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Great Lakes-Northern Forest CESU Partners

**GLNF-CESU Annual Meeting
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Great Lakes-Northern Forest CESU

Annual Meeting

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Overview

- Current status
- 2005 highlights & summary
- Strategic plan progress
- 2006 workplan & highlights

Total Projects: FY03-05



Project Funds: \$6,049,681

Number of Projects: 107

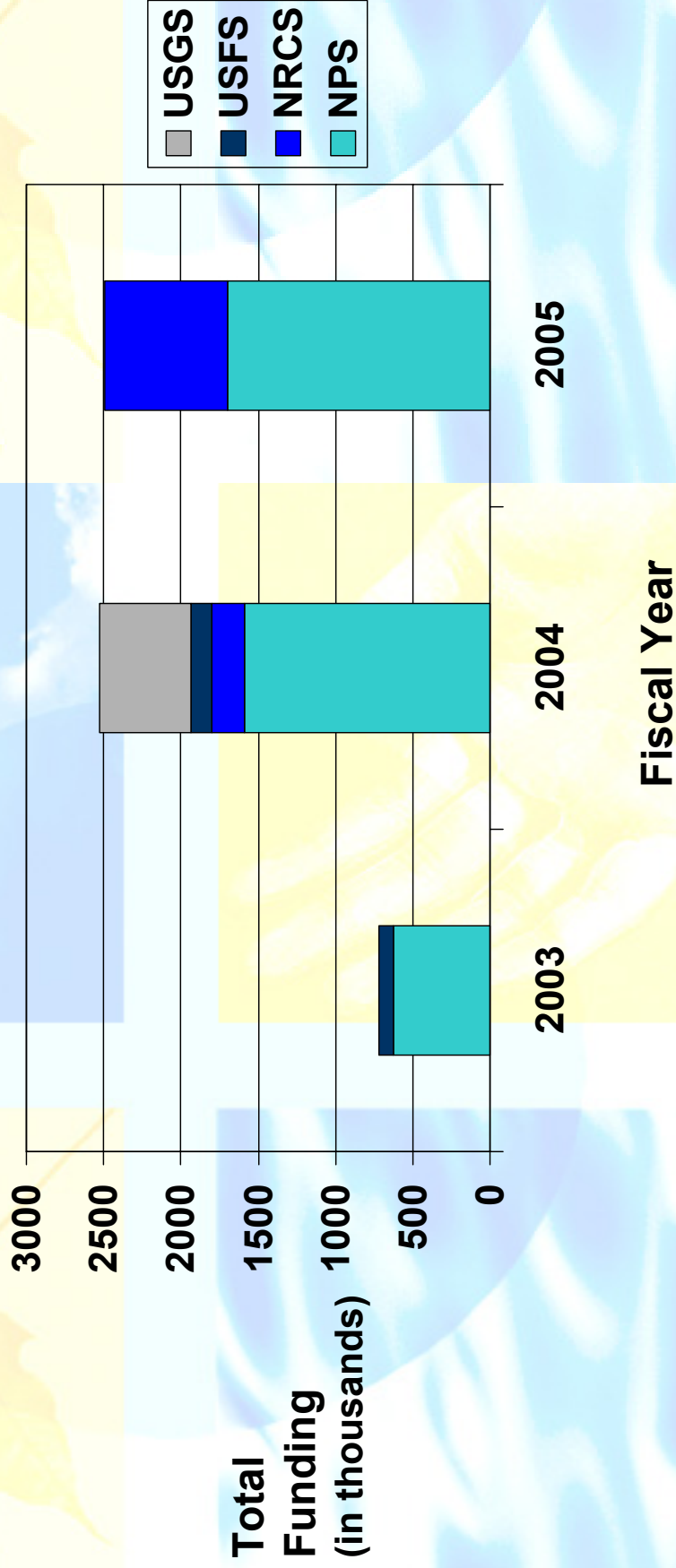


Overview of GLNF CESU

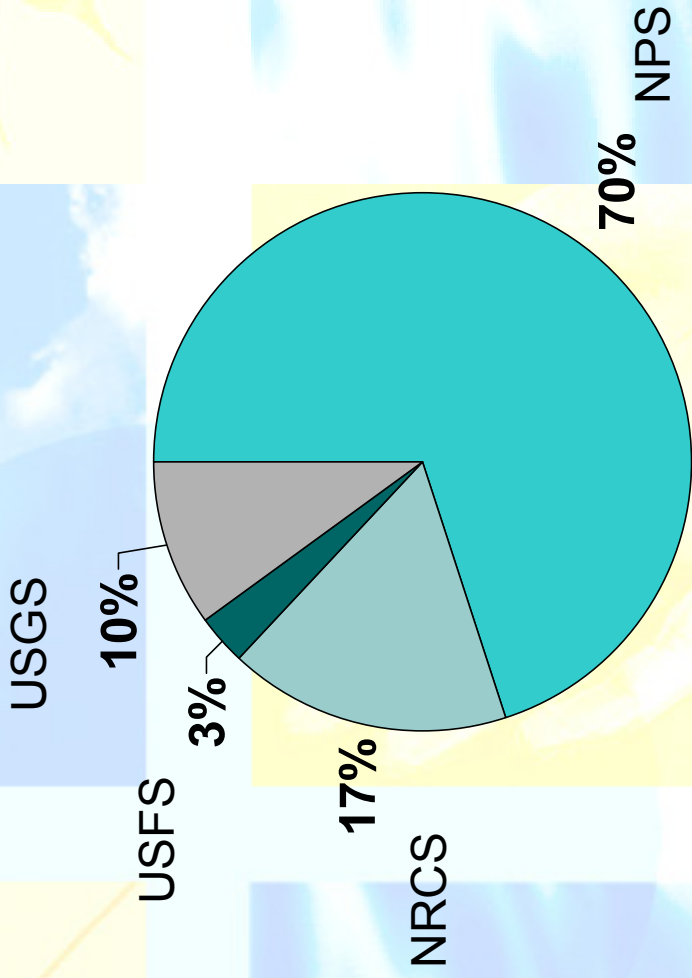
- 19 Universities
- 9 Organizations
- 6 Federal Agencies
- USACE joining Summer 2006



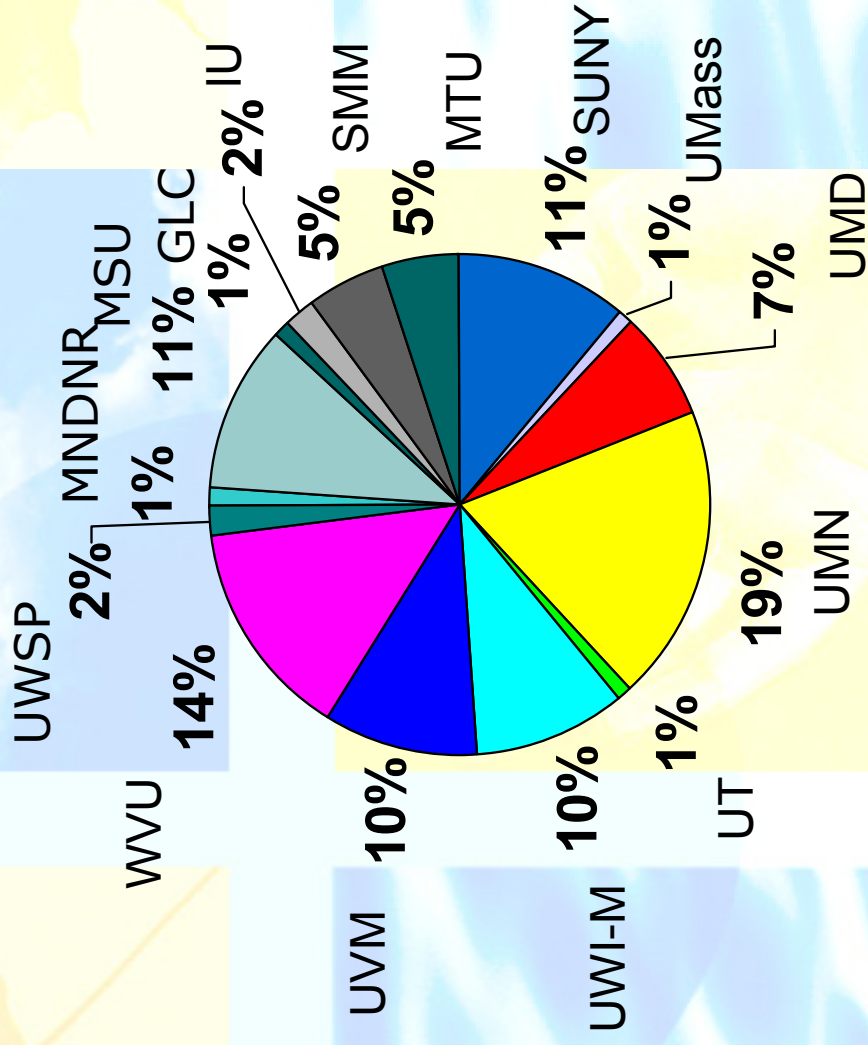
Funding by Agency: FY03 - 05



Percent Total Funds: Agency



Percent Total Funds: Partners





2005 Highlights

- 3 new university partners added
 - UW La Crosse
 - Stephen F. Austin State University
 - Northern Michigan University
- First task agreements with
 - UW Stevens Point (NPS)
 - UW La Crosse (NPS)
 - Minnesota DNR, Division of Forestry (NPS)
- Collaborative project with UVM and UMN
 - *"A Predictive Study of Use Impacts on the Denali Park Road: A study plan to support management and analysis of carrying capacity"*



2005 Project Summary

- 64 task agreements
 - 56 new projects
 - 8 modifications
- 58 National Park Service
- 6 National Resource Conservation Service
- 2005 total: \$1,877,147



Strategic Plan Progress

- A. CESU Operations**
- B. Interactive Information Management**
- C. Expand & Involve Stakeholder Partners**
- D. Strategic Planning for CESU Projects**
- E. Promote Awareness**
- F. Outreach & Education**

Strategic Plan Progress

A. CESU Operations

+	Create permanent coordination groups
	Build communication mechanism among partners +Develop communication tools http://www.cnr.umn.edu/cesu/news.htm +Develop protocols for initiating and reporting on projects http://www.cnr.umn.edu/cesu/documents/NPS/NPS_project_protocol.htm ✓Annual CESU Meeting
+	Ensure CESU has operating staff
-	Secure CESU operating funds
	Work with partners beyond the region +Stronger link to National CESU network -Develop regional research objectives
	Ongoing evaluation of CESU operations ✓Continue to evaluate process & CESU goals and objectives - Review partnership operations; ongoing evaluation of CESU success

Strategic Plan Progress

B. Interactive Information Management

+	Operationalize basic website
	Link to information decision makers <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓Encourage application of research results to local management-Link & support partners with “data” keepers✓Improve science based decision making by informing agency decision makers about CESU results (www.cnr.umn.edu/cesu/projects)
	Build information clearinghouse <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓Needs catalog C:\Documents and Settings\raelynn.FORESTRY\My Documents\CESU\2006 Annual Meeting\needs.mdb-Spatial & social database networks (GIS databases)-Standardize and integrate natural resource monitoring across federal properties within CESU

Strategic Plan Progress

C. Expand & Involve Stakeholder Partners

	<p>Outreach to potential partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+Extend membership✓Special effort to reach minority partners
	<p>Strengthen existing partner relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓Increase interactions among partners✓Involve minority partners in meetings
	<p>Seek funding partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Partner with foundations; develop research incentive fund



Strategic Plan Progress

D. Strategic Planning for CESU Projects

	<p>Initiate priority agency projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Develop set of regional demonstration projects✓Identify federal agency needs+Project inventory-Obtain NSF grant
	<p>Activate project implementation networks & groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Implement committee system to locate linkages to build initiatives
	<p>Explore, plan and conduct large scale projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓Initiate 1-2 multi-state interdisciplinary research projects✓Sustain, protect and/or restore 5 unique ecosystems in unit-Develop/pilot civic engagement models to address loss of open space, natural areas & biodiversity

Strategic Plan Progress

E. Promote Awareness

	Communicate and promote the GLNF CESU <ul style="list-style-type: none">+Develop graphic/logo for CESU✓Conduct branding and PR campaign
	Active CESU interchange <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Marketing CESU within partner organizations✓Be recognized as center for interaction among partners in GLNF region
	Broad based CESU awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Increase visibility outside existing CESU Network

Strategic Plan Progress

F. Outreach & Education

Diverse student/teacher/staff learning through involvement

- ✓ Promote student/teacher/citizen involvement
- Provide professional development opportunities

Broad education outreach

- ✓ Require research summaries for all projects
- ✓ Bring field and research people together

Draft Annual Work Plan: 2006

- Update expertise database
- Revamp website and expertise information
- Collect agency information to complete a searchable research needs catalog
- Develop marketing CD for tech reps to get greater involvement across agencies and partners (*just beginning*)
- Facilitate identification of multi-agency, ecosystem based project(s)
- Increase communication/interaction with the GLNF-CESU minority partners
- Collaborate with NASA grant office on using cooperative agreements
- Work with USFS staff on improving ease of use for CESU agreements
- Look for a opportunities to engage the USFWS and work towards possible induction
- Continue work on congressional funding for CESUs
- Prepare cooperative agreement renewal materials!



2006 Highlights to Date

- US Army Corps of Engineers joining
- First task agreement with
 - Northern Michigan University (NPS)
 - "Develop Geoarcheological Inventory of Specific Lakeshore Landforms at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore"
- 29 NPS task agreements in progress for approximately \$830,000
- All agencies inform host about projects

Questions?

