

The header consists of three horizontal panels. The left and right panels show a landscape with green hills and a blue sky. The middle panel features a white globe with blue oceans and green continents, set against a blue sky.

Family Forest Stewardship

❖ Sustaining our Commitment,
Advancing the Agenda



The Commitment

- ❖ Prepare an additional million acres of Forest Stewardship plans on family forest lands
- ❖ Increase the amount of management that is taking place on family forest lands
- ❖ Enroll 20% of the actively managed family forest lands into an internationally recognized, third party audited, forest certification system.



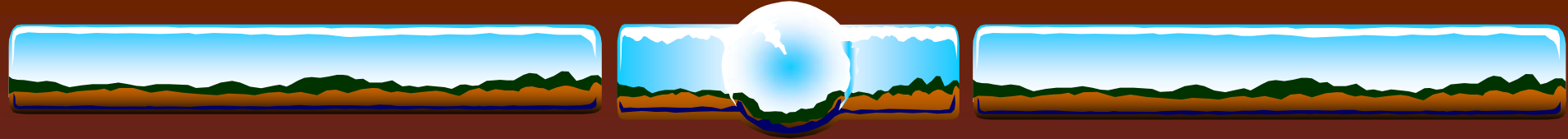
So what has happened since May 25, 2006....

- ❖ An additional 70,000 acres of stewardship plans have been completed by certified plan writers
- ❖ Over 20,000 acres of forest practices have taken place on the ground
- ❖ An evaluation of the State Forest Stewardship program has been completed to assess its readiness to meet third-party certification (FSC and ATFS)
- ❖ And.....



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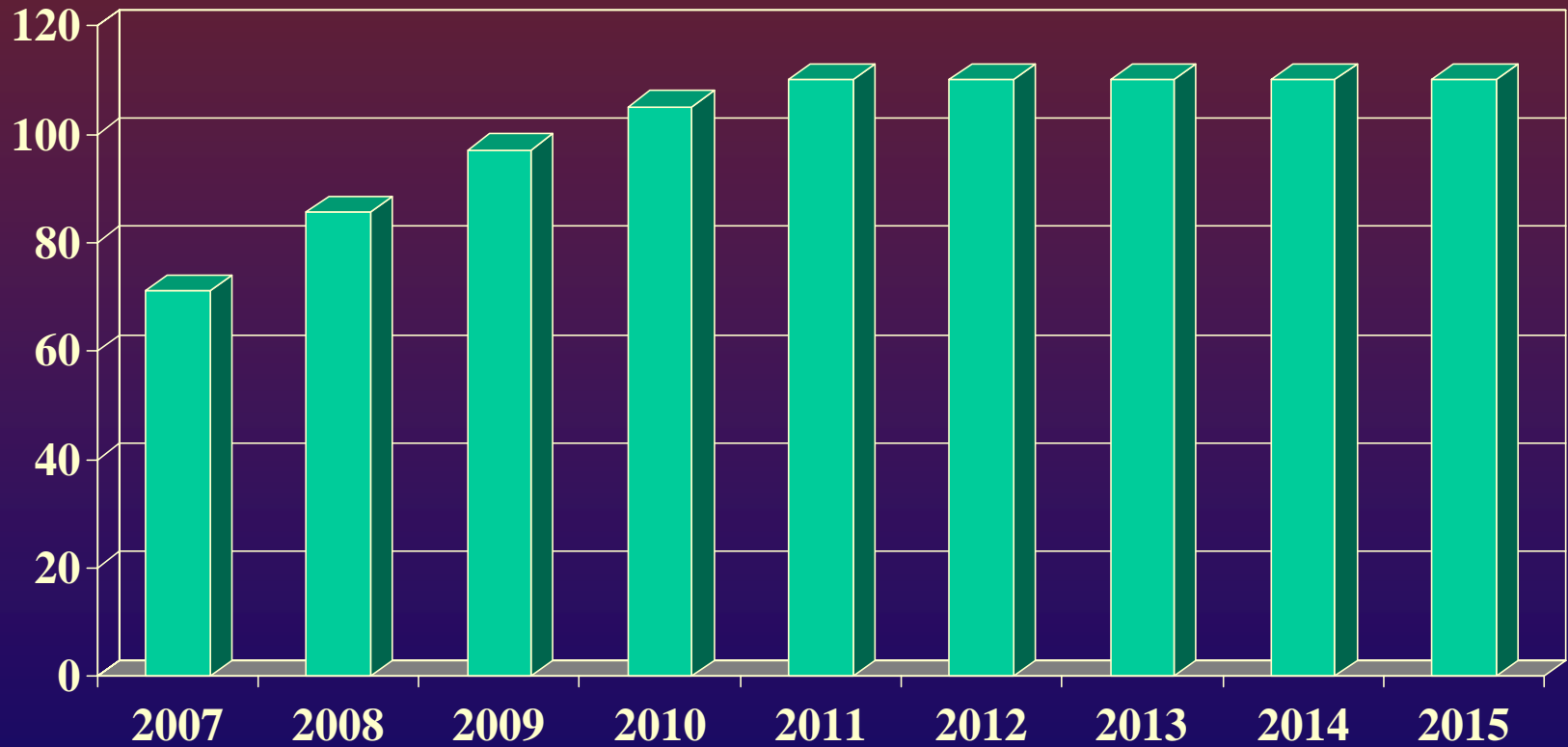
- ❖ The state legislature appropriated to the DNR-Division of Forestry \$1.0 million per year for private forest management enhancements
- ❖ The state legislature passed the 2007 Omnibus Tax bill, that proposed a new tax rate for forest land managed under a forest management plan (tax bill later vetoed)



The challenges ahead



Prepare 900,000+ acres of plans



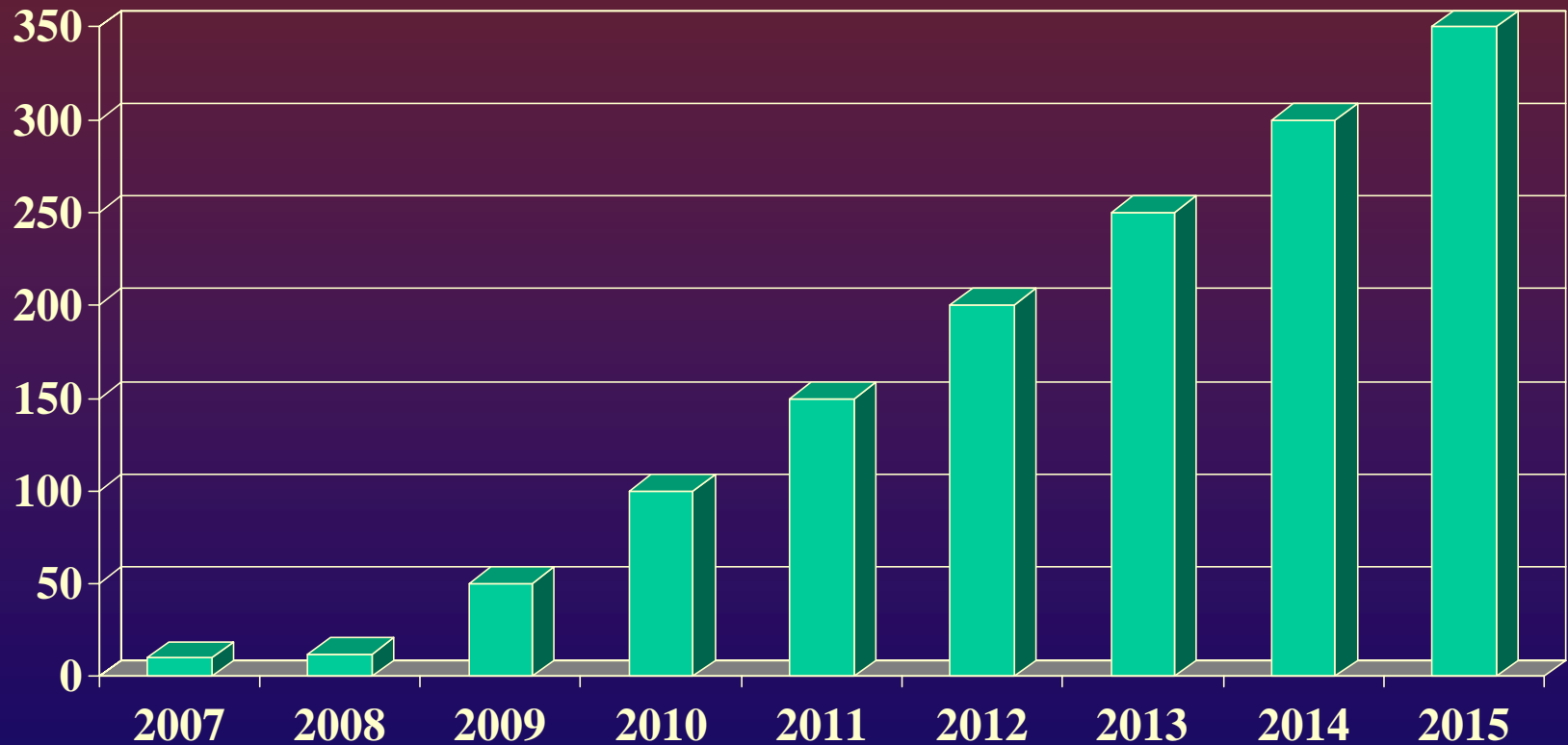


To do this, we need to....

- ❖ Insure that we have sufficient plan writer capacity.
- ❖ Insure that adequate funding to offset some/most of the cost of developing these plans continues.
- ❖ Need to build awareness, and demand among private woodland owners to meet this level of involvement. (i.e.insure that the forest tax laws changes are adopted)



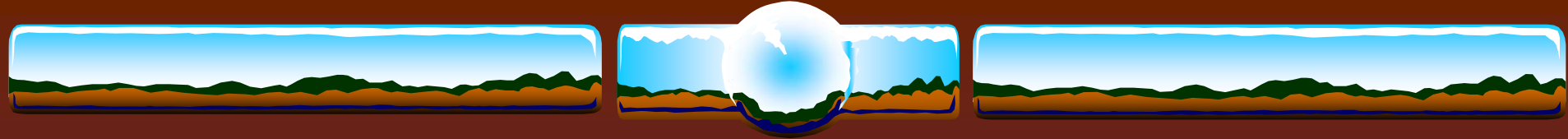
Enroll 20% of actively managed forest lands in to forest certification program





To do this, we need to.....

- ❖ Agree on a system, or systems
- ❖ Based on the recommendations of the scoping document, develop a family forest certification program.
- ❖ Build awareness and understanding among family forest owners about the benefits of certification (define, implement benefits)



The goals are clear;

the benefits worthy of our time
and effort, and

the opportunities are within our
grasp