

A photograph of a logging yard. In the foreground, a yellow trailer is loaded with a large stack of cut logs. To the right, a skid steer loader is positioned. The background shows a dense forest of bare trees under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid in large, bold, red letters.

# **PLANNING FOR “FORESTRY”**

**Implications of Senate  
Enrolled Act No. 518 (P.L.  
82-2005) -**

**“Right to Practice  
Forestry Act”**

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# IPA's Summary

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- Largely pre-empts local control of forestry operations.
  - Definition of forestry operations very broad
  - Encourages local government recognize needs of forestry in growth plans.
  - Certain forestry activities not a public or private nuisance.
  - Voids local ordinances adopted after 3/31/05 that establish forestry operations as a nuisance
  - Prior ordinances regulatory authority limited to ensuring forestry operations use BMP's.
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# What Is “Forestry”

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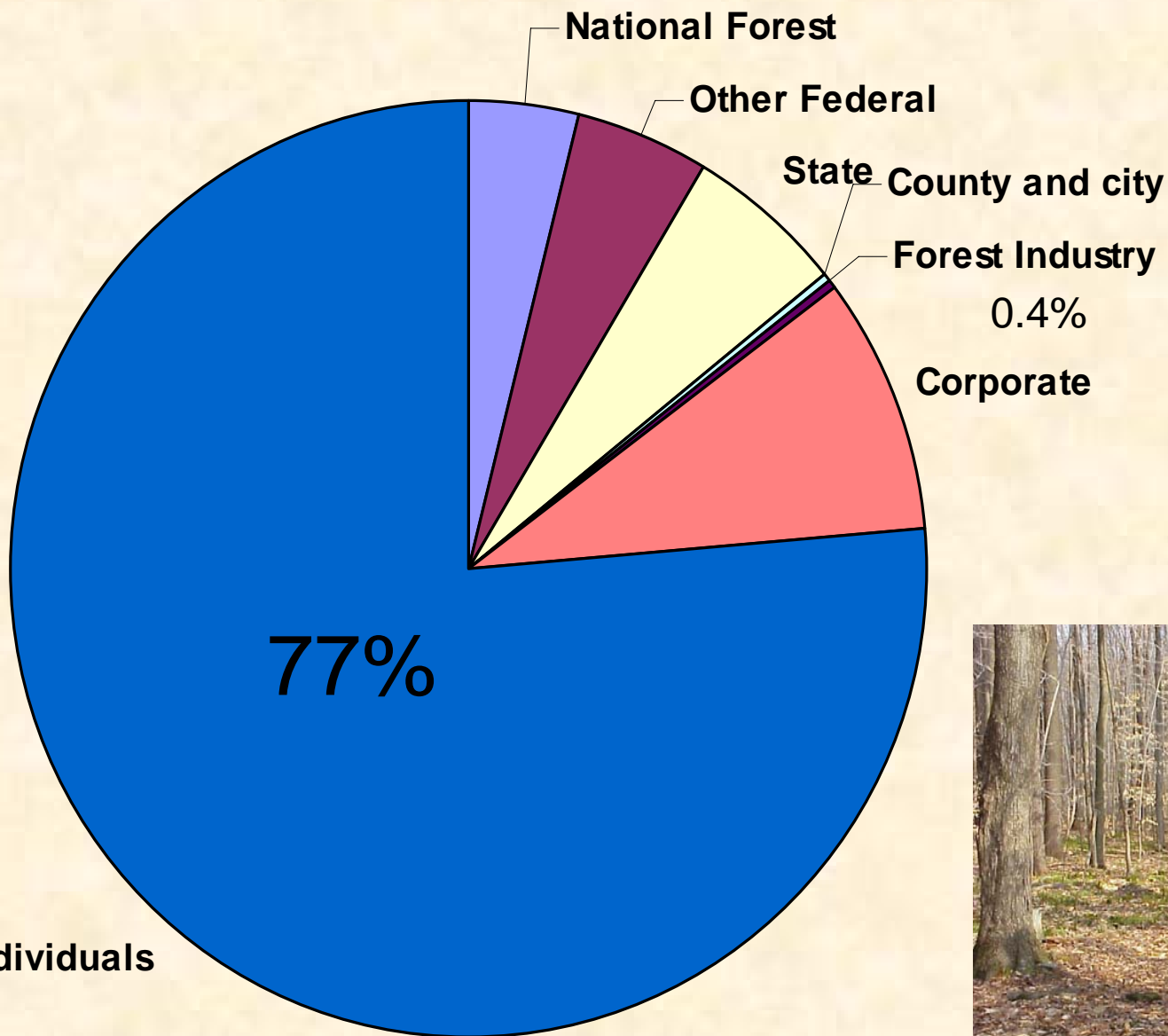
- Passive activity – pay taxes and let the trees grow, sell timber when money needed
  - Active management – Classified forest, at least minimal level of management, sell timber
  - Active management with on-site utilization – cut firewood, produce logs, produce lumber on portable mill
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# What Isn't "Forestry"

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- Industrial operations – sawmills, veneer mills
  - Nurseries – landscaping trees and shrubs
  - Logging – a separate “industry” that obviously has to operate on forest land so it’s an integral part of forestry, a forestry activity
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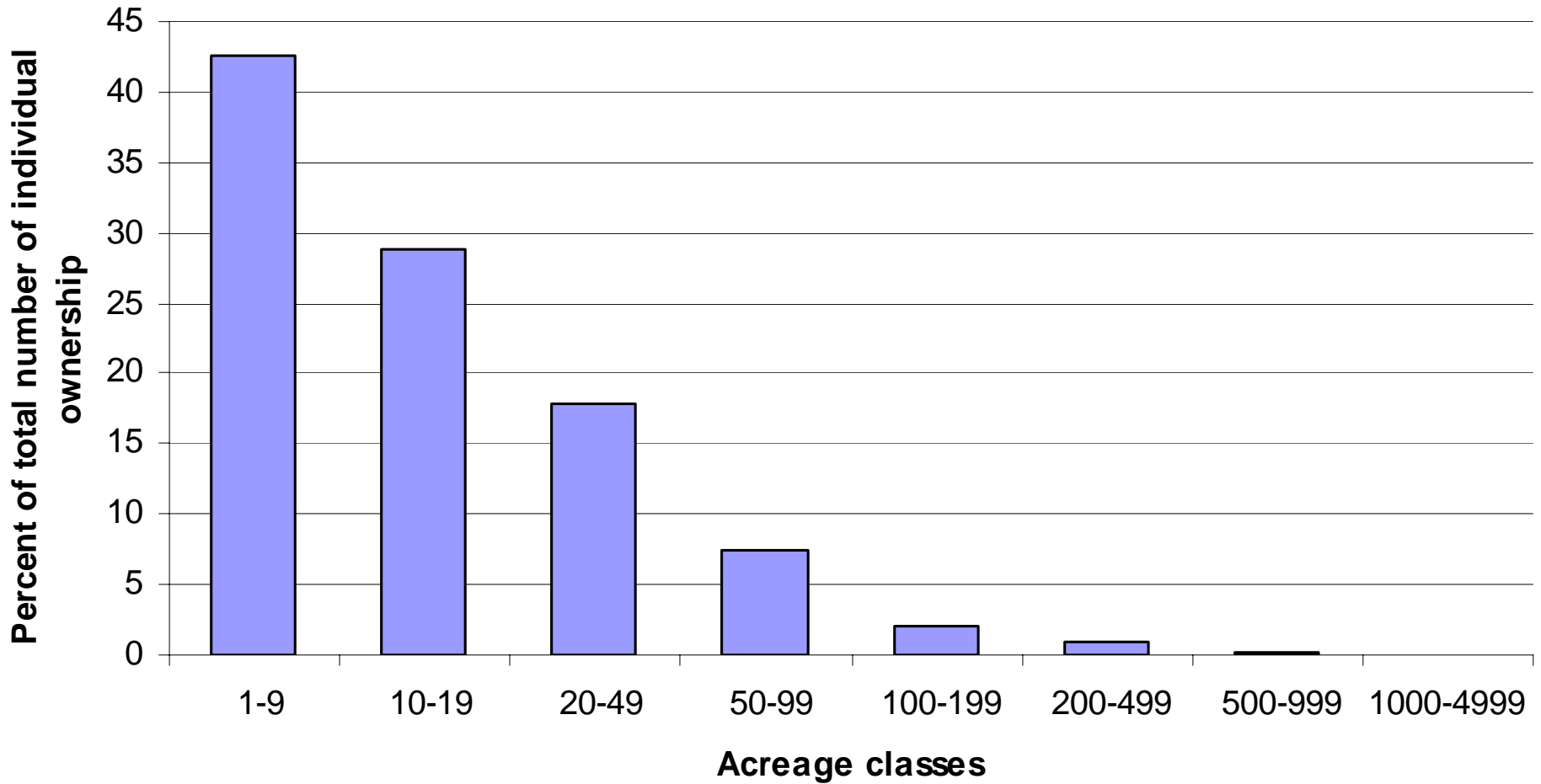
# Who Owns Indiana's 4,342,000 Acres of Timberland



Individuals



## Size Distribution of Individual Ownerships, 1993



## Size Distribution of Acreage Owned by Individuals, 1993

