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Regional Summary of State Forest Assessments and Strategies



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Overview

- Overview of regional summary effort
- A peek at early summary results:
 - Overall—Sherri
 - Priority areas—Tom
 - Multi-state priorities—Martina
- Next Steps



Overview of Regional Summary Effort



Regional Summary Objectives

- **Provide a regional context to:**
 - Inform regional-level strategic efforts
 - Help states respond to regional issues and strategies
- **Highlight approaches and methods**
(NOT for State-to-State comparison)
- **Complement the national summary**



Regional Summary Work

- **Steering Team:**

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- **Work Team:**

Sherri Wormstead, Martina Barnes, Tom Luther

- **Reviewers:**

FRPC, Rep. from each NAASF Committee, NA, NRS, R9 staff



Ex. Regional Summary Elements

- Common themes in issues and strategies
- Stakeholders involved, plans consulted, and partners identified to help address strategies
- Drivers and methods for identifying priority areas
- Program integration opportunities to address priorities
- How address the “all lands” approach
- Multi-state priorities identified

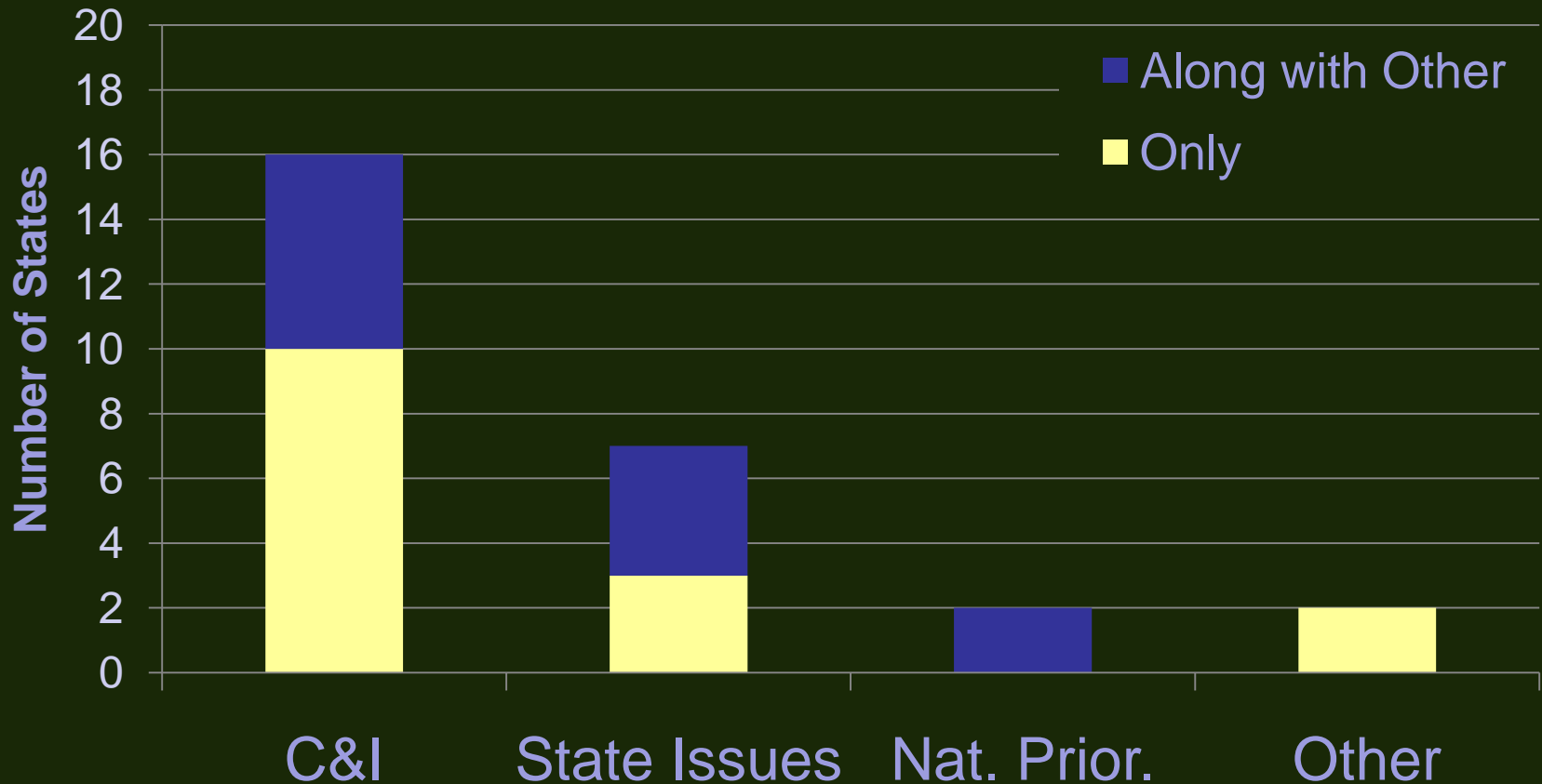


Early Summary Overall

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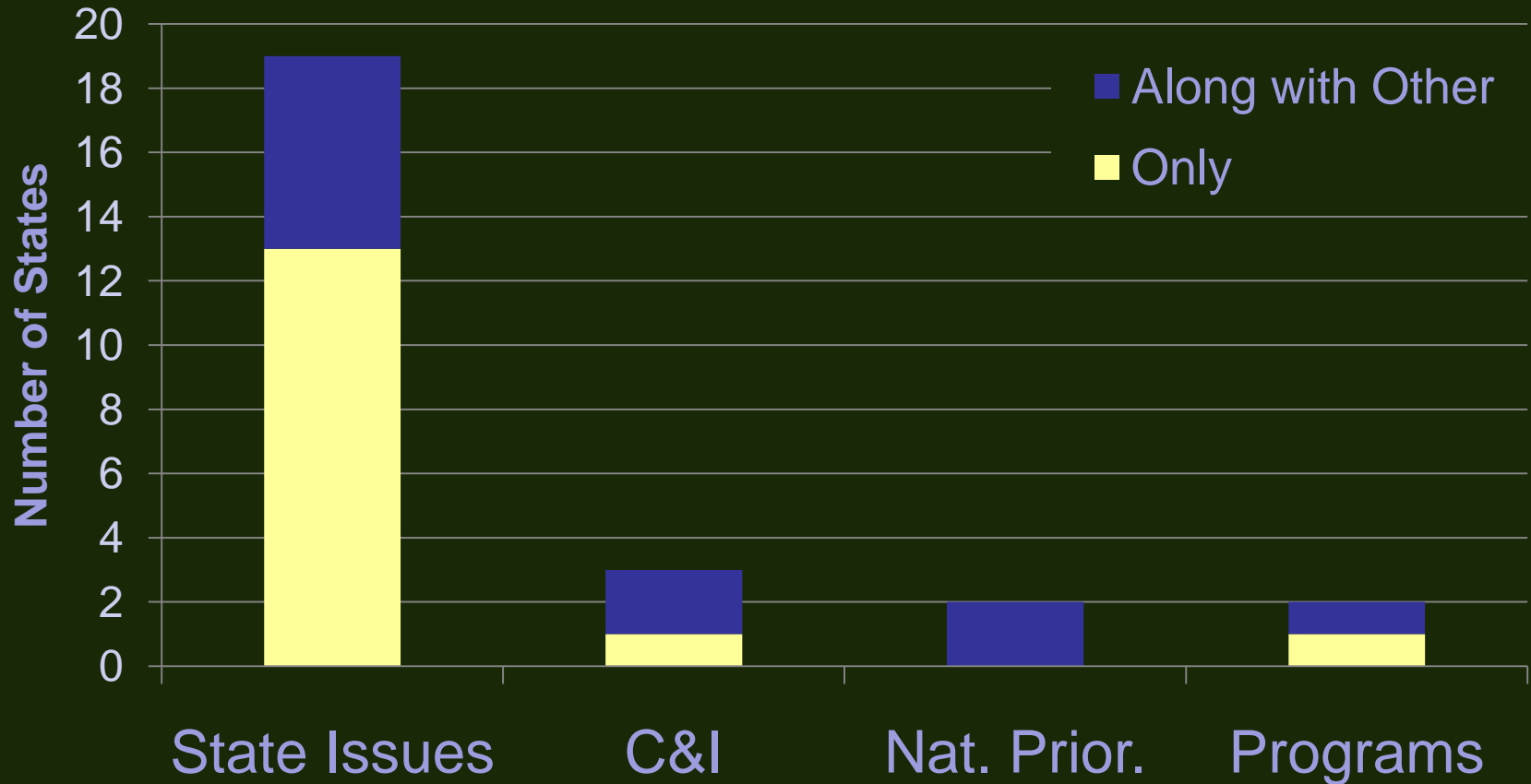


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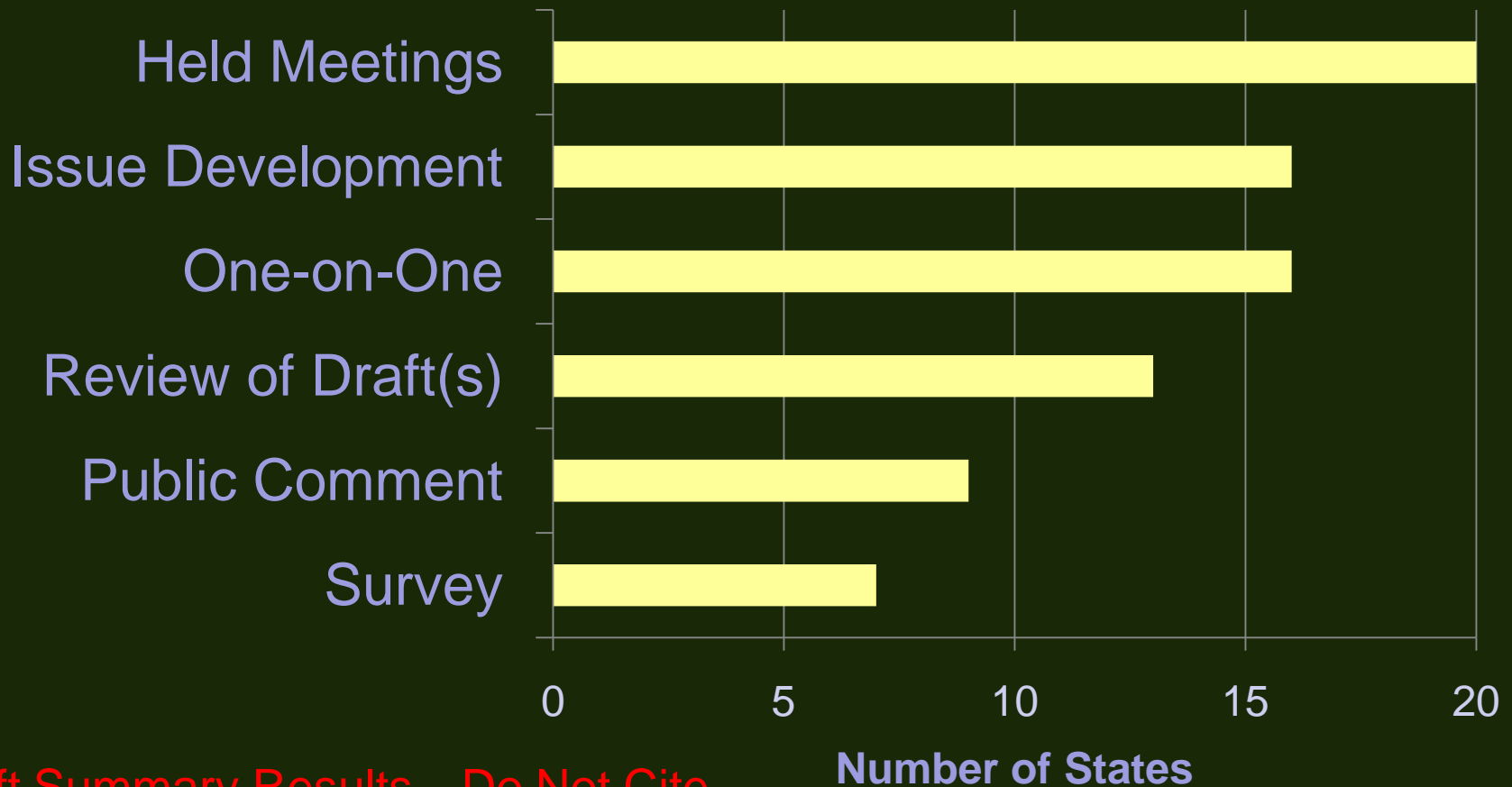
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How Coordinated with Stakeholders & Partners



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Stakeholders & Partners

Commonly Coordinated with

- State Fish & Wildlife & other State Agencies
- State Stewardship Committee
- State Technical Committee
- State Urban & Community Forestry Council
- Universities
- Forestry & Forest Products/Industry NGOs
- Forest Landowner NGOs
- The Nature Conservancy
- Local planning orgs. / local government

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Federal Partners

Commonly Coordinated with

- USFS S&PF
- NRCS
- USFS National Forests
- US Fish & Wildlife Service (wildlife refuges)
- National Park Service
- USFS Research

Examples of Other Stakeholders & Partners Coordinated with

- Audubon
- Land Trusts
- Cooperative Extension
- Local SAF Chapters
- Tribes
- Arborists
- Recreation groups
- Trust for Public Land

Other Plans Commonly Consulted



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Much more...



Early Summary of Priority Areas Analysis

Tom Luther



“Priority Areas”

As required by the 2008 Farm Bill, state Forest Resource Assessments needed to identify, describe, and spatially define forest landscape areas where forestry program outreach and activity will be emphasized and coordinated.



Elements of Interest

- How were priority areas delineated?
- How were priority areas depicted?
- # of rural / urban / composite priority area maps
- What spatial datasets were used?
- What were the data gaps?



General Observations

- **Every state leveraged GIS technology in some capacity**
(analysis to delineate priority areas, map making, etc.)
- **Methods varied widely from state to state**
- **Existing efforts were leveraged often**
(SAP, SWAP, CWPP, Forest Legacy, etc.)
- **Data sets most often used were often cited as data gaps**
(updates, higher resolution data needed!)
- **Assessments spurred development of new datasets!**



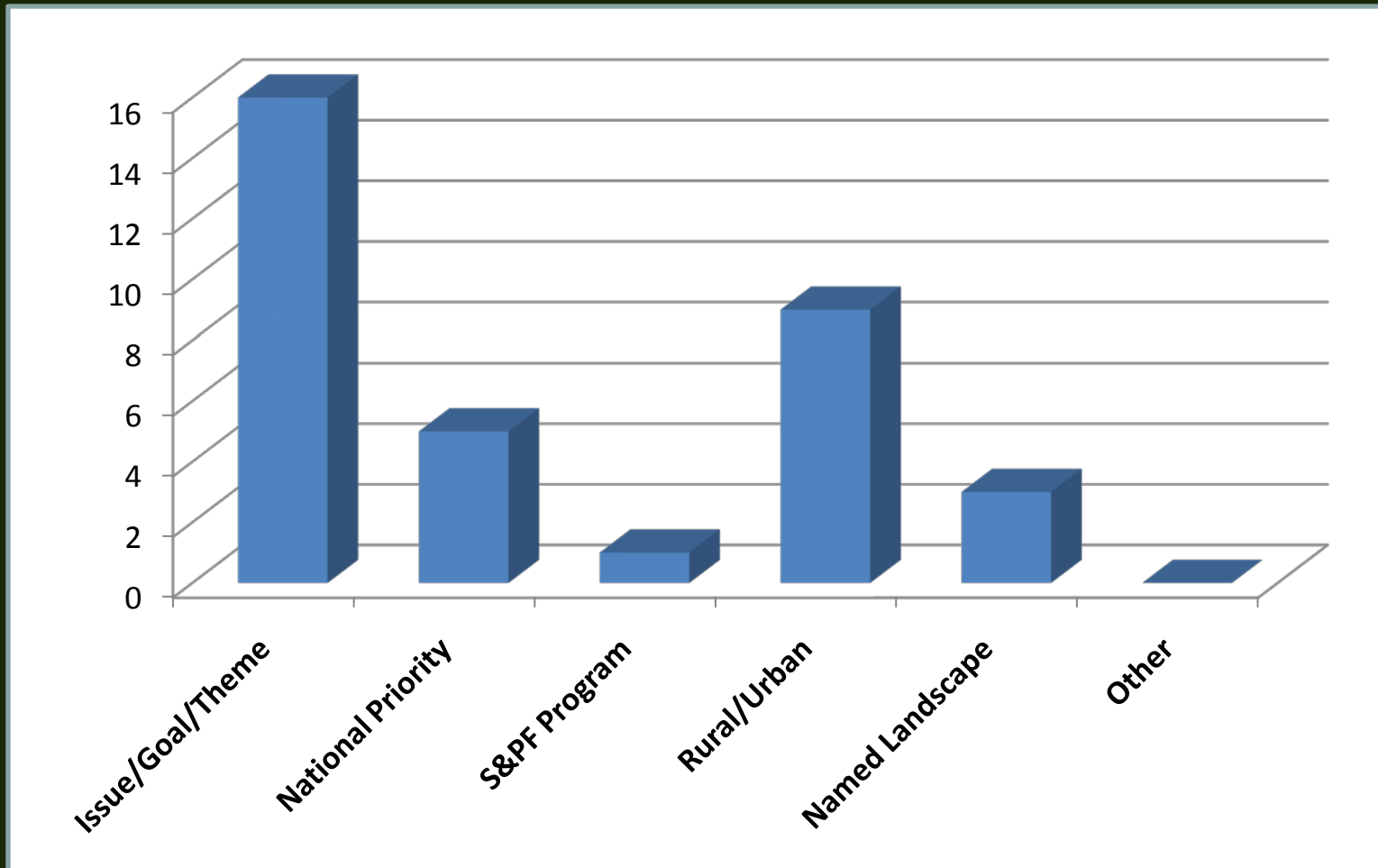
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How were Priority Areas delineated?

- Issue / Goal / Theme
- National Priority
- S&PF Program
- Rural / Urban
- Named Landscape
- Other



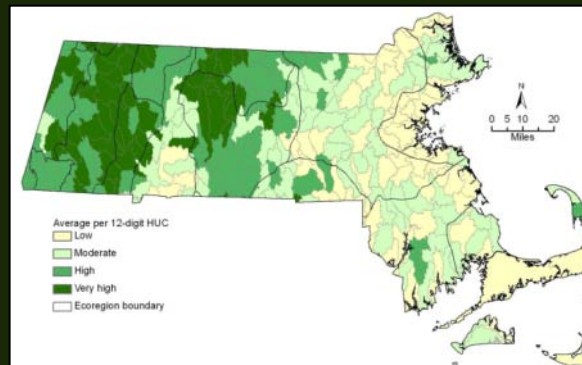
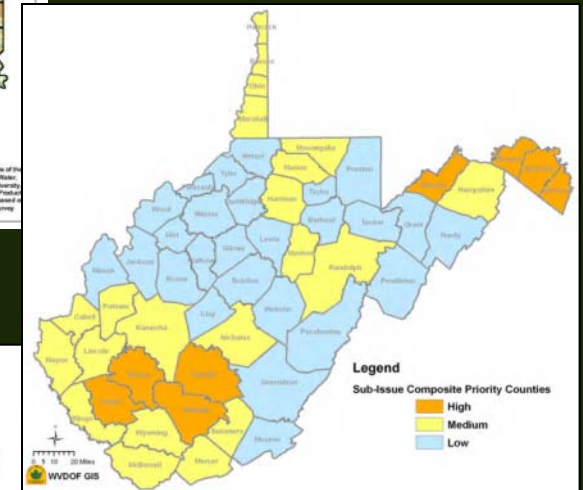
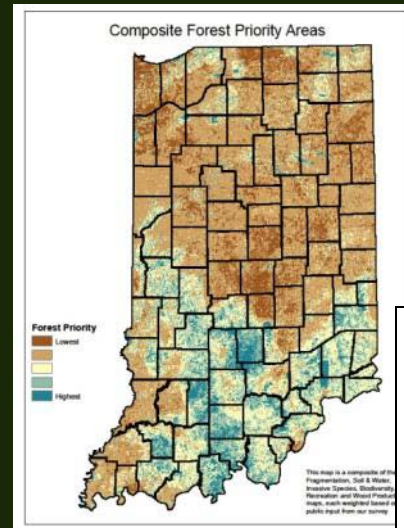
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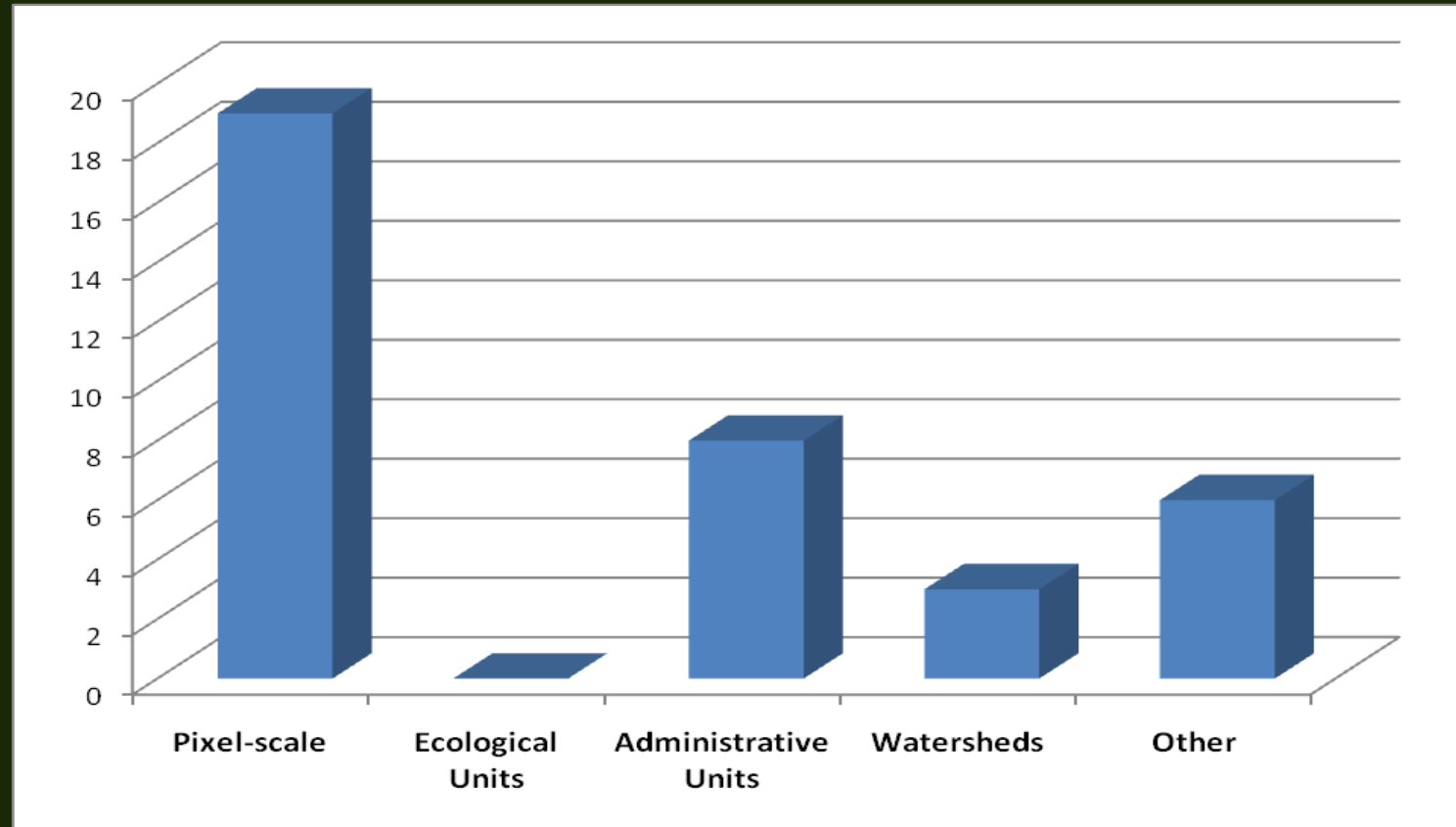
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How were Priority Areas depicted?

- Pixel-scale
- Ecological Units
- Administrative Units
- Watersheds
- Other

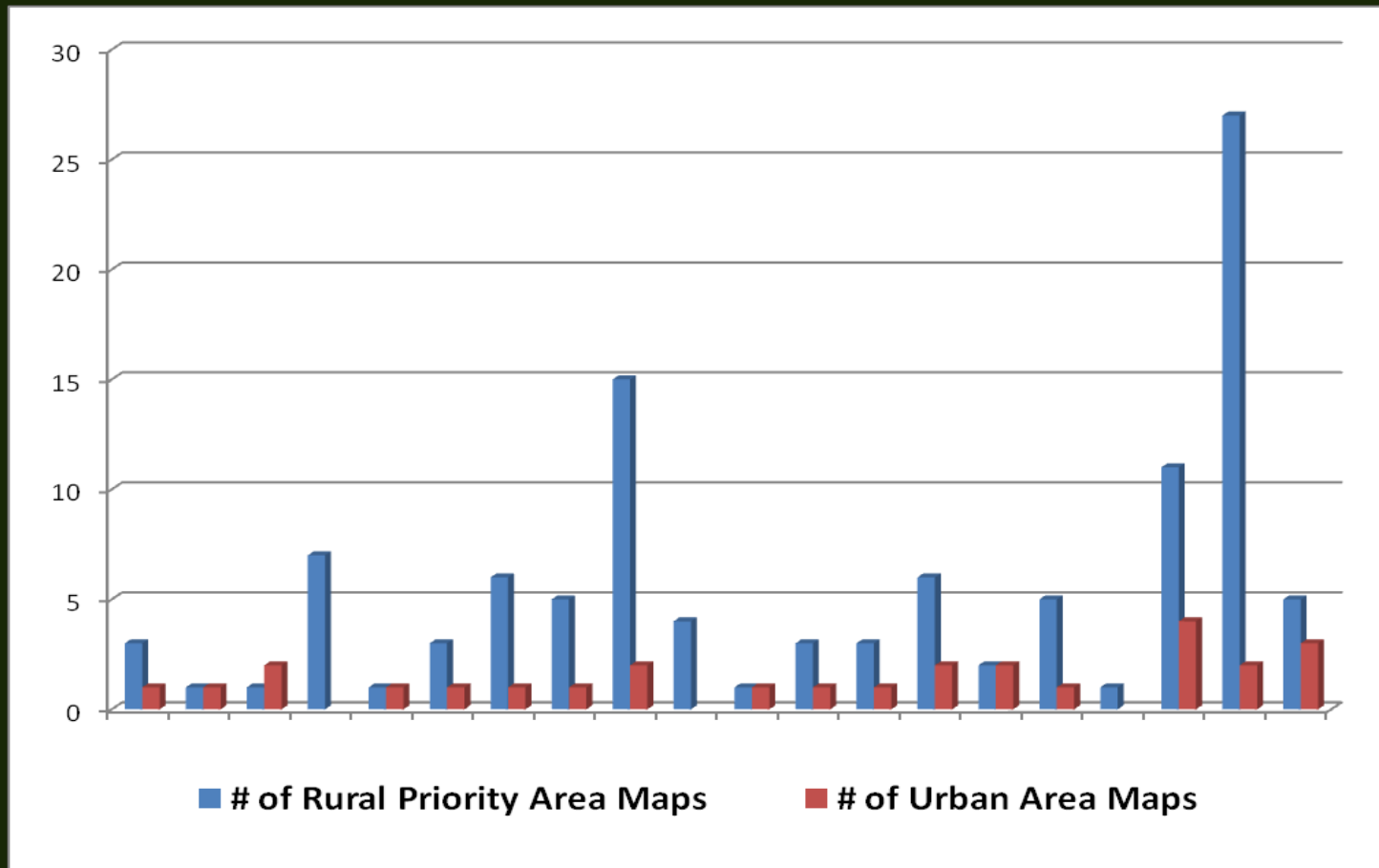


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of Priority Area Maps



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Data sets / Layers

Dataset / Layers	# of States	Dataset / Layers	# of States
Carbon	4	Land Cover - NLCD	10
Development Pressure - Other	4	Land Cover - Other	8
Development Pressure - Theobald	13	Legacy Areas	10
FH - Aerial Detection Survey	8	NFS	0
FH - National Insect & Disease Risk	11	NWOS	1
FIA - Inventory	4	Priority Watersheds - FWAP	8
Fire - CWPP	7	Priority Watersheds - Other	9
Fire - NA Risk	5	Protected Areas	18
Fire - State Risk	10	SAP Composite	4
Forest Frag - FIA (Reimann)	8	SWAP	10
Forest Frag - Other	7	UCF - MD Method	11
Forest Productivity	5	UCF - Other Nowak	6
Forest Products Industry	6	WUI	10

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Early Summary of Multi-State Priorities Identified

Martina Barnes



Identification of Multi-State Priorities: Recap

- 2008 Farm Bill (PL 110-246)—State Assessments to include “any multi-state areas that are a regional priority”
- May 2009 –FRPC meeting brainstorm
- July 2009—Process discussion at NAASF mtg
- October 2009—FO calls with State Foresters
- November 2009—FS FTP site set up
- March 2010—States finalize multi-state priorities with FO contact facilitation



Summary of Multi-State Priorities

- **92 Unique Multi-State Priority Issues and Areas identified in State Assessments**
- **24 Multi-State Priorities include areas outside of the Northeast and Midwest**
- **6 Multi-State Priorities include Canada**



Multi-State Priority Areas

- **Most common areas included:**
 - Appalachian Region – 13 states covered
 - Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Landscape Conservation Cooperative – 10 states covered
 - Interstate 95 Corridor – 10 states covered
 - Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership – 8 states covered
 - Great Lakes Basin – 8 states covered
 - Missouri River Corridor – 8 states covered



Multi-State Priority Issues

- **Most common issues included:**
 - Sustaining forest industry and developing new markets – 15 states covered
 - Gypsy moth – 11 states covered
 - Invasives – 9 states covered
 - Restoration of previously mined lands – 8 states covered



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Next Steps



Regional Summary—Next Steps

- Draft regional summary report available for review by mid-September
- FRPC review (all or reps?)
- There is time to discuss multi-state priorities tomorrow (planners break out)

