

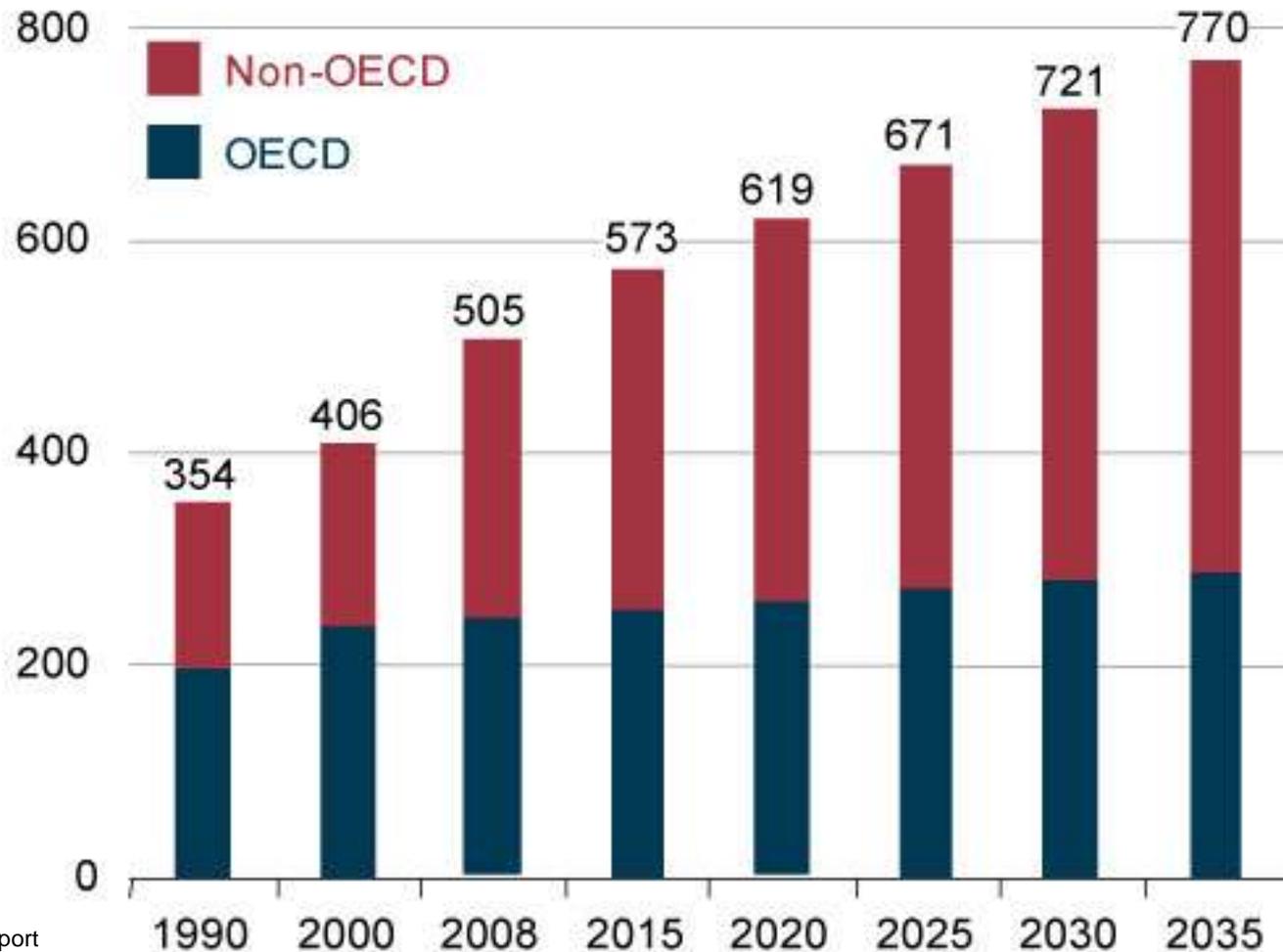
# Perspectives and Priorities for Bioenergy Research in the Pacific Northwest



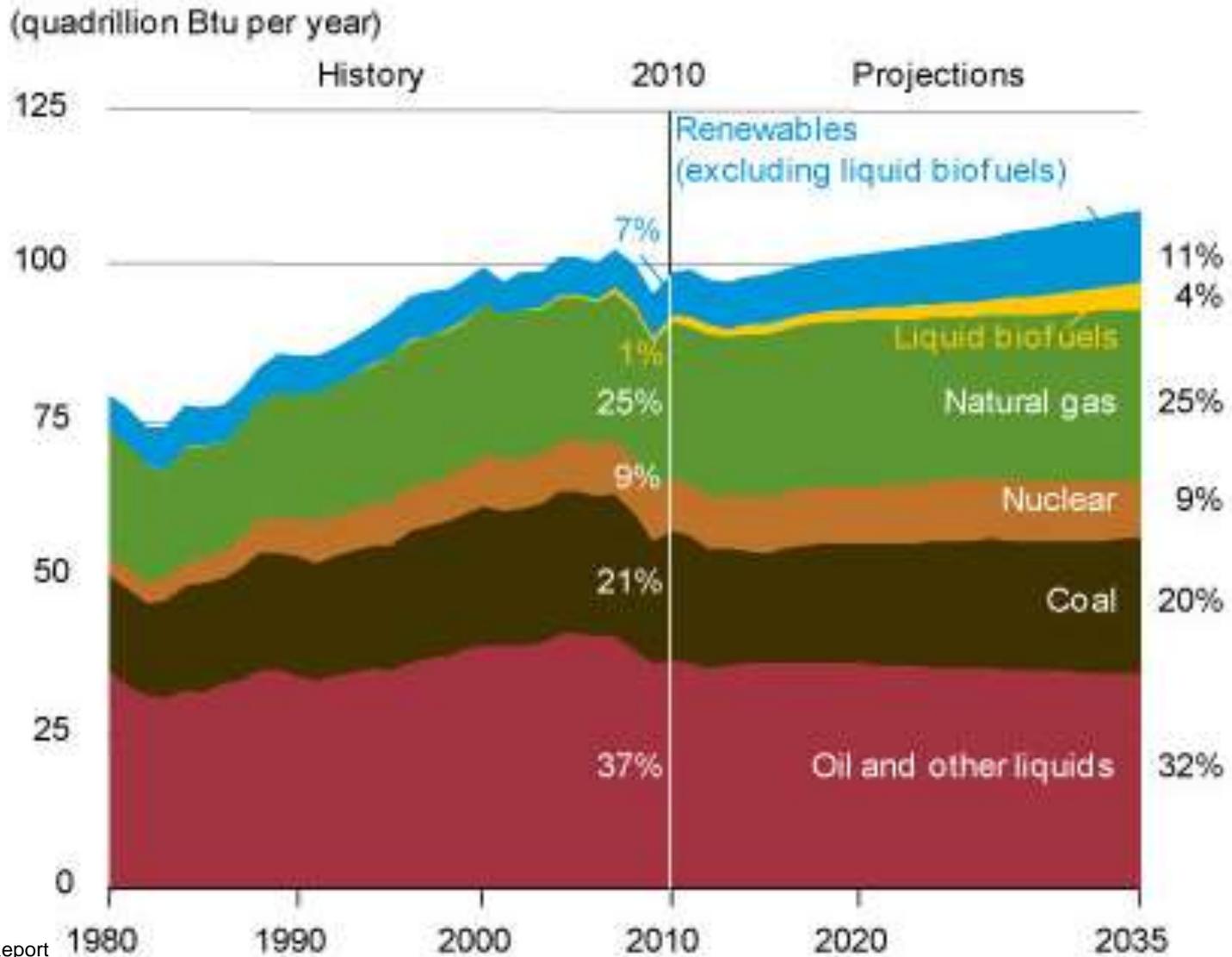
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# Challenge - Global Energy Consumption

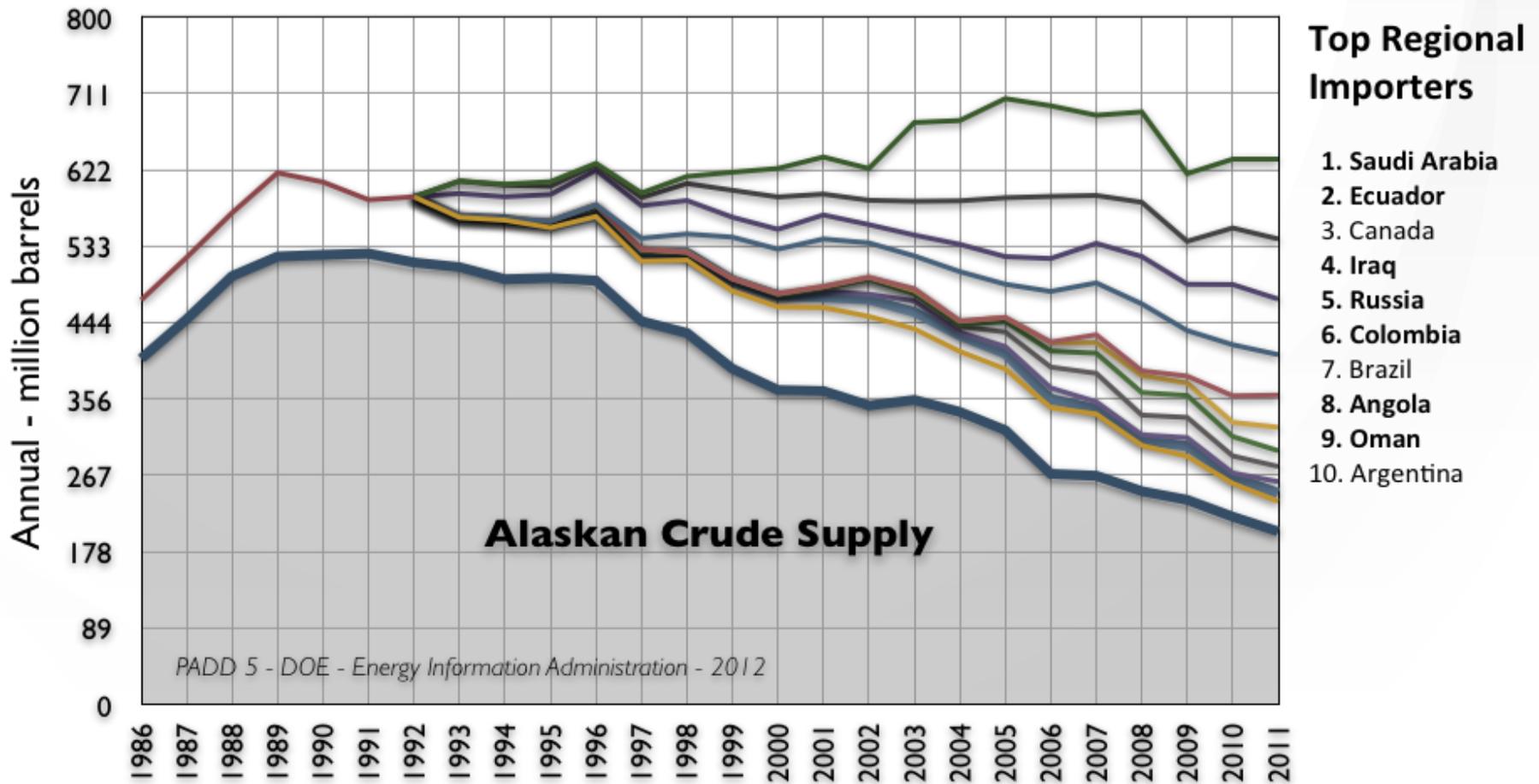
Figure 1. World energy consumption, 1990-2035  
(quadrillion Btu)



# Challenge - US Energy Use



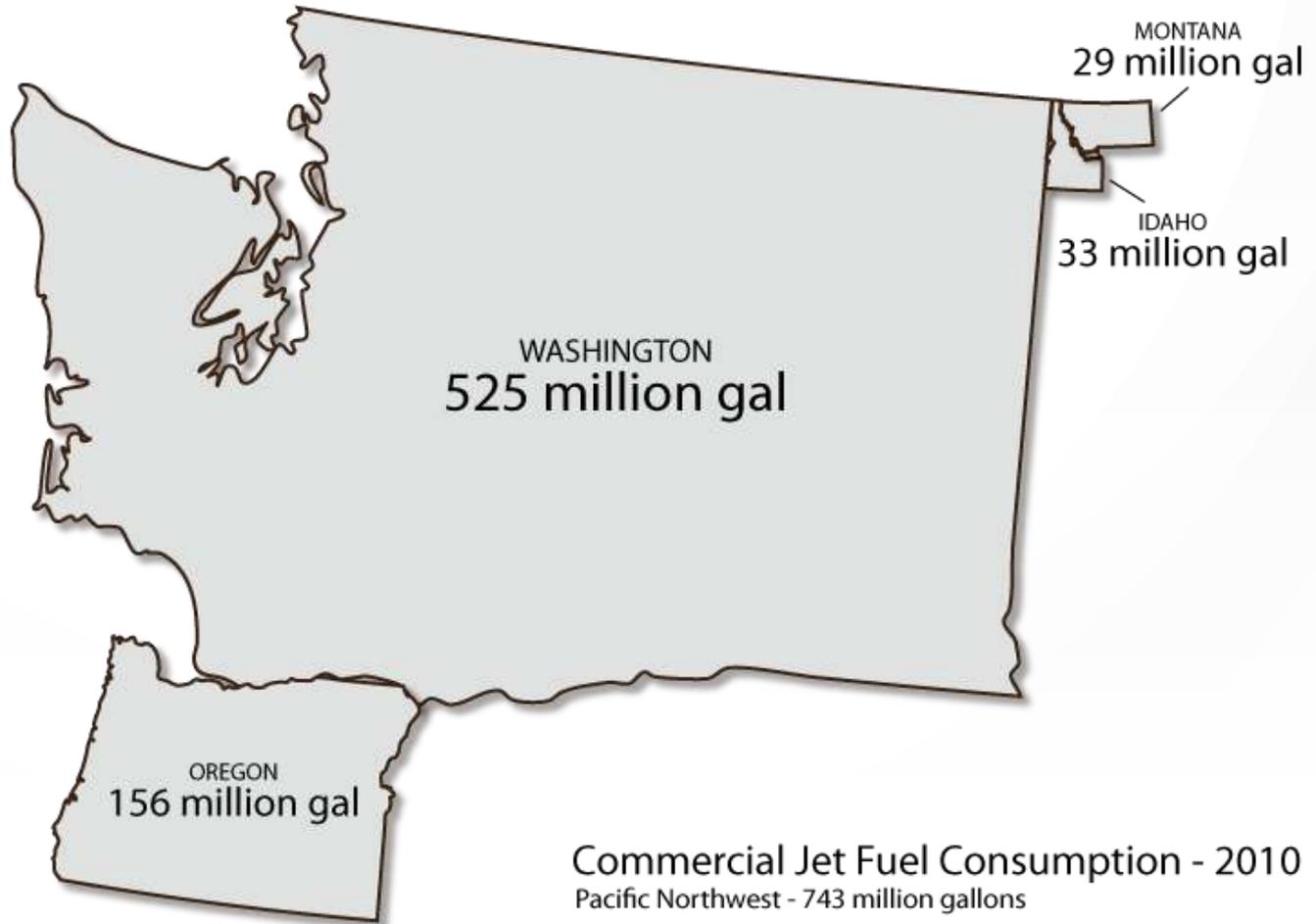
# Challenge - Northwest Increasingly Depends on Imported Petroleum



# Challenge - Economics and Policy

- \$\$\$ - Private sector investment requires a good business plan and that will be marketable to the financial community beyond the the transient nature of government incentive policies
- Government can provide incentives, loan guarantees, and create markets through renewable fuel standards and other policies

# Opportunity in Jet Fuel



# Opportunity in Jet Fuel & Co-Products

## BIOJET

>\$160 BILLION MARKET

 **UNITED**

*Alaska Airlines*



**RUBBER AND  
LUBRICANTS**  
>\$4 BILLION



**LANXESS**  
making chemistry

**GASOLINE  
BLENDSTOCKS**  
>\$5 BILLION



**SOLVENTS**  
>\$5 BILLION



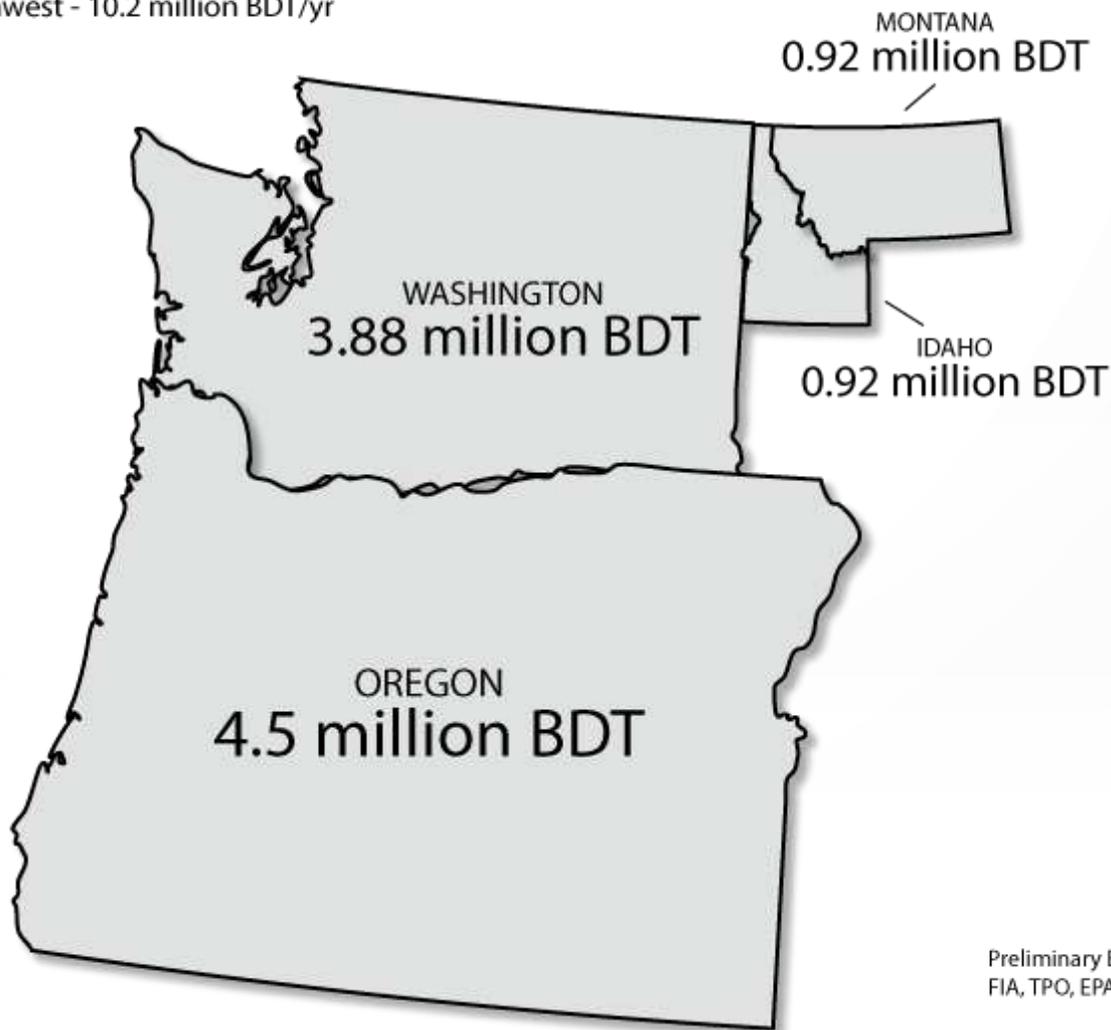
**SASOL**  
reaching new frontiers



# Opportunity - Estimated Regional Supply of Forest Residuals

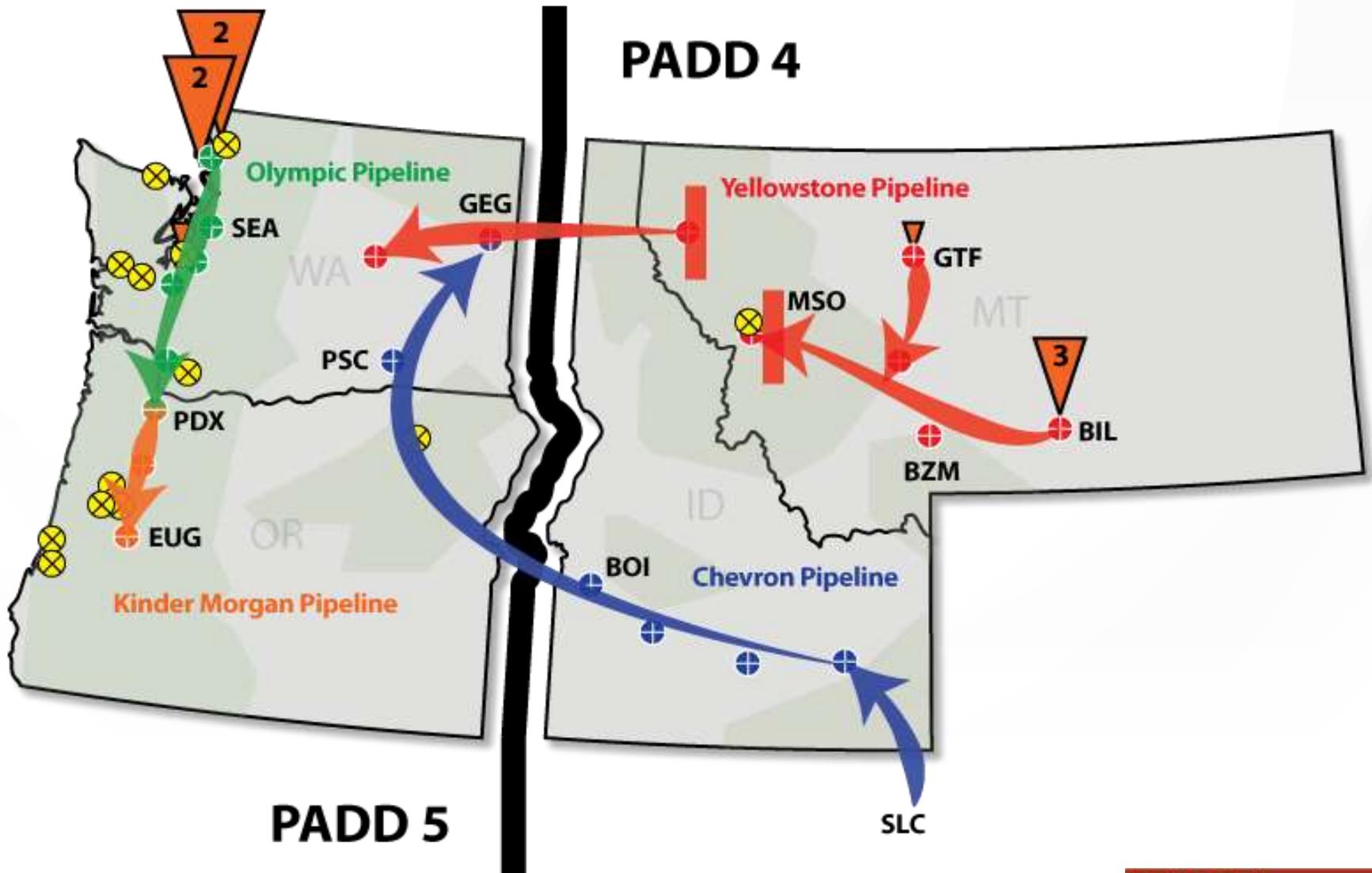
## Forest Residues - 2008

Pacific Northwest - 10.2 million BDT/yr



Preliminary Estimates  
FIA, TPO, EPA Datasets 2008

# Opportunity - Dormant and Closed Pulp Facilities



# Opportunity – Electricity Generation



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**Methane Available to Generate Electricity**  
Whatcom County, Washington

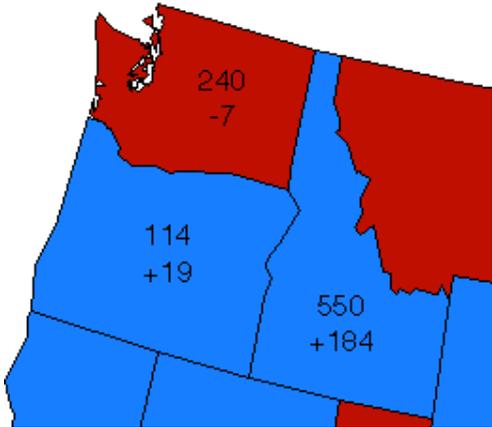
1 cow = produces 16 kWh energy equivalent per day

50,000 cows = produce 800,000 kWh energy equivalent per day

1 home uses on average 30 kWh per day

Whatcom County's cows produce enough methane (natural gas) per day to power about 26,000 homes.

Sources: WWU Vehicle Research Institute, U.S. Department of Energy  
NWFarmsandFood.com



Over 900,000 dairy cows in 2009  
14 MWh potential per day

# Research - Poised for the Future

**Feedstock Diversity**



**Greenhouse & Field Crop Models**



**Genetic & Phenomic Equipment**



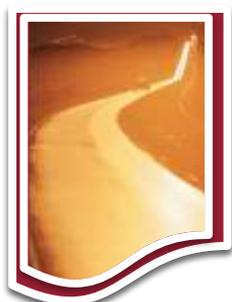
**Conversion Experts Thermal & Chemical**



**Regional Producers**



**Supply Chains**



**Delivery Networks**



**Regional Stakeholders**



# Cropping Systems



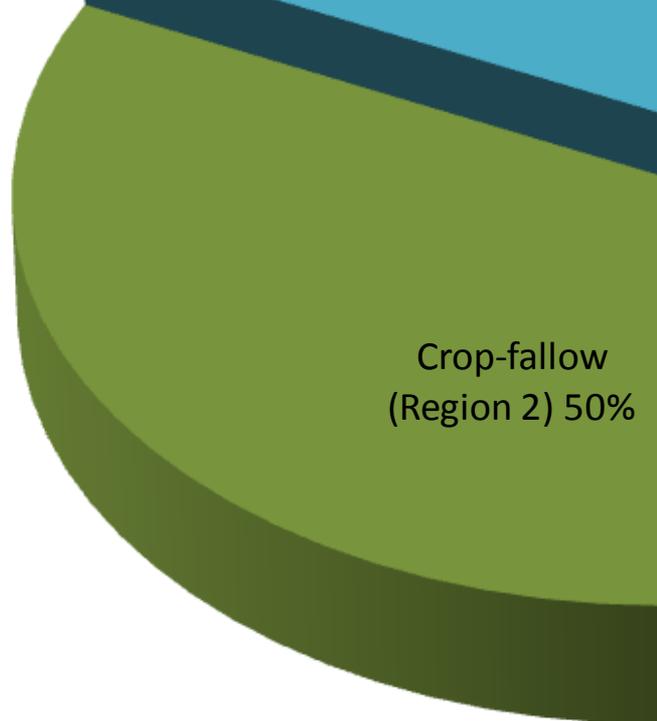
Irrigated  
(Region 3) 18%



Annual Crop  
(Region 1) 24%



Occasionally  
fallow 8%



Crop-fallow  
(Region 2) 50%

- Extensive Wheat and fallow
- <1% oilseeds

Inland PNW Zone Acreage



# Engineering Research

Bioproducts, Sciences and Engineering Laboratory -BSEL



Voiland School of Chemical Engineering and Bioengineering

Bioenergy & Bioproducts Engineering  
Biological Systems Engineering

Composite Materials and Engineering Center  
Civil & Environmental Engineering



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# Economics, Policy, and Extension

School of Economic Sciences – areas of strength include

- Resource economics
  - Energy policy
  - Transportation economics
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- In demand on research teams and by government agencies
    - e.g., Published legislature-requested study on oilseed crop policies
  - WSU Extension – important connection to “real world”





Thank you