

## Introduction

Supplemental Income landowners are defined by the fact that they primarily own their land for investment and income purposes. They see their land as a working financial asset. These owners are more likely than the general landowning population to have cut timber. Legacy is a top reason for owning land, meaning they are interested in maintaining an existing family legacy or would like to keep the land for their heirs. Messages should focus on maximizing financial benefits, protecting the long-term health of the woods, and keeping the land intact for future generations.

Even though cutting timber is prevalent among these owners, most have not received advice on management in the last 5 years, and even fewer have a management plan. These landowners may be skeptical of most programs that impose restrictions on land use. Some people might even try to work around program requirements or do the minimum necessary. They need to be convinced that stewardship behaviors are cost effective—at least in the long run. Altruistic or environmental reasons are a harder sell for these landowners.

## Basic Statistics

### Number and Acreage

- Estimated number of ownerships in this group: **49,000**.
- This group constitutes **11%** of total family woodland owners in this geography with 10+ acres.
- Total acreage covered by these ownerships: **7,136,000 acres**.
- This is **20%** of the total acres held in wooded acreage of 10+ acres.

### Land Tenure

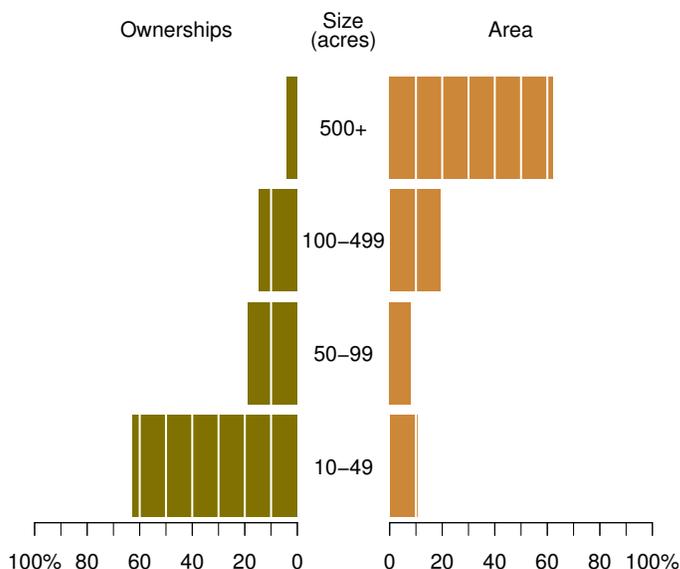
- Average land tenure is **28.1 years**.
- **6%** have owned this land for less than 10 years.

### Percent of landowners that say their woods are

- Part of their home: **63%**
- Part of cabin or vacation home: **12%**
- Part of their farm or ranch: **43%**

### Size of Holdings

The bars on the left show the proportion of woodland owners in this group who own land parcels of specified sizes. The bars on the right show how the wooded acreage held by this group of landowners is distributed among the specified parcel sizes.

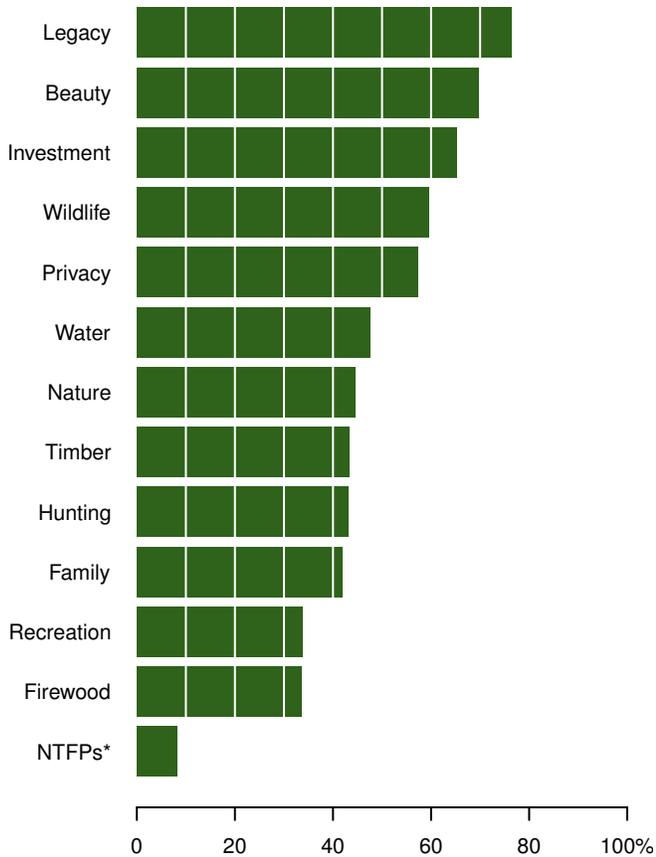


## Landowner Attitudes

80% of the landowners are classified as Prime Prospects. This means they have good stewardship attitudes but are not highly engaged in managing their land.

### Reasons for Owning Woods

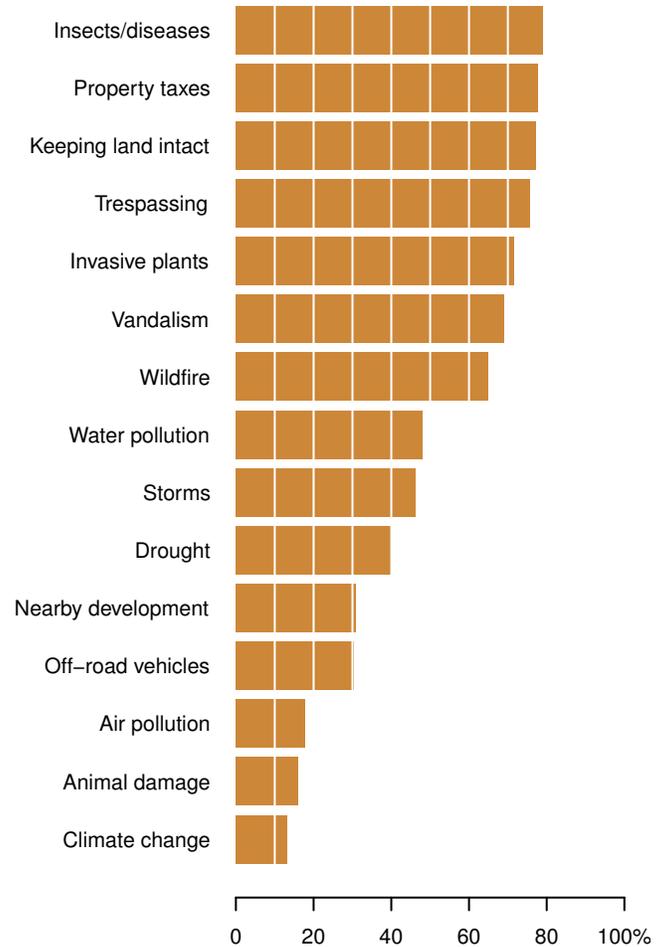
The percentage of landowners in this group who cited each of these reasons for owning land as important or very important to them.



\* Non-timber forest products

### Landowner Concerns

The percentage of landowners in this group who said they are concerned or greatly concerned about each of these factors.

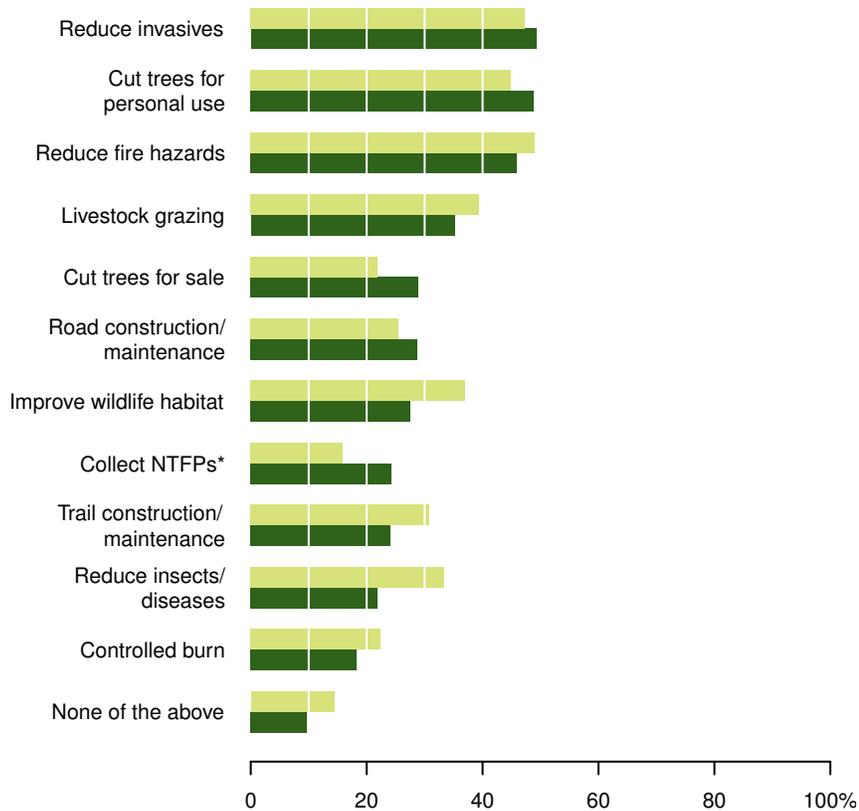


## Activities on the Land

SFFI classifies **18%** of the landowners in this group as highly engaged. This means that they have reported doing several activities to protect and improve their woods.

### Past and Future Activities

The dark green bars show the proportion of woodland owners in this group that have done each of these activities in the past five years. The light green bars show the proportion who say they are likely or extremely likely to do that activity in the next five years.



### Program Participation

Have management plan	27%
Have green certification	6%
Have easement	1%
Have cost-share	25%

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## Advice

**36%** of the landowners in this group have received advice or information about care, management or protection of their woodland in the past five years.

### Sources of Advice

The proportion of landowners that said they have received advice from each of these sources in the past five years.

State or local government employee	18%
Federal government employee	9%
Private consultant	16%
Another landowner	4%
Family member or friend	7%
Other	10%

### Preferred Modes

The proportion of landowners who said that they would prefer to receive advice or information in the following ways.

Talk to someone	20%
Have someone visit my land	16%
Written materials/ publications	54%
Internet	27%
Conference/Workshop	17%
Don't want any advice/information	24%

## Future Plans

68% of these landowners want their wooded land to stay wooded.

11% say they plan to sell or transfer their land in the next 5 years.

28% say they would sell their land if offered the right price.

## Demographics

Average age: **66.1 years**

60% have a college education or higher

17% have an annual income of \$100,000 or higher

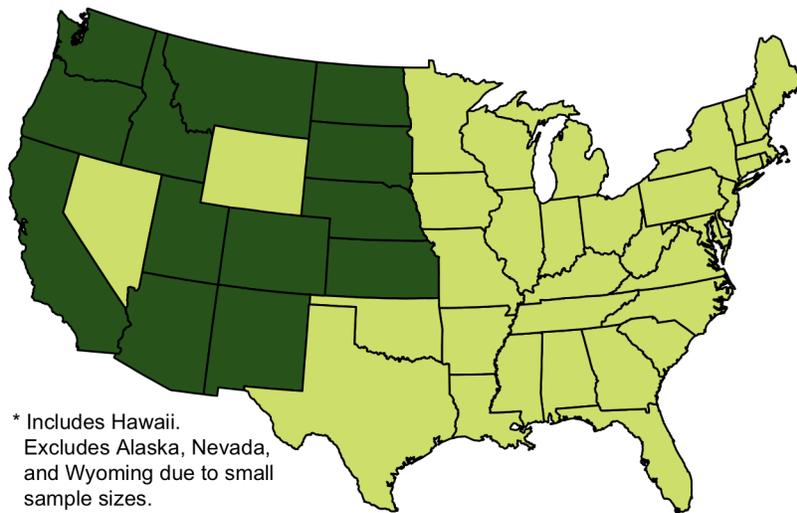
45% have an annual income of less than \$49,000

23% rely on their woods for at least 5% of their income

White: **98%** Non-White: **2%**

Male: **82%** Female: **18%**

## States Included in this Region



These landowner profiles have been developed by the Sustaining Family Forests Initiative (SFFI), a collaboration between the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Center for Nonprofit Strategies. SFFI aims to gain and disseminate comprehensive knowledge about family forest owners throughout the United States. For more information about SFFI, visit [sffi.yale.edu](http://sffi.yale.edu). The profiles use data from the National Woodland Owner Survey (NWOS) conducted by the US Forest Service. The data in this specific summary are based on a sample of 156 families and individuals that own 10 or more acres of woodland in West collected between 2011 and 2013. For more information about the NWOS, visit [www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos](http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos).