

## Timber Stand Improvement

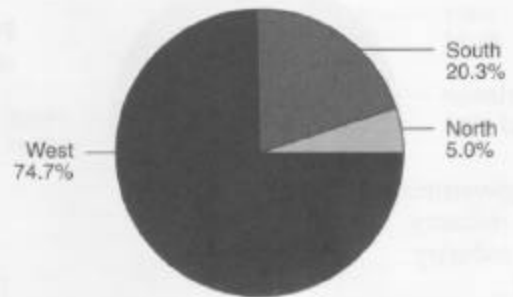
Timber stand improvement was reported for 1,417,057 acres in FY 1997, as contrasted with 2,633,075 acres in FY 1996. The decrease of 1,216,018 acres (- 46%) appears to be a function of the nonreporting or underreporting of FY 1997 accomplishments, rather than an actual change in the amount of timber stand improvement that took place.

Table 6 in the appendix lists the reported timber stand accomplishments by ownership and State for this year.

**CAUTION:** *These data may not be accurate for several states due to non-reporting or underreporting for some ownerships.*

Timber stand improvement by region in FY 1997:

	Acres	Percent of total
North	71,204	5.0
South	287,885	20.3
West	<u>1,057,967</u>	<u>74.7</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,417,056</b>	<b>100.0</b>



Timber stand improvement by ownership category in FY 1997:

	Acres	Percent of total
National Forest System	260,639	18.4
Other federal	65,579	4.6
Non-federal public	91,326	6.5
Non-industrial private	235,779	16.6
Forest & other industry	<u>763,733</u>	<u>53.9</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,417,056</b>	<b>100.0</b>

