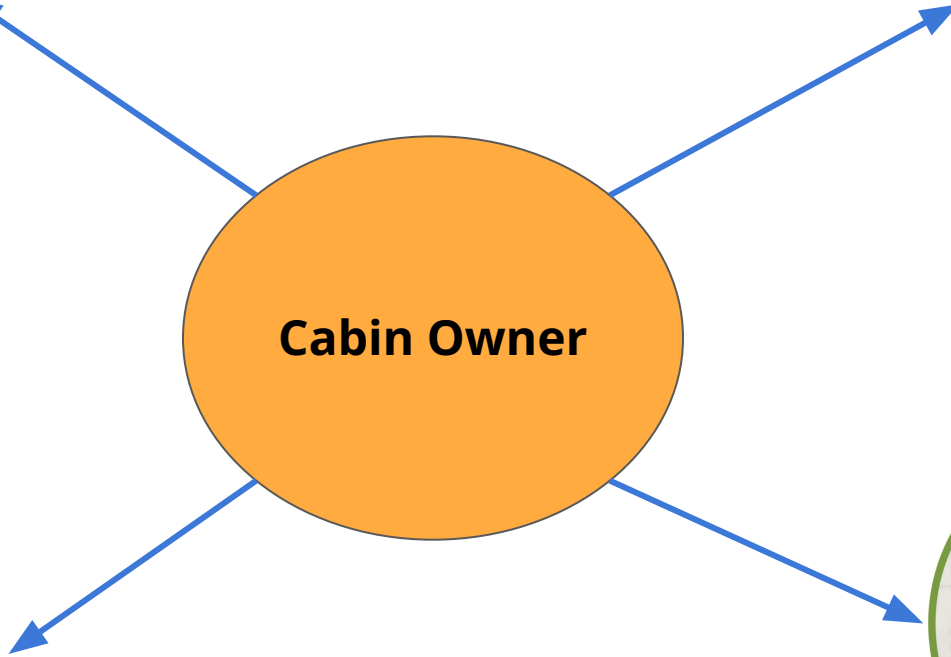
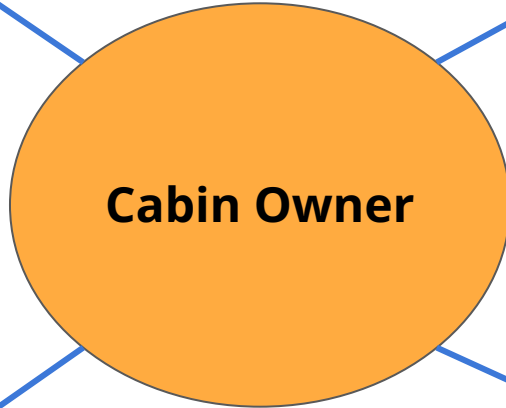
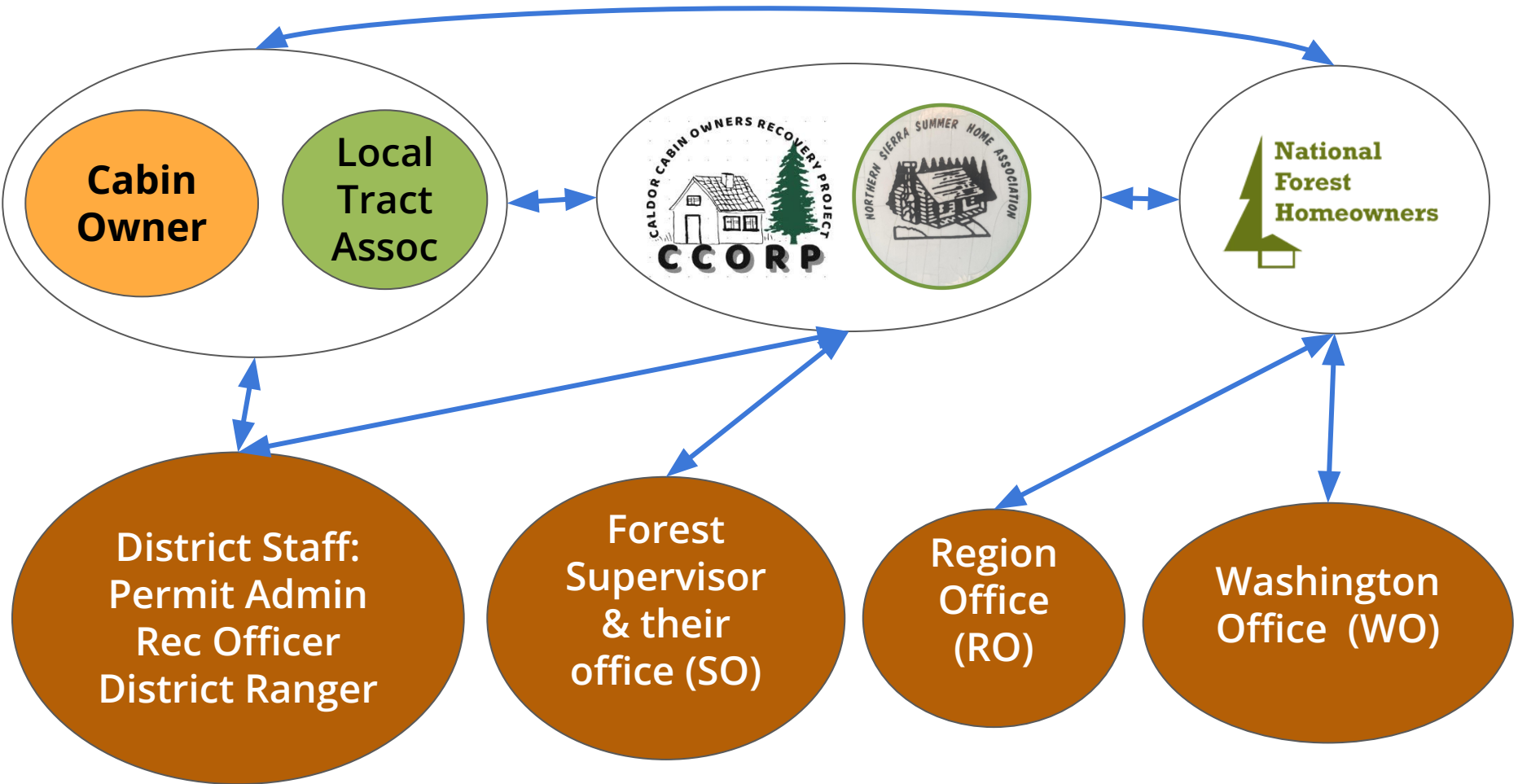


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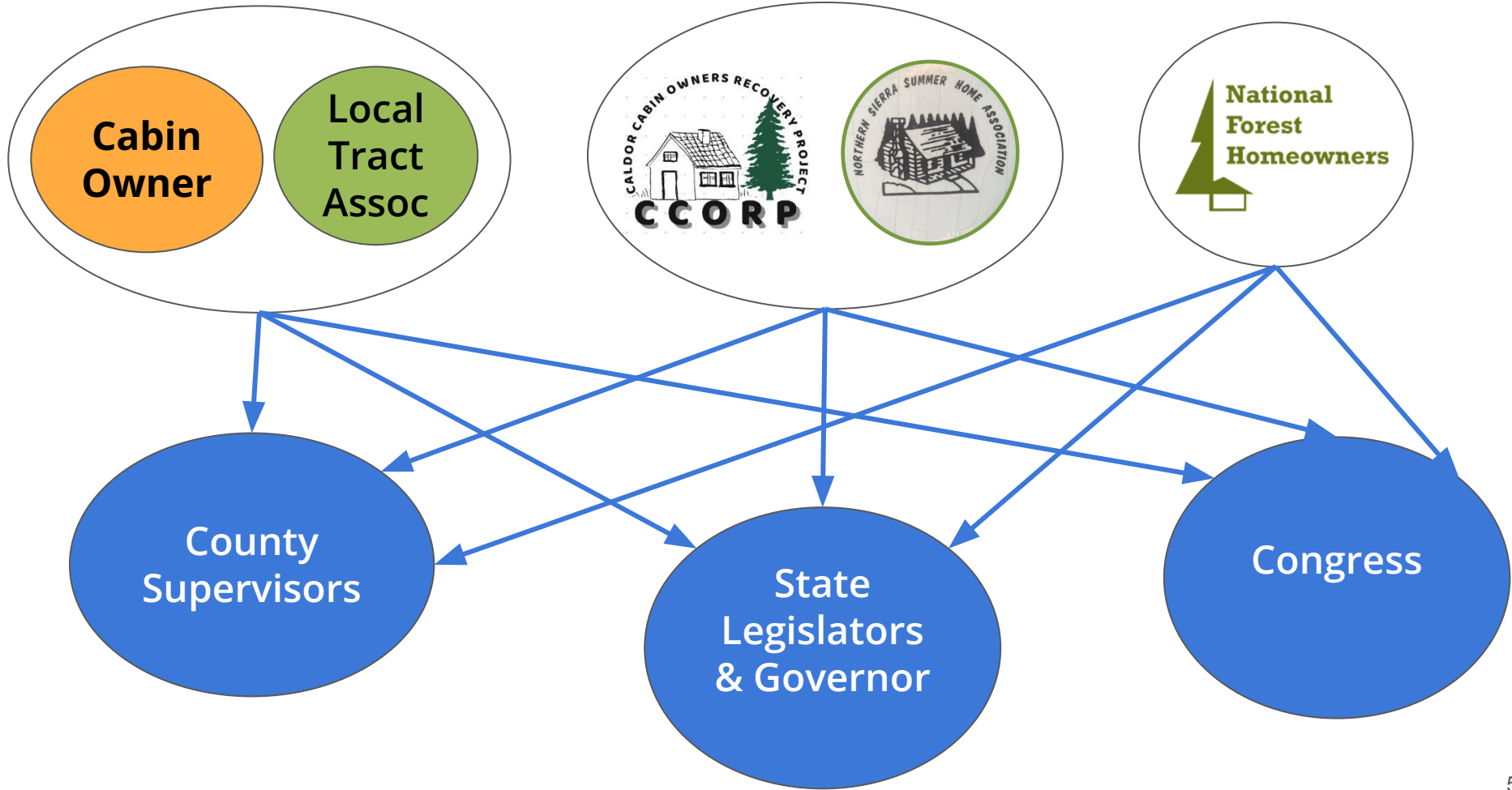
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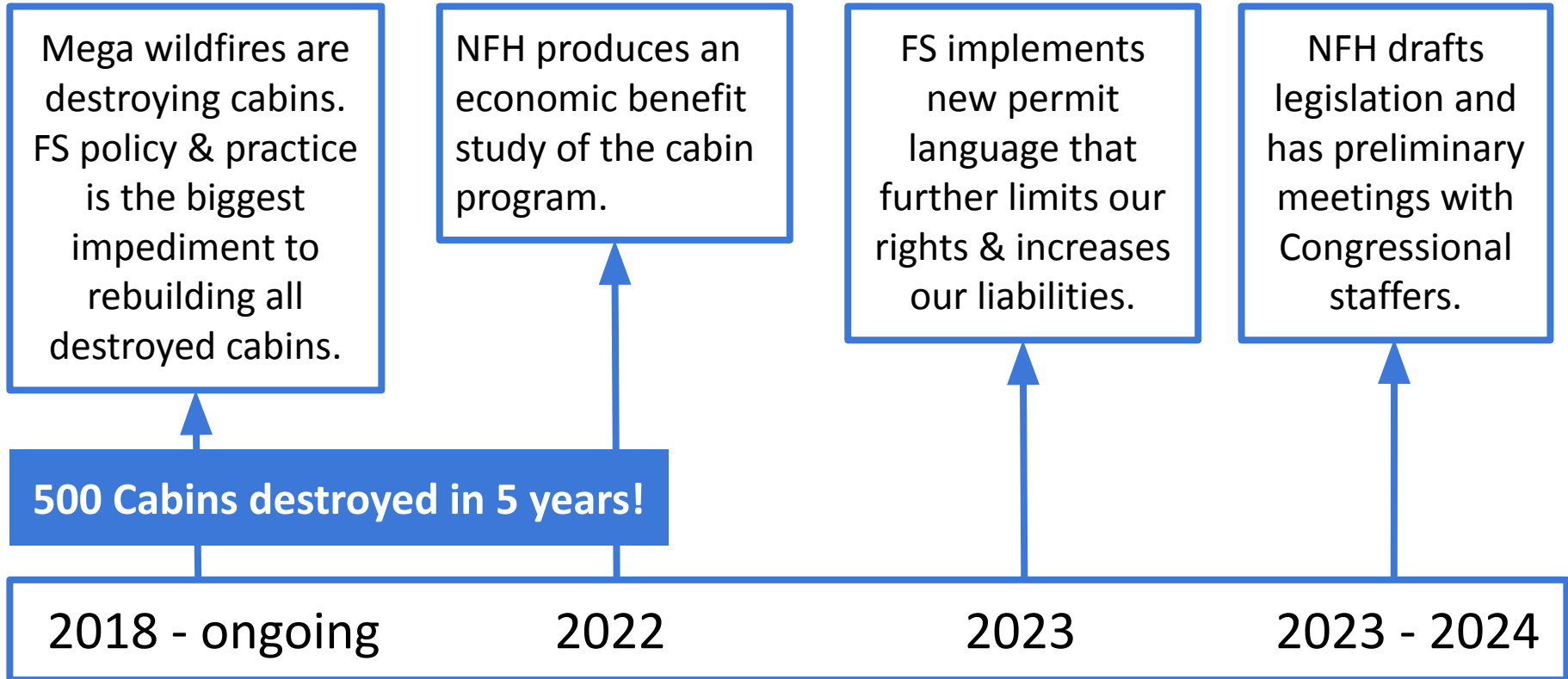




Forest Service Hierarchy



Crisis for the Cabin Program



Cabin Program Restoration Act* Key Provisions



- 1 Restore, preserve and respect our permit holder rights.
- 2 Prevent losses and replace all destroyed cabins.
- 3 Achieve a sustainable number of cabins in the program.

* (CPRA) This is our working title. Congress may change the bill name.

Restore, Protect & Respect Permit Holder Rights



- Co-owners are allowed.
- No limits on occupancy, except not your primary residence.
- Protect conditionally accepted improvements. Only when 50% or more damaged can conditionally accepted improvements be required to meet current compliance rules.
- Water rights are issued by the state. Water rights need to be protected for cabin owners.
- FS diluted the compensation amount to near zero when they or any federal agency repurposes the land for other uses. Restore fair compensation.
- Forest Service has severely limited our rights of appeal, CPRA will restore appeal rights & prevent unreasonable revocation or termination of permits.

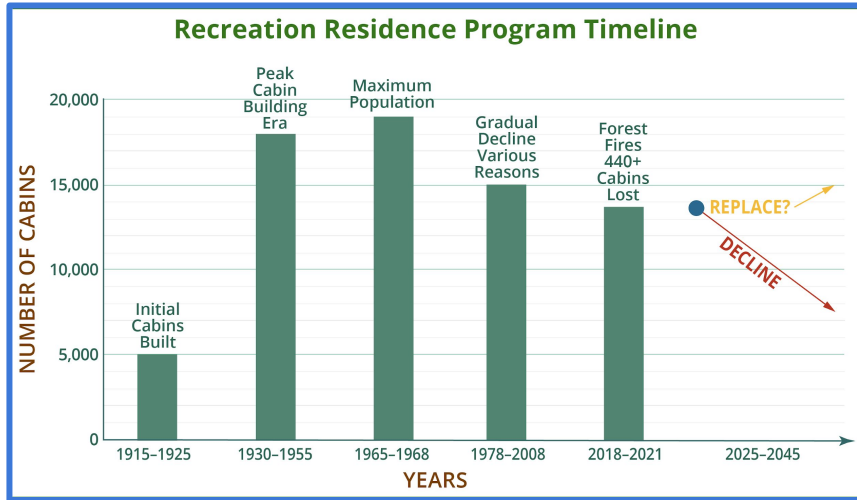
Prevent Losses and Replace All Destroyed Cabins

- Harden your lot, your cabin and your tract from the wildfire and other extreme events.
- Fair rebuild decisions and guaranteed offer of an in-lieu lot.
- Waive permit fees until reoccupied for recreation purposes.
- Allow permit holder, co-owner or family member to rebuild. FS only authorizes the permit holder to rebuild.
- Allow sale of surviving improvements and transfer of rebuild authorization to new owner.



*Top to bottom: Sayles Canyon (Caldor 2021),
Santa Ana River (Tropical Storm Hillary 2023),
Dardanelle, Stanislaus NF (Donnell Fire 2018)*

Achieve Sustainable Number of Cabins



Note: Bars represent different spans of time.

- 500 cabins were destroyed by disasters in a five year period.
- Accelerated decline puts the Cabin Program survival at risk.
- The Program needs 15,000 cabins nationwide to be viable.
- Limit the number of in-lieu lots held in reserve.
- There are over 3,000 vacant lots.
- Only 1,500 cabins need to be rebuilt.
- Lottery for a permit to build a cabin on authorized vacant lots.

Bipartisan and Bicameral Support

ANNUAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM RECREATION RESIDENCE PROGRAM

\$141 Million Benefit to Local Rural Communities | 145 Thousand Volunteer Hours & \$3 Million Cash Donations

- \$33M USFS Permit Fees
- \$19M in Property Taxes
- 6.5M Visitor Days



- \$24M Recreating
- \$59M Retail and Dining Out
- \$54M Maintenance and Improvements

- ★ Important foundational data from NFH 2022 Economic Benefit Study.
- ★ Recreation Residence Program is revenue positive.
 - \$5,000/acre a very high return per acre for use of public land.
- ★ CPRA requires no additional land.
 - It uses the land as originally intended by Congress.
 - Nationally cabin tracts total < 10K acres of the 193M acres of National Forest System lands.

A chalkboard with the letters 'Q', '&', and 'A' drawn in white chalk. The letters are filled with a dense, scribbled pattern of lines. A single piece of white chalk lies horizontally on the bottom right of the board.

Q & A

Handouts, questions, ideas, concerns, get involved...

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