

Block Management Program

FWP Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory

Council

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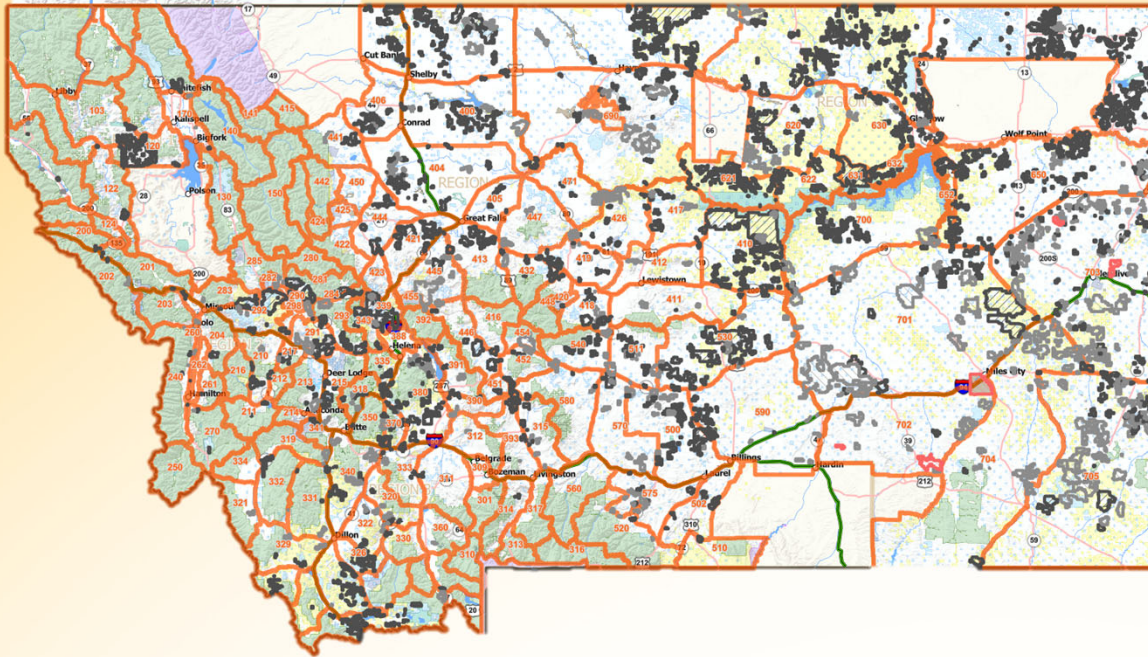
Block Management Mission Statement

Block Management is a cooperative, adaptable program designed to maintain Montana's hunting heritage and traditions by providing landowners with tangible benefits to encourage public hunting access to private land, promote partnerships between landowners, hunters, and FWP, and help manage wildlife resources and the impacts of public hunting.



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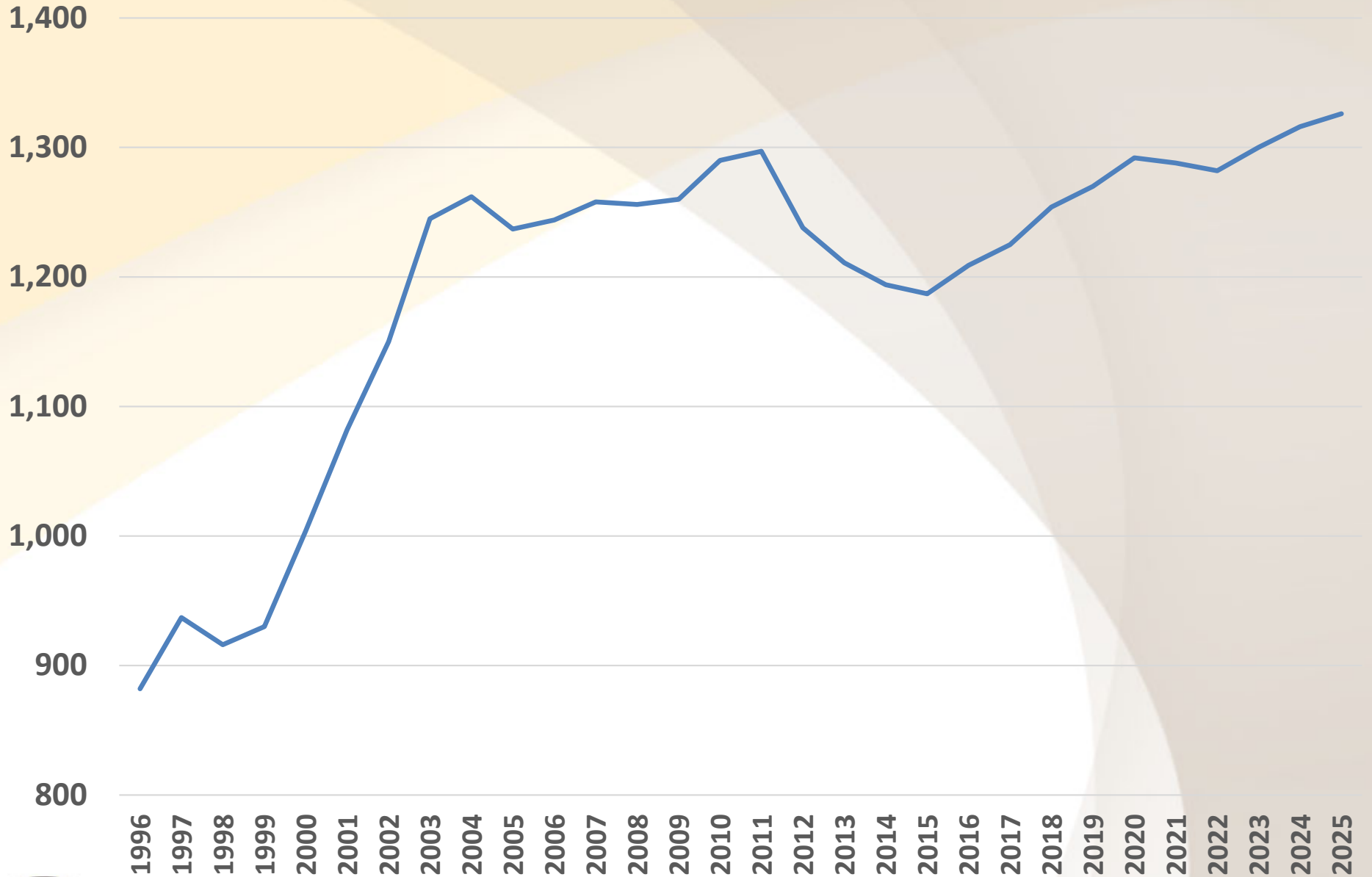
- 1,326 cooperators
- \$12.5 million paid to cooperators
- 6.81 million acres enrolled

2025 Summary

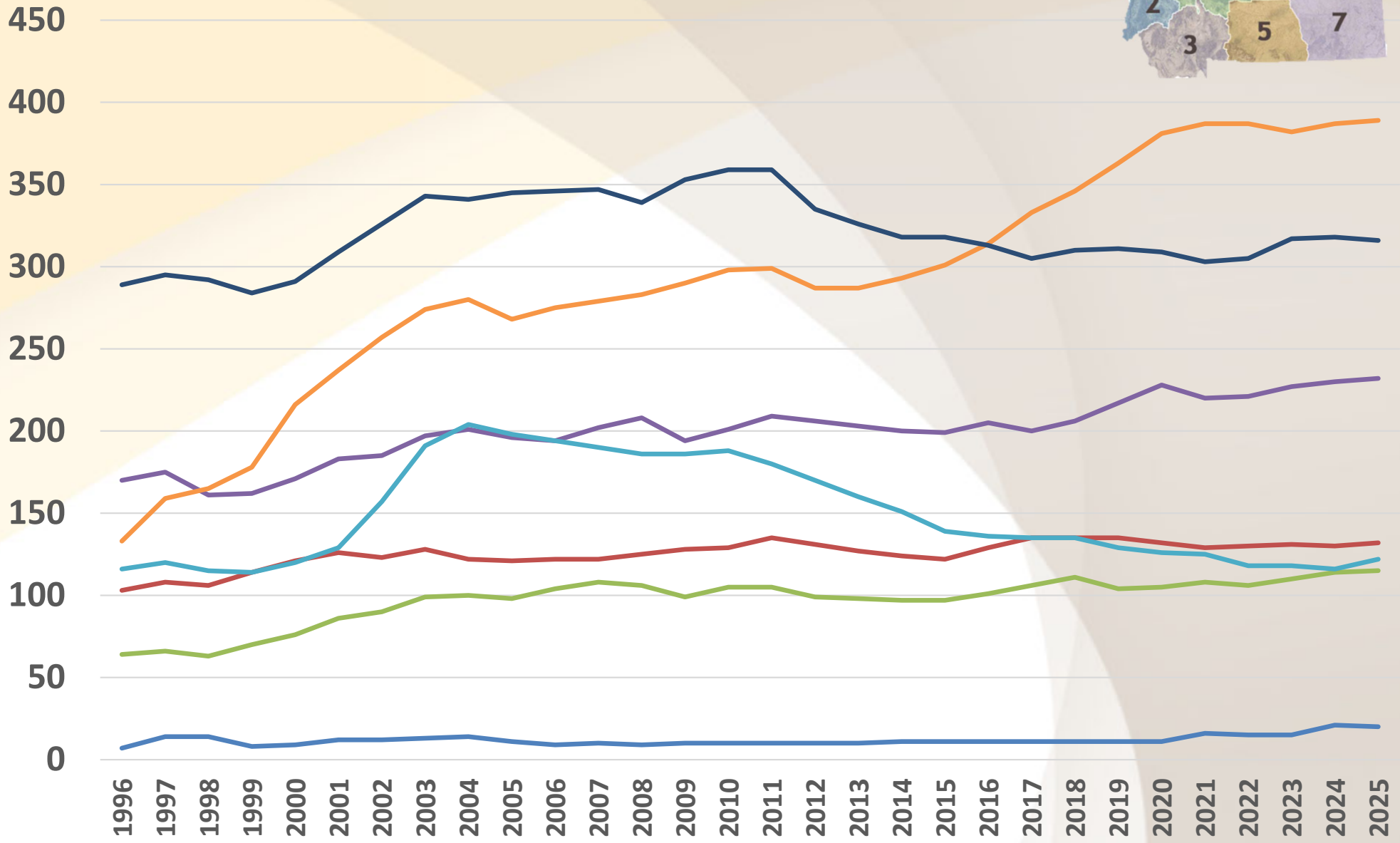


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Total Cooperators

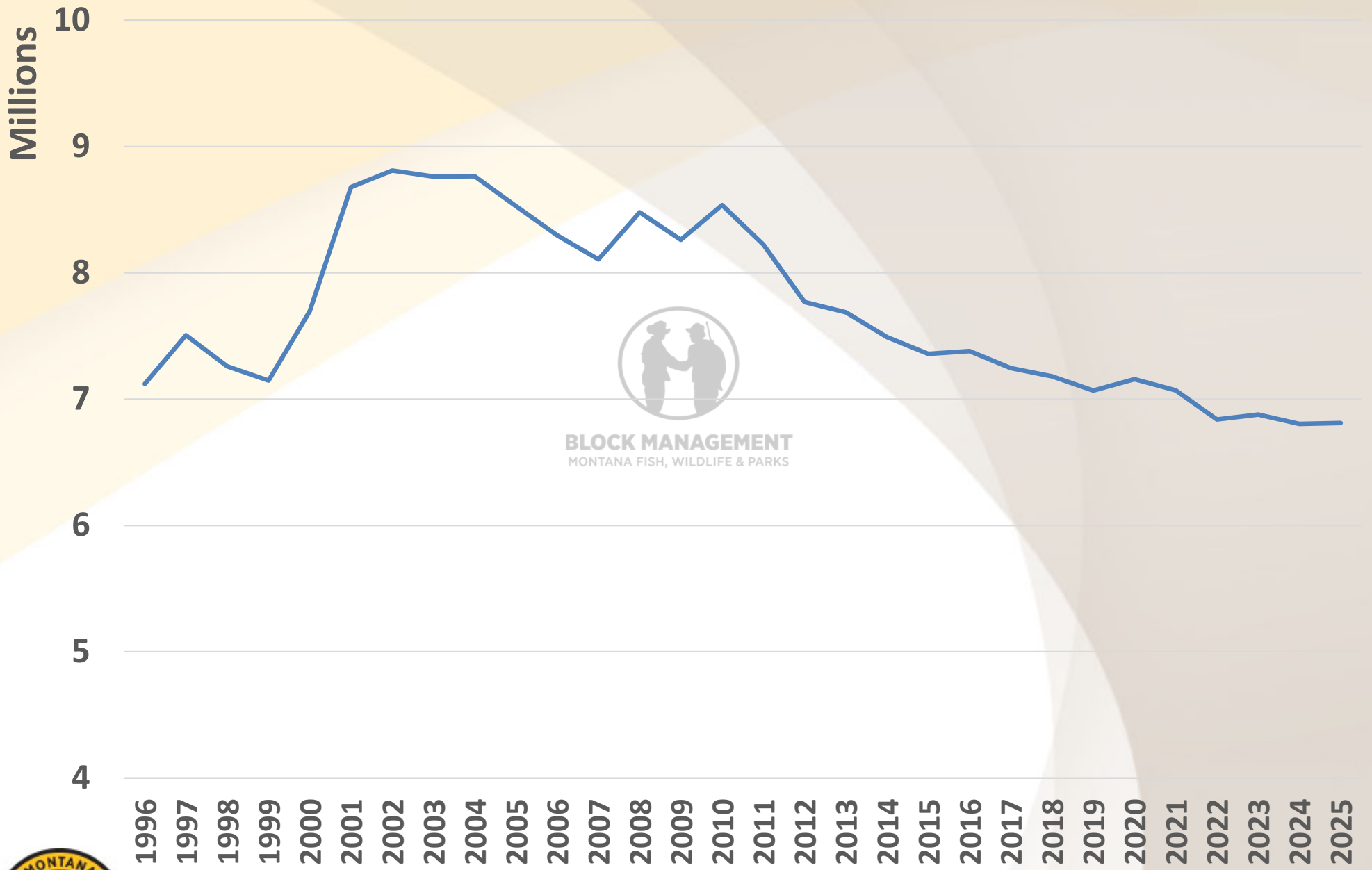


Cooperators by Region



— Region 1
 — Region 2
 — Region 3
 — Region 4
 — Region 5
 — Region 6
 — Region 7

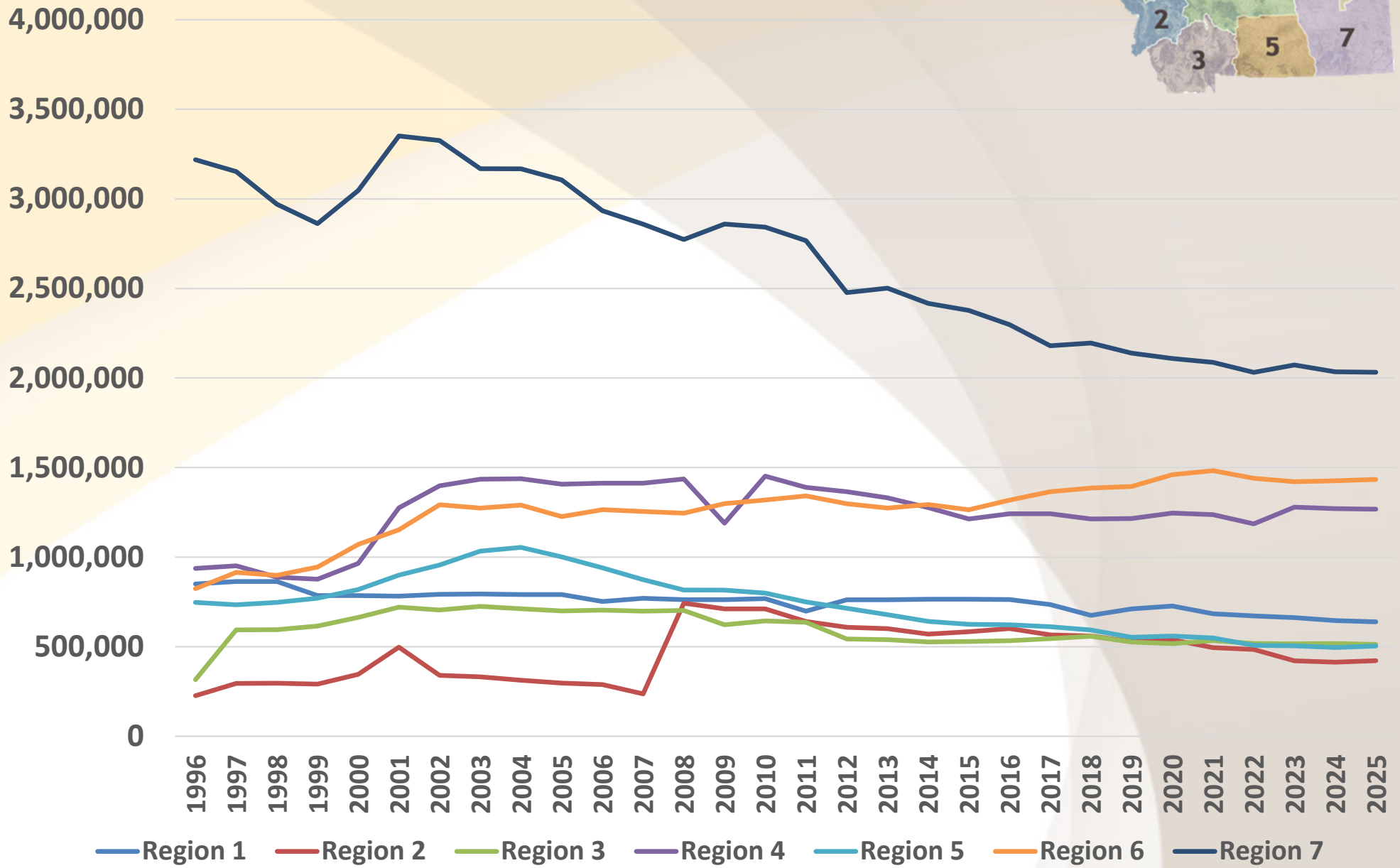
Total Block Management Acres



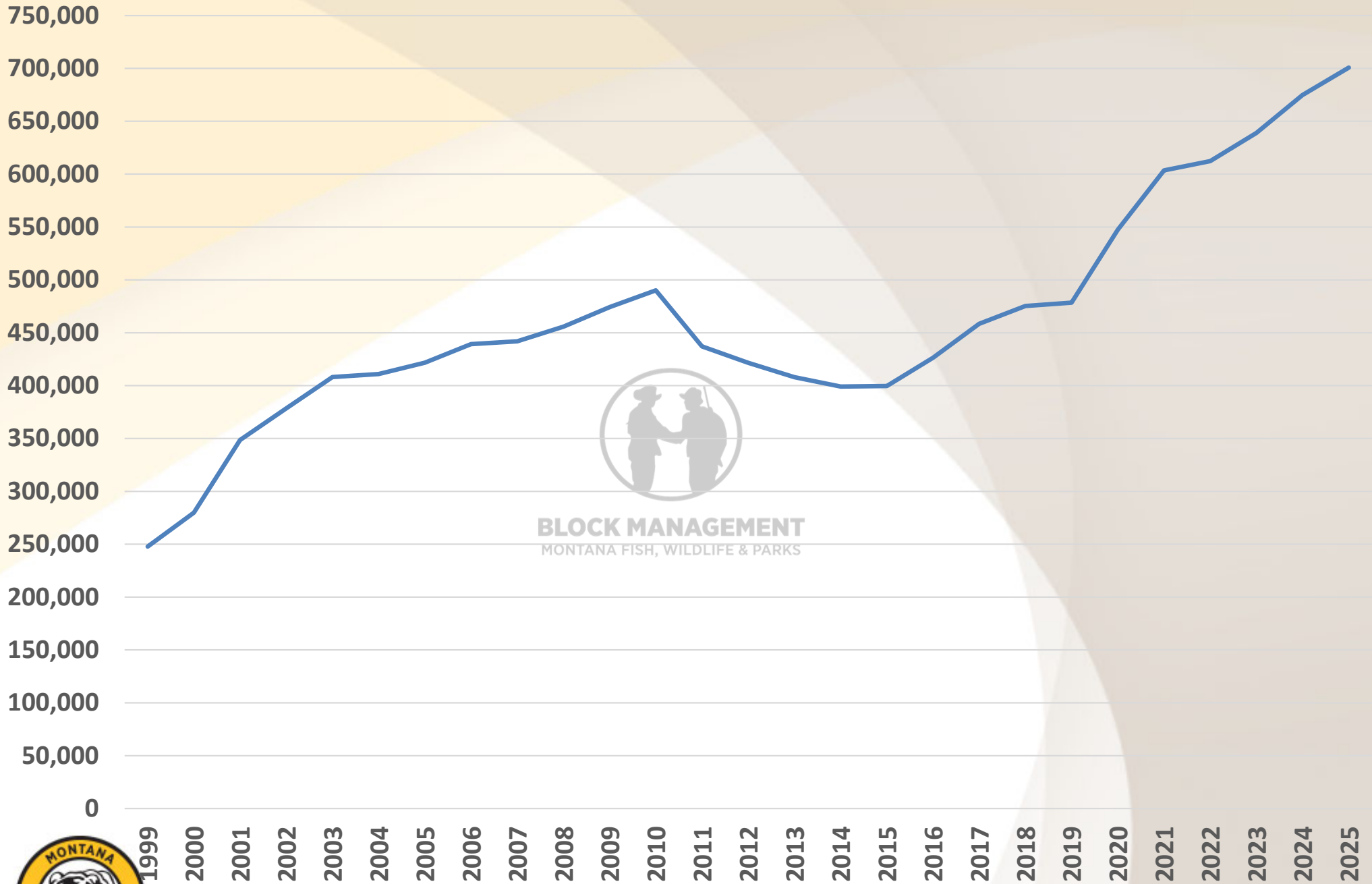
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Total Acres by Region



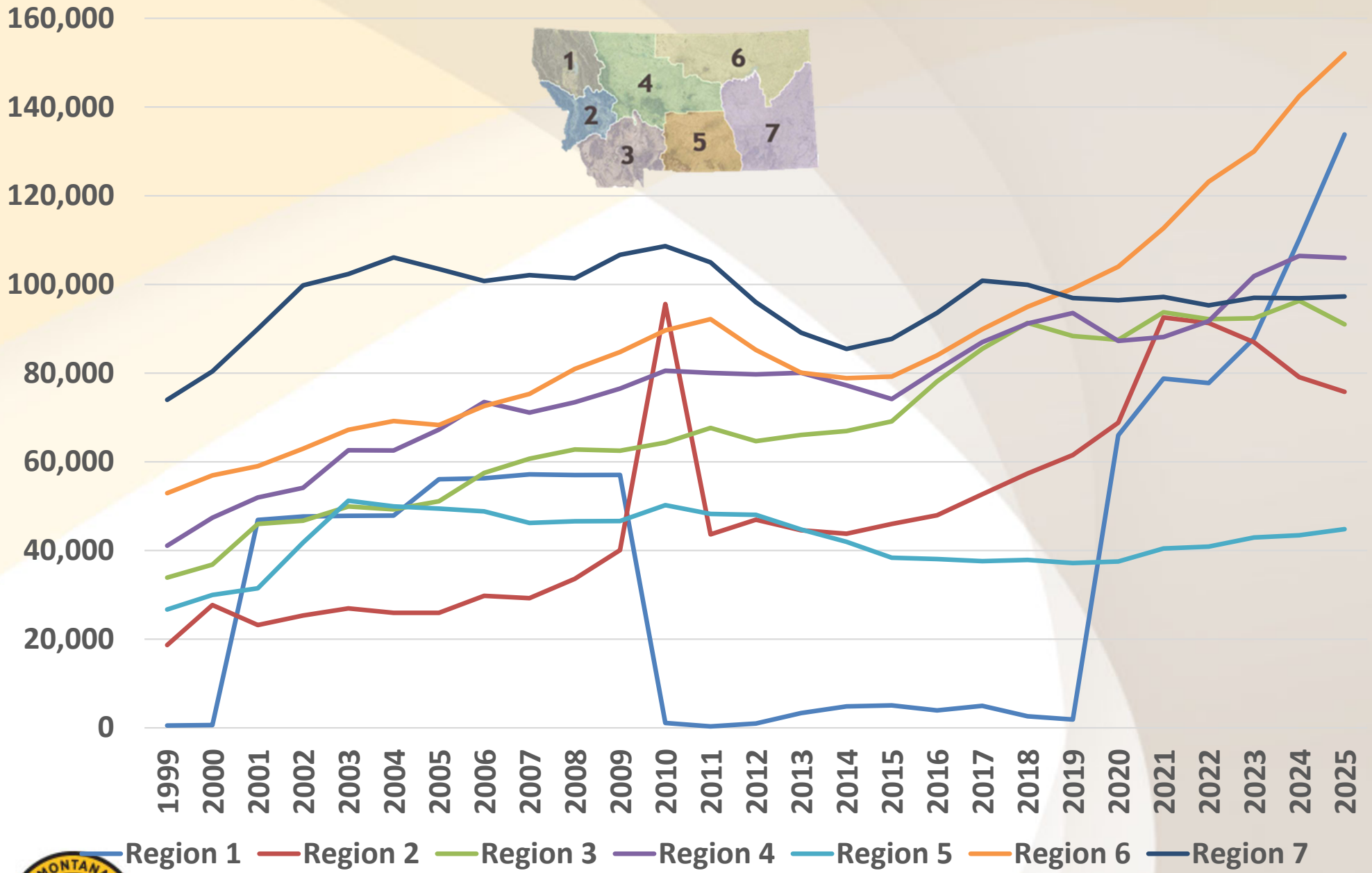
Total Contracted Hunter Days



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Contracted Hunter Days by Region



Total Block Management Landowner Payments

\$14,000,000

\$12,000,000

\$10,000,000

\$8,000,000

\$6,000,000

\$4,000,000

\$2,000,000

\$0

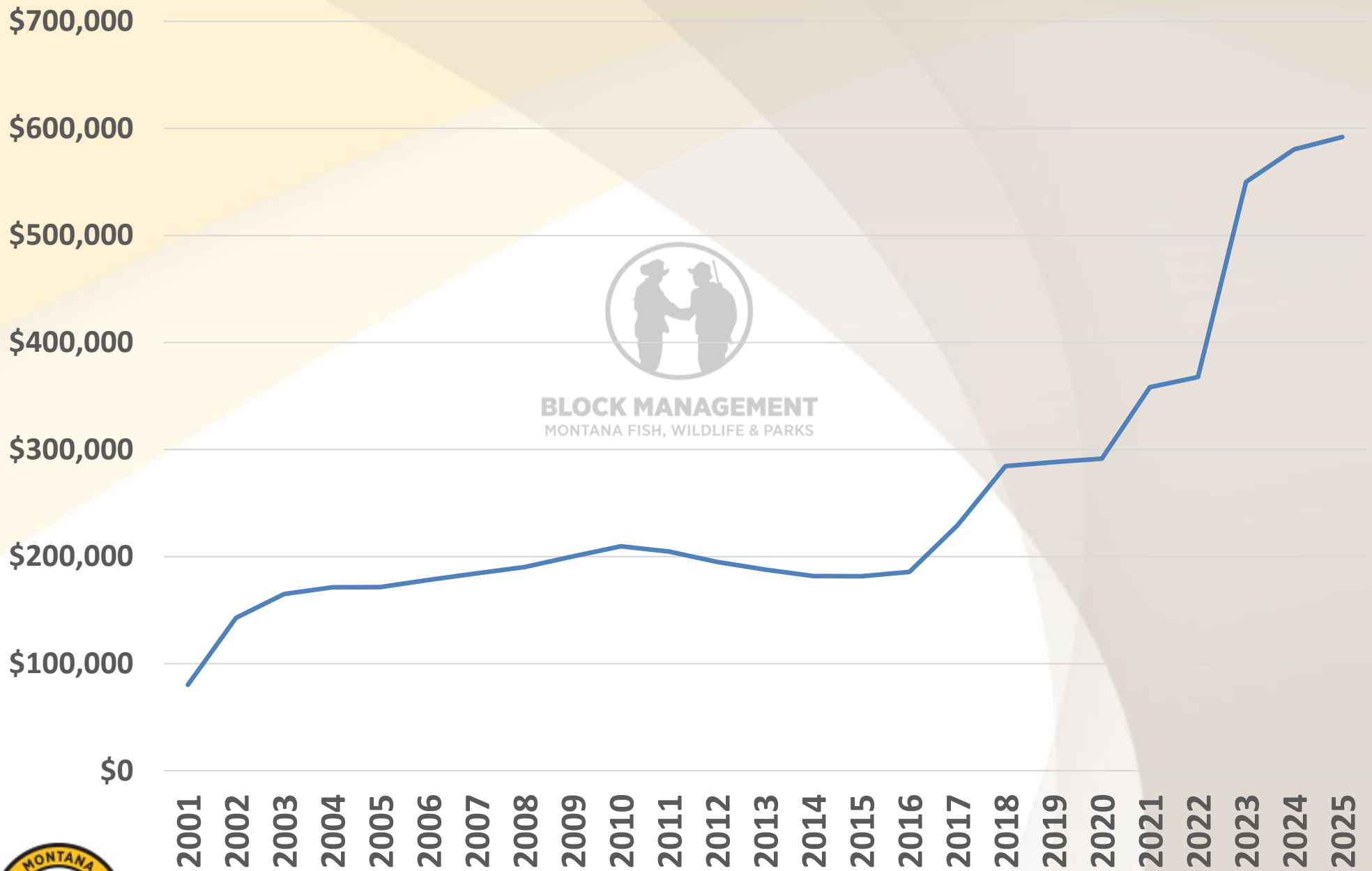


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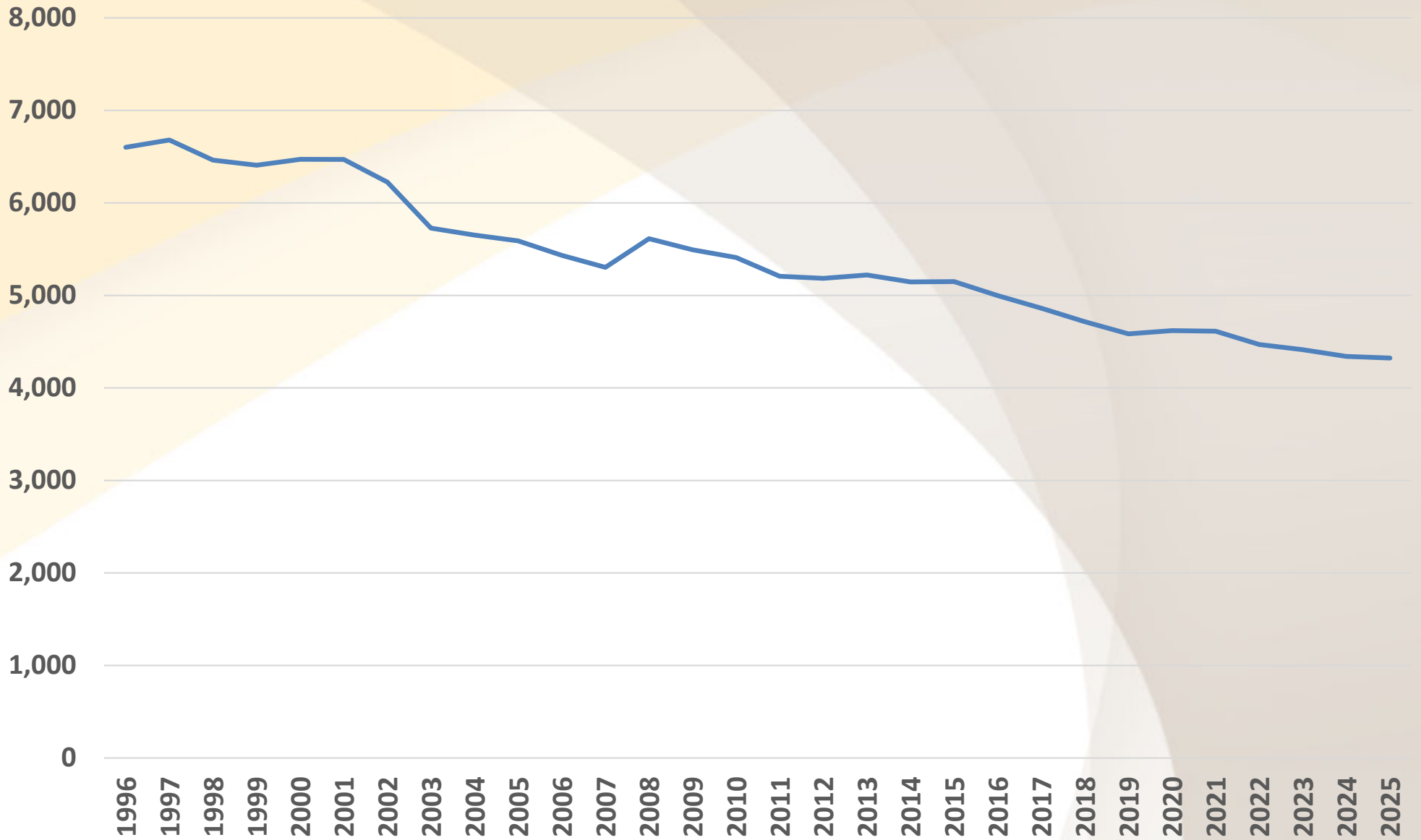
Total Weed Management Incentive Payments



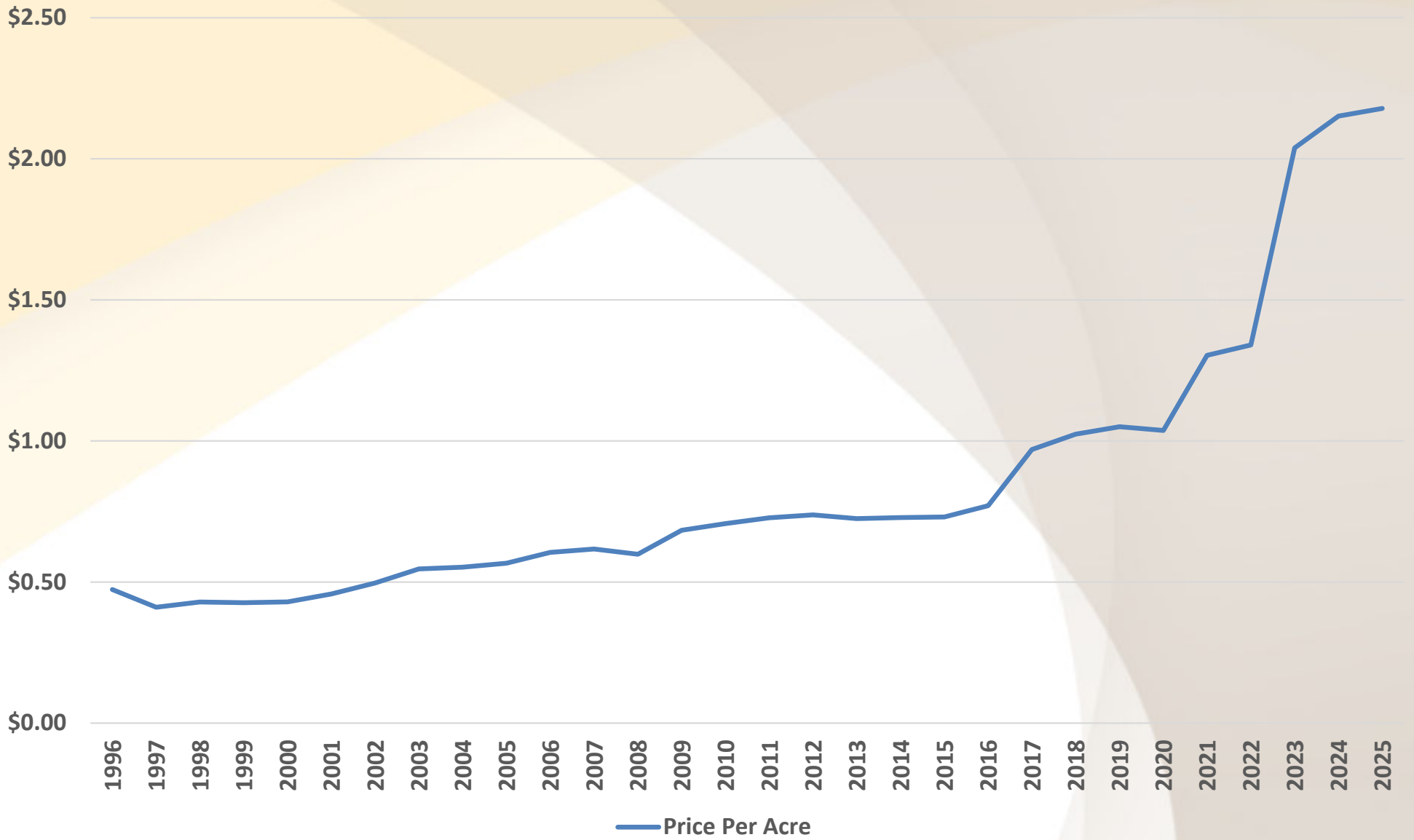
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Avg Private Acres Enrolled per Landowner



Price Per Private Acre Enrolled 1996-2025



2026 Changes to the Program

- HB 145
 - NR base hunting license price increase
- SB 514
 - Delay NR upland bird season start dates
- SB 148
 - Designate license benefit to person with disability
- SB 441
 - Block management enforcement network
- SB 83
 - Commission adoption of landowner rules
- HB 763
 - Block management access corridors



Questions:

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