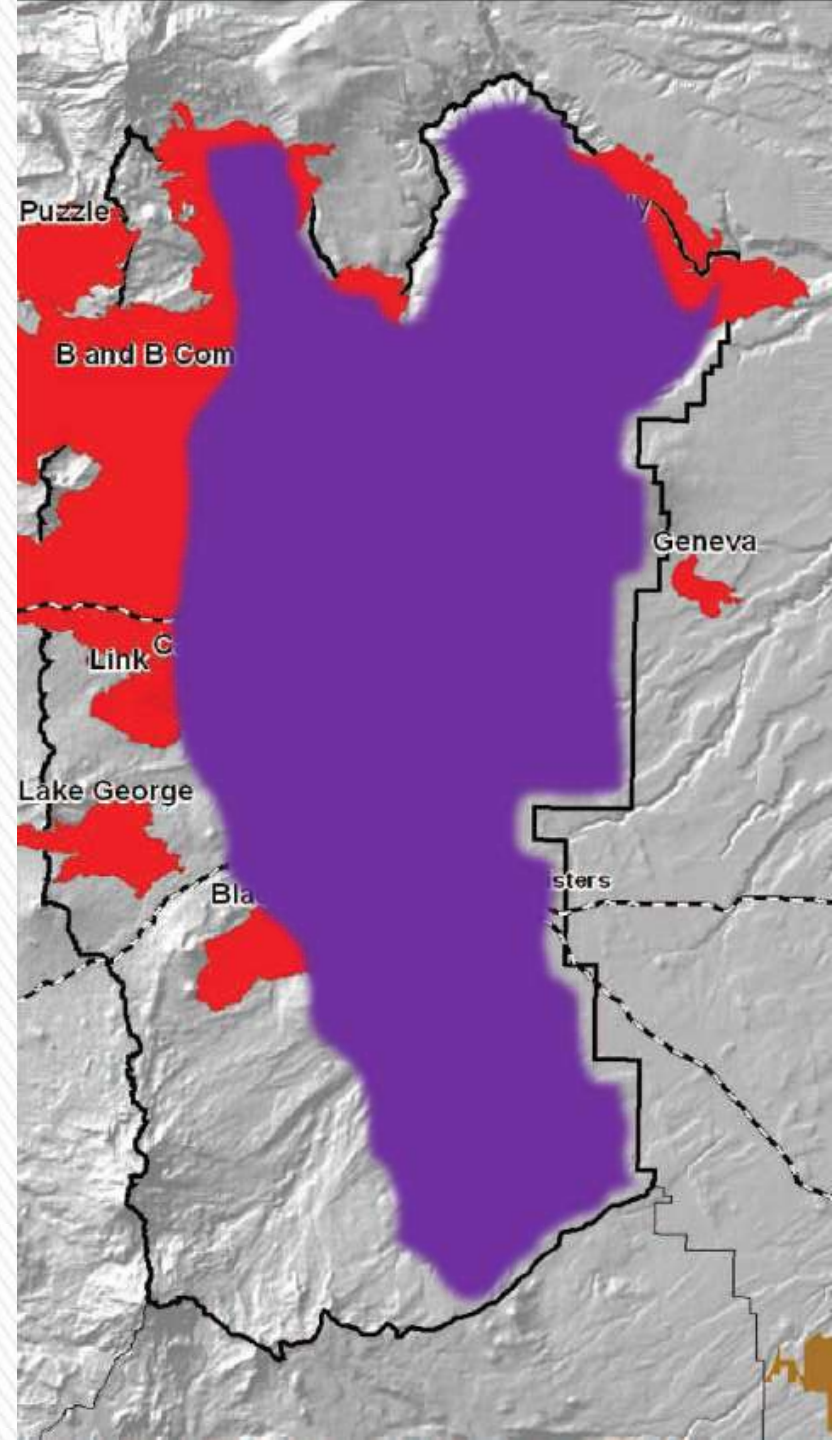


4. MOUNT JEFFERSON, FROM GRIZZLY FLAT.

# Scope of Problem

Do the math...

- Return intervals
- Forest types



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# Sustainable Forest Management

» Biomass balance equation:

$$\textit{Regeneration + Growth = Mortality + Harvest}$$

» Scale, forest type and ownership adjustment

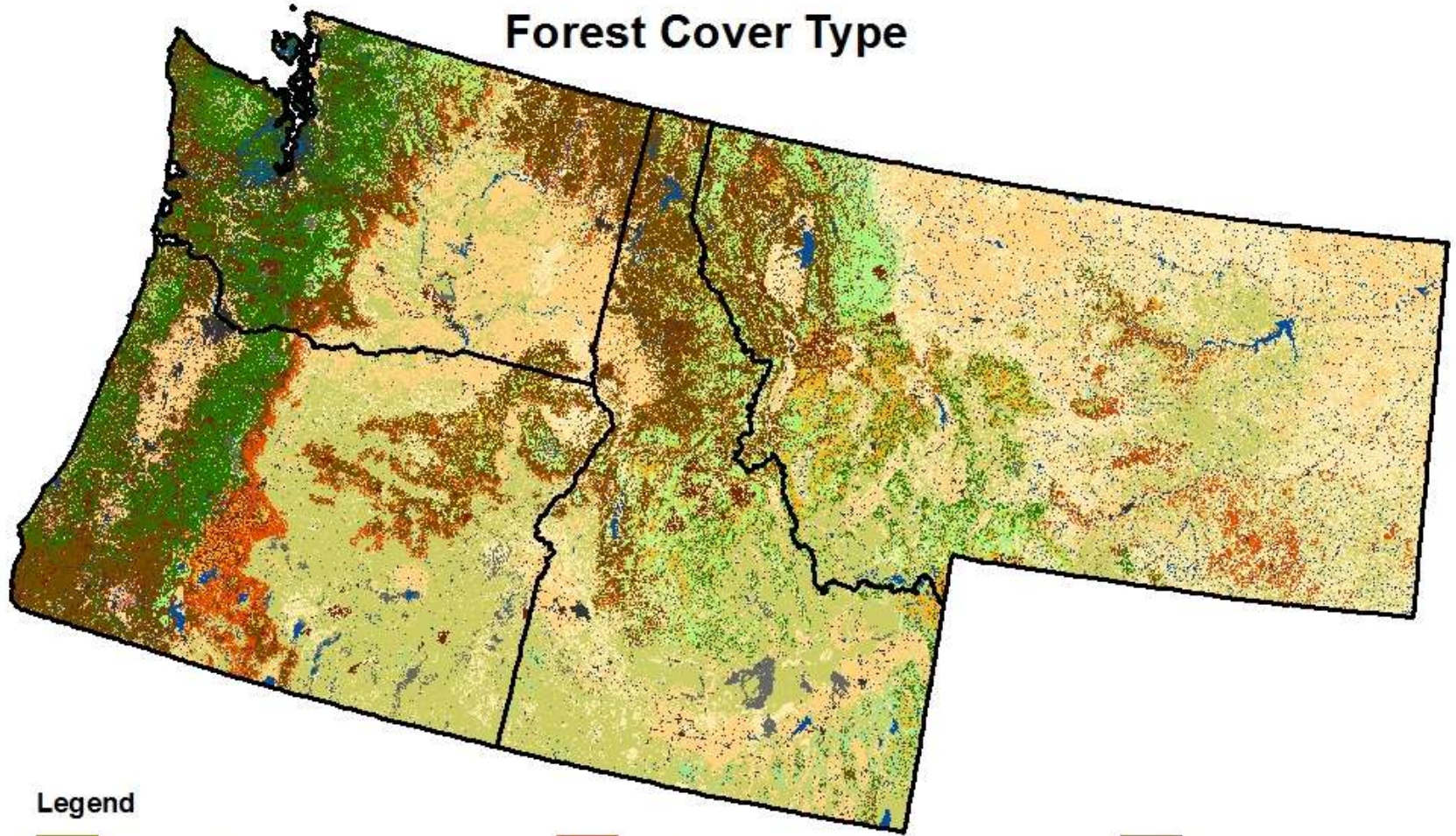
» Silvicultural prescription choices

> Even-aged management

> Multi-aged management (“restoration” or “ecological forestry”)



# Forest Cover Type

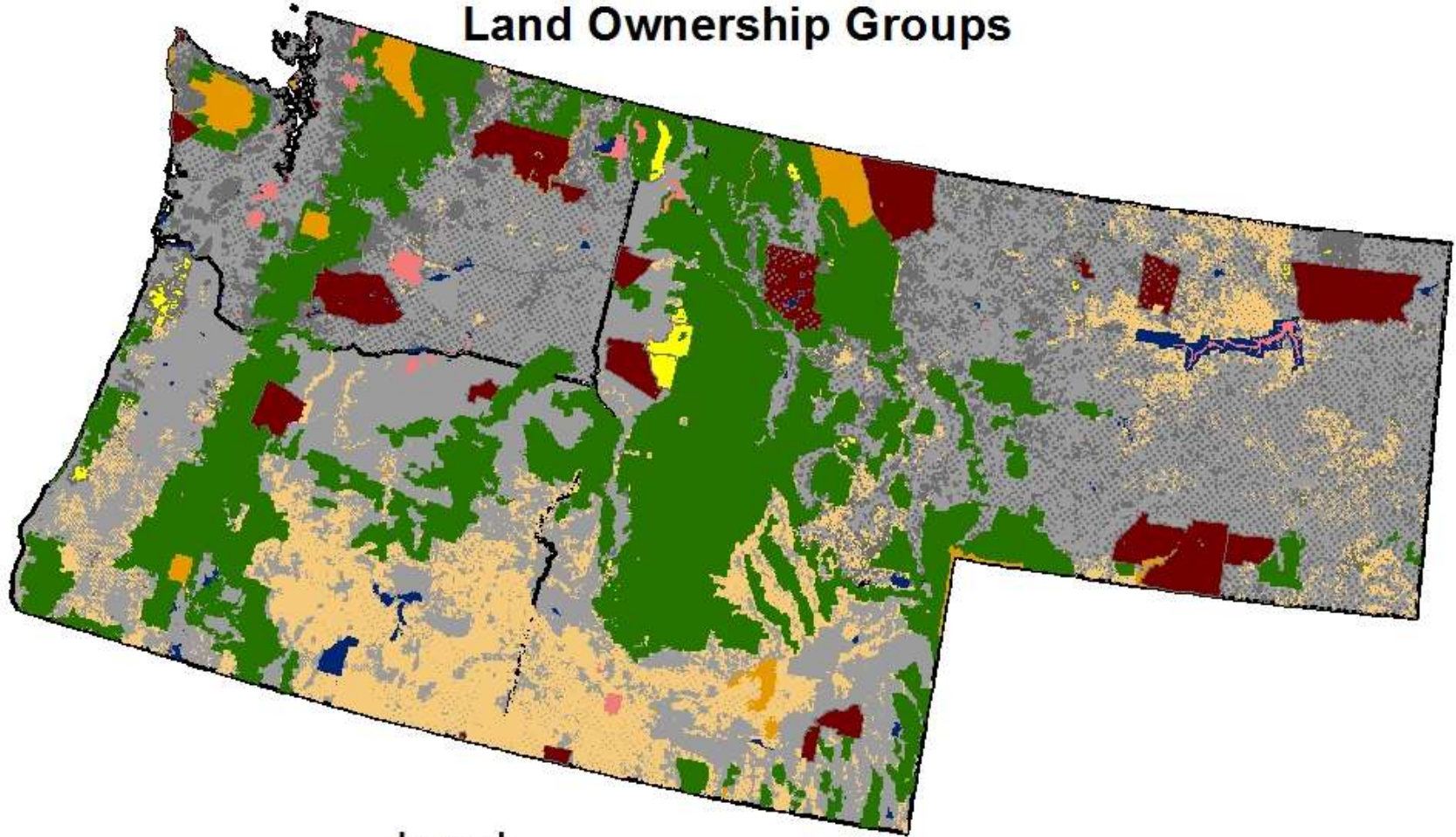


## Legend









- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|  western larch                                 |  ponderosa pine                                  |  grassland             |
|  urban / developed                             |  open water / wetland                            |  Douglas-fir / hemlock |
|  spruce - fir                                  |  oak savanna / woodland                          |  aspen                 |
|  sitka spruce / hemlock / red cedar            |  mixed conifer                                   |  agriculture           |
|  rock / sand / other non-vegetated             |  lodgepole                                       |   |
|  recently harvested / burned / other disturbed |  juniper woodland / sagebrush steppe / shrubland |   |



# Land Ownership Groups



## Legend

 Bureau of Land Management	 Fish and Wildlife Service
 Department of Defense	 National Park Service
 Forest Service	 Private and Other
	 State Land
	 Tribal Land

# Silvicultural Prescriptions

- » **Regeneration harvest (~clearcutting)**
  - > **Industrial, state and private landowners**
  - > **Classic even-aged species (e.g., Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine)**
  - > **Post-fire salvage harvests**
- » **Fuels treatment only**
  - > **Federal owners**
  - > **Light “thinning from below” with diameter limit**
    - + **Modest thinning alternative**
- » **Comprehensive treatment**
  - > **Multi-aged management**



# Silvicultural Prescriptions

- » Prescribed fire
  - > Federal owners
  - > Following 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the mechanical treatments
  - > 5-10 year return

## WILDFIRE

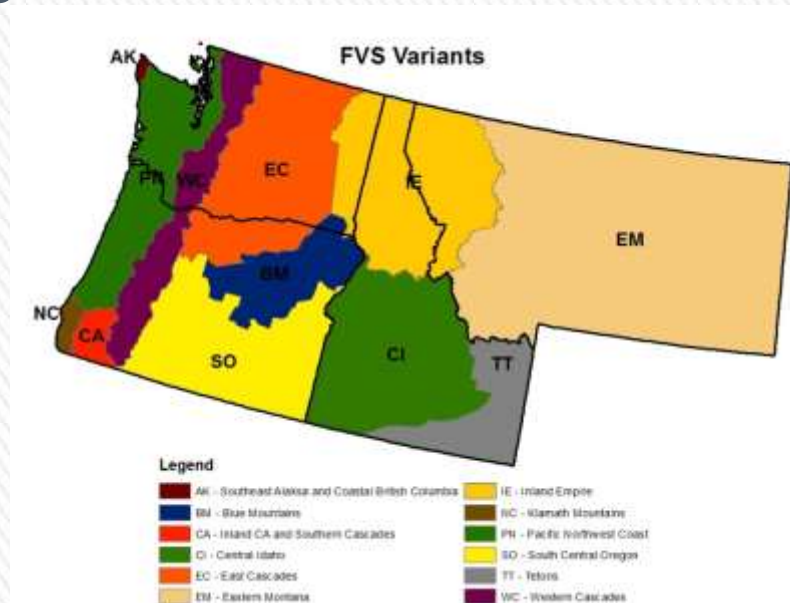


# Modeling

- » Standing stock
  - > Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA)
- » Regeneration, Growth and Mortality
  - > Forest Vegetation Simulator (FVS)/fire statistics
- » Harvest levels
  - > Silvicultural prescriptions

## » Scenarios

- > Feedstock needs
- > Market forces



# Bottom Line

1. Management should be driven by objectives
2. Models do what we program them to do.
3. Scale is crucial – are we doing enough?
4. Cake forestry vs. muffin forestry

