



“For all of us, it was a labor of love,” -Bruce Richardson, RGS’ first president.

It remains so today.



Uniting Conservationists to
Improve Wildlife Habitat
and Forest Health.

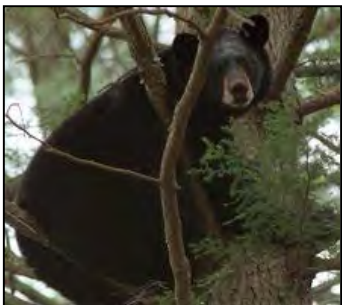
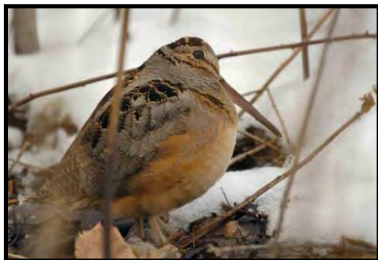
Join THE MOVEMENT

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Why Ruffed Grouse?

- Forest dependent
- Thrive in healthy, diverse forests
- Non-migratory

Ruffed Grouse are a bellwether!



RUFFED GROUSE



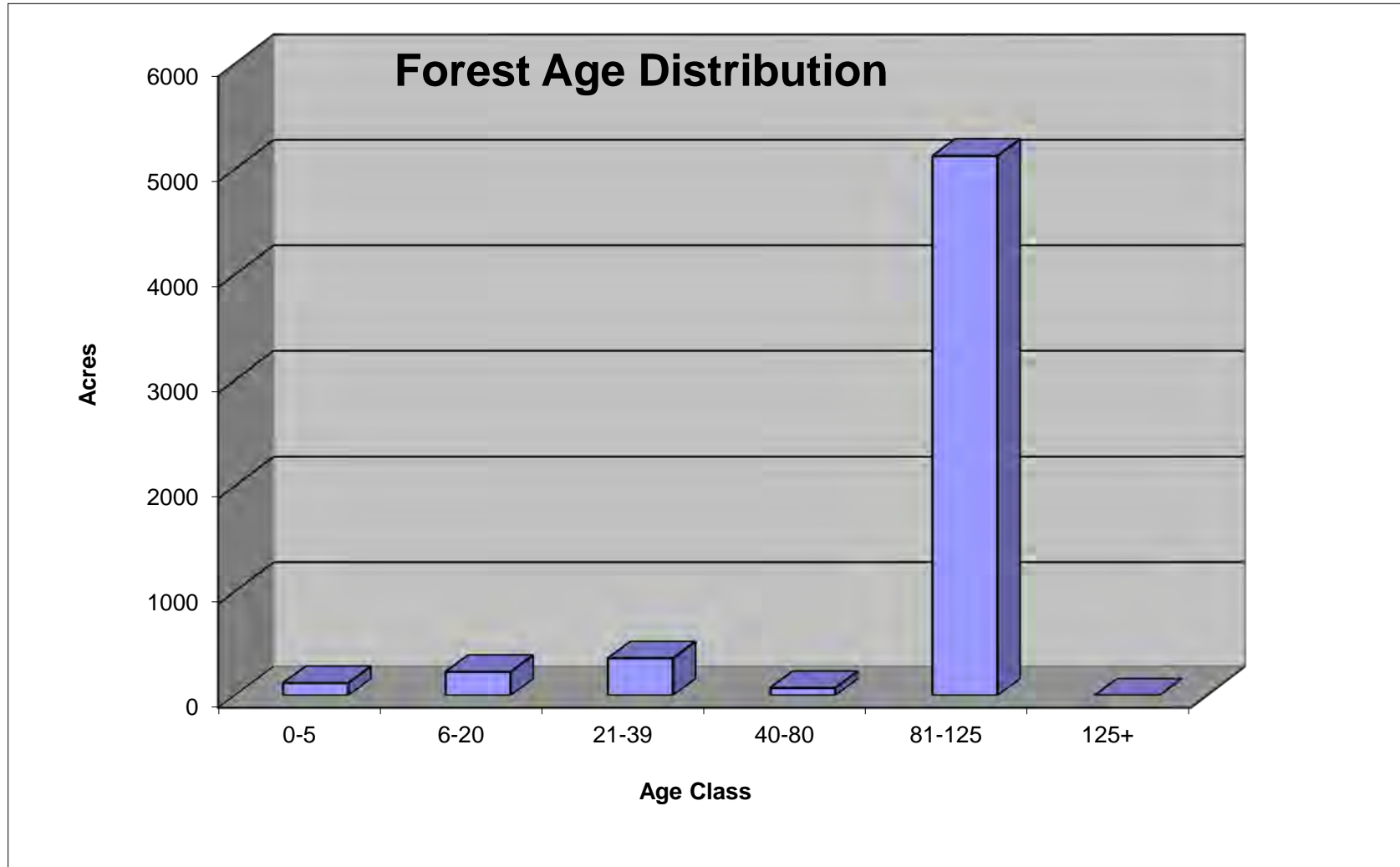
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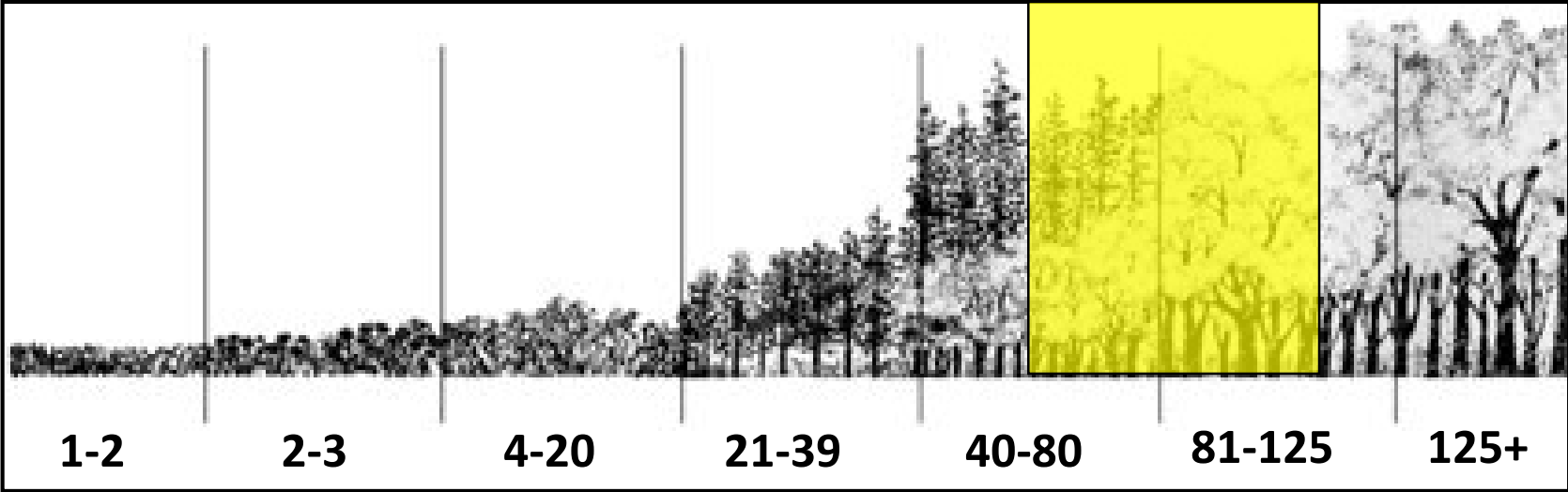
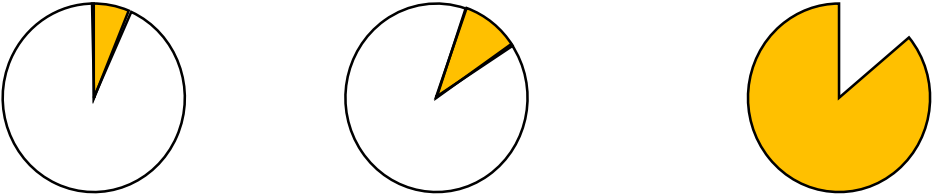


- Grouse populations have declined 50% on average range wide.
- Local extinctions and range contraction are happening.
- The loss of high-quality habitat on a landscape scale makes grouse less capable of coping with stressors like West Nile, predation, and weather events.
- Large scale habitat actions will be needed to sustain ruffed grouse populations in the Eastern U.S.
- Some entities are engaging in local habitat work, but the scope and scale of the decline calls for a different approach at landscape scales.















Helping Rural Economies

Not only do healthy forests increase vitality of wildlife habitats, they also support and reinvigorate rural economies. For communities that rely on timber, paper, furniture, construction, and tourism, having healthy, diverse forests will positively impact these regional economies now and in the future.





A New Model

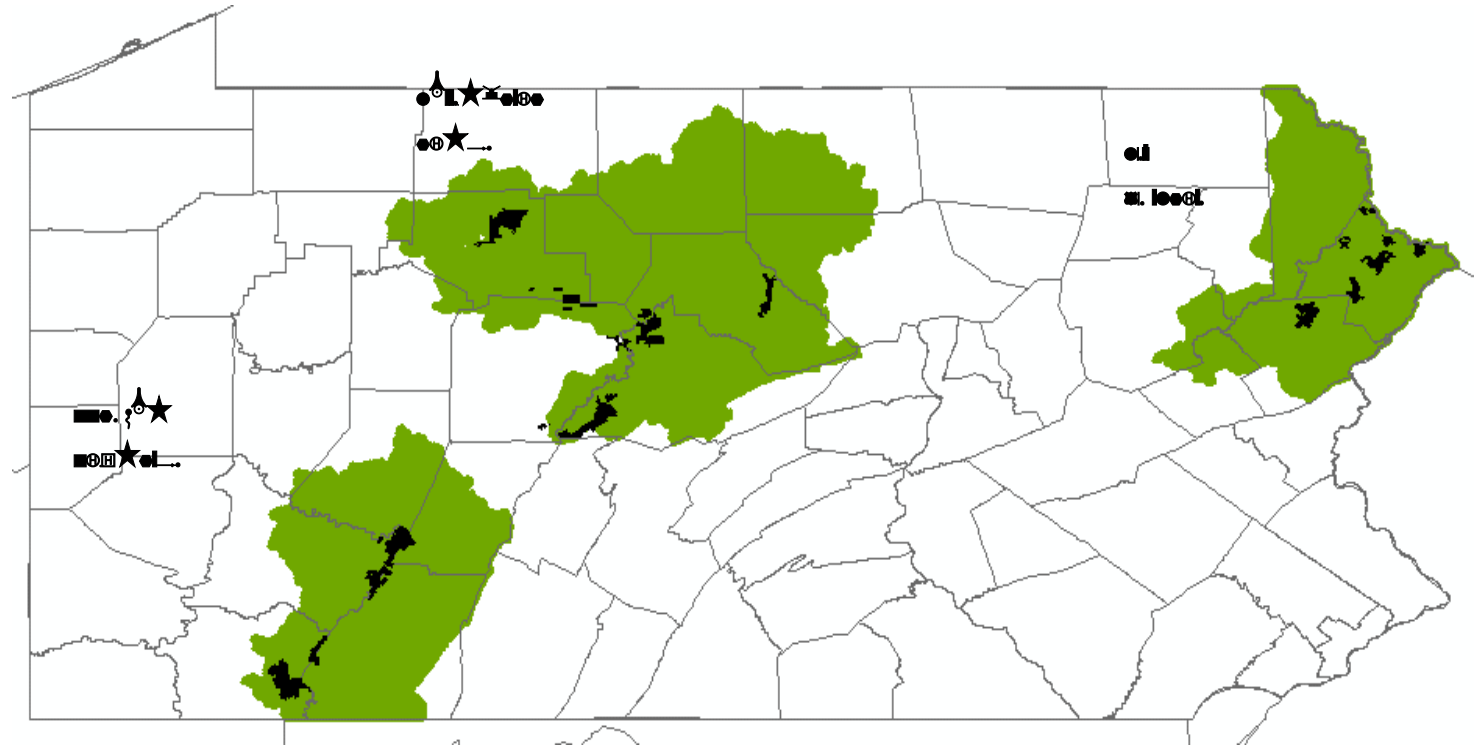
- Forest Conservation Directors
- Regional Business Plans
 - Upper Great Lakes
 - Mid-Atlantic
 - Northeast
 - Southern Appalachians
- Self-Sustaining Network



Dynamic Forest Partnership

Proven in PA

- \$1.6M in habitat funding.
- Over 200,000 acres with increased forest management.
- Adding to the system in 2022.

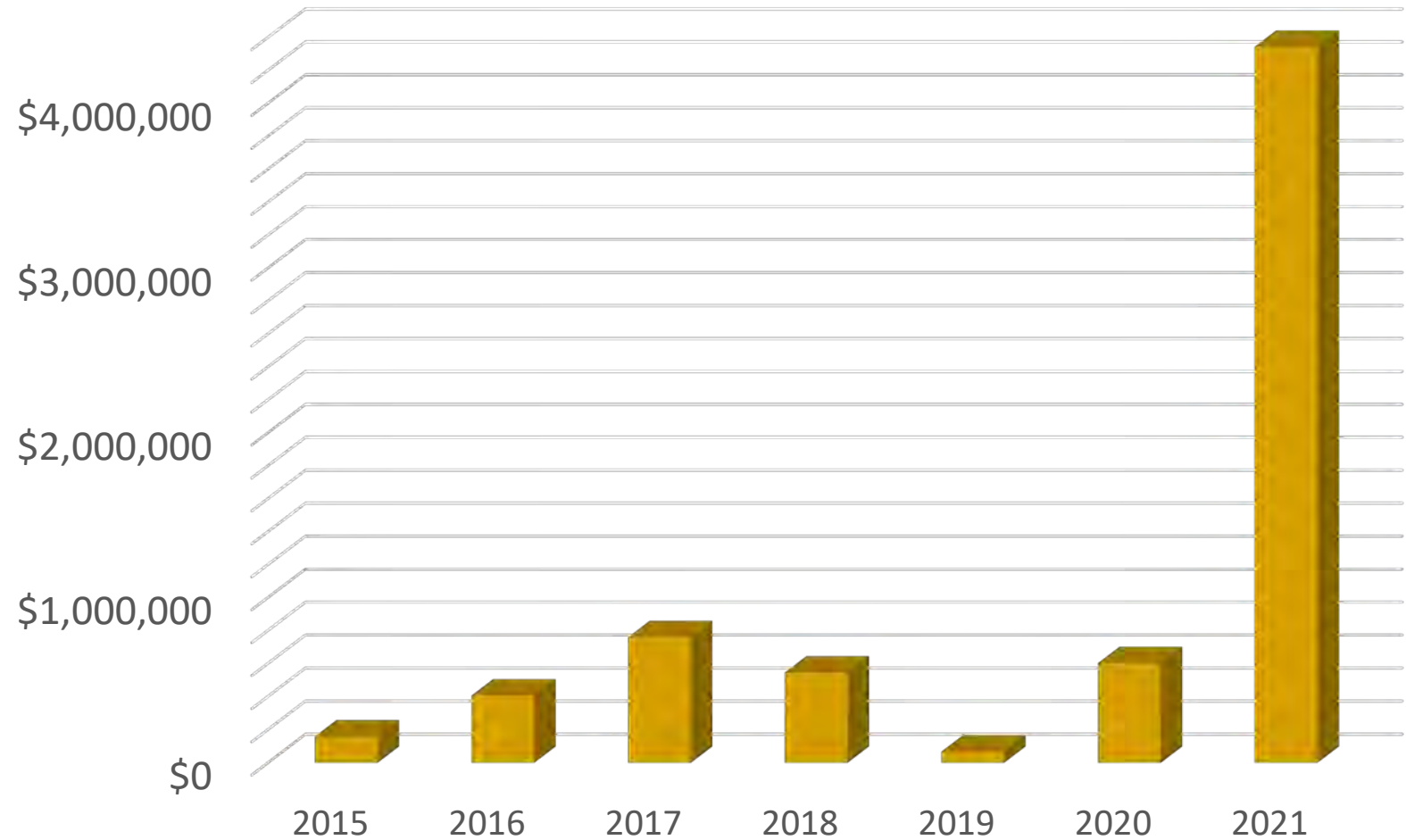


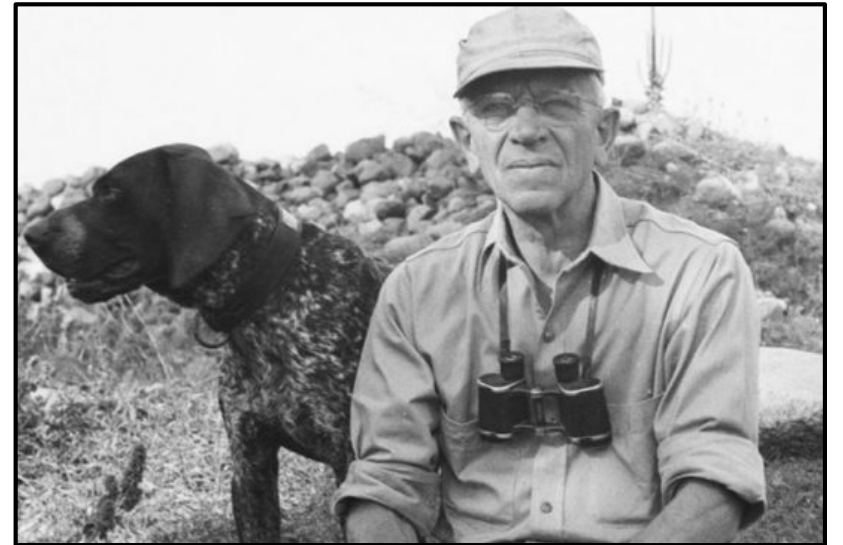
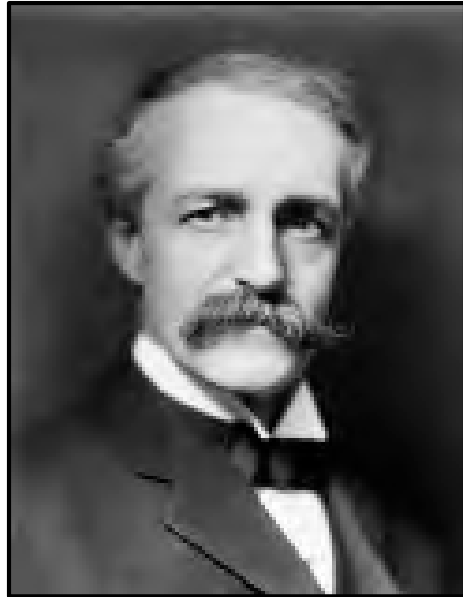
Partnership



The Model at Work

Habitat Funding





Onward!

\$1 billion for projects that create market opportunities for commodities, including forest products, that use climate-smart practices.

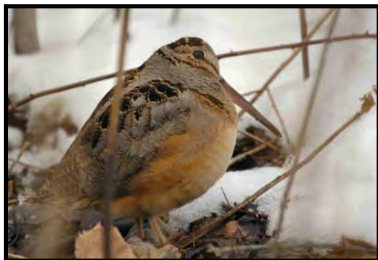


Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities

Onward!

Bloomberg projects global ESG assets could exceed \$53 trillion by 2025 – more than 1/3 of total global assets under management.





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The Path Forward

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