

Land Resource Management Panel



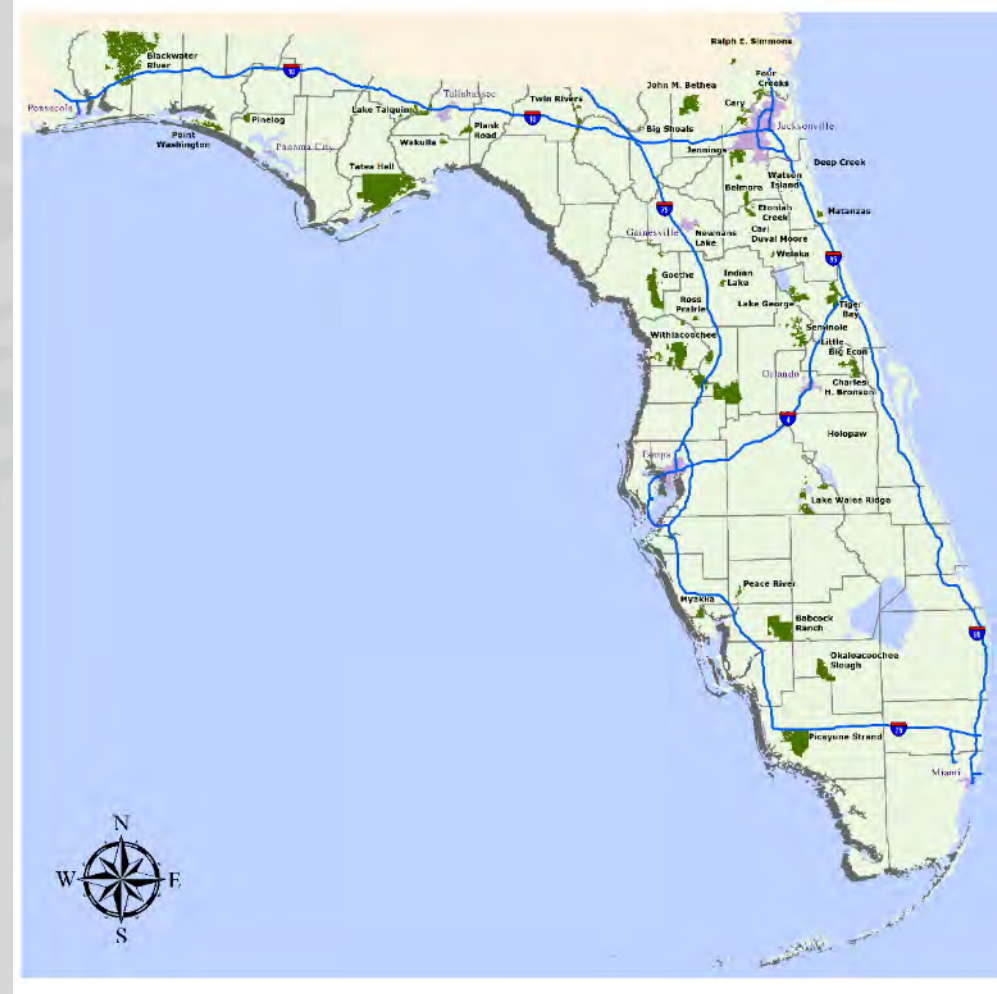
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- FFS Mission: Protect Florida and its people from the dangers of wildland fire and manage the forest resources through a stewardship ethic to assure they are available for future generations

Two overarching responsibilities:

- Forest Management
 - Responsible for land resource management on over 1.1 million acres on 37 state forests
- Forest Protection
 - Responsible for implementation and enforcement of Chapter 590 F.S. (Forest Protection) and Rule Chapter 5I-2 (Open Burning)



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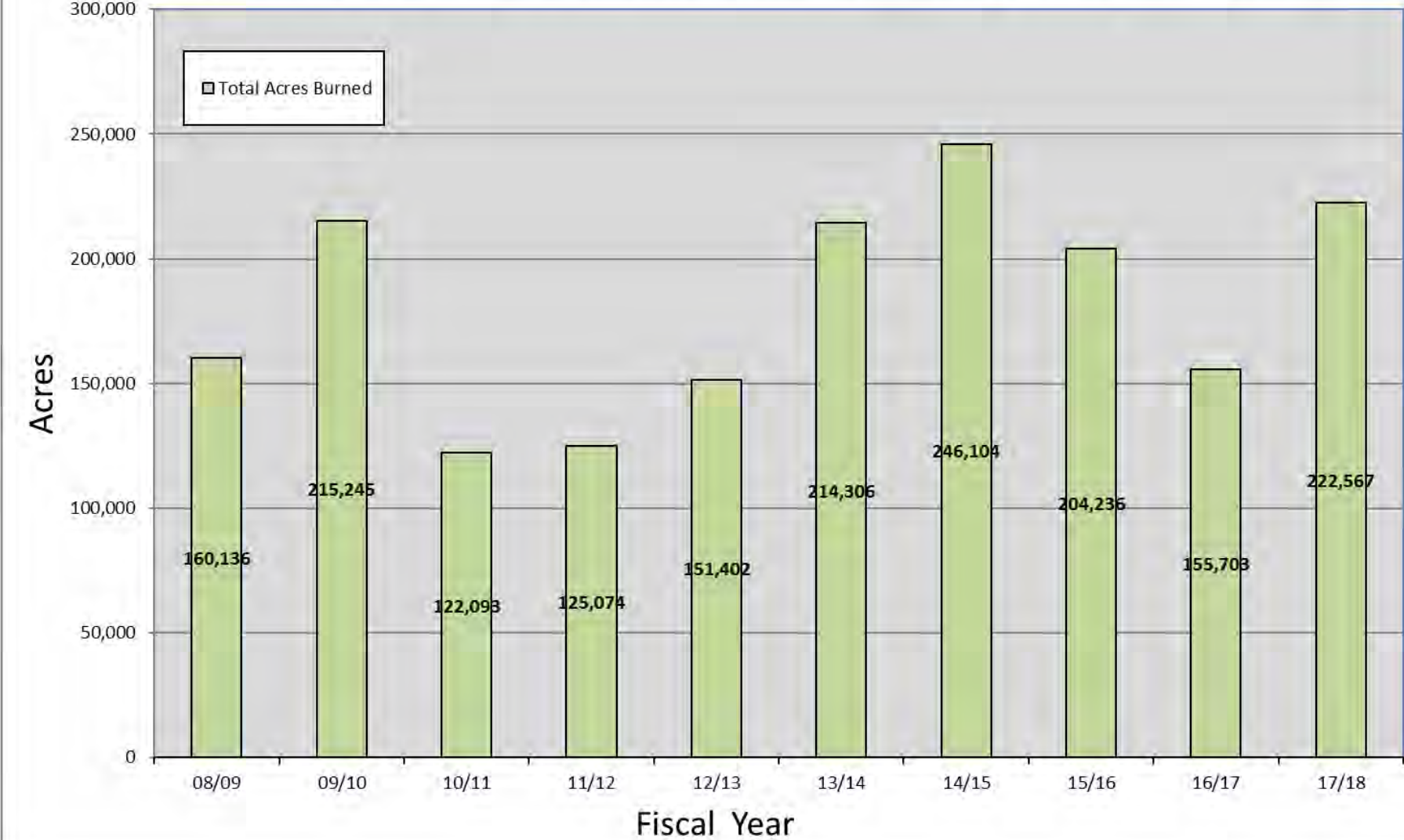
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Prescribed Fire

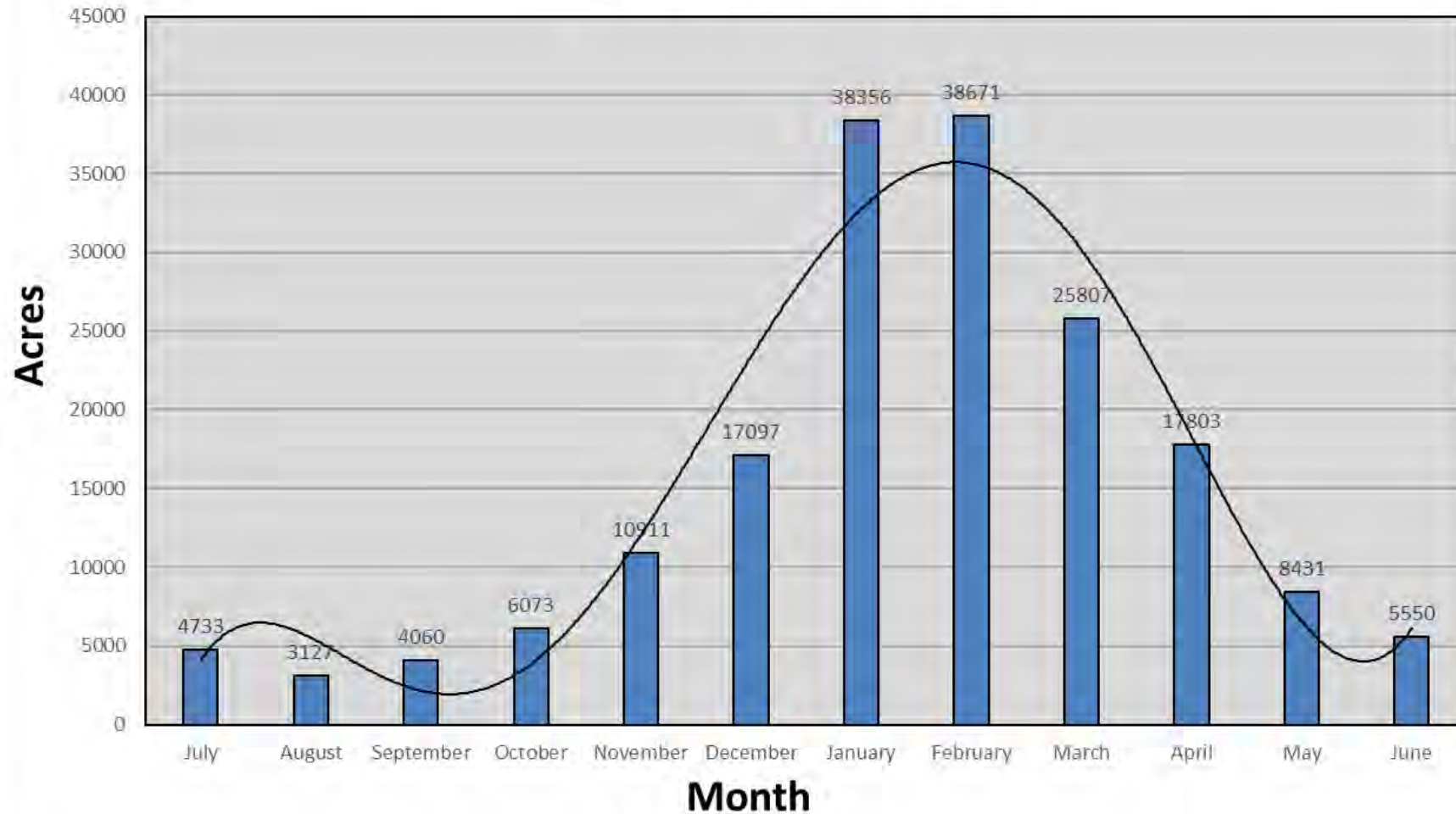
- Roughly 850,000 acres managed by FFS are considered “fire dependent”
- Shared Challenges
 - Weather
 - Smoke Management
 - Staff & Equipment Availability
 - Task Prioritization
 - Multiple Use Management
 - Funding



Total Prescribed Fire Acres on State Forests from FY 08/09 through FY 17/18



Ten-year Average Acres Burned by Month on State Forests FY 08/09 through FY 17/18

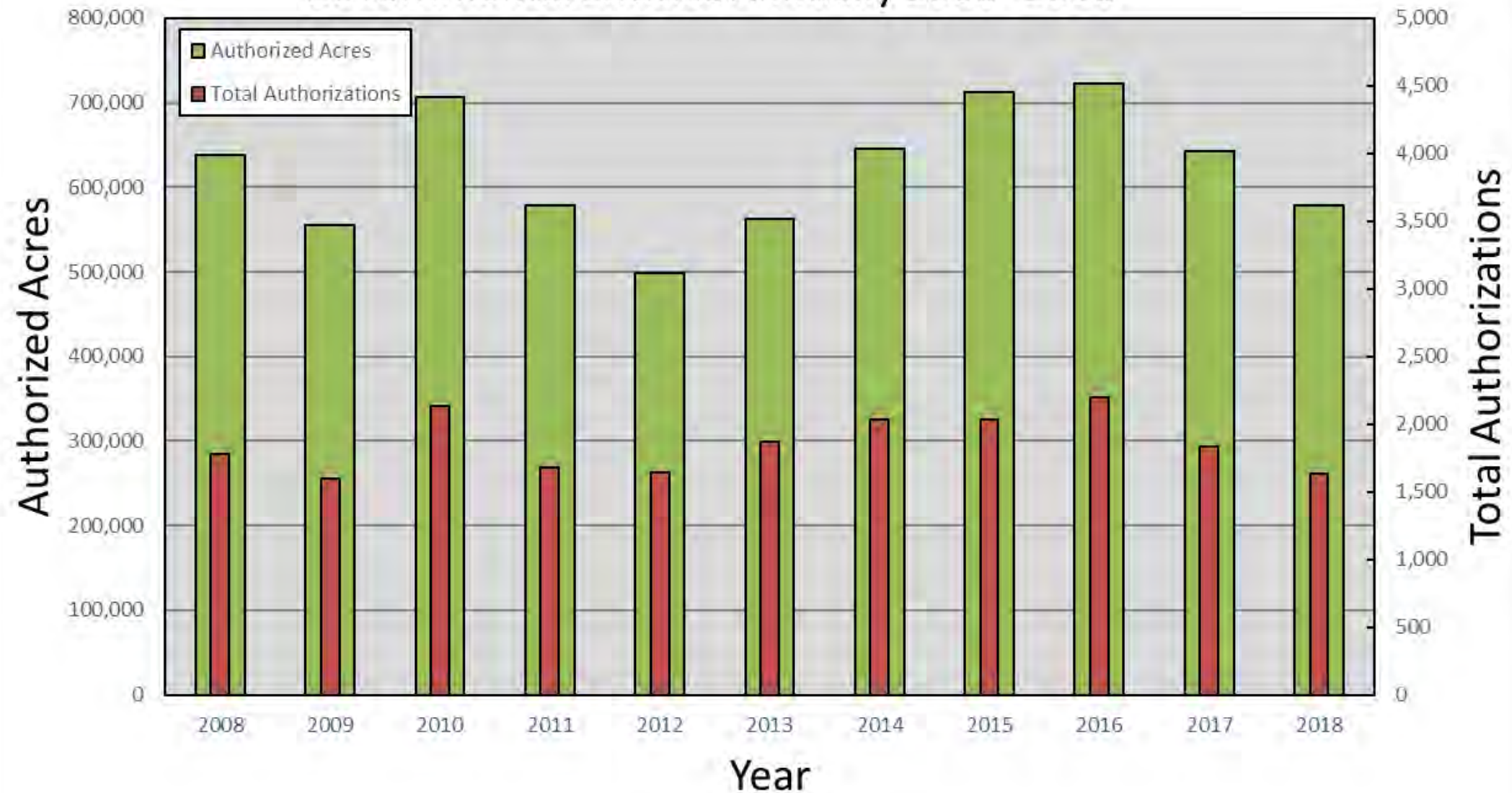


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Number of Authorizations and Authorized Acres by State Governmental Entities Annually 2008 -2018



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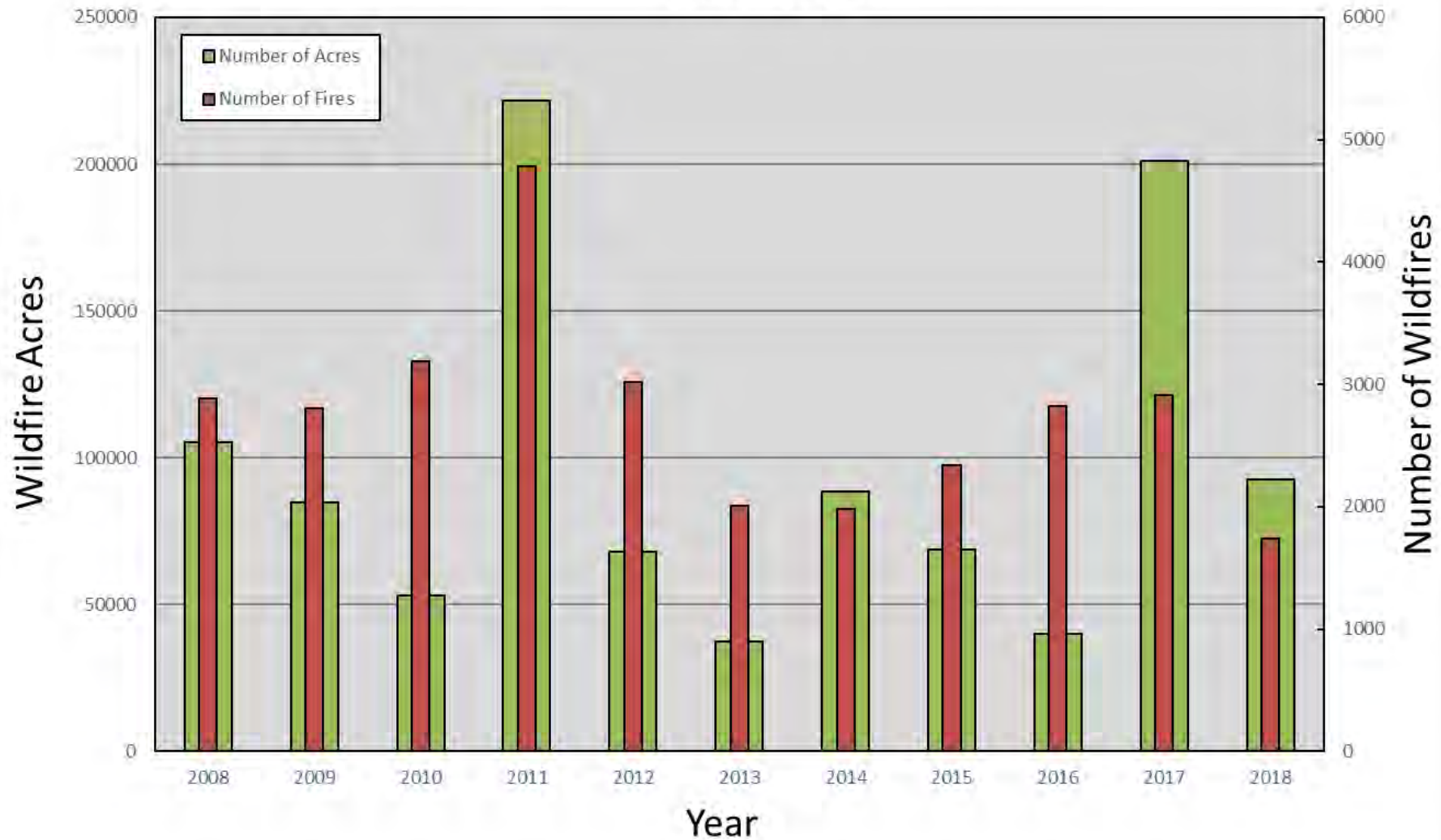
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Unique Management Challenges

- Promote and authorize use of prescribed fire in Florida
- Enforcement of open burning laws and statutory responsibility to suppress wildfire
- Must carefully balance these two responsibilities



Total Number of Wildfires and Total Wildfire Acres Statewide from 2008 - 2018



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Thank you!

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