

# Modernizing the Forest Stewardship Program



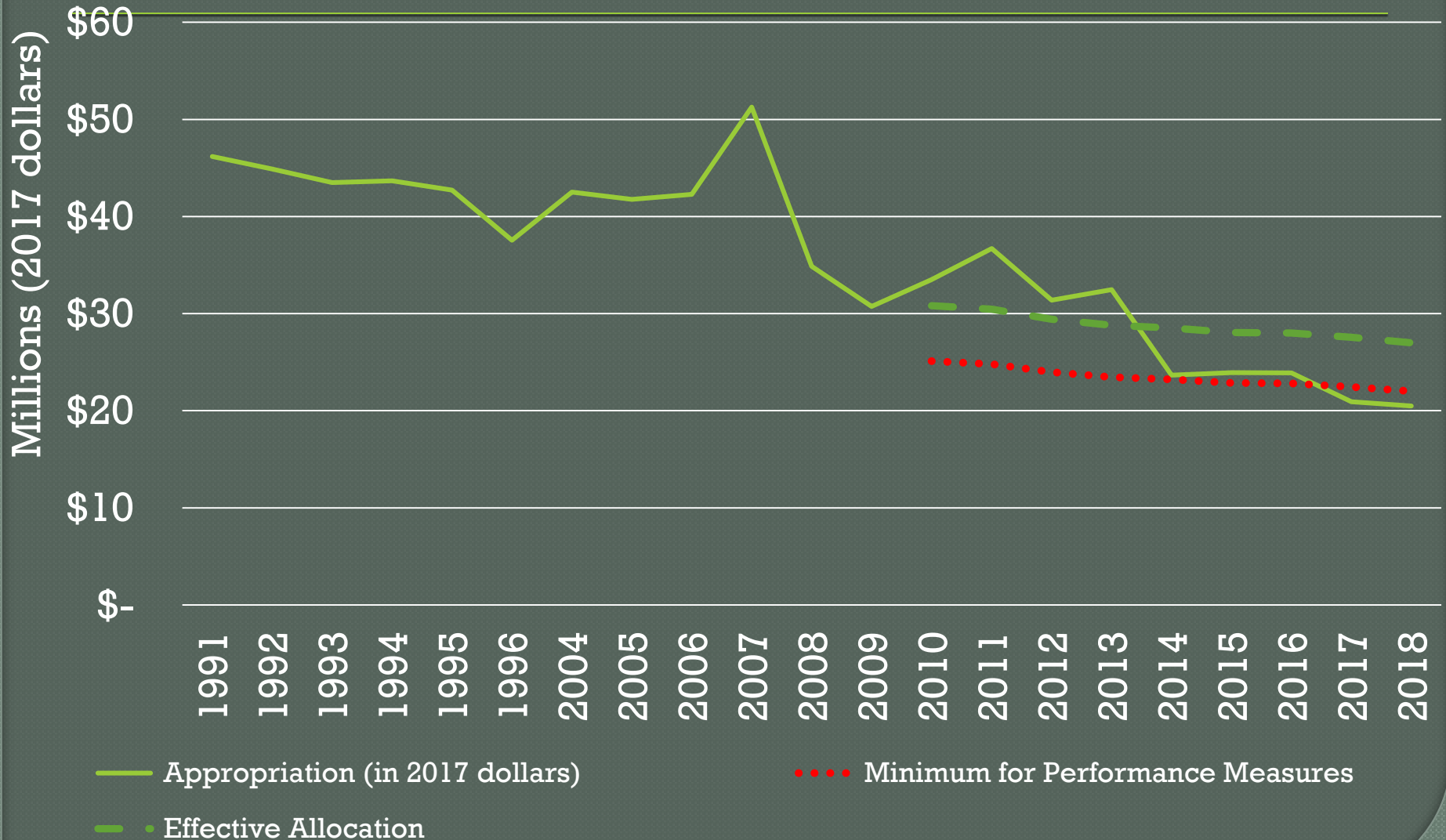
Connecting Forestry to People

# Successes of the Forest Stewardship Program

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- Served as the primary, most extensive private forest owner assistance program in the U.S., both in reach and scope;
- Successfully created and sustained a vast, effective network of forestry technical assistance providers and programs;
- Providing more than 200,000 comprehensive management plans covering more than 25.8 million acres nationwide;
- Reached millions of forest landowners through various education and technical assistance programs;
- Established lasting partnerships with state foresters, conservation districts and other partners to encourage broader forest landowner participation in USDA conservation programs;
- Provided private sector jobs for consulting foresters who write management plans and help landowners achieve their unique land management goals.

# Program Appropriations over Time



# Senate Marks

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“The Committee recommends the Service consider developing **outcome-based** reporting for this program and urges the Service to reevaluate whether allocating program funding using the current allocation formula is the most effective use of program resources.”

# Modernization goals

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- Focus: water, wildlife, fire and jobs
- Priority areas (50% of total eligible lands)
- Maximize technical assistance
- Leverage partnerships
- National & regional accomplishments demonstrate program success



# Questions?

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