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1. Confirmed: The Collapse of FHA Title I & GSE Chattel Lending

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- **FHA Title I Failure:** Despite [HUD updates to loan limits](#), the FHA Title I program remains functionally dead. Administrative hurdles and outdated structures have kept annual endorsement volumes in the **low double digits**, as documented in [historical performance charts](#).
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leaving the 70–80% of buyers who do not own their land without a secondary market.

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Fact-Check Summary for Authors

Finding: Your draft states that FHA Title I volume is nearly extinct. **Status: CONFIRMED.** 2025/2026 HUD data reflects only marginal participation, effectively leaving the private "Big Three" as the primary sources for chattel.

Finding: GSEs have ignored the chattel segment despite the 2008 Law. **Status: CONFIRMED.** The FHFA 2025-2027 Underserved Markets Plan continues to focus on "pilot" efforts for real property while largely bypassing the mass-market chattel sector.

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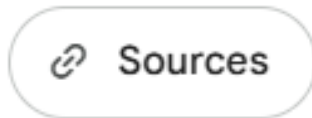
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