Overview of South’s Situation

- Year-round fire season
- Significant wildfire activity
  - Over half ignitions and 40% of large fires
- Large and expanding WUI
  - Over half of all WUI in the country
- Smoke management is a challenge with ↑ WUI
- 89% private land bring 5 million reasons for owning land
- Fragmentation
- Invasive species
Overview of South’s Situation

• Strong collaboration already – excellent history of cooperation

• Working forests and relatively strong market infrastructure

• Private landowners, many motivated to manage land

• Active prescribed burning throughout the region

• Fairly extensive road system allows for rapid IA from RFDs
Spatial Prioritization around Conservation Partners

Conservation Partner
(Primary partner based on area managed)

- BLM
- DODE
- FWS
- NAmes
- NPS
- OFed
- OGov
- Pvt
- State
- USFS

None
Training on Data
Utilizing Multiple Tools

BBNs and NSAT data - Determining areas of opportunity
- Fire and resource management options

SWRA / SouthWRAP – Define areas of highest risk

Forest Action Plans – Show state ecological and resource priorities and current activities. (assessment and strategy)

Agency Specific Management Plans / Fire Plans etc.
Figure 22 - By using the BBN for Fire, Fuels and Homes that the NSAT generated, the SE RSC was able to determine the primary areas that faced a high risk of fire and that could effectively use mechanical treatments to reduce fuel loads in the WUI.
Summary sheets have been prepared for each combination of community cluster and landscape class.

Georgia Forestry Commission
Outreach to all 159 Counties
WUI/Prevention Exchange for the Southern Region

• Research demographics and social changes

• Improve internal communications

• Promote and enhance the use of fire prevention education (FPETs)

• Collaborate to develop and implement hazard mitigation plans for Fire Adapted Communities
Opportunities

- Response – Type 3 Int.
- Prescribed Fire – reim. agree
- Training – adv. classes locally
- Shared Aircraft / Dispatch
- Shared Resources – equip. & people (ecologist and contracting spclst)

Challenges

- Removing Disincentives
- Agency Policies Differ
- Smoke Management
- Loss of Capacity
QUESTIONS?