

CNNF Timber Program

Opportunities for Sustainable Increases



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Our Goals – Timber Related

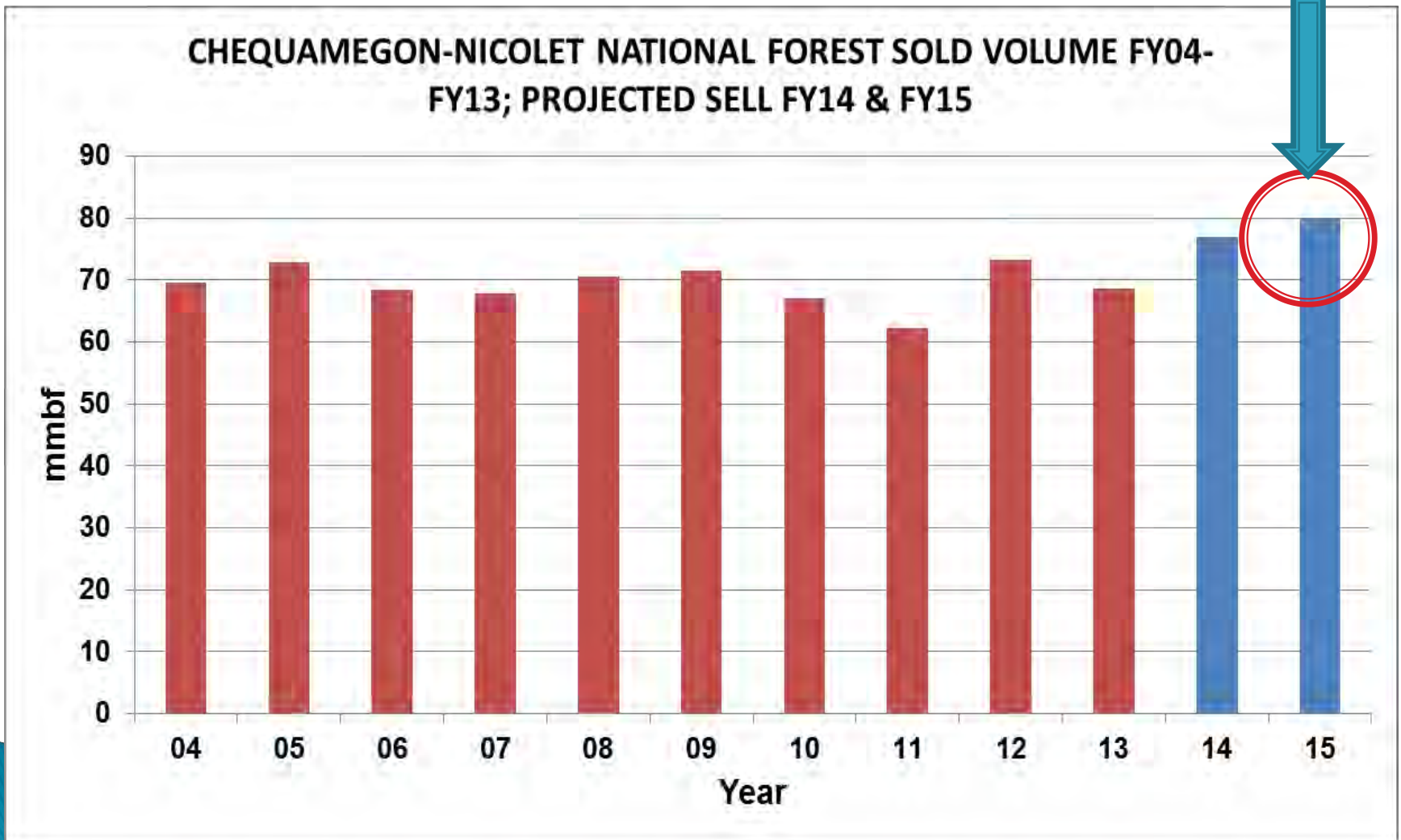
- ▶ Fully implement CNNF Forest Plan to meet Stated Goals and Objectives and Provide Economic/Social/Environmental Benefits of Doing So
- ▶ Address Blowdown and I&D Events Appropriately (Timing, Efficiency, etc.)
- ▶ Not Create “Boom and Bust” Environment with Annual Sale Program
- ▶ Provide mix of forest products across 11 counties with NFS lands

Our Goals – Timber Related

- ▶ Maintain/Increase Internal Capacity to Plan and Implement/Administer Timber Program (*get beyond current “capacity ceiling” estimate of mid-80’s MMBF/annually*)
- ▶ Use Old and New “Tools” Efficiently and Appropriately
- ▶ Stay out of Court (and prevail if end up there)
- ▶ Expand/Sustain Capacity to Interact with External Entities (State/Tribes/Counties/Towns/Non-Profits) *Without Significantly Lowering Internal Capacity*

Timber Sale Program – First Decade of Forest Plan

Approximate highest capacity with existing conditions.



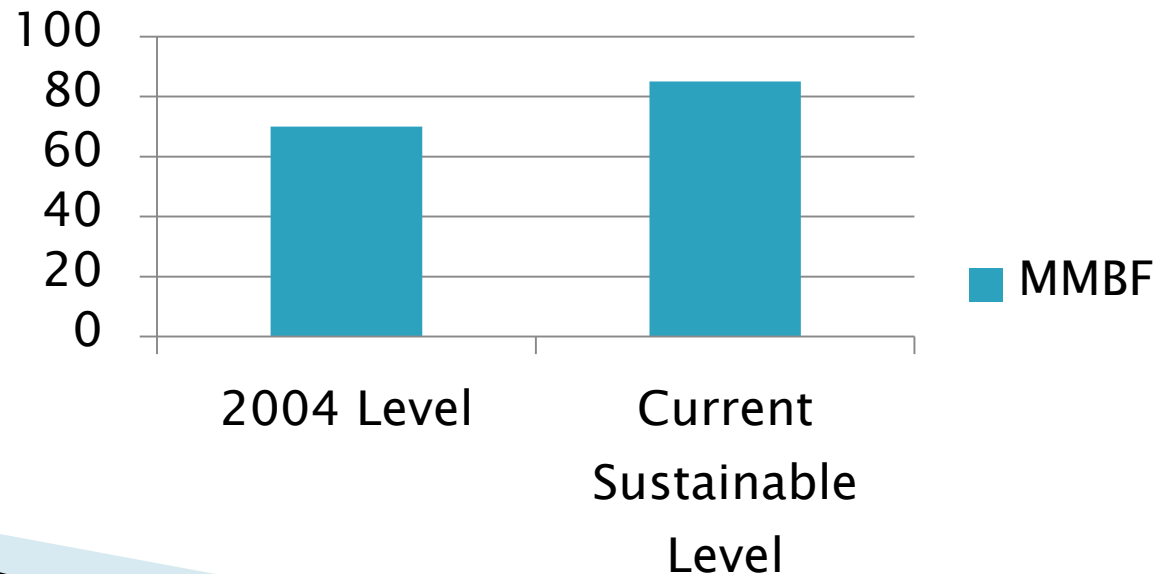
Existing Sustained Increase Factors

Budget Levels Lower
Fewer Employees

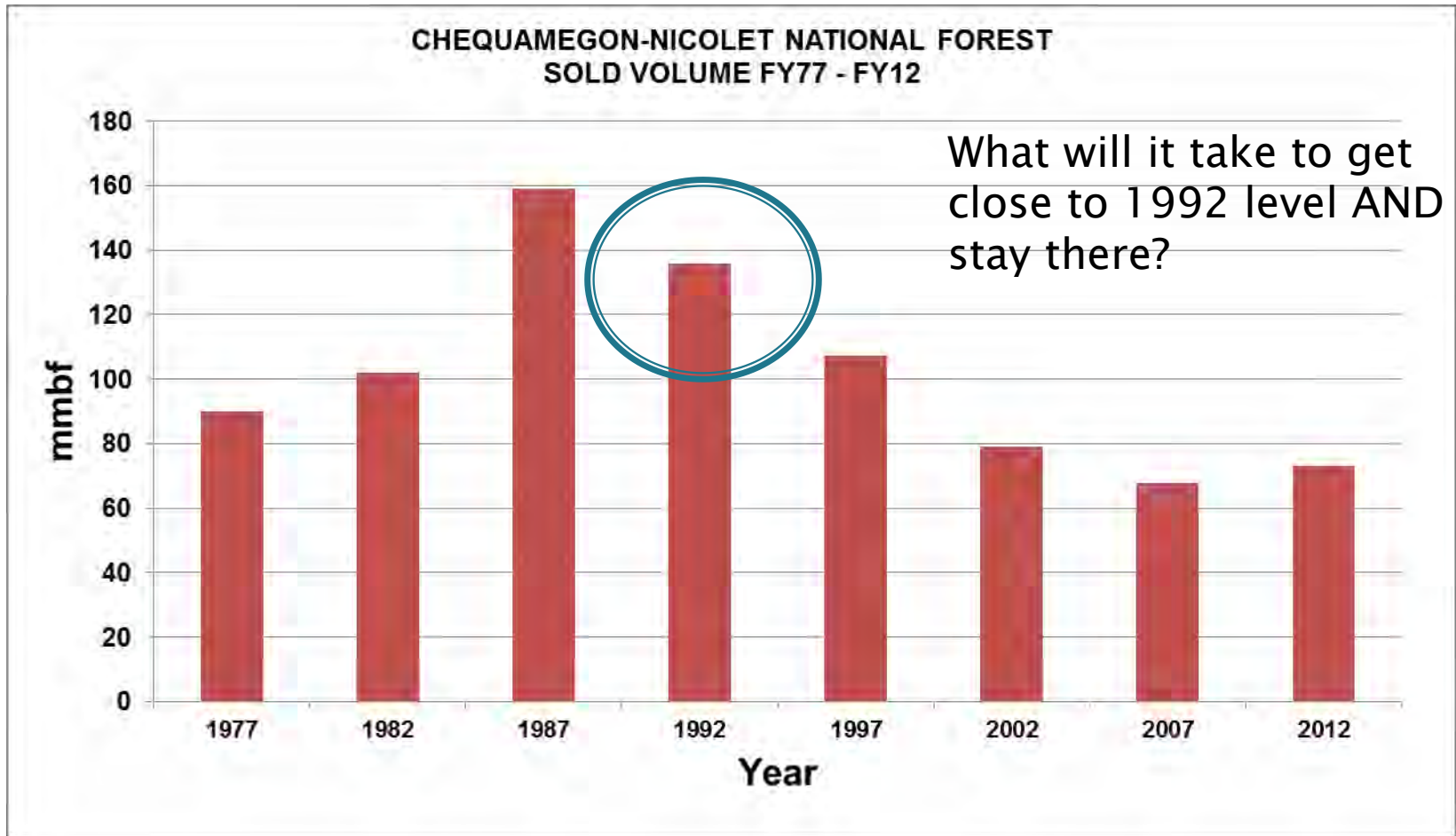
Lower Investments in Planning (efficiencies and fewer appeals/litigation)

Increased Use of Stewardship Contracting (\$1.5 – \$2 MM annually staying on Forest)

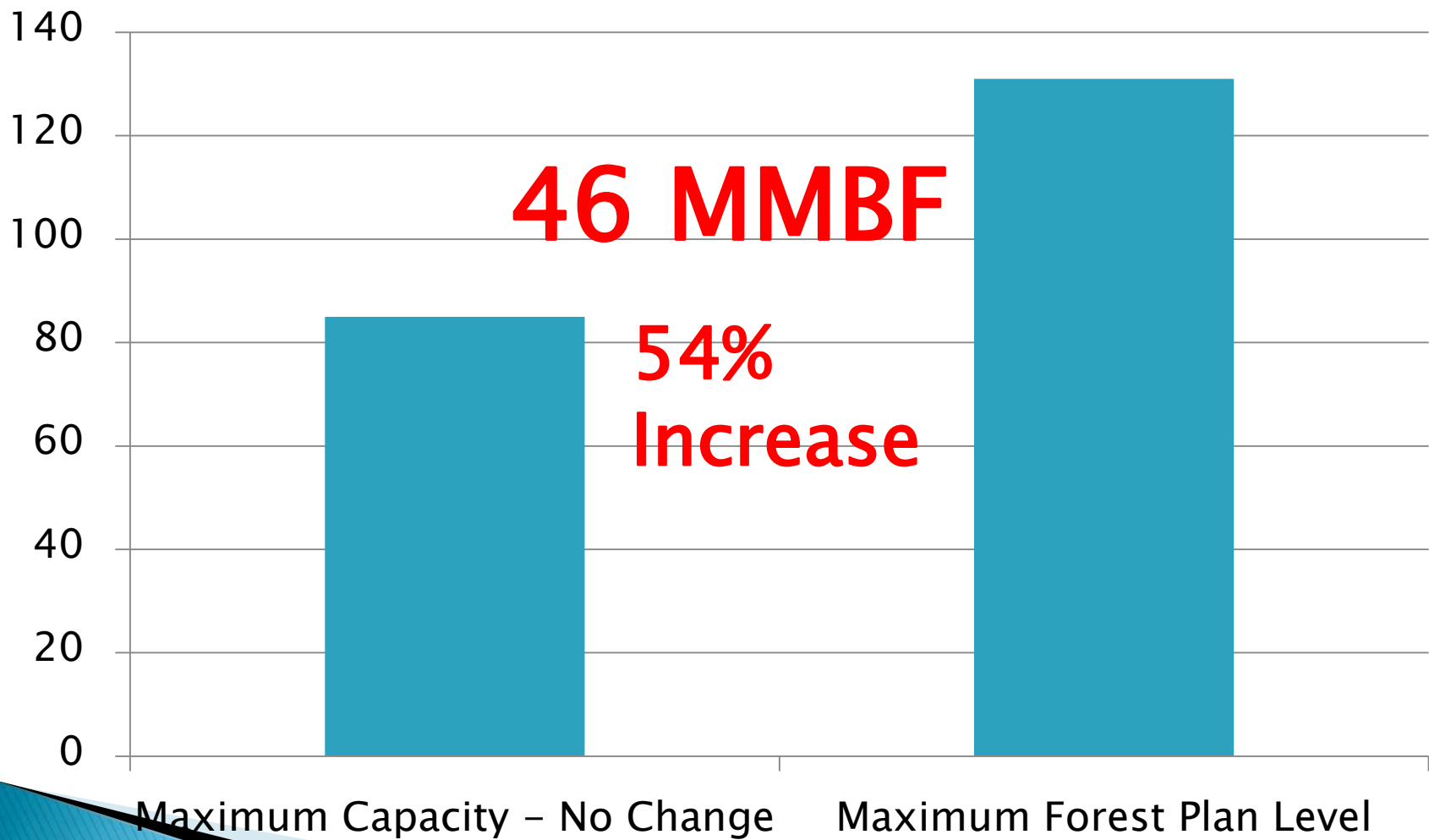
Small External Contributions



Timber Sale Program – 35+ Years

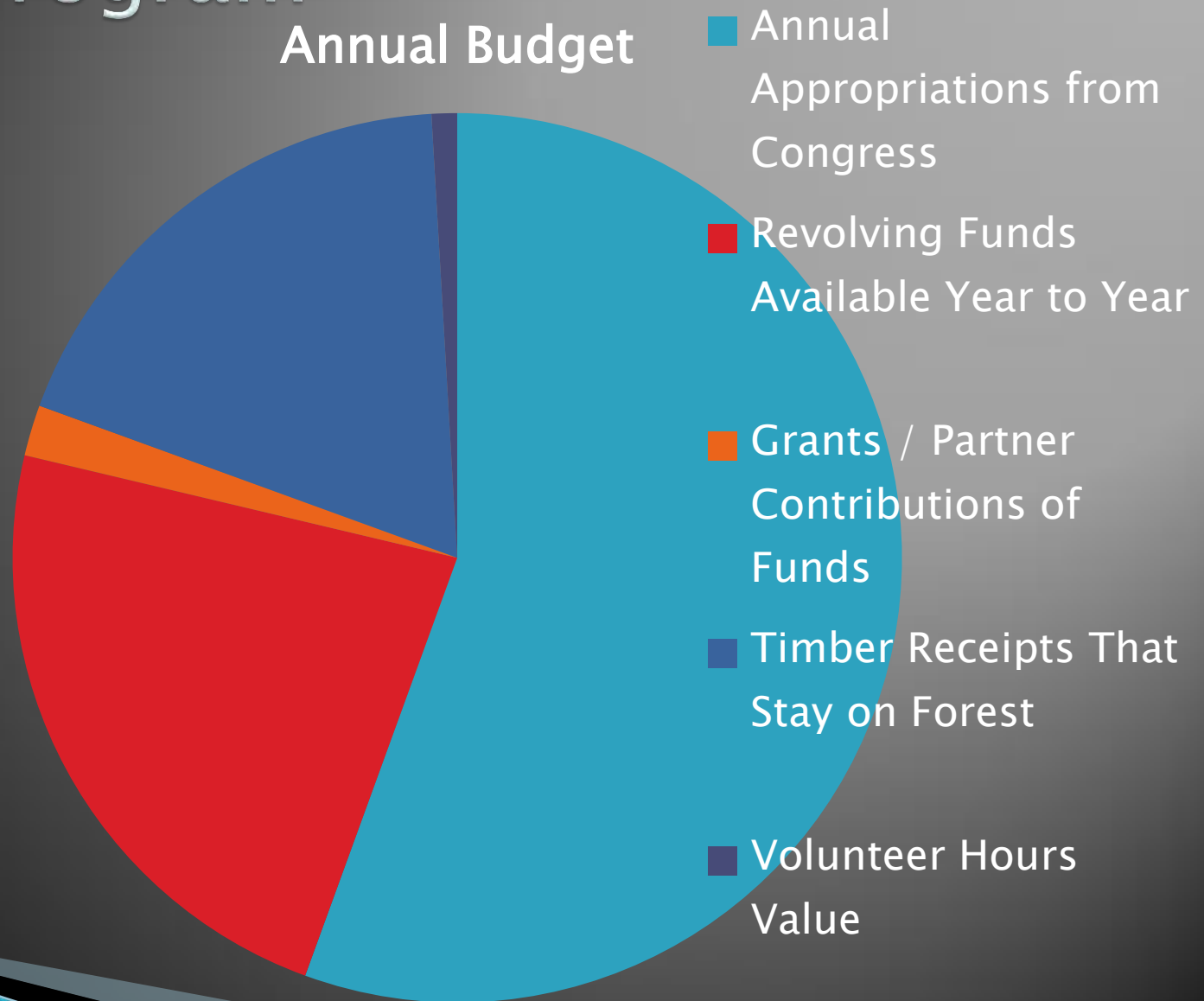


Timber Sale Level - Closing the "Gap"



Current Financial Inputs to CNNF Timber Program

Annual Budget

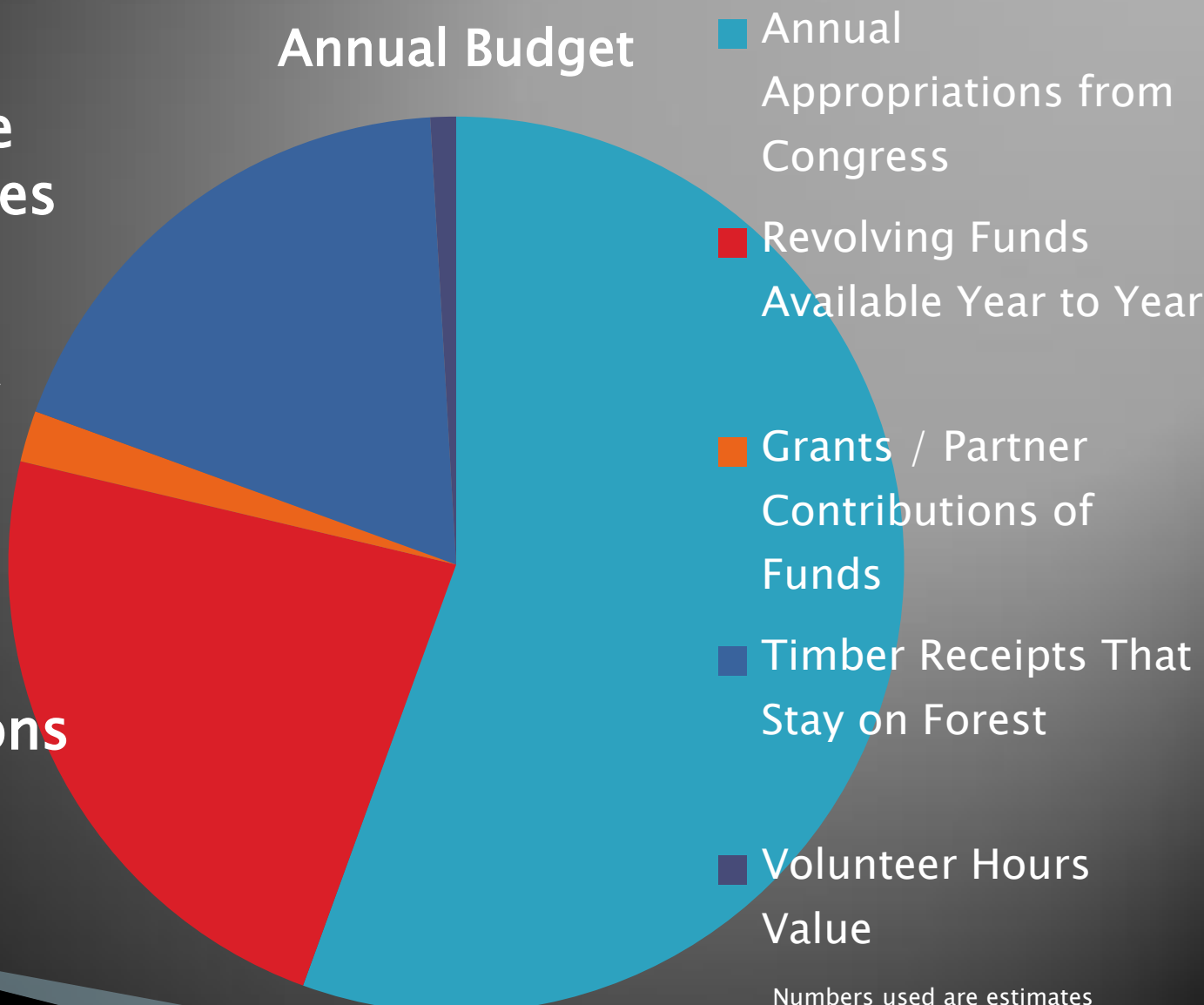


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Annual Budget

One or more of these slices has to increase significantly and stay increased without annual appropriations decreasing.



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Existing Processes Supporting Timber Sales

- ▶ **Inventory (Standard data gathering practices)**
 - FS Employees
 - Contracts for private company services
- ▶ **Planning**
 - Variety of Project Planning Tools – Choose “best value” tool depending on circumstances
 - FS Employees
 - Internal “Enterprise Teams”
- ▶ **Sale Preparation (Rx, Layout, Cruising)**
 - FS employees
 - Internal “Enterprise Teams”
 - Contracts for private company services
- ▶ **Sale Award and Administration**
 - Inherently governmental (except in Stewardship Agreements)
- ▶ **Post-Sale Treatments (Reforestation, TSI, Monitoring)**
 - FS employees
 - Internal “Enterprise Teams”
 - Contracts for private company services

The “Whole Boat” has to float higher – Nothing is a Pinch Point

131 MMBF

85 MMBF

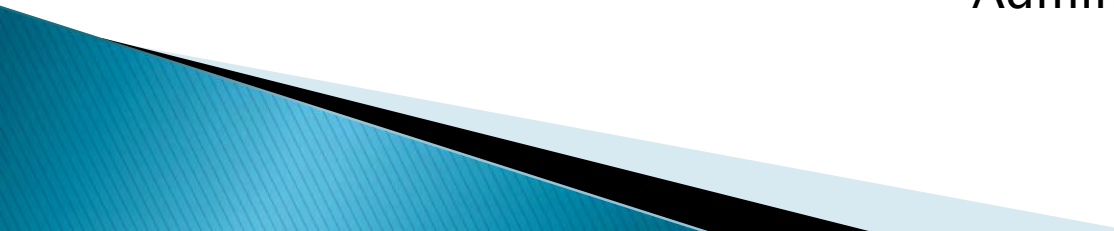
Inventory

Planning

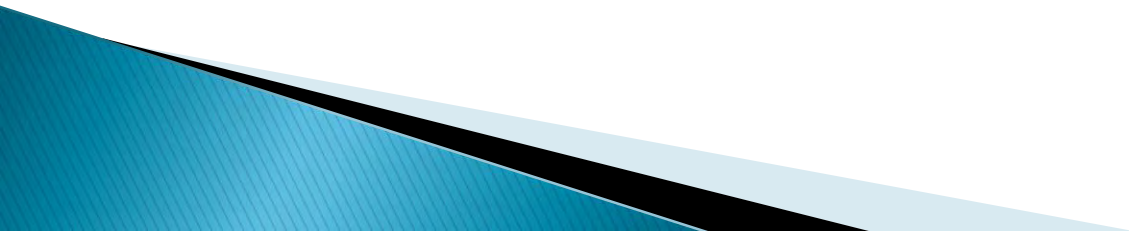
Sale
Prep

Award
and
Admin

Post-Sale



**Where Will Sustained Future
Investments Come From??**



Future Outcomes Dictated by Capacity

Like any business, if capacity is limited with existing investment inputs, new investors are needed and/or new business models must be developed.

Who will make these additional financial investments?

American taxpayers through Congressional appropriations??

County/State/Town/Tribal Governments??

Non-Profit Conservation Organizations??



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Which New Business Models are Possible?

- ▶ Sustained Partnerships?
- ▶ Local Govt. Agreements?
- ▶ Additional Sustained Funds?



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Most Promising Opportunities – Initial Ideas

CFLRP – President’s Budget Request FY15

Large, Multi-Year Partnership

Improvements in Stewardship
Contracting/Agreement
Implementation

