U. S. Forest Service
Eastern and Southern Regions

Current initiatives and priorities

**Eastern Region**
- Long-term forest bird monitoring in Western Great Lakes
- BBS Routes that fall within Forest Boundaries
- Individual Forest efforts come and go

**Southern Region**
- Long-term Region-wide forest bird monitoring
- Over 25 years data on thousands of point counts
“Dream” projects and unaddressed needs

- We need sub-regional trends for bird populations
- Most of our Forests will soon be writing new Long-term Management Plans
- Non-Federally Listed Species can be ID’d as Focal Species or Species of Conservation Concern
- Designations MUST be backed up by data

Opportunities: significant land classification/veg data; planning for climate change
Challenges and impediments to implementation

- No history of cooperation among Forests
- Coordination with 15 National Forests spread over 13 States
- Resistance to long-term commitments for funding

Multiple-use nature of Forest Service favors cross-taxonomic monitoring and management