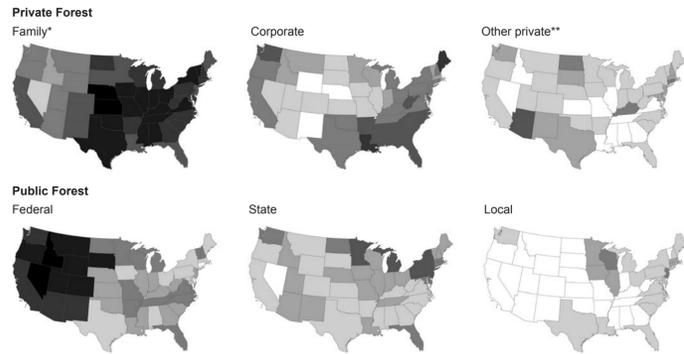


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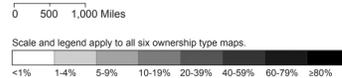
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Percent of Forested Land by Ownership Type



*Family includes individuals, families, trusts, estates, and family partnerships.
**Other private includes conservation and natural resource organizations, unincorporated partnerships and associations, and Native American tribal lands.



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Data Sources
Forest land was identified using a forest probability dataset (Wilson et al. 2012). Public and private ownership types were derived from FIA plot data, with federal and state land ownership supplemented with data from the Protected Areas Database of the United States (CBI 2012). Political boundaries and basemap layers are from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI; Redlands, CA) data and maps. The dataset used to create this map is available for download (Hewes et al. 2014).

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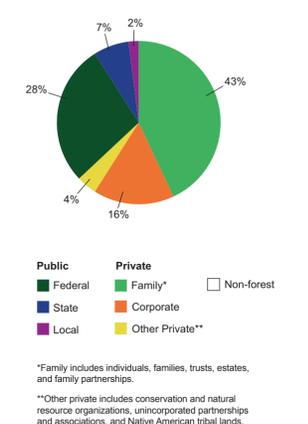
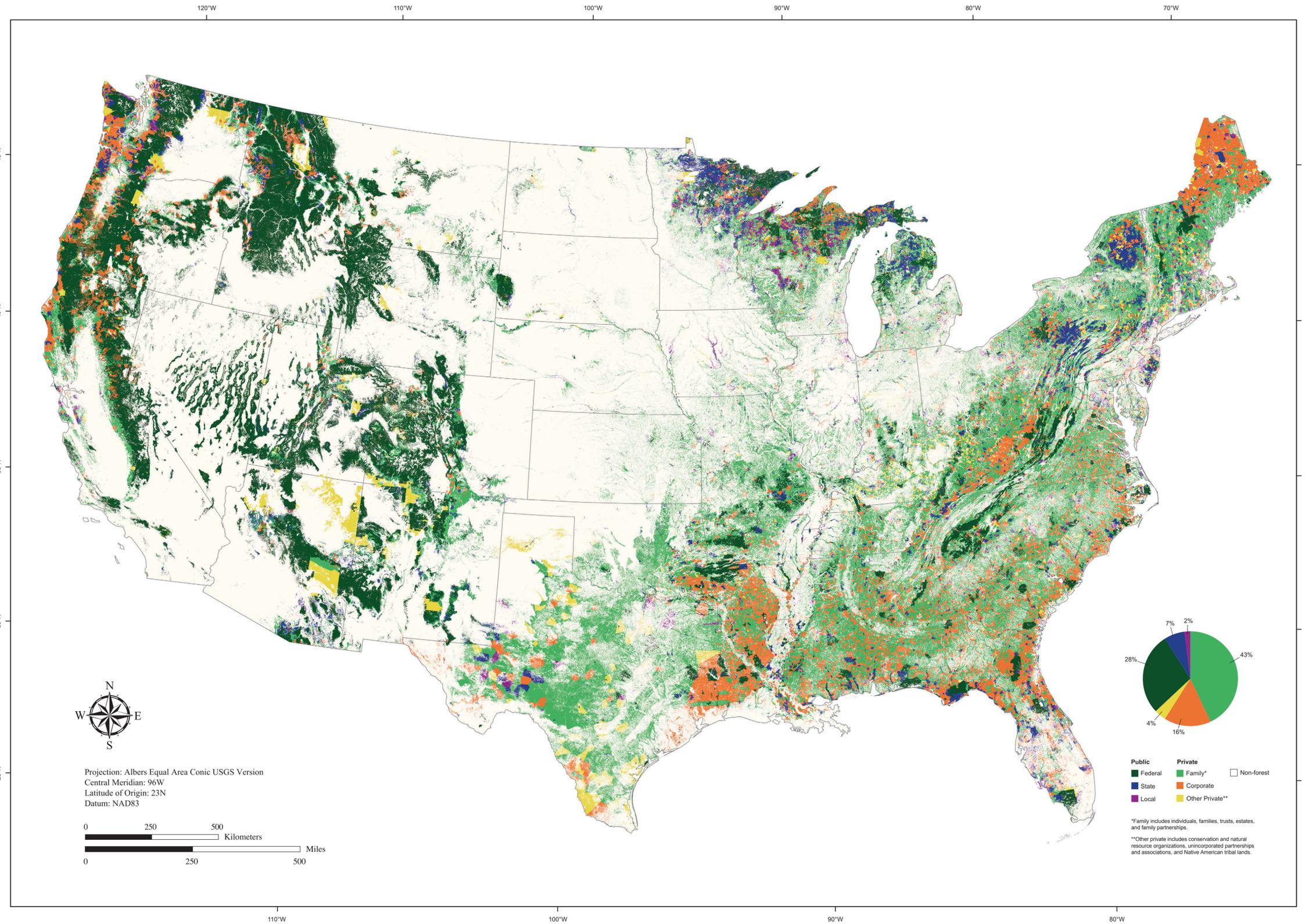
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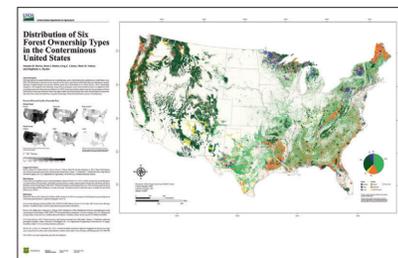
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