



Modeling Salmonid Habitat for Restoration

A Concurrent Session at the 36th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference held in Fortuna, California from April 11 – 14, 2018.

+ Session Overview



- Session Coordinator:

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The session will focus on presenting modeling methods available for habitat modeling and applications of modeling to specific areas for restoration. This would focus on modeling the environmental and anthropomorphic elements that affect salmonid habitat including: topography, hydraulic dynamics, bottom composition, shading, and aquatic temperature. This session would bring together examples of the wide variety of methods available. A panel at the end of the session will discuss steps forward.



Presentations



(Slide 4) Flow, Form, and Function: Integrated Hydro-geomorphic Modeling Reveals Opportunities and Trade-offs for River Restoration
Belize Lane, PhD, Utah State University

(Slide 31) Integrating Hydraulic Modeling Based Simulations of Salmonid Habitat Suitability with Geomorphic, Hydrologic, and Fisheries Data for Restoration Prioritization, Russian River Watershed
Jeremy Kobor, MS, PG, Senior Hydrologist, O'Connor Environmental

(Not Posted) Increasing the Availability of Spawning Habitats through Building Base Flow Patterns as Found in Natural Flow Regimes
Damon Goodman, USFWS

(Slide 58) A Streamlined Modeling Approach Quantifying Existing Habitat Conditions and Guiding Restoration
Brian Cluer, PhD, NOAA Fisheries

(Slide 107) Modeling Stream Temperatures with the Inclusion of Irradiance Change Due to Forest Biomass Shifts
Jonathan James Halama, PhD, ORISE Fellow with Environmental Protection Agency

(Slide 141) What's in a Number: Southern Steelhead Population Viability Criteria?
Mark Capelli, PhD, Steelhead Recovery Coordinator, Southwest Fisheries Center, NOAA Fisheries

Flow, Form, and Function

An extensible framework for regional environmental flows



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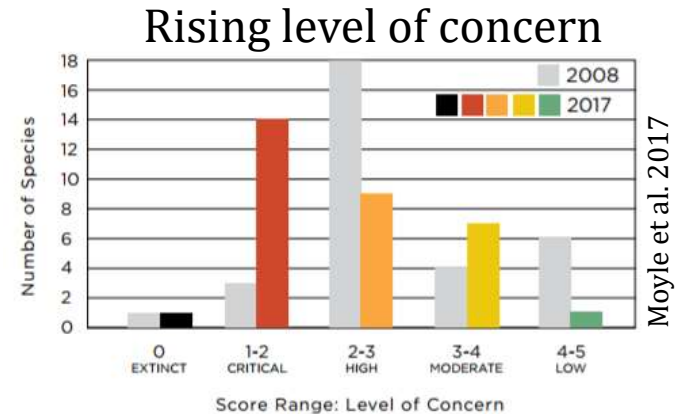
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California's river ecosystems are in a critical state



50% of salmonids expected to be extinct within 50 years



Endangered aquatic species

Foothill Yellow Legged Frog, USFW 2017



95% of native riparian vegetation has been lost

USFS 2009

Need to identify and promote critical ecosystem functions



Ecological processes



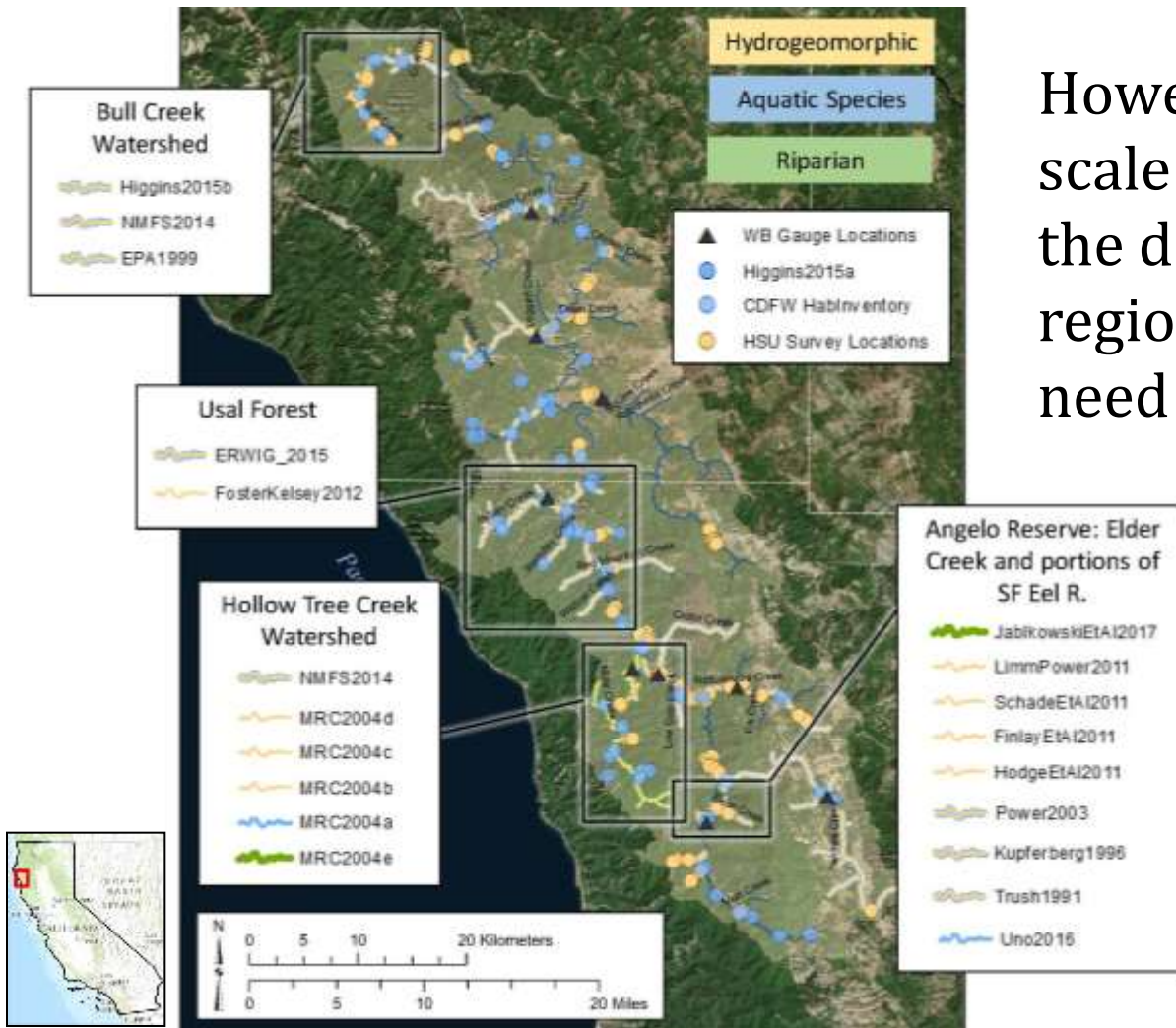
Geomorphic processes



Biogeochemical processes

Site-specific approach

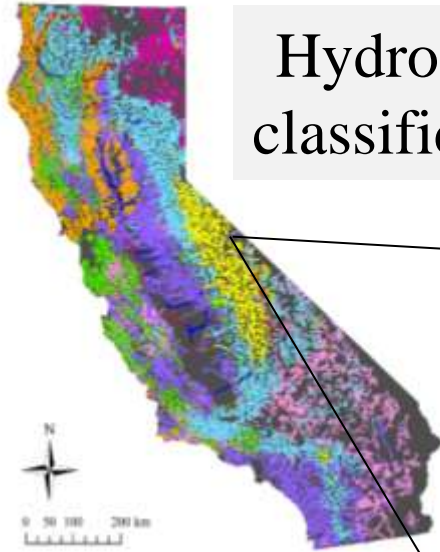
South Fork Eel River Watershed



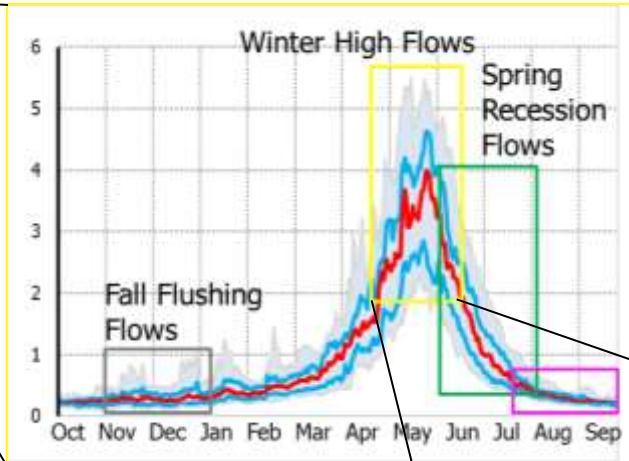
However, given the rate and scale of degradation, and the desire for coordinated regional management, we need an *upscaling method*...



Statewide approach



Hydrologic classification



Seasonal and inter-annual flow patterns

- Geomorphic setting
- Water quality
- Biological context

Ecosystem functions



Regional approach

Flow, Form, Function Framework

Geomorphic classification

Site- and species-specific studies

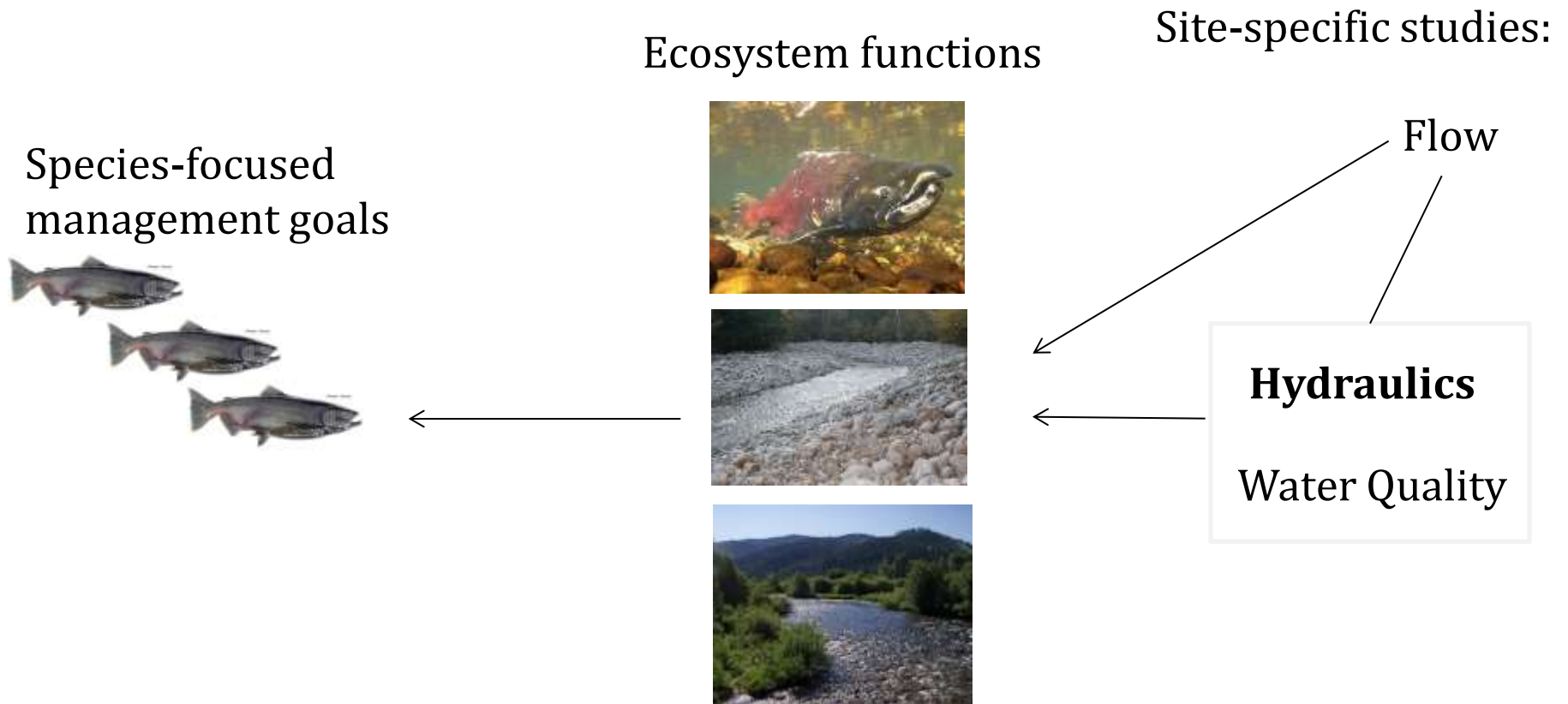
Characterize essential patterns & processes

Key ecosystem functions



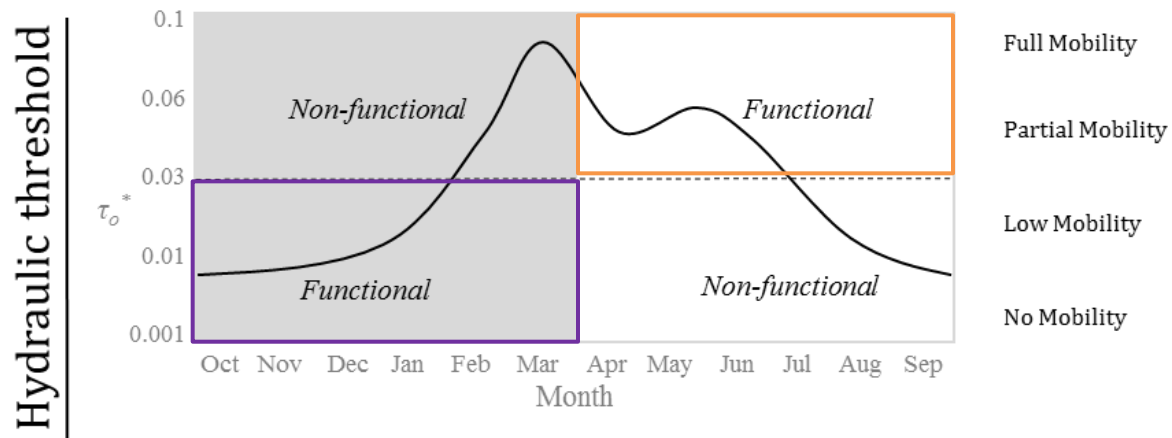
Final Outcome: A tool for generating spatially-explicit, biologically & physically informed regional environmental flow targets

1. Define key ecosystem functions



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Bed Occupation Bed Preparation



Biological threshold

Fall-run
Chinook
salmon



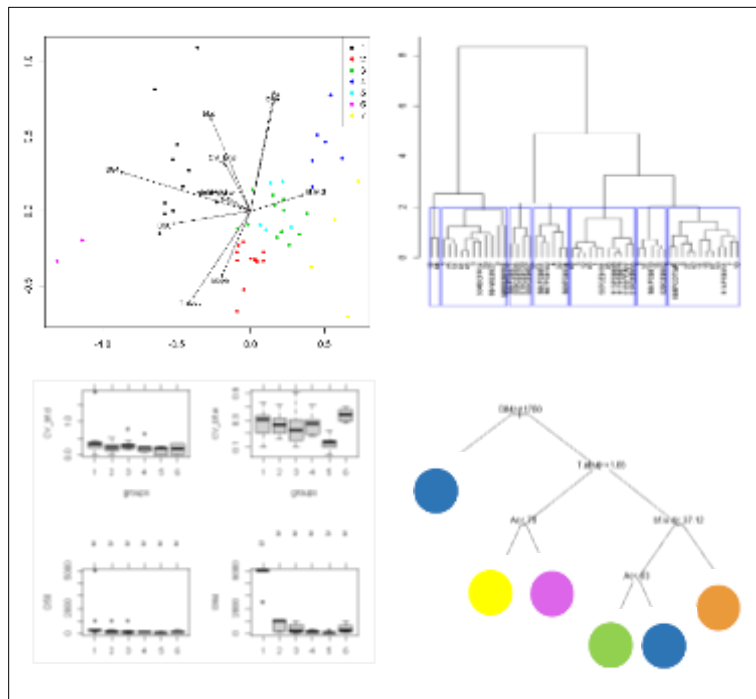
2. Characterize geomorphic patterns & processes

Field Surveying

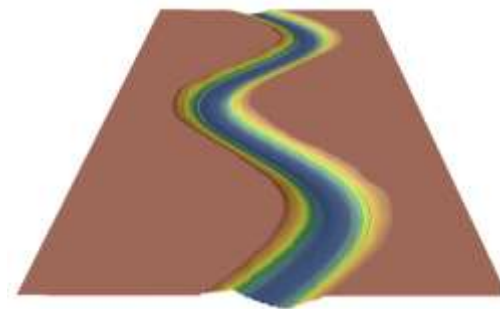


- Cross-section morphology
- Sub-reach variability
- Sediment composition

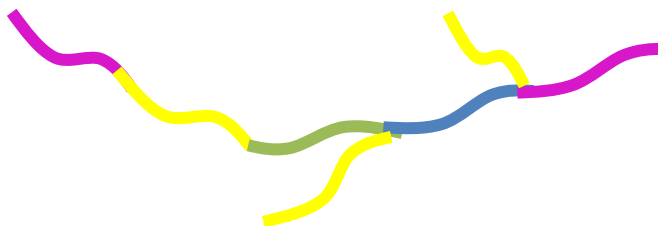
Statistical Analysis



Archetype Development



Pasternack and Arroyo 2018



Regional geomorphic classification



Headwater, constricted, cobble

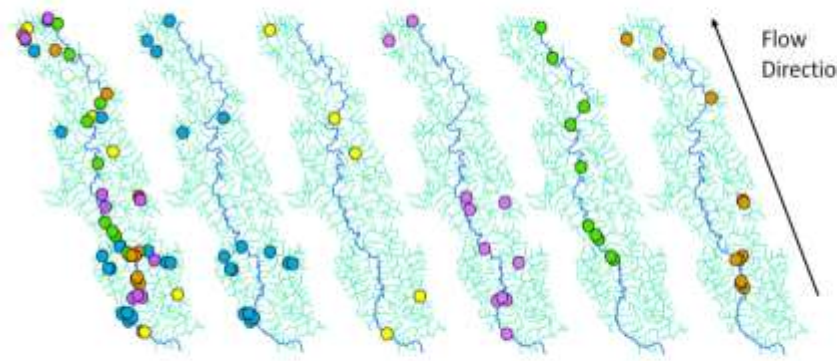
Upland, confined with floodplain pockets

Headwater, steep, confined, boulder

Lower main-stem South Fork Eel, confined with floodplain pockets, large cobble-gravel

Upper main-stem South Fork Eel and tributary, constricted, bedrock

South Fork Eel River



- Headwater, constricted, cobble
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Regional geomorphic classification

Semi-confined pool-riffle



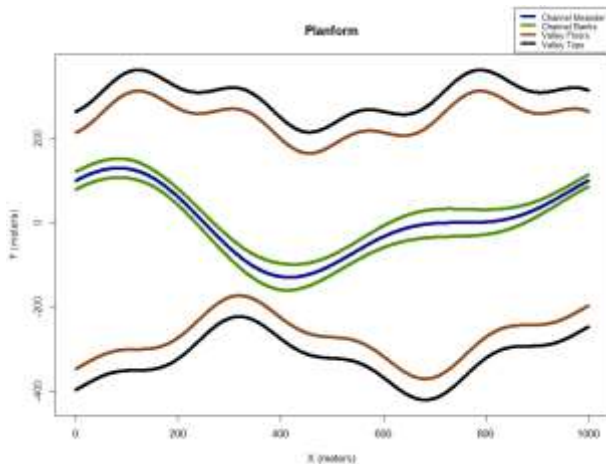
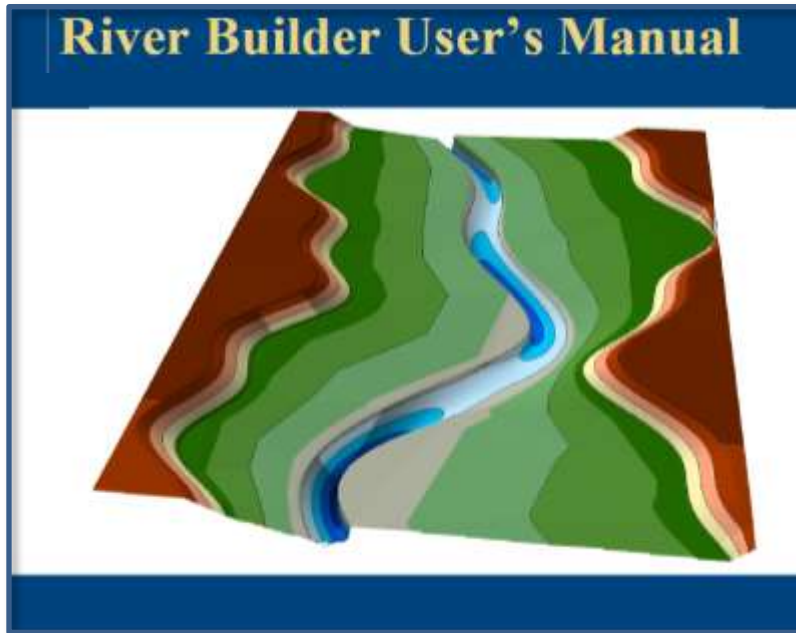
- Sinuous
- Low-mid slope
- High depth and width variability
- Gravel

Upland confined plane bed

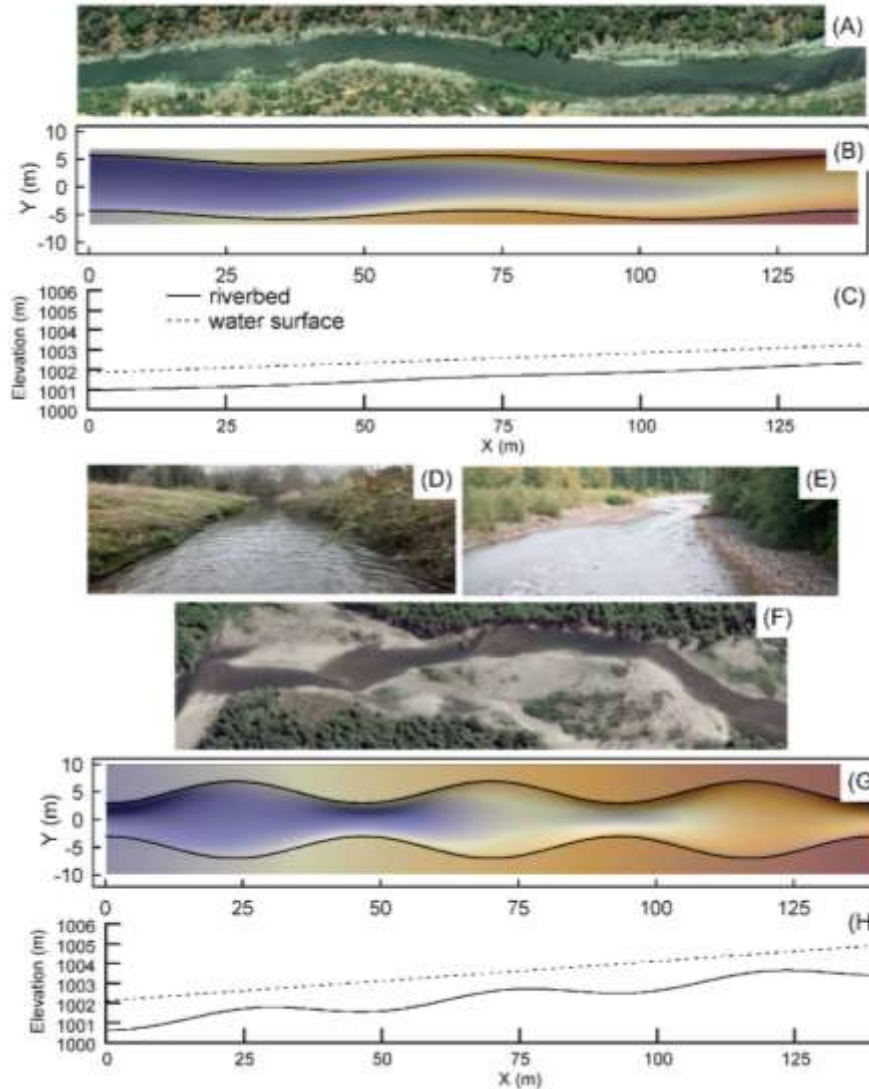


- Confined
- High slope
- Low depth and width variability
- Large cobble

Generate synthetic river archetypes



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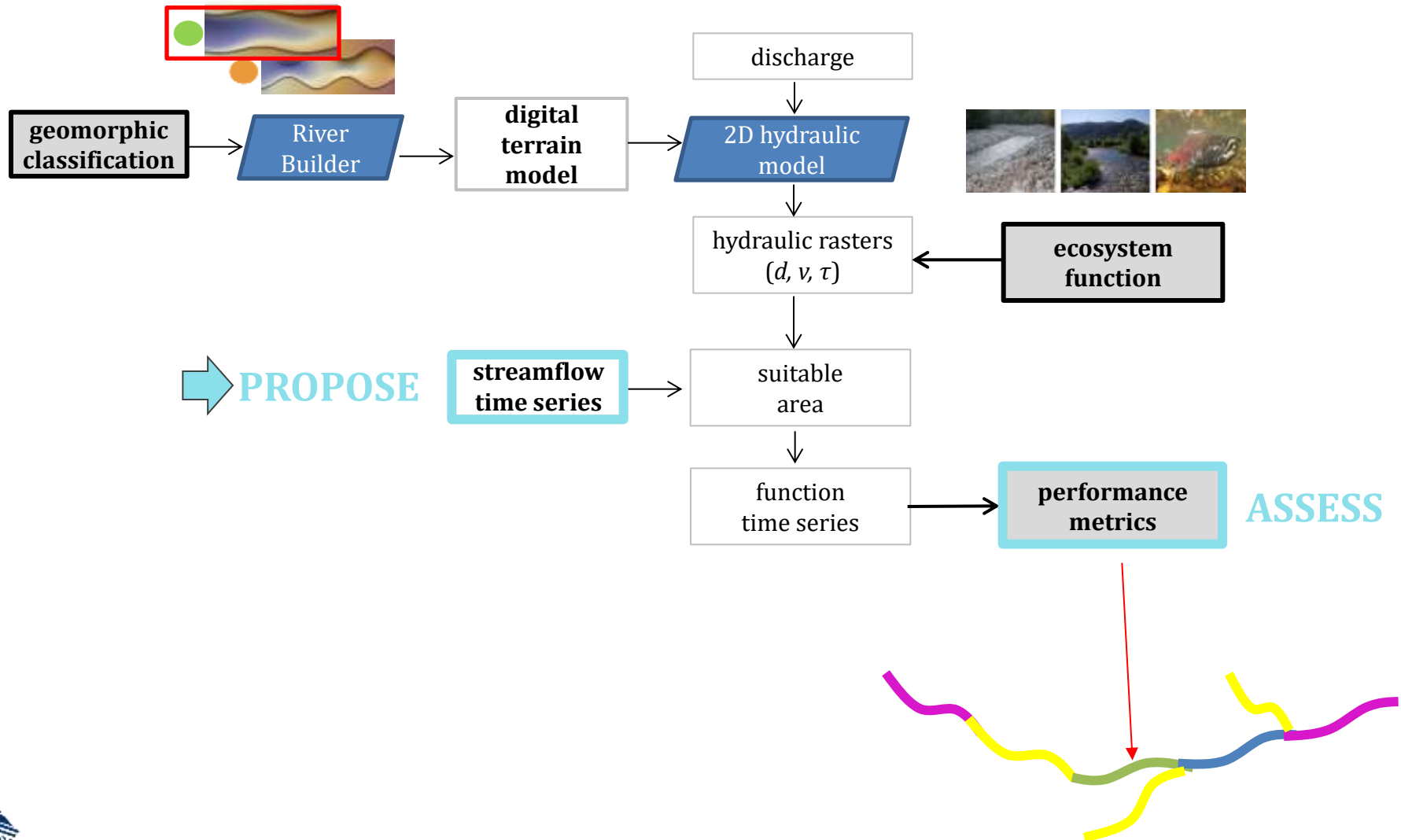


● Upland confined plane bed

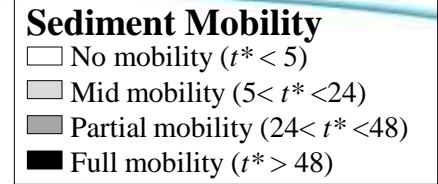
● Semi-confined pool-riffle

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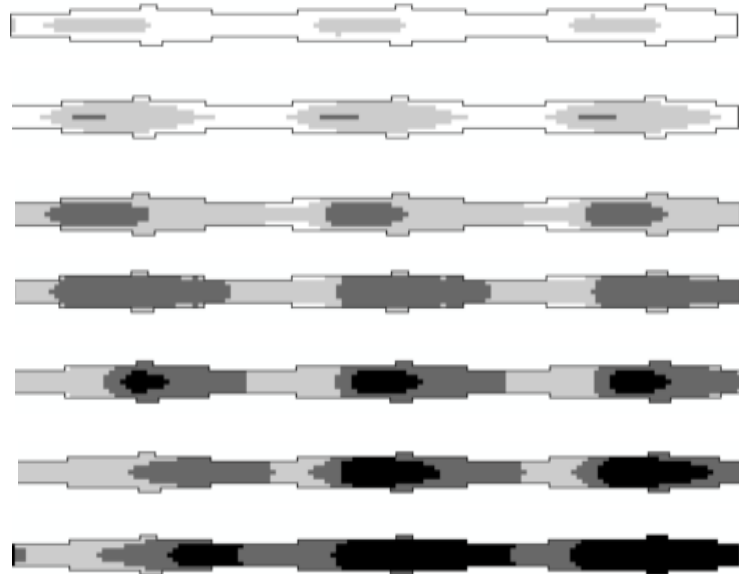
Assessment Mode



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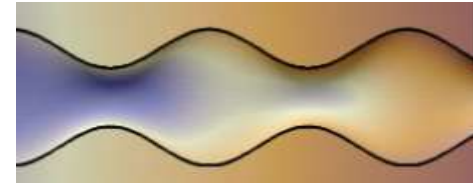


Discharge (cfs)



1000
2000
3000
4000
4500
6000
8000

POOL-RIFFLE

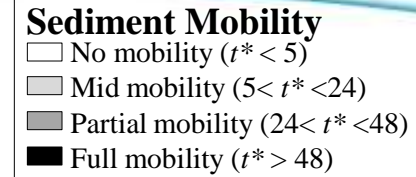


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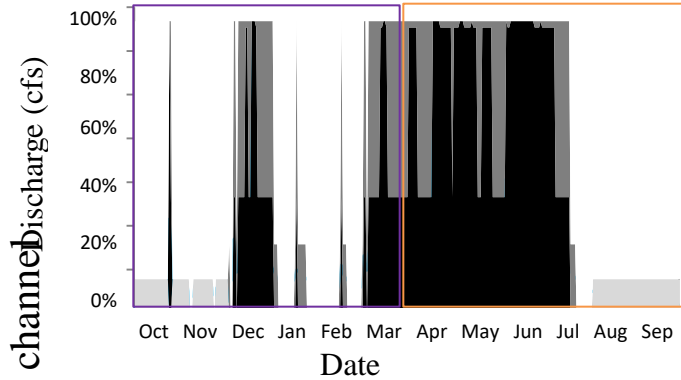


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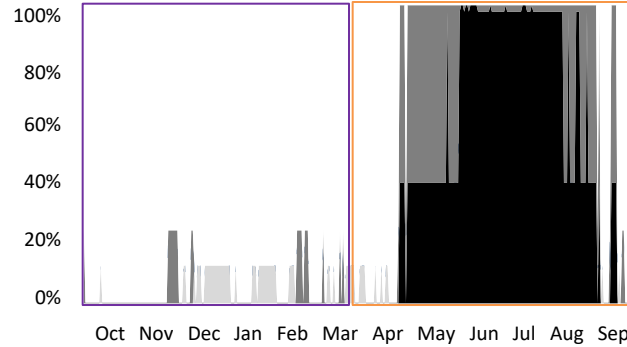
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Unimpaired Wet



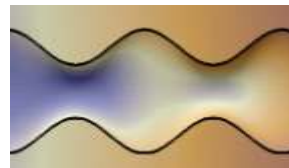
Altered Wet



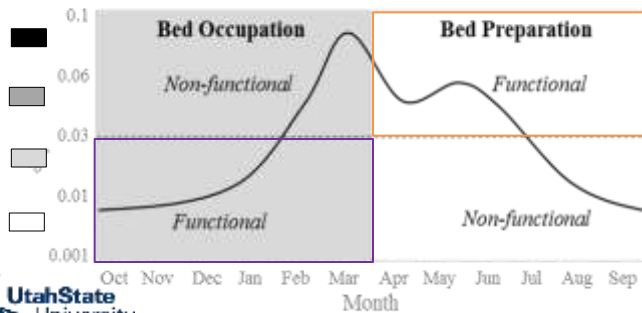
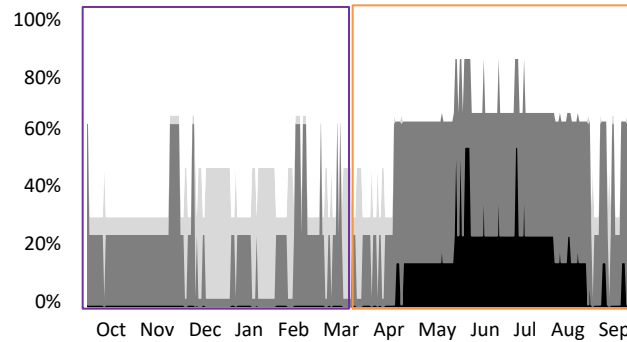
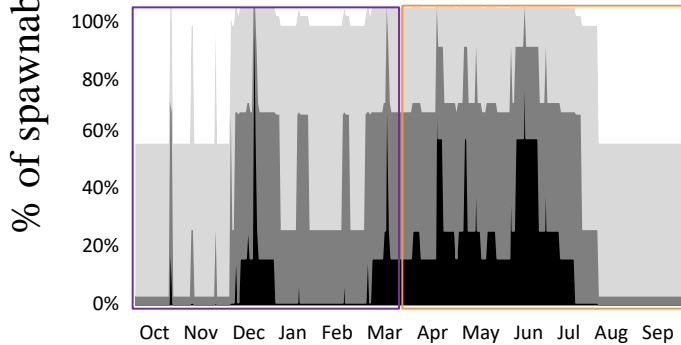
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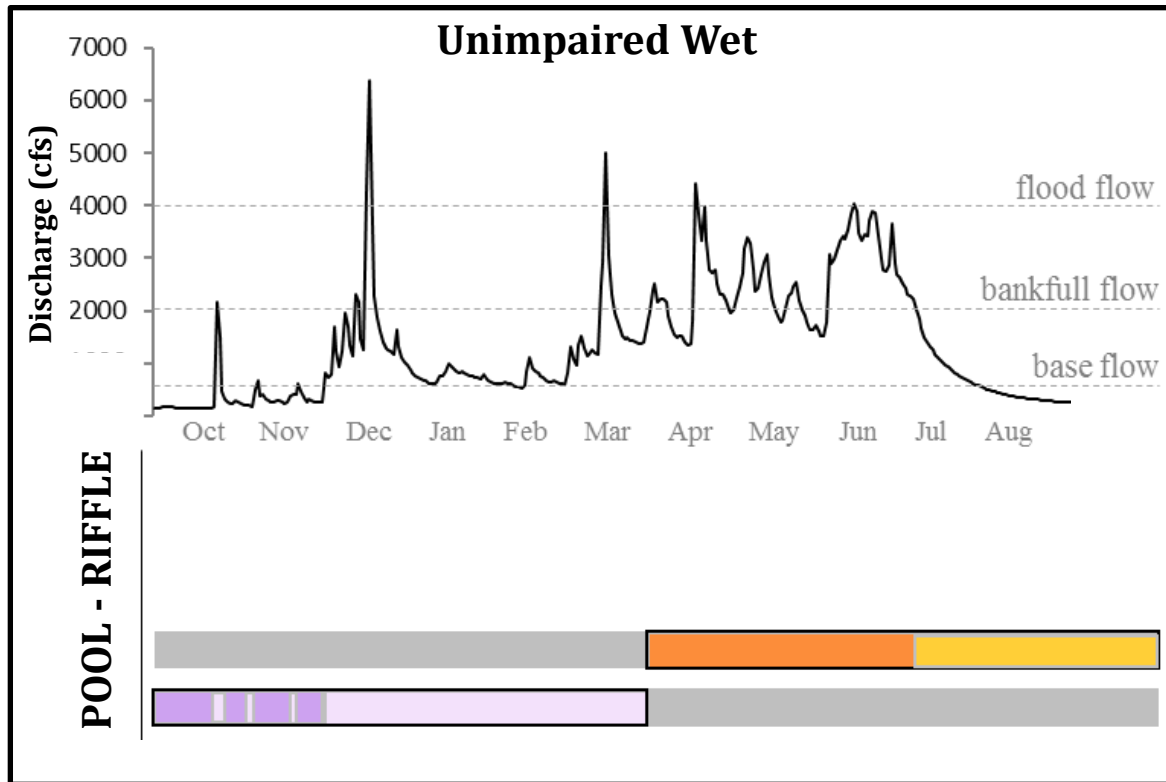
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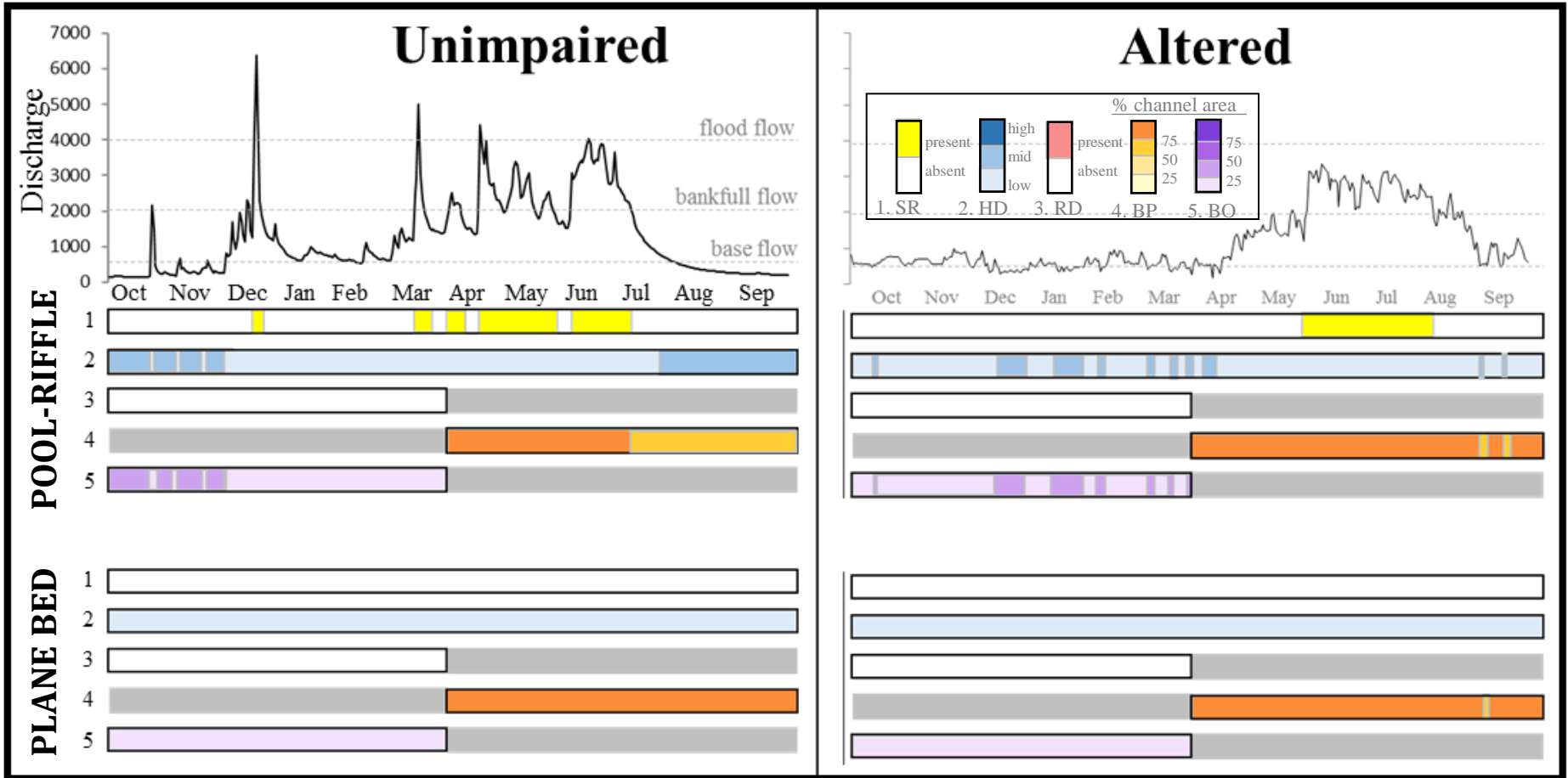
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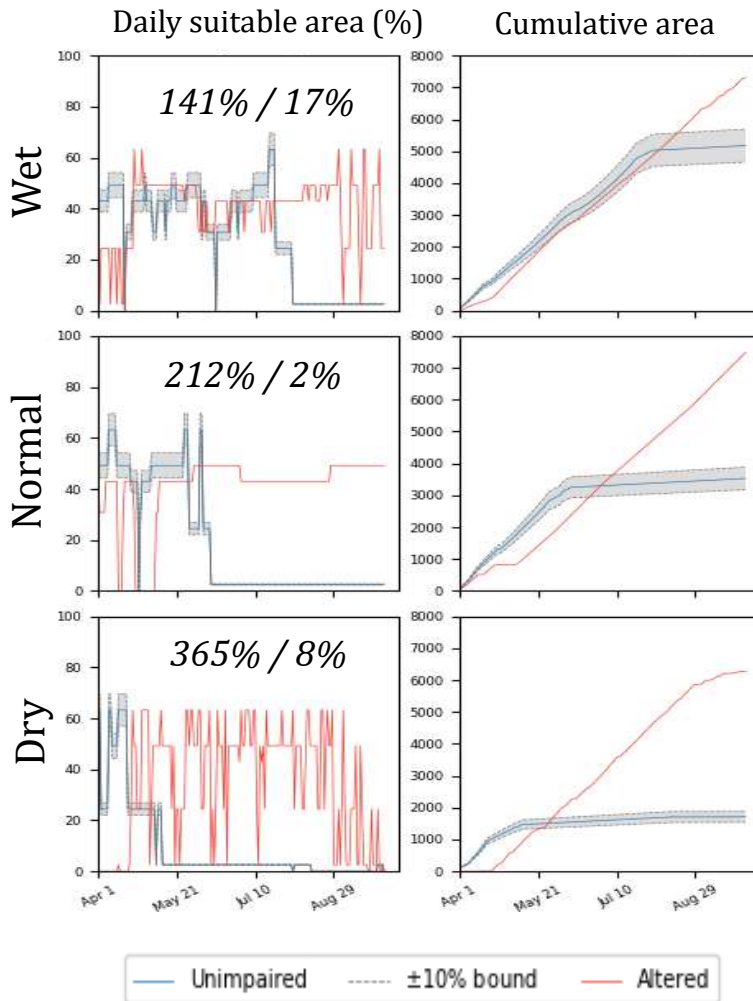
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$Rel_{vol}^i / Rel_{tim}^i$



Performance Metrics

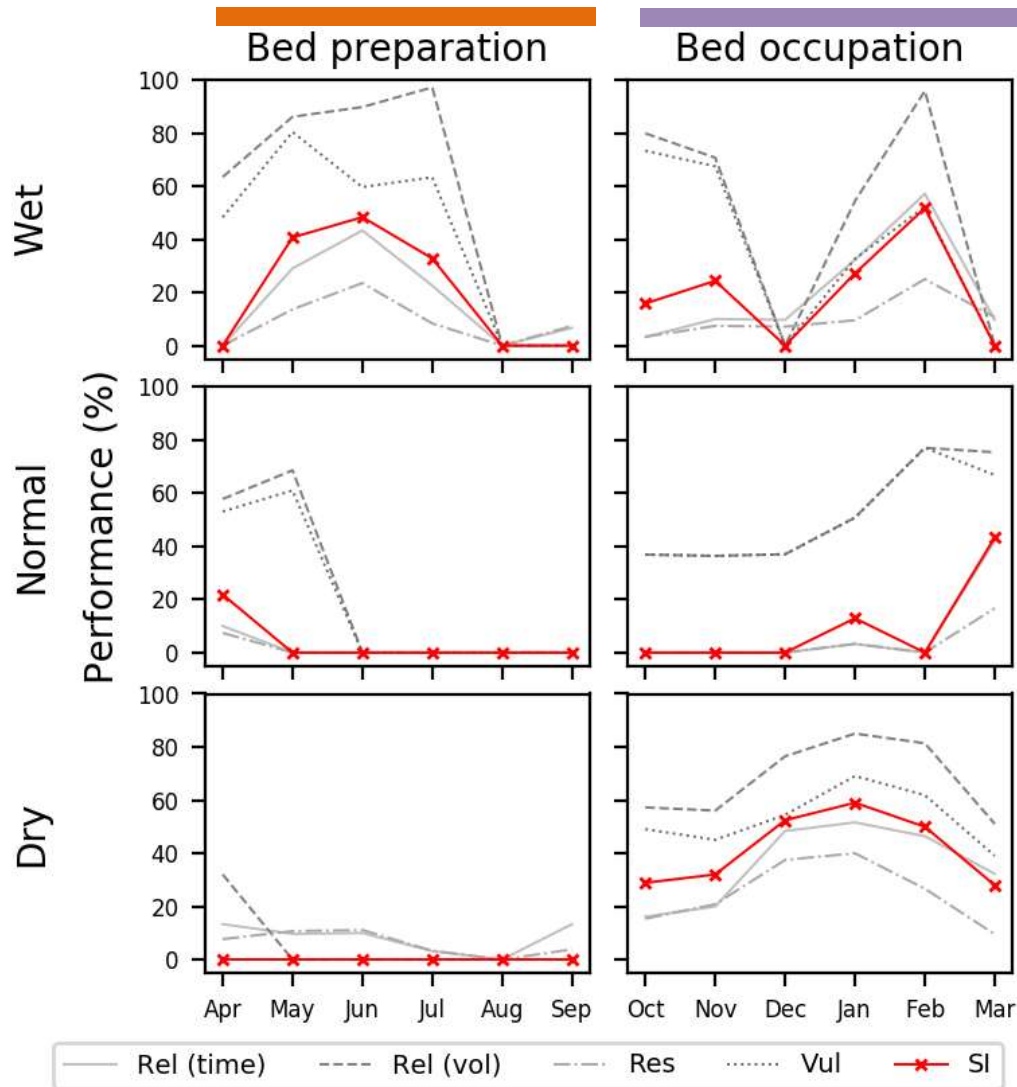
$$Rel_{vol}^i = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{t=n} Altered_t^i}{\sum_{t=1}^{t=n} Unimpaired_t^i}$$

$$Rel_{time}^i = \frac{\# \text{ of } D_t^i = 0}{n}$$

$$Vul^i = \frac{\frac{(\sum_{t=0}^{t=n} D_t^i)}{\# \text{ of } D_t^i}}{Avg(Unimpaired_t^i)}$$

$$SI^i = \left[\prod_{m=1}^M C_M^i \right]^{1/M}$$

Monthly/annual performance metrics



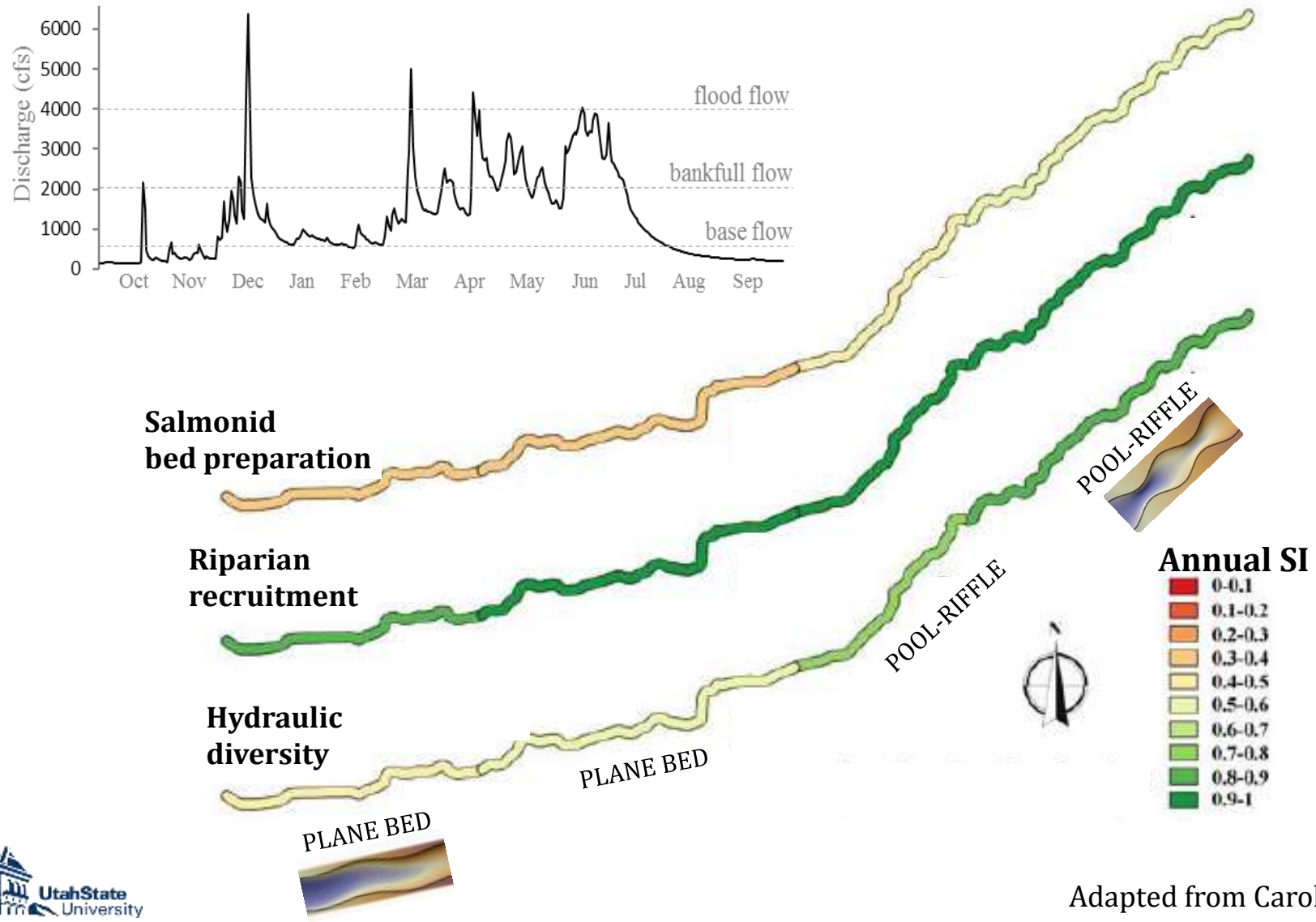
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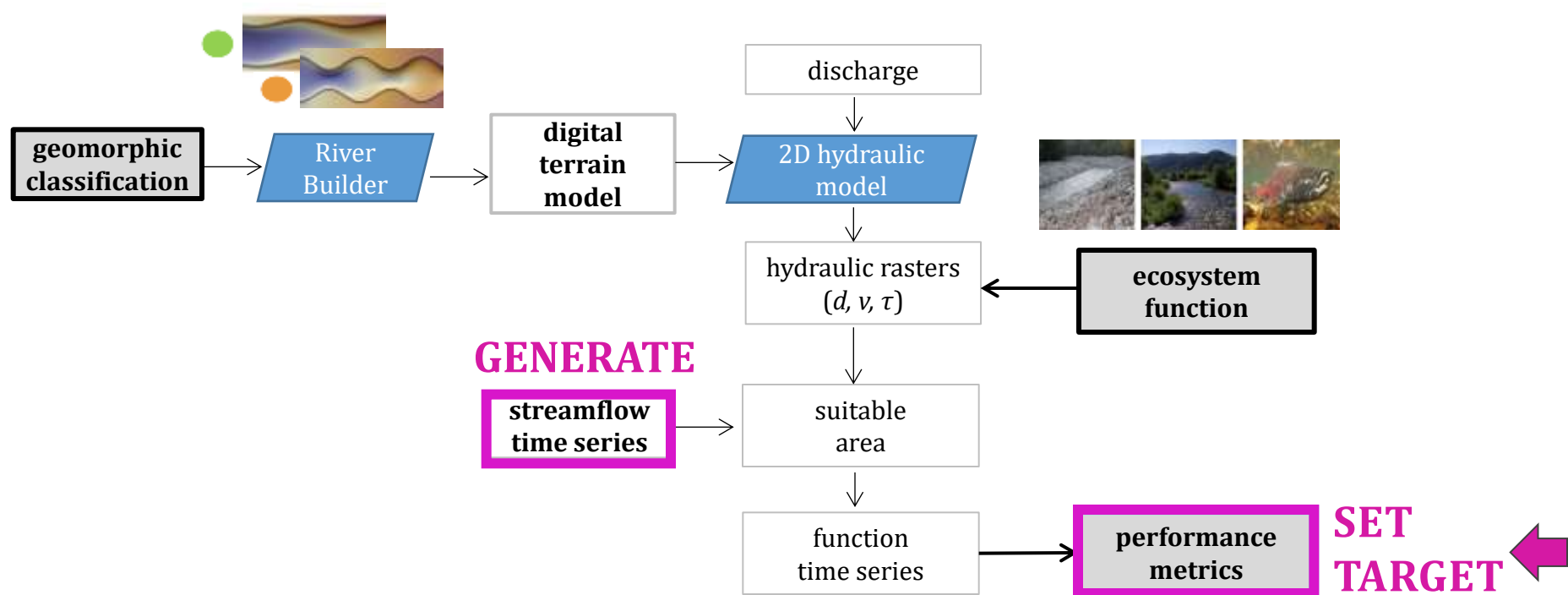
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Spatial performance



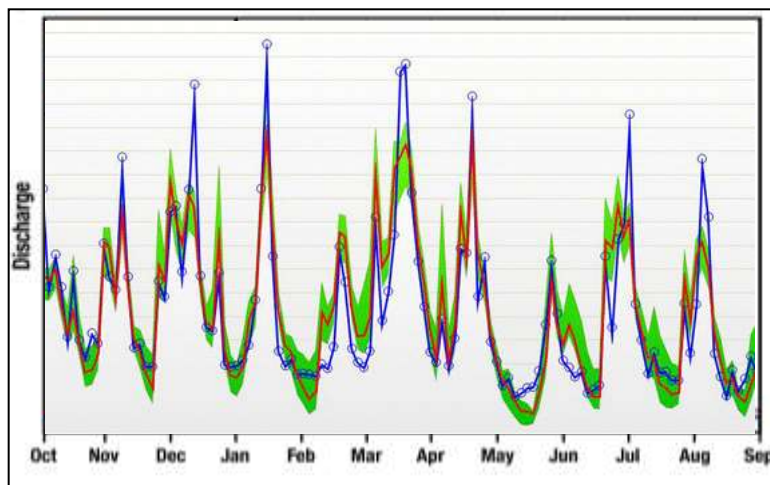
Hydrodynamic modeling

Prediction Mode



What flow regimes are capable of meeting performance targets?

Prediction Mode



Salmonid
bed preparation

Riparian
recruitment

Hydraulic
diversity

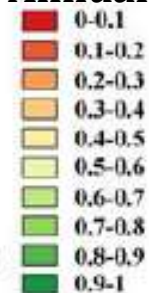
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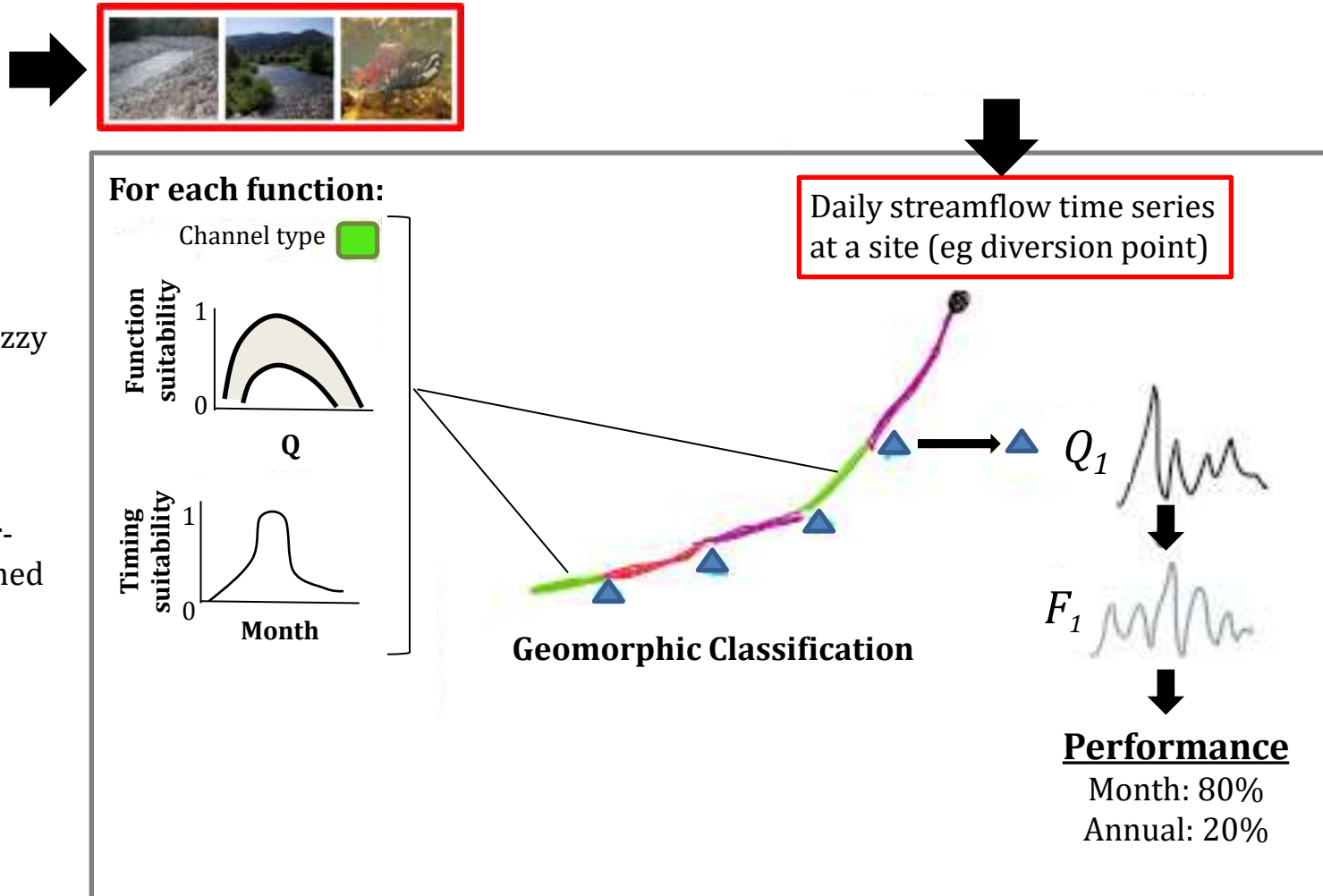
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Annual SI



Next Steps: User-friendly tool for watershed-scale environmental flows testing and prescription



Flow, Form, Function Framework

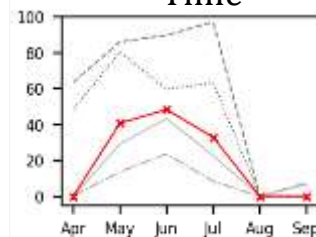
Geomorphic classification

Site- and species-specific studies

Key ecosystem functions

Performance

Time



Space



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?



Integrating Hydraulic Modeling-based Simulations of Salmonid Habitat Suitability with Geomorphic, Hydrologic, and Fisheries Data for Restoration Prioritization, Russian River Watershed, CA

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- SeaGrant
- CDFW
- NOAA Fisheries
- Sonoma RCD



Motivation

The Challenge

- Recovery plans have identified hundreds of river miles of high priority Coho habitat - thousands of parcels
- Generally limited information, limited funding

Landowner-driven Approach

identify cooperative landowners



develop projects to fit a given site

Habitat Potential-driven Approach

identify the best places for projects

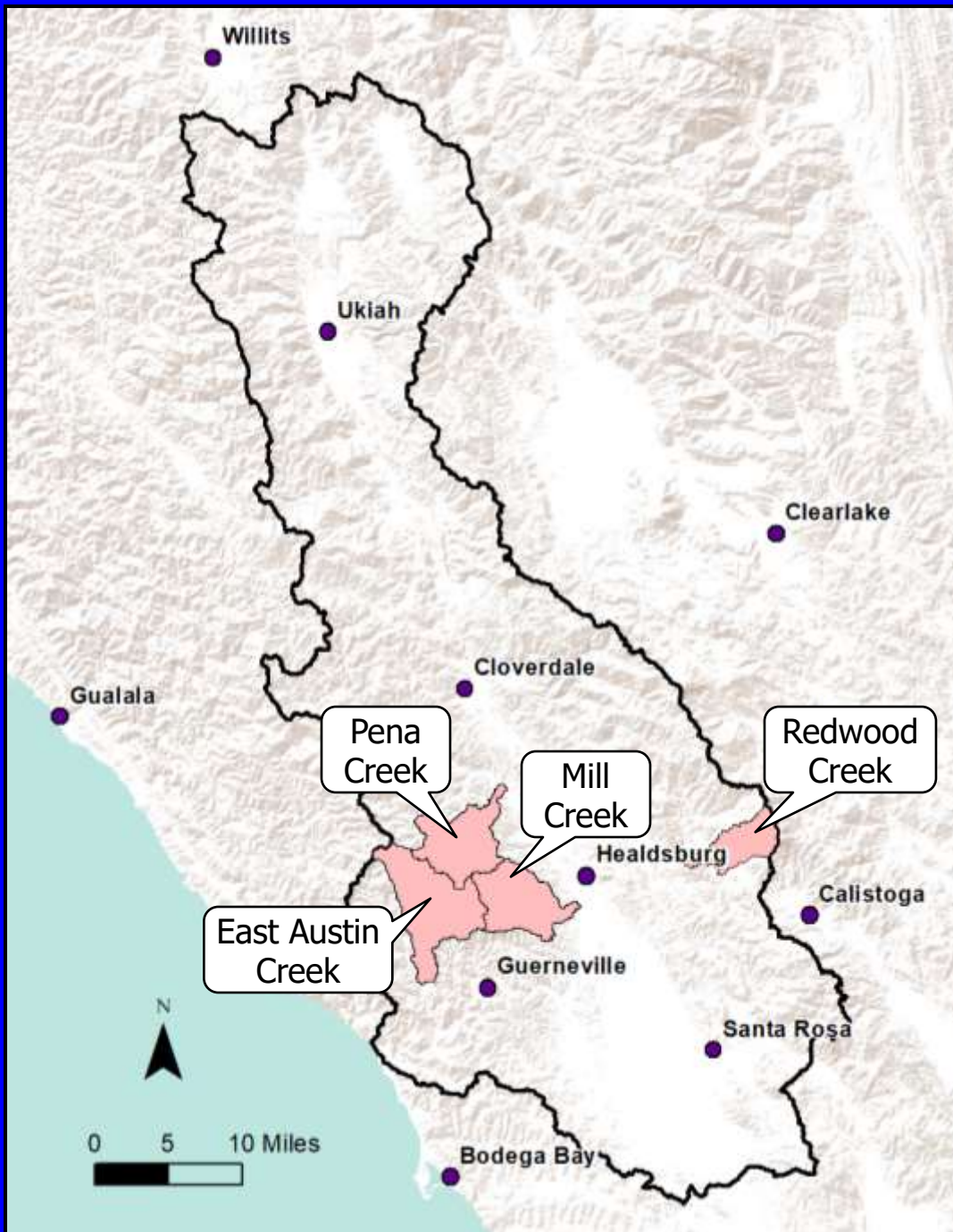


perform targeted landowner outreach



develop projects where most needed/most suitable

Study Area

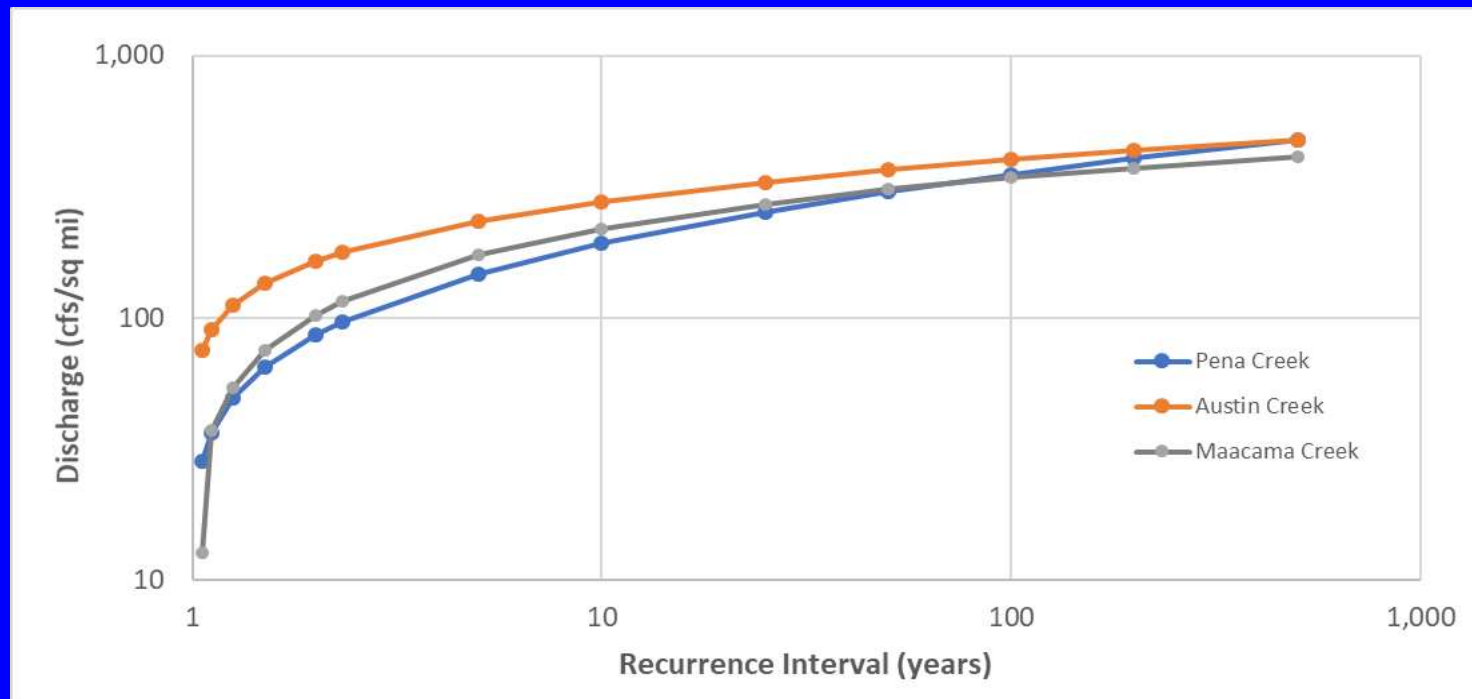


Project Overview

- Characterize geomorphic and hydrologic conditions using LiDAR and hydrologic/hydraulic models
- Relate hydraulic and geomorphic variables to Coho rearing habitat suitability
- Quantify existing habitat availability and identify sites/reaches for habitat enhancement projects
- Integrate SeaGrant monitoring data
- Prioritize identified candidate project sites/reaches
- Develop conceptual designs

Hydrology

- Empirical rainfall-runoff models (NAM) – 32-yr daily simulation
- Flood frequency analyses – 3 USGS gauges



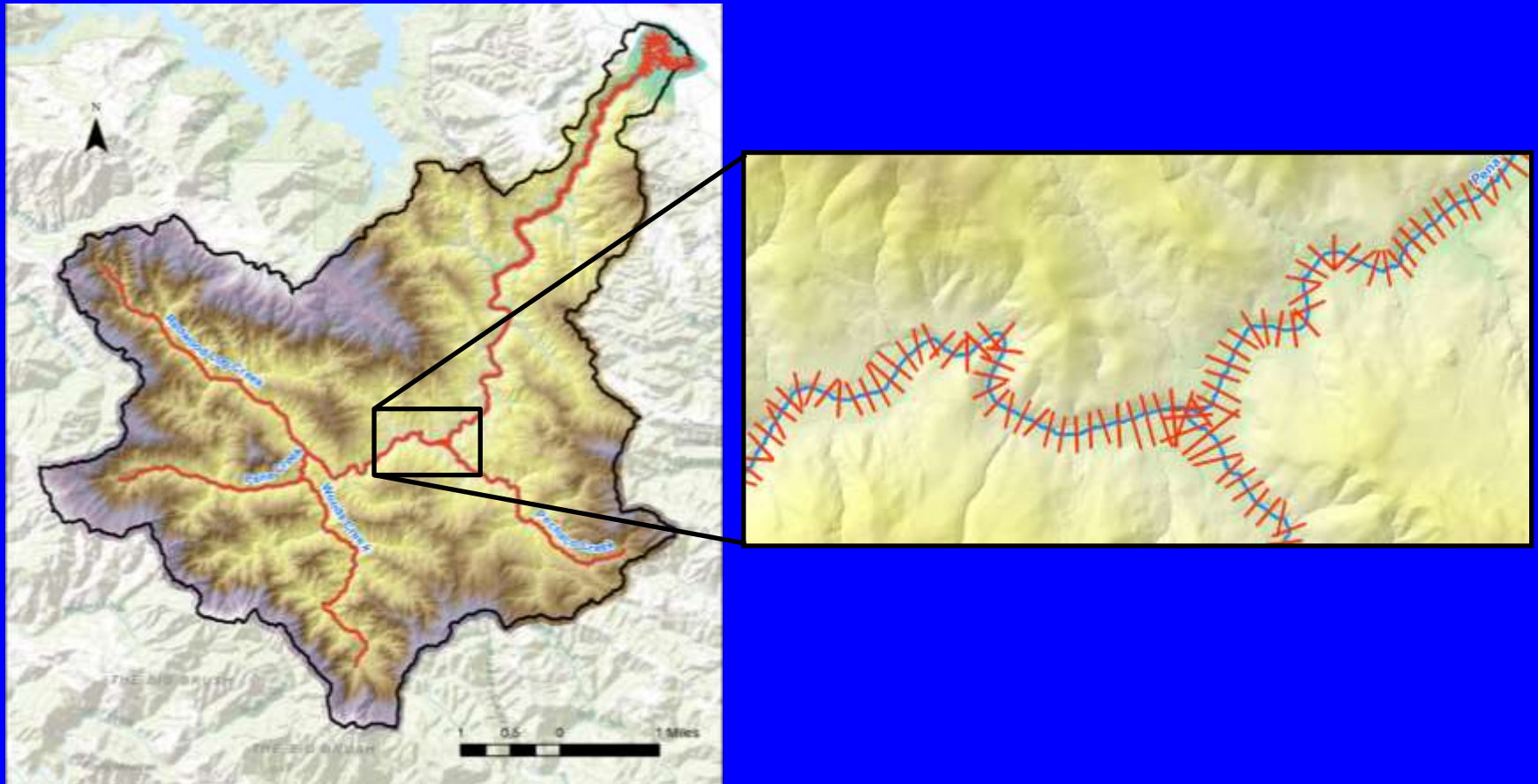
Hydrology

Simulated Flows

- Winter Baseflow (median Nov-Mar)
 - 8 to 48 cfs
- 10% Exceedance Flow
 - 51 to 198 cfs
- Bankfull Flow (1.5-yr flood)
 - 1,024 – 3,933 cfs
- 10-yr Flood
 - 2,975 to 8,039 cfs

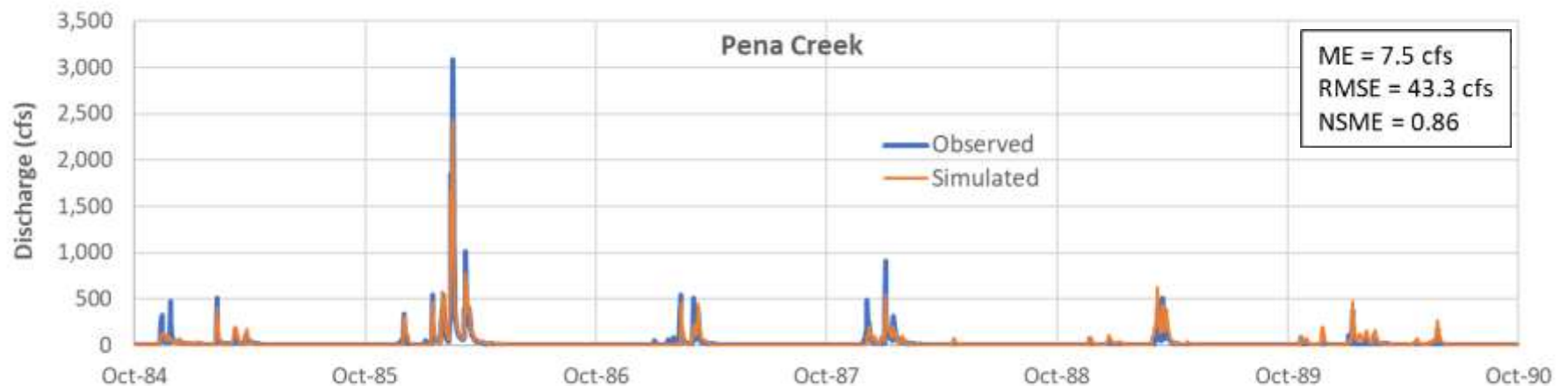
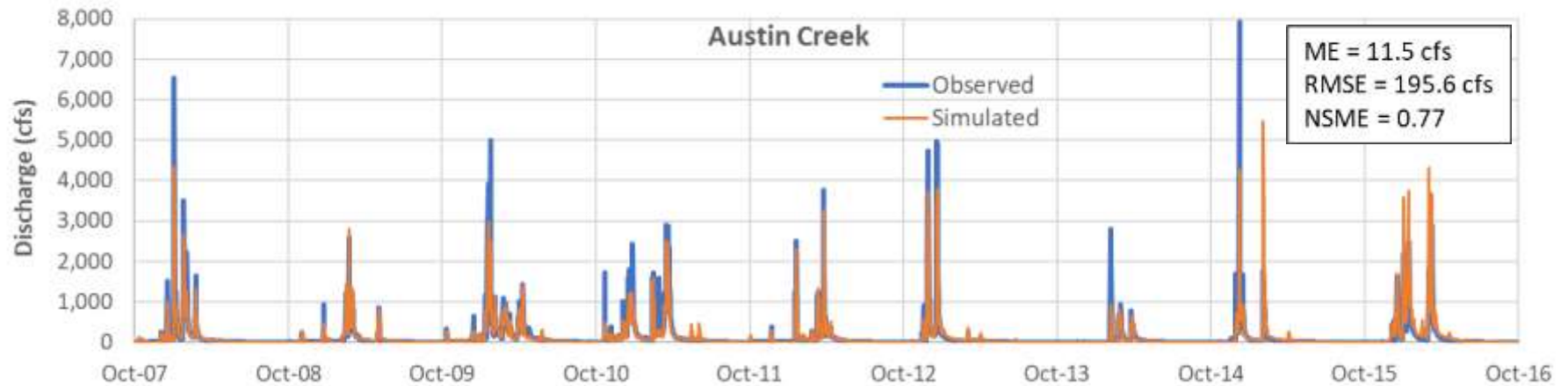
Hydraulics

- 1-dimensional hydraulic models (MIKE 11)
- 4,300 LiDAR-derived cross sections (81.3 river miles)
- 2-dimensional mapping (conveyance distribution/LiDAR)



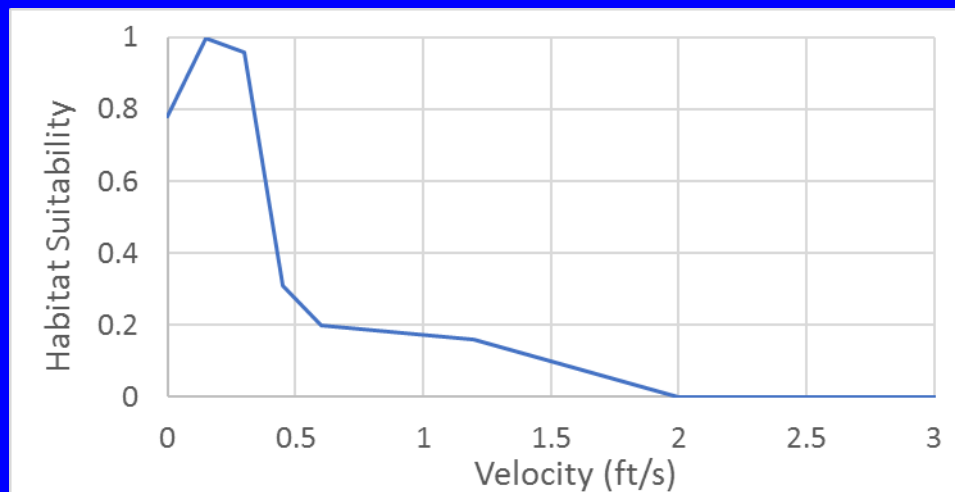
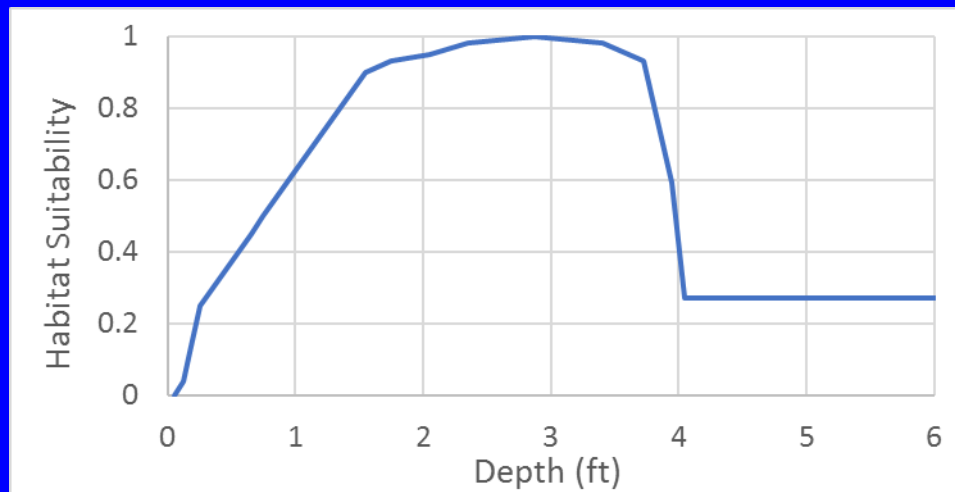
Calibration

- Calibrated to gauge data from USGS, TU, and NOAA



Habitat Suitability Indices

- Juvenile coho salmon curves - Beecher et al., 2002 (western WA streams)



Habitat Suitability

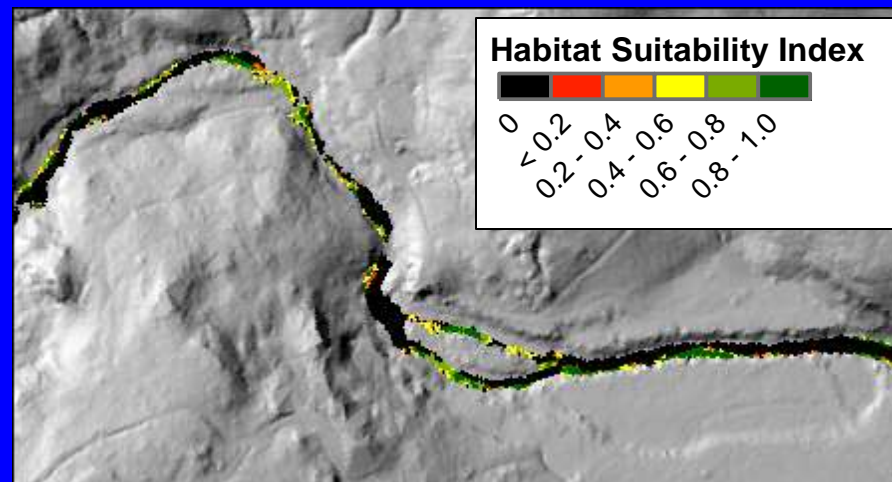
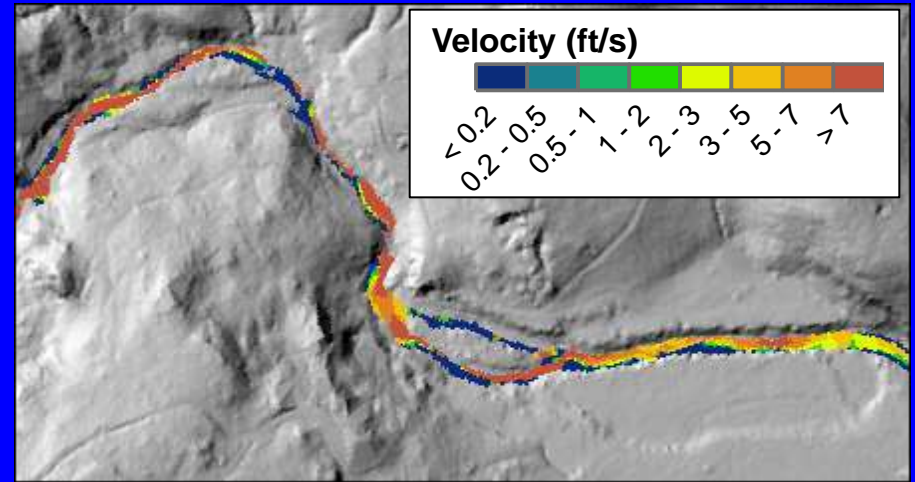
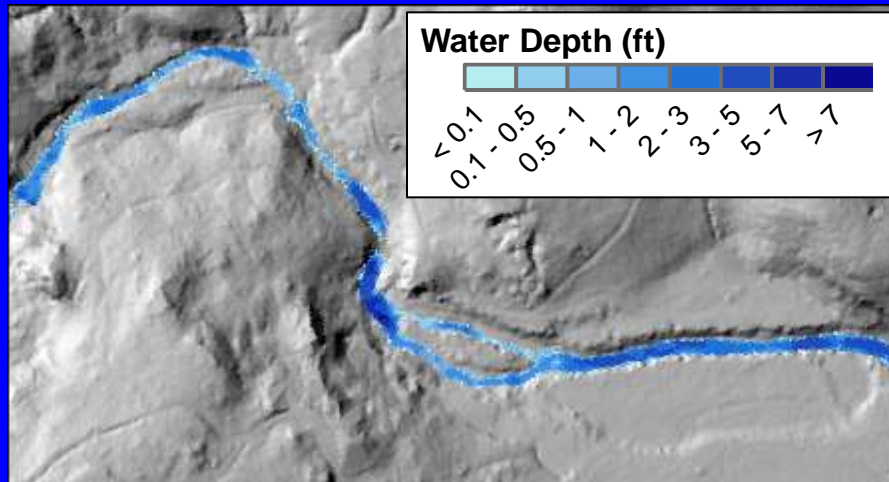
- **Combined Habitat Suitability Index (HSI)**

$$HSI_{\text{Combined}} = \text{SQRT}(HSI_{\text{Depth}} * HSI_{\text{Velocity}})$$

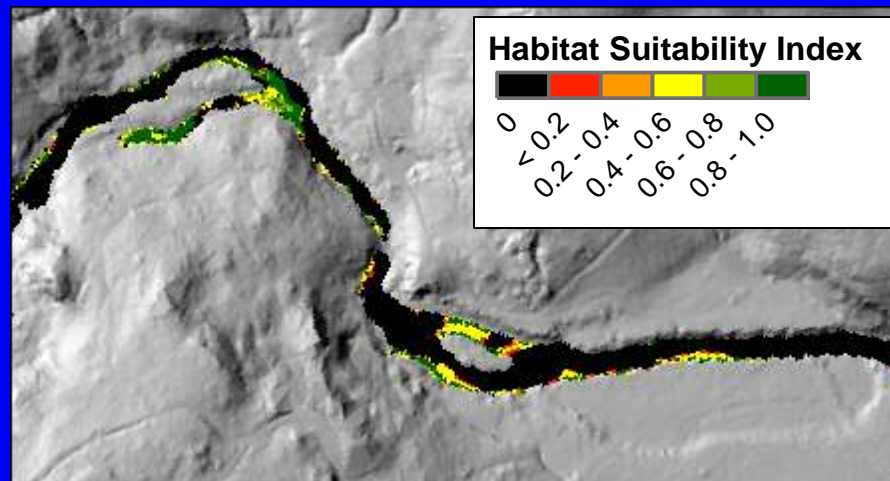
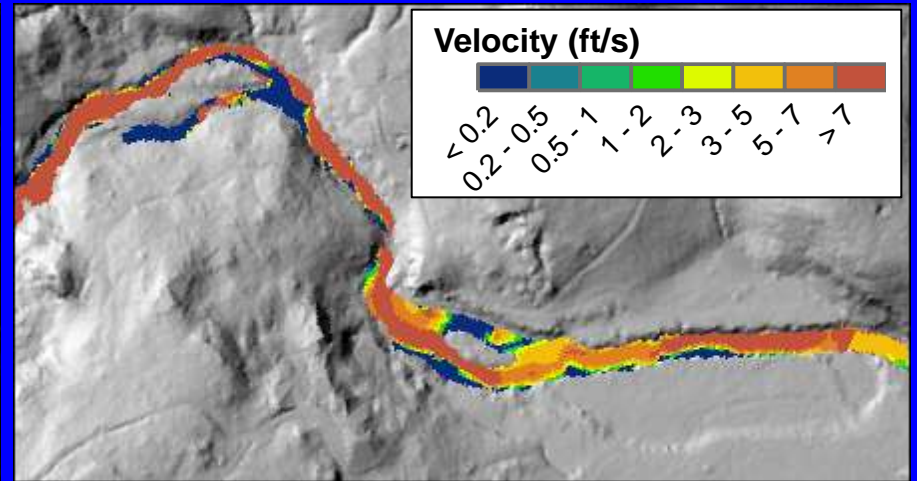
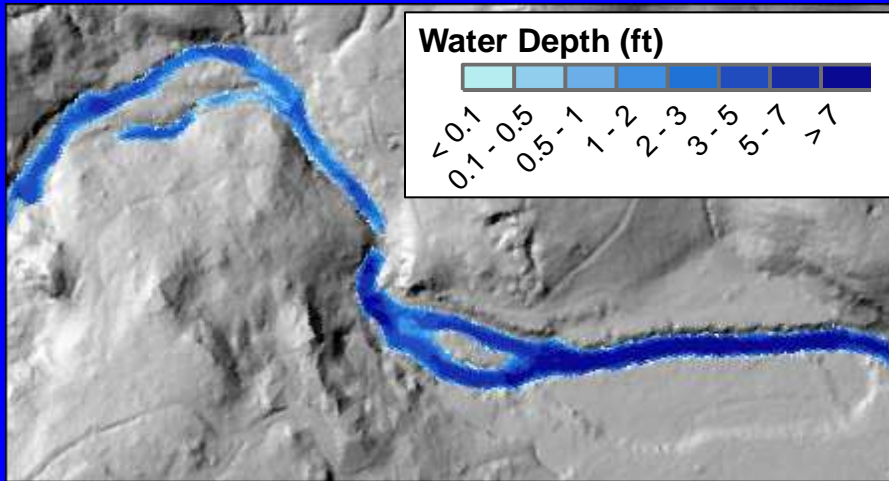
- **Weighted Useable Area (WUA)**

$$WUA = HSI_{\text{Combined}} * \text{Area}$$

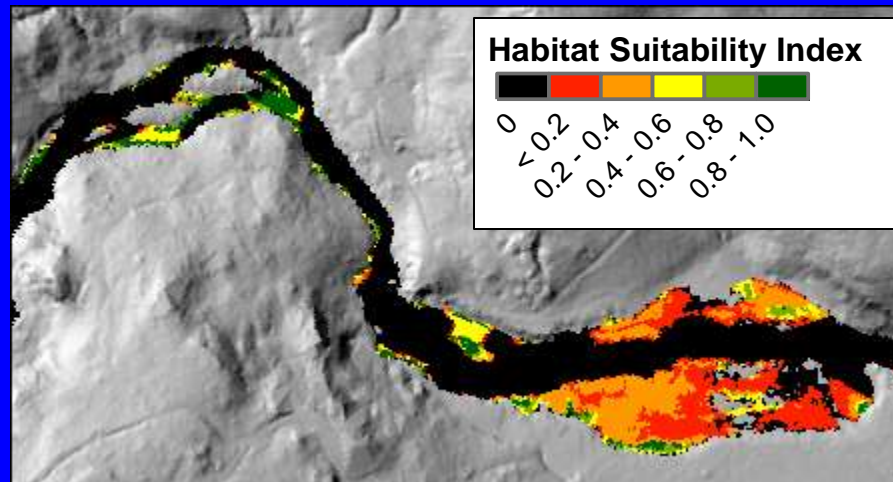
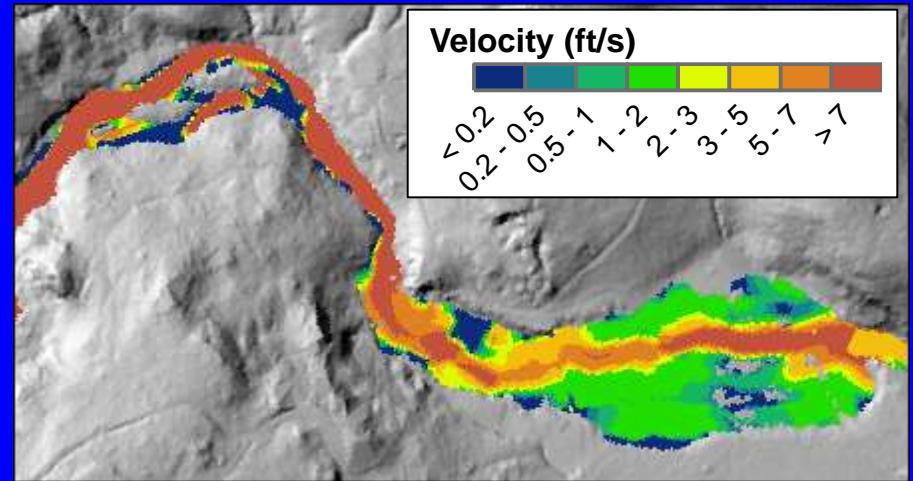
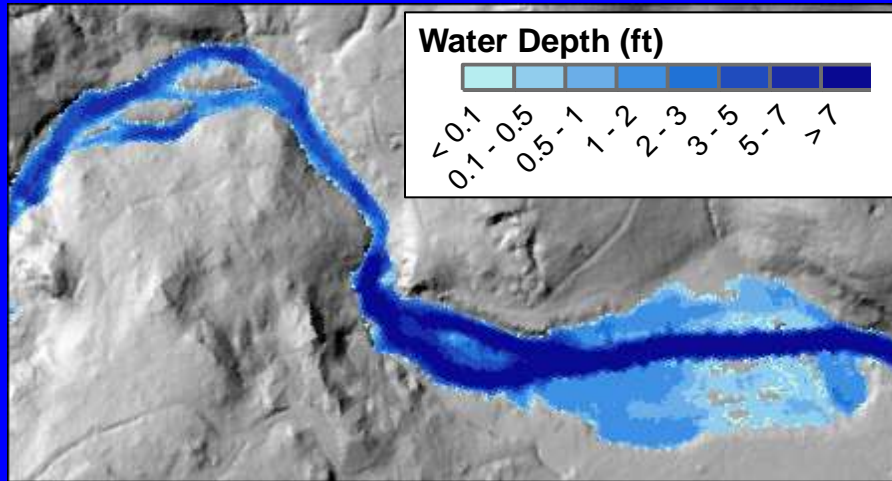
Results – Mill Creek @ Winter Baseflow



Results – Mill Creek @ Bankfull

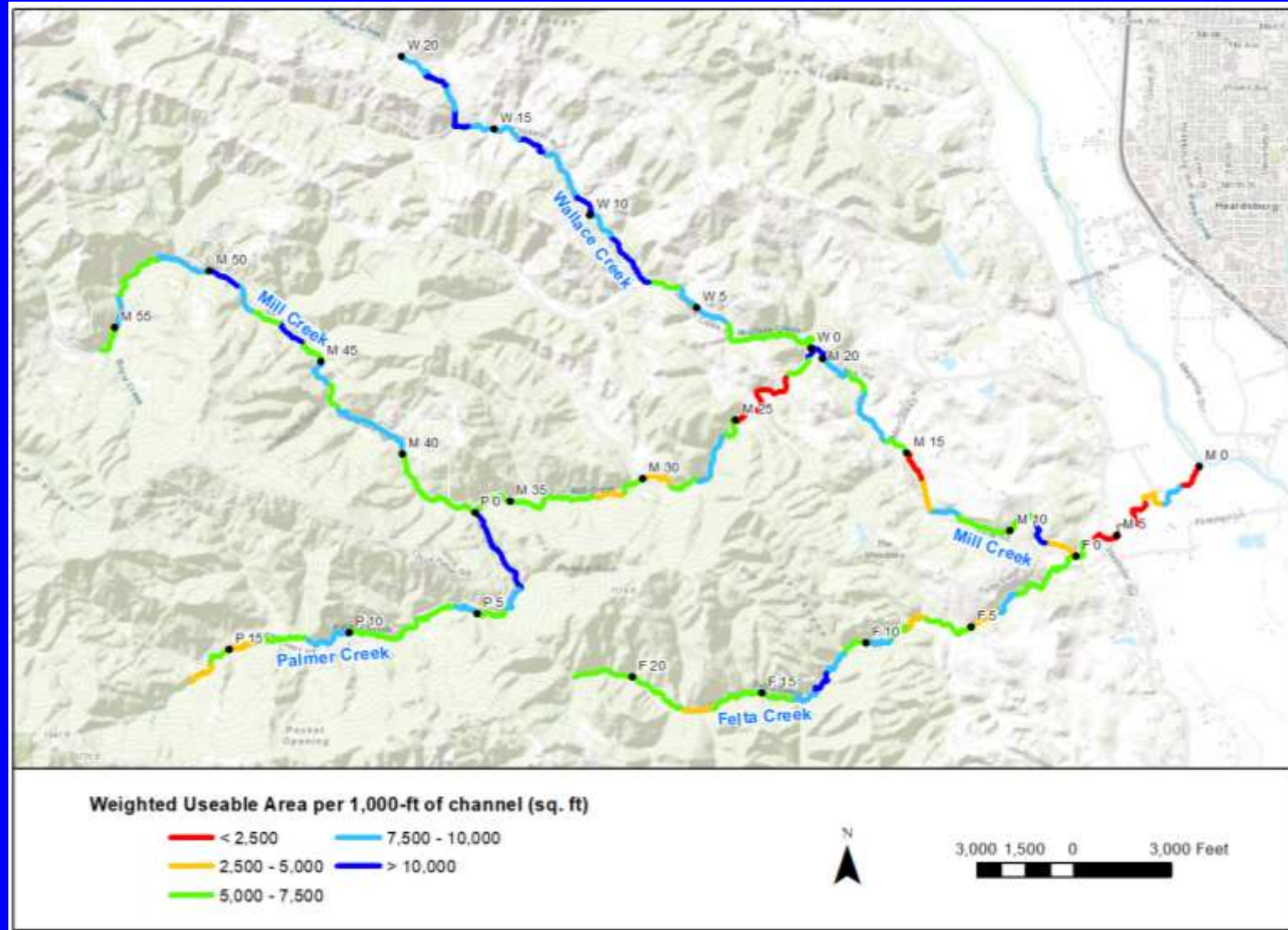


Results – Mill Creek @ 10-yr Flood



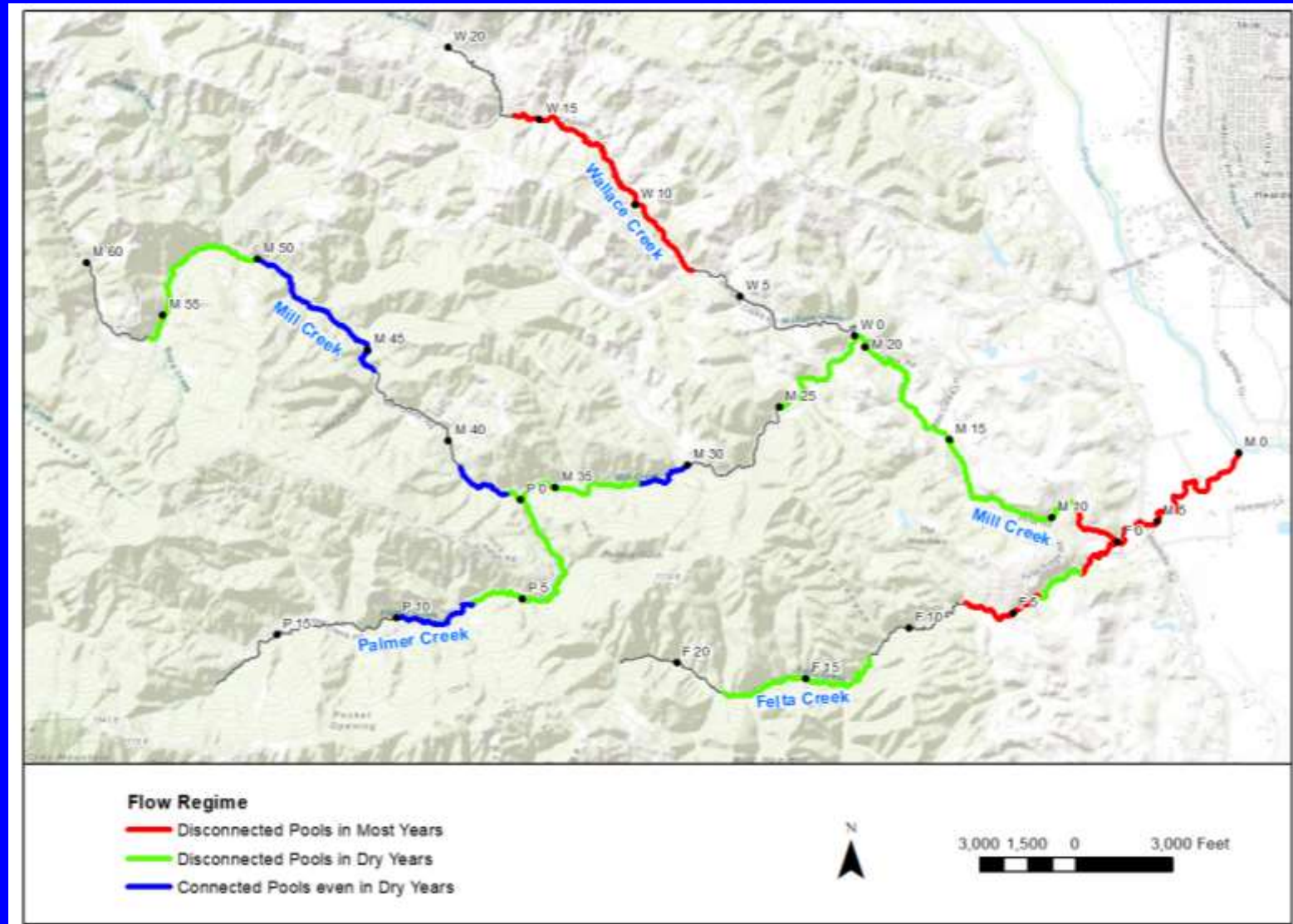
Habitat Suitability (Depth & Velocity)

- Mill Creek @ bankfull flow



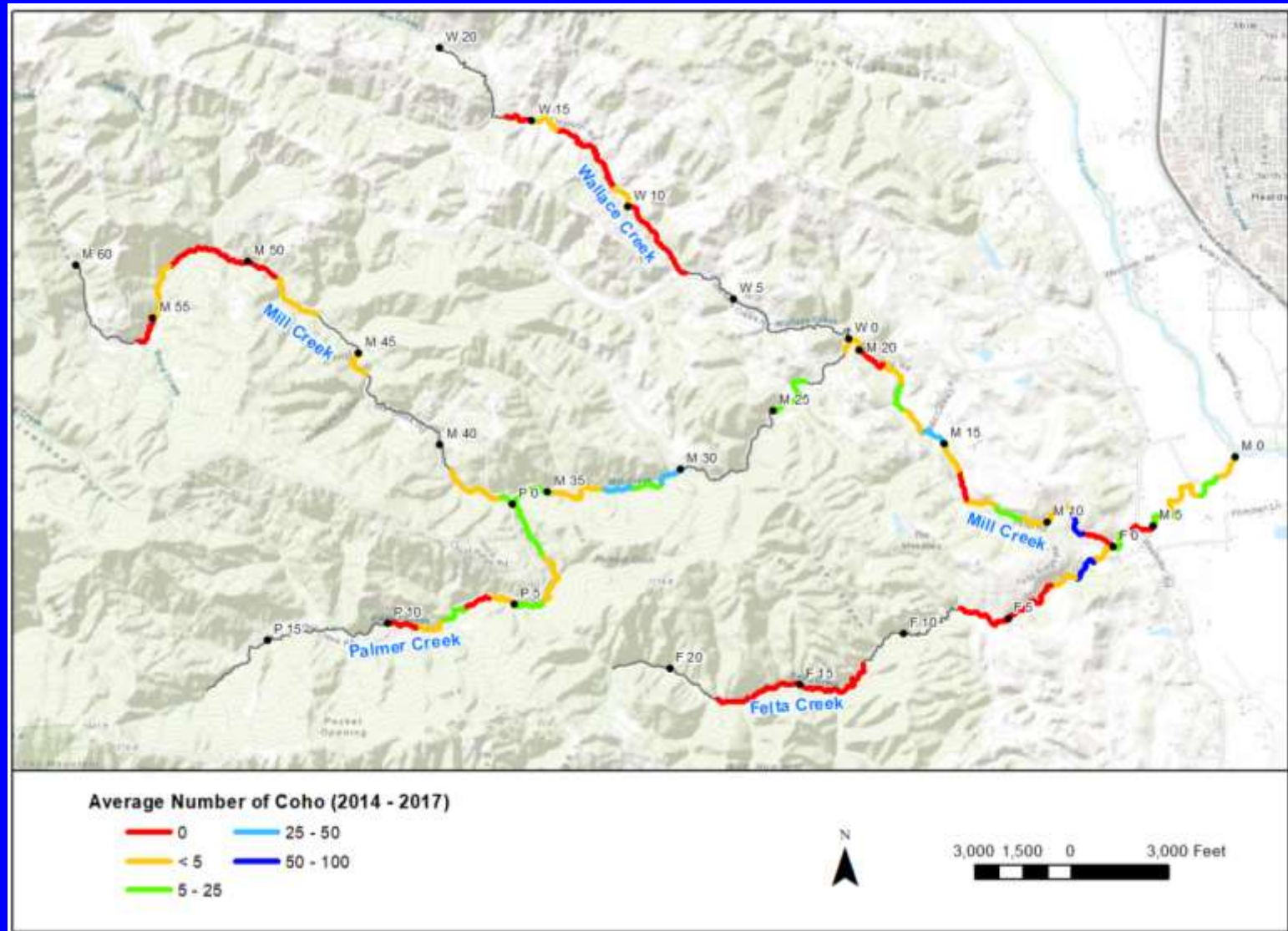
Habitat Suitability (Flow Regime)

- Mill Creek – SeaGrant Wet/Dry Mapping (2013 – 2017)



Coho Distribution

- Mill Creek – SeaGrant Snorkel Surveys (2014 – 2017)



In-stream Project Prioritization

- Initial Prioritization Based on WUA

 - Low - reaches with WUA < average

 - Medium – reaches with WUA > average (2 of 4 flows)

 - High – reaches with WUA > average (3 of 4 flows)

 - Very High – reaches with WUA > average (all flows)

- Adjust for Flow Regime

 - Exclude - reaches with disconnected pools in most years

 - Increase priority – reaches with connected pools even in drought years

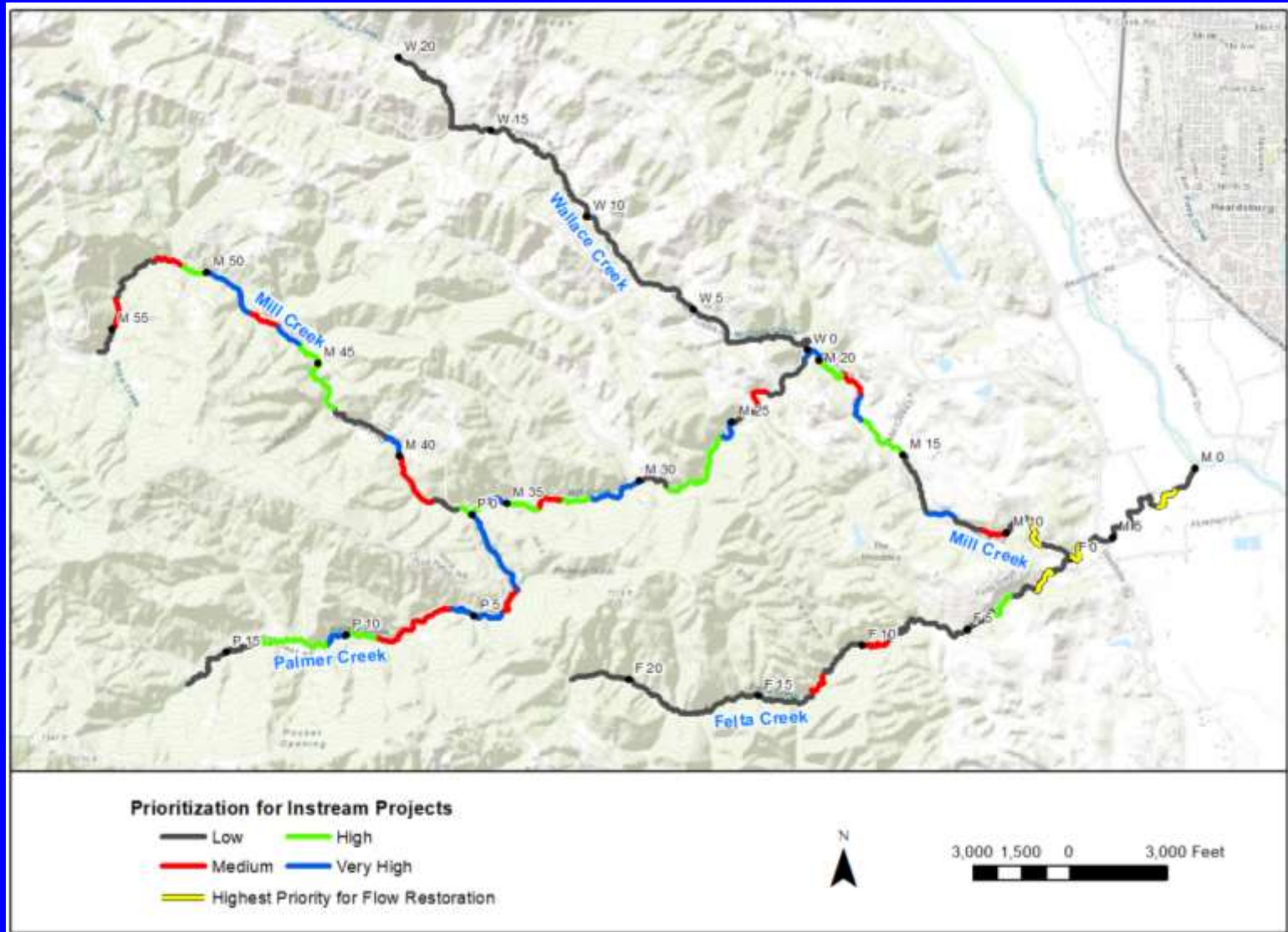
- Adjust for Coho Abundance

 - Decrease priority - reaches with no Coho

 - Increase priority – reaches with above average number of Coho

Instream Project Prioritization

- Mill Creek – WUA, Flow Regime, Coho Counts

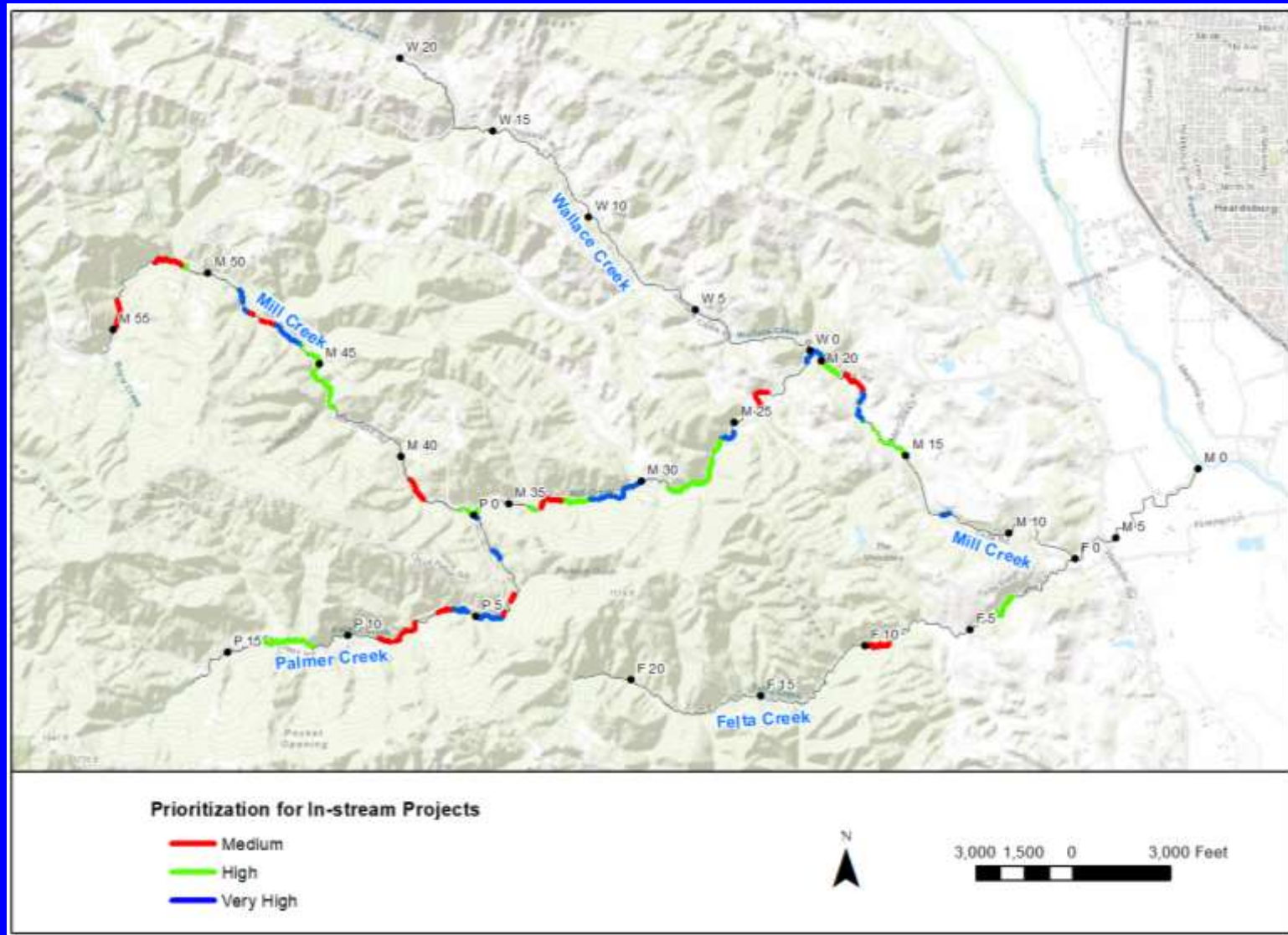


Ease of Implementation

- Equipment Access
 - distance <200-ft & slopes <30% from nearest road to top of bank
- Anchoring Sites
 - sample LiDAR-derived canopy height along banklines

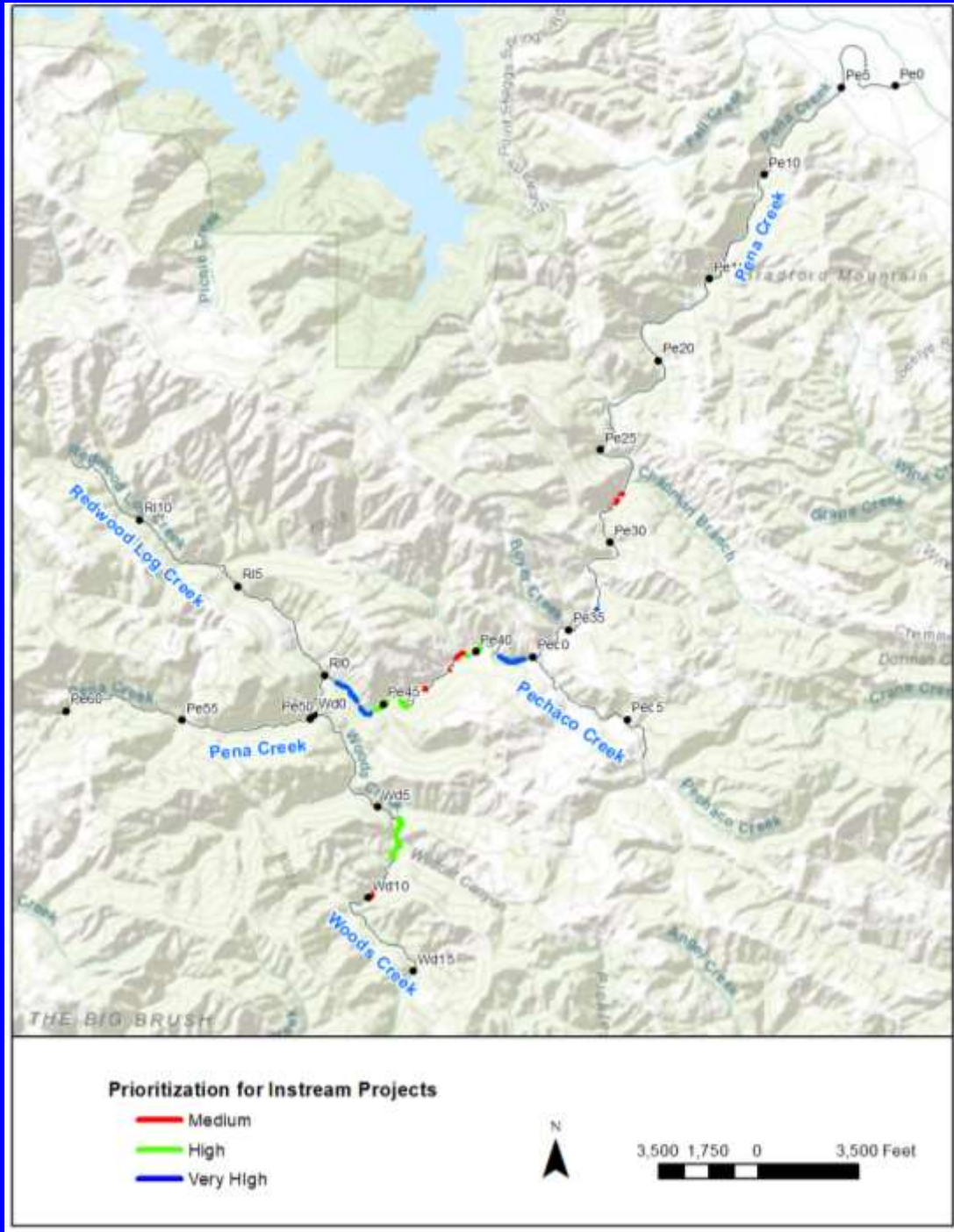
Instream Project Prioritization

- Mill Creek – Good Anchoring Sites/Equipment Access



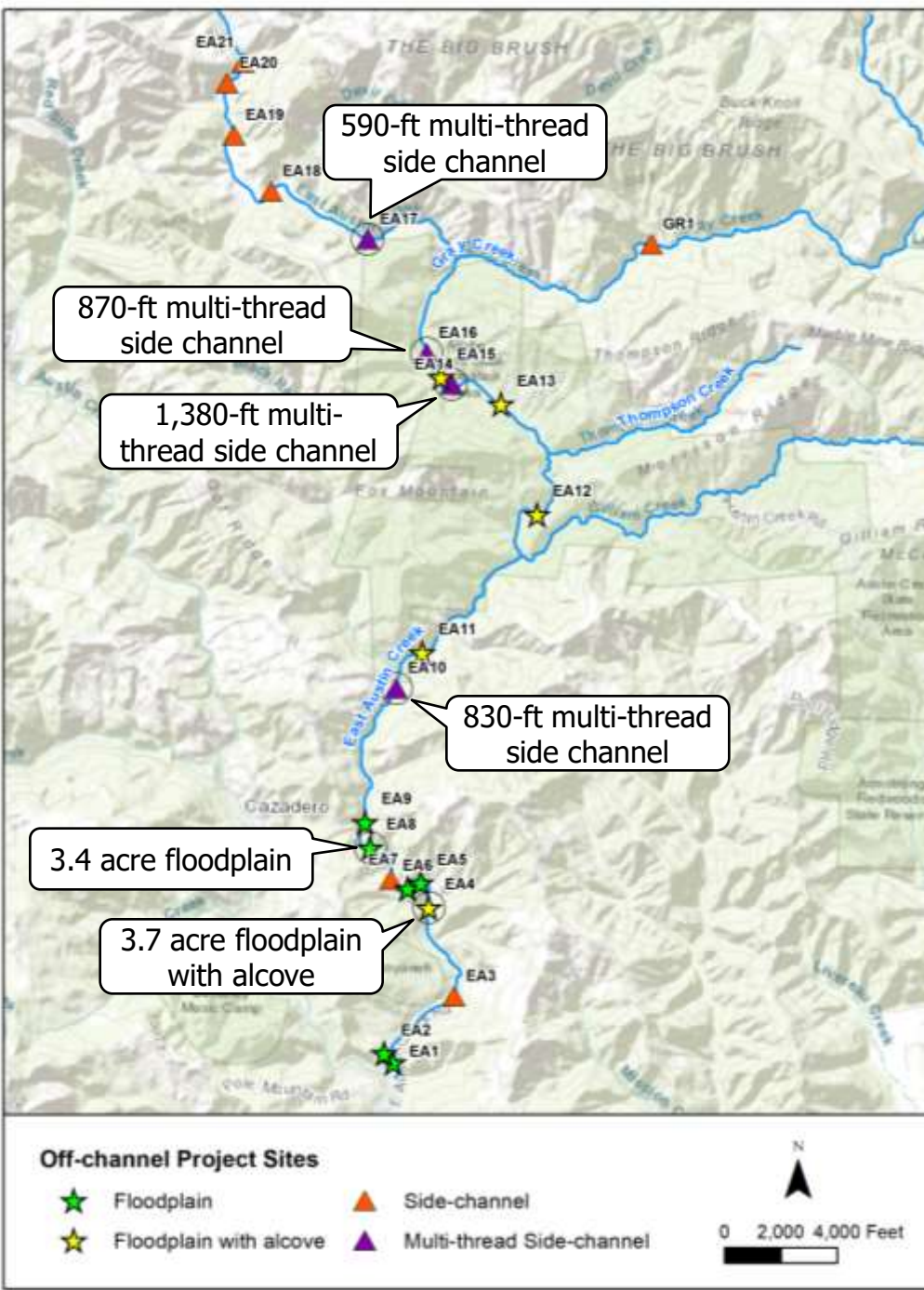
Instream Project Prioritization

- Pena Creek – Good Anchoring Sites/Equipment Access



Identification of Off-channel Project Sites

- Scan model results for:
 - Side channels, alcoves, frequently activated floodplains



ID	Type	Size	Access	Location
East Austin Creek				
EA1	Floodplain	0.8 acres	1	1
EA2	Floodplain	0.8 acres	1	1
EA3	Side-channel	300-ft	1	1
EA4	Floodplain with alcove	3.7 acres	1	1
EA5	Floodplain	1.7 acres	1	1
EA6	Floodplain	1.6 acres	1	1
EA7	Side-channel	350-ft	0	1
EA8	Floodplain	3.4 acres	0	1
EA9	Floodplain	0.8 acres	1	1
EA10	Multi-thread Side-channel	830-ft	0	1
EA11	Floodplain with alcove	0.8 acres	0	1
EA12	Floodplain with alcove	0.7 acres	0	1
EA13	Floodplain with alcove	1.4 acres	1	1
EA14	Multi-thread Side-channel	1,160-ft	1	1
EA15	Floodplain with alcove	1.1 acres	0	0
EA16	Multi-thread Side-channel	870-ft	1	1
EA17	Multi-thread Side-channel	590-ft	0	1
EA18	Side-channel	330-ft	1	1
EA19	Side-channel	320-ft	1	0
EA20	Side-channel	330-ft	1	0
EA21	Side-channel	280-ft	1	0
Gray Creek				
Gr1	Side-channel	70-ft	1	1
GR2	Side-channel	220-ft	1	1

Prioritization of Off-channel Project Sites

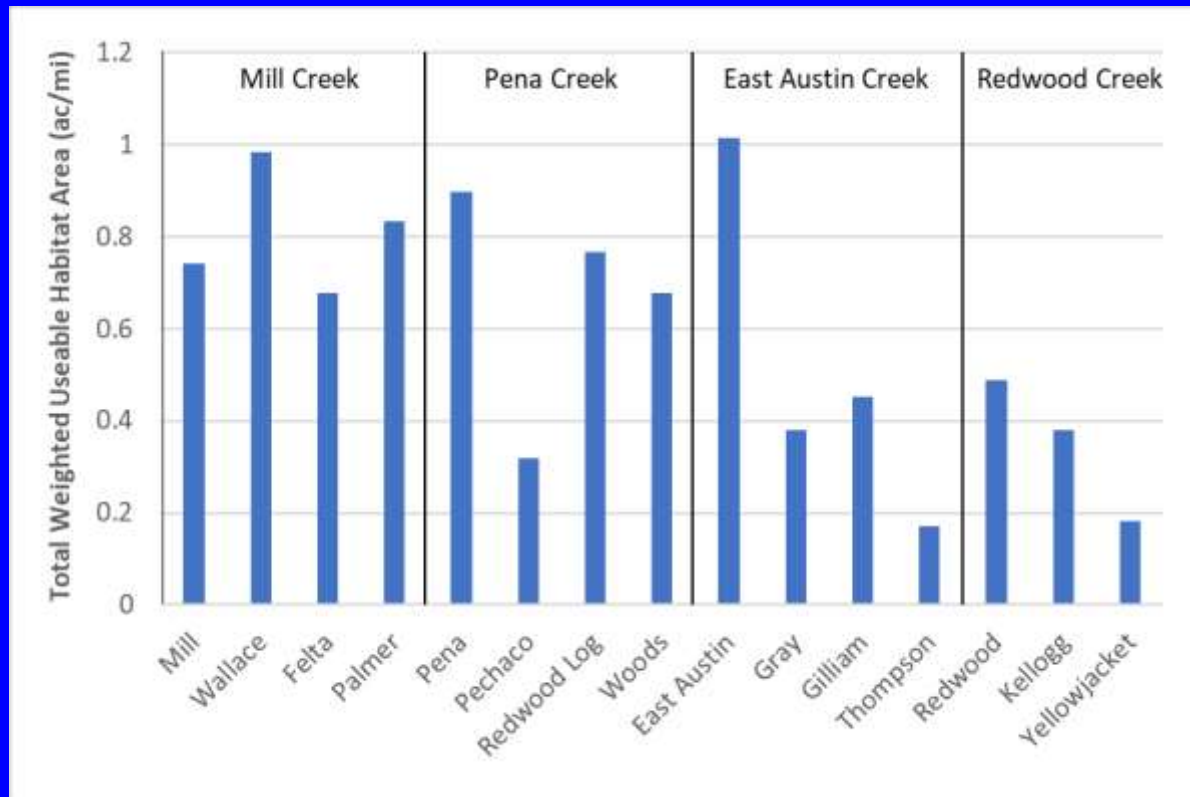
- Access
- Proximity to high priority reaches

High Priority

Very High Priority

Comparisons Between Streams

Weighted Useable Area (acres)				
Watershed	Winter Baseflow	10% Exceedance Flow	Bankfull Flow	10-yr Flood Flow
Mill Creek	11.7	16.4	18.2	20.2
Pena Creek	11.1	15.1	16.9	22.3
East Austin Creek	16.5	17.0	15.1	16.6
Redwood Creek	2.5	2.9	4.3	5.2



Comparisons Between Streams

Watershed	WUA (ac/mi)	% Connected Pools	Coho (#/mi)
Mill	0.74	83%	37
Wallace	0.98	0%	2
Felta	0.68	47%	26
Palmer	0.83	100%	19
Pena	0.90	14%	48
Pechaco	0.32	0%	1
Redwood Log	0.77	na	na
Woods	0.68	73%	141
East Austin	1.01	na	44
Gray	0.38	94%	90
Gilliam	0.45	100%	120
Thompson	0.17	na	2
Redwood	0.49	60%	4
Kellogg	0.38	na	na
Yellowjacket	0.18	na	na

Highest Value

- Mill, Palmer, East Austin, Woods

Flow-limited

- Felta, Wallace, Pena, Pechaco

WUA-limited

- Gray, Gilliam, Thompson, Redwood, Kellogg, Yellowjacket

Thank you!



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A Streamlined Modeling Approach for Quantifying Existing Habitat Conditions and Guiding Restoration

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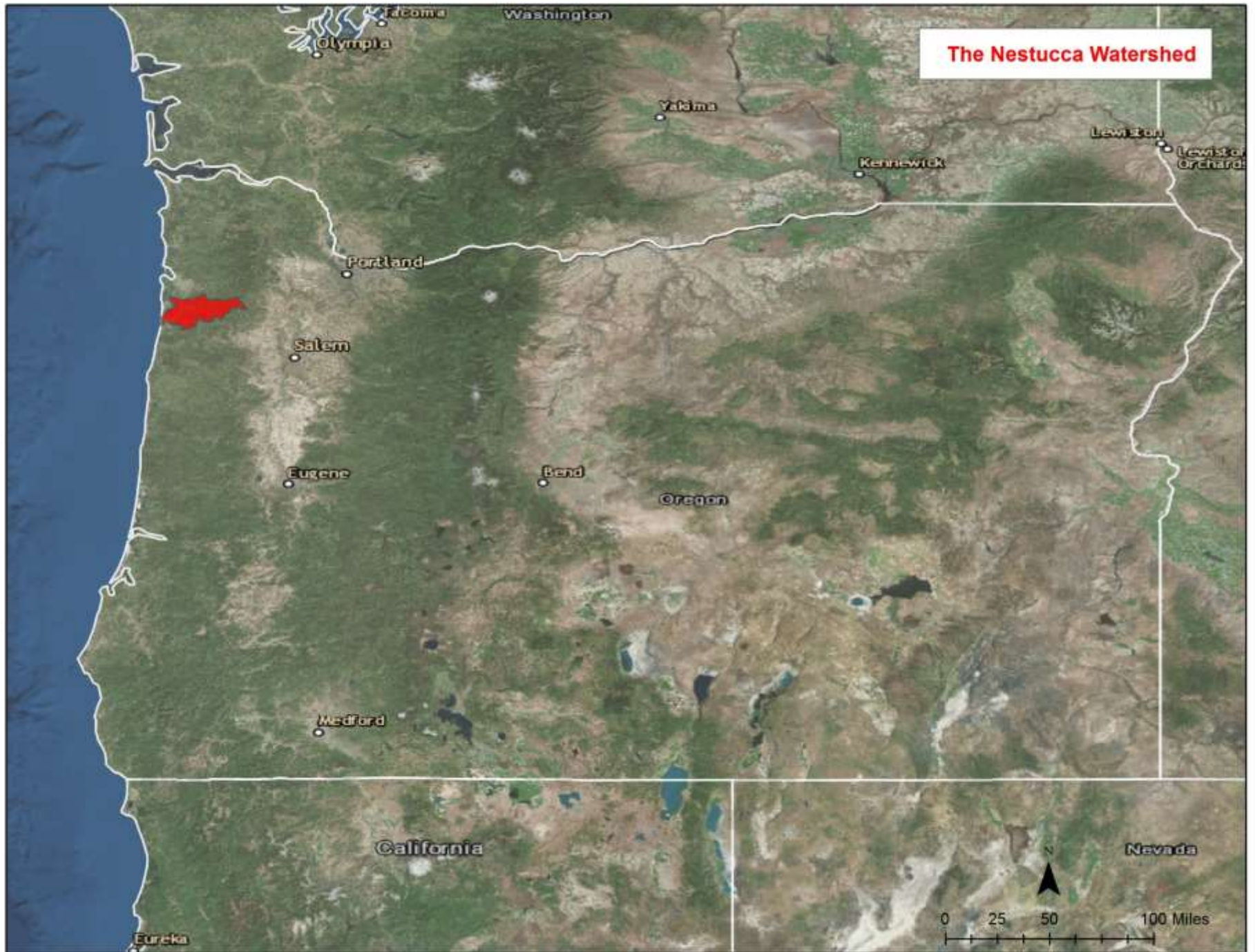
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The Nestucca Watershed



16.4 river km
12.9 valley km
sinuosity 1.3
2500 acres pasture



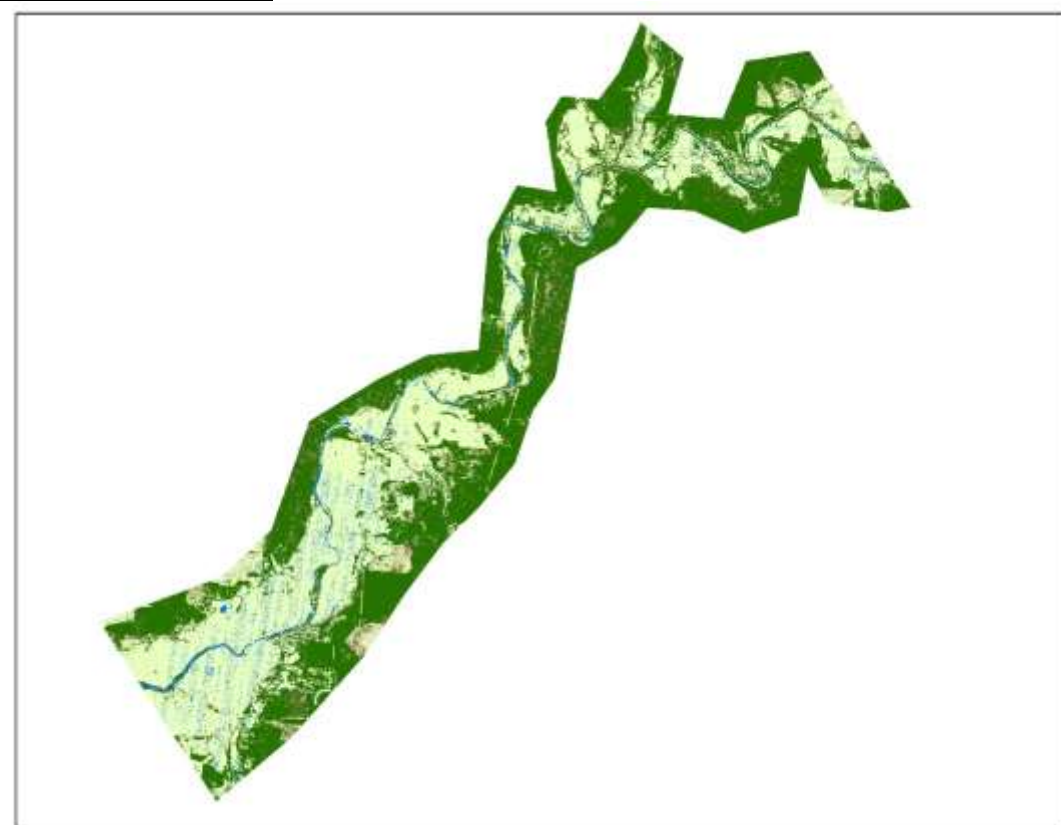
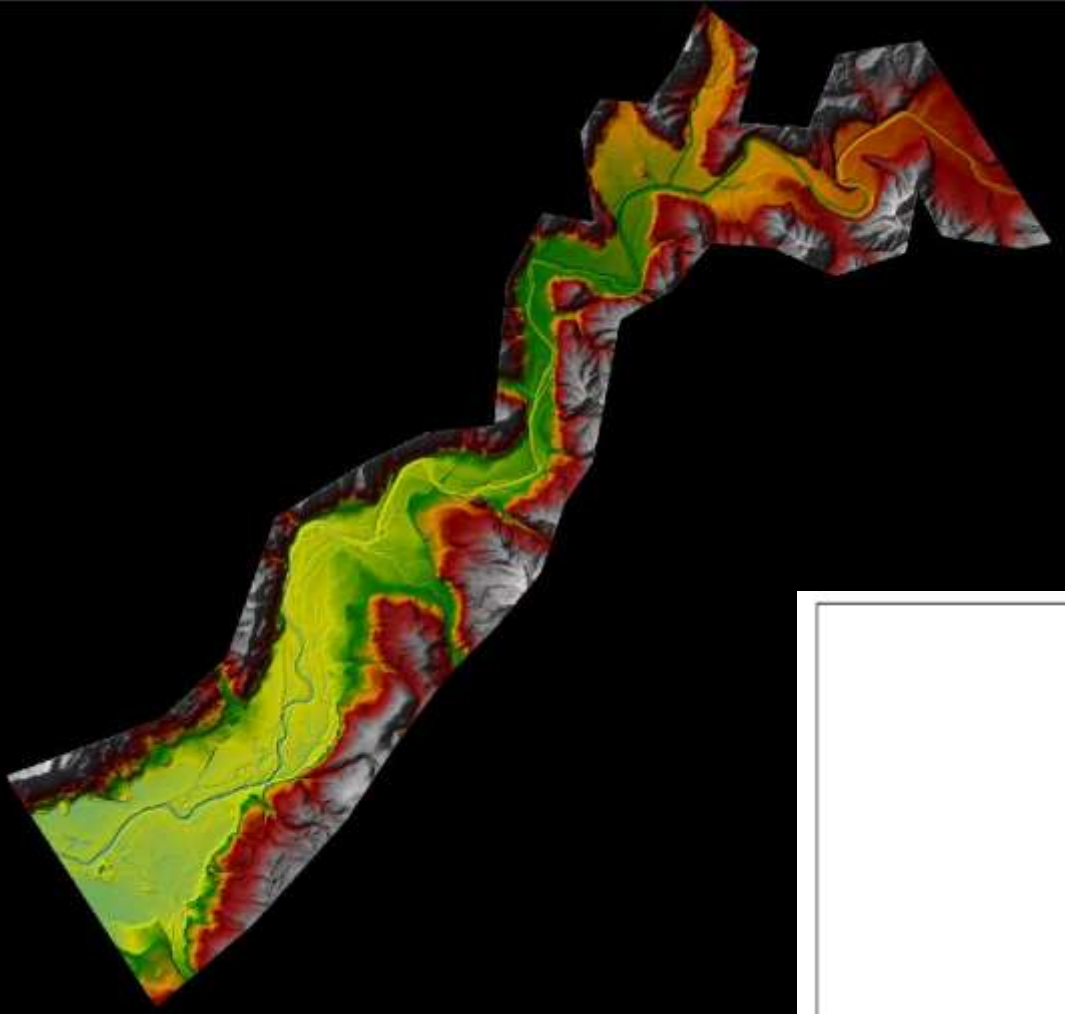
Using Available Data:

- 3' LiDAR (fall of 2012)
 - Bare earth
 - Highest hits
- USGS gage record
 - 35 years
 - Peak flows
 - Daily flows
 - Example annual hydrograph

Terrain and Cover

← LiDAR DEM

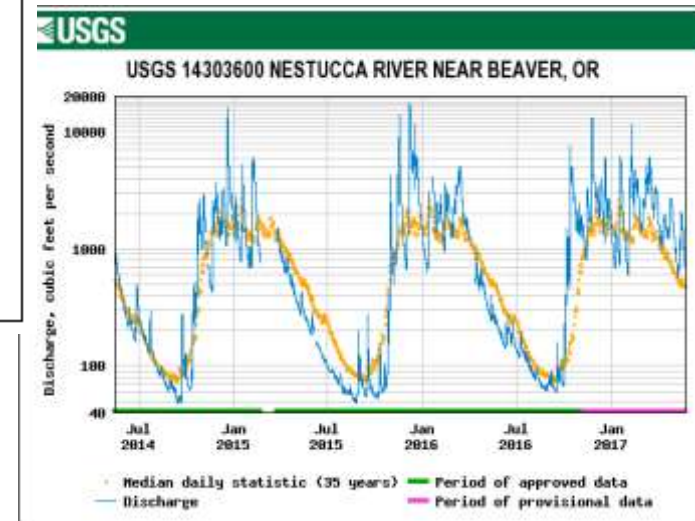
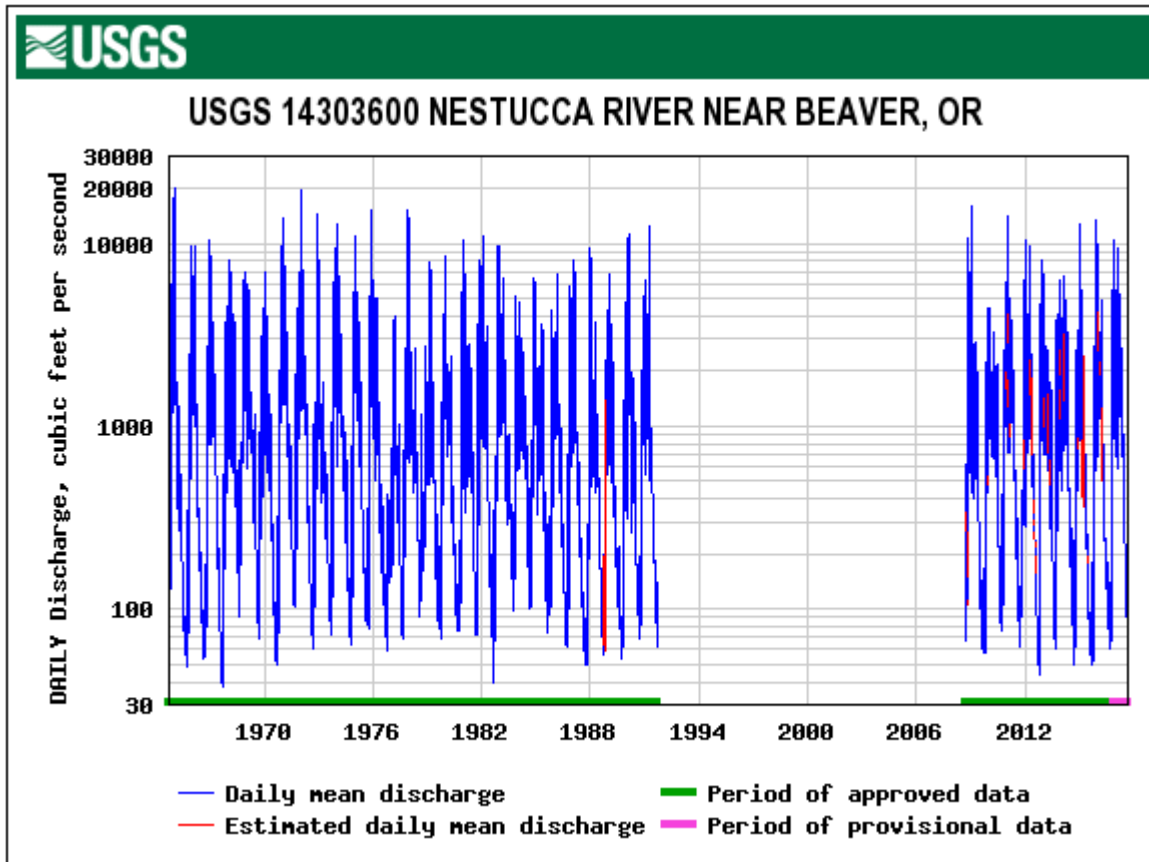
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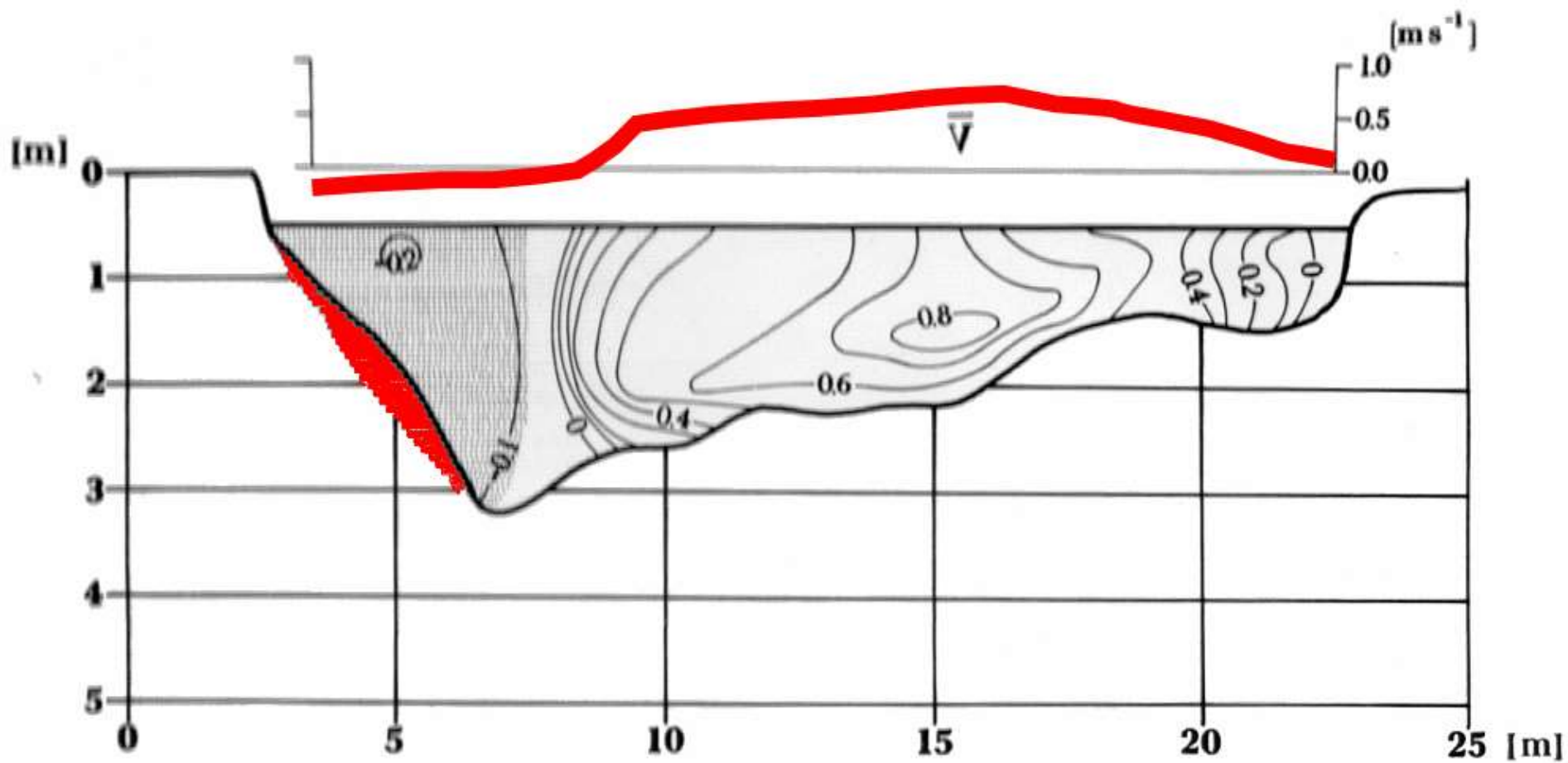
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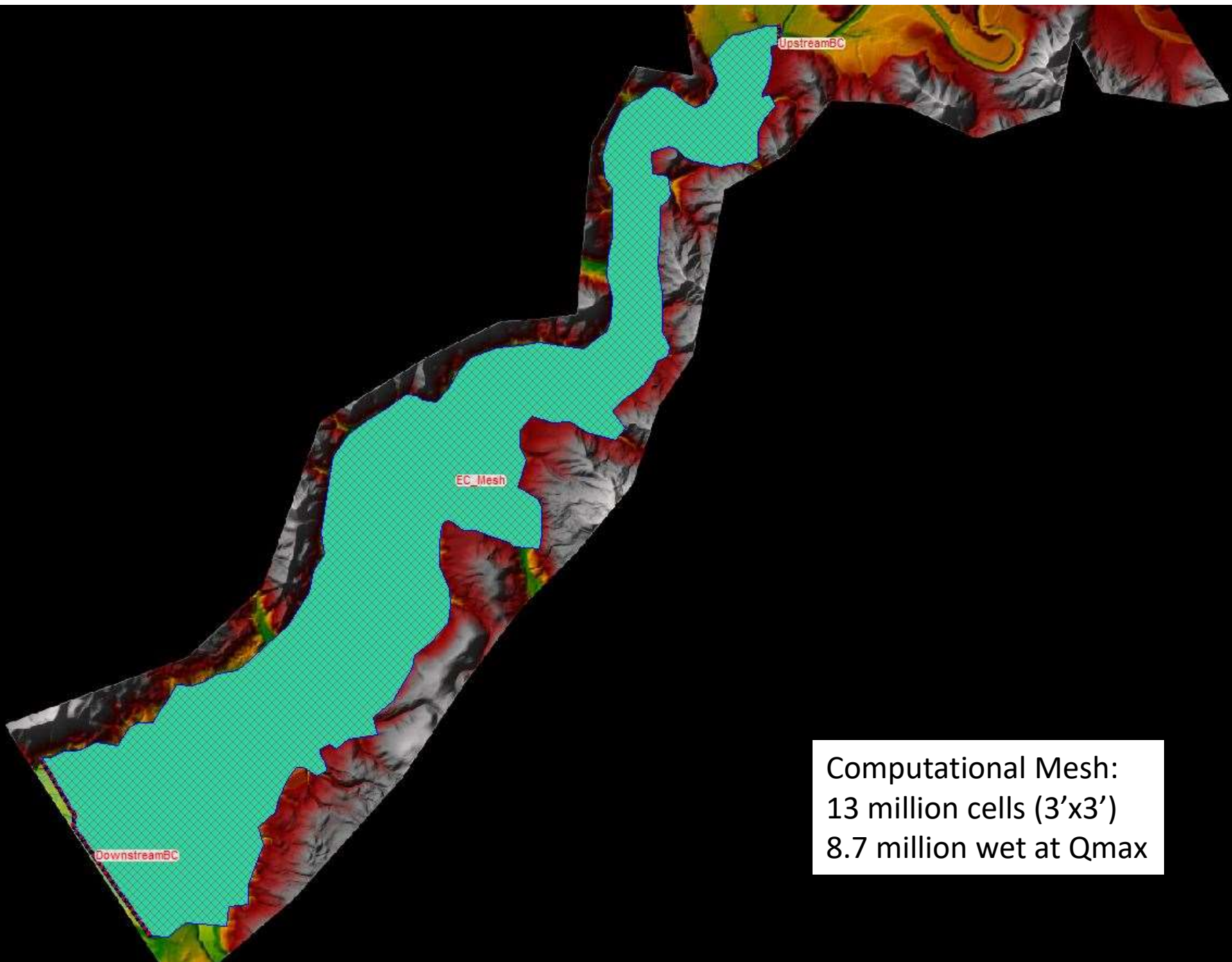
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Forest (+10)	n0.07
High shrub (3.0-10.0)	n0.15
Low shrub (1.0-3.0)	n0.1
Grass (0.08-1.0)	n0.03

Gage record: 35 yrs



Velocity shear zones, eddies, Ωv





Computational Mesh:
13 million cells (3'x3')
8.7 million wet at Qmax

HecRas 2d

- Run model for a wide range of flows
- Extract model output for each flow
 - Depth
 - Velocity [0 to 1 fps]
- Quantify habitat areas (GIS)
 - Areas that meet specified range
- Create Habitat / Flow relationship

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Flow cfs

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1500 Nov, Feb

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Peak Flow cfs

4200 Q1

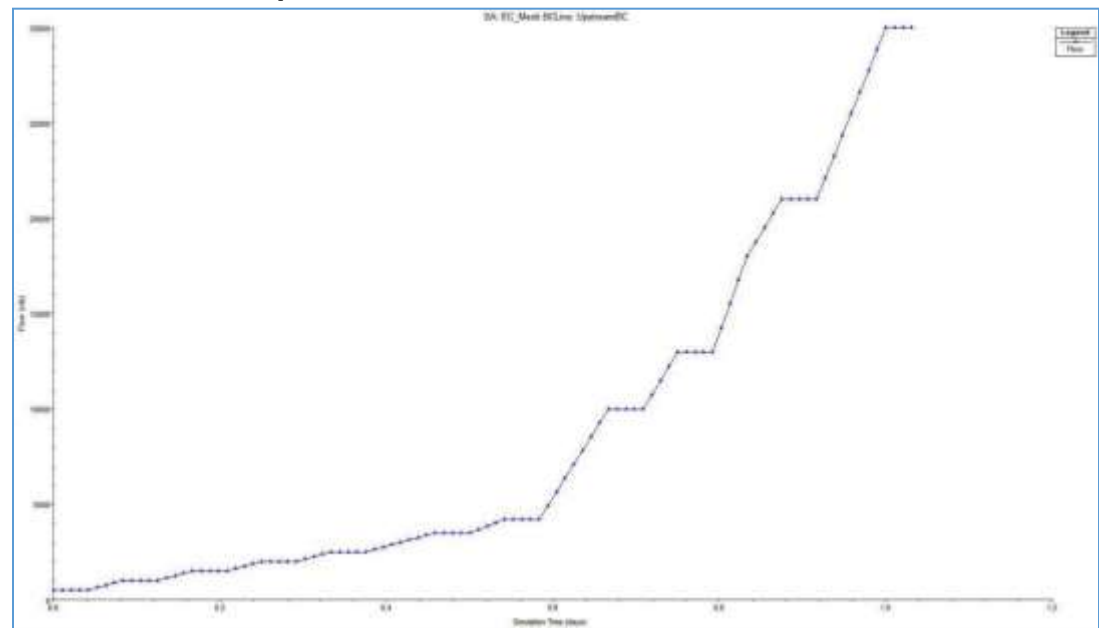
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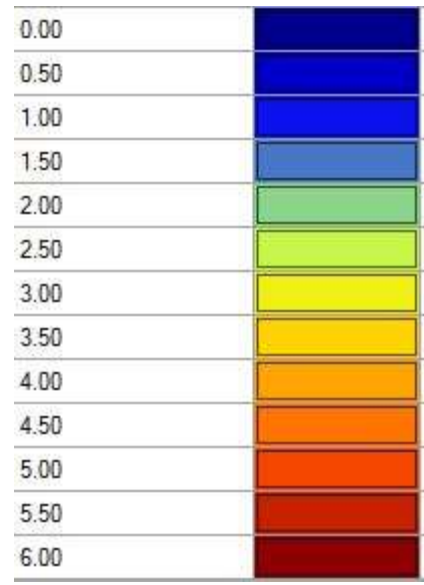
RESULTS



**Mid-May
500 cfs**

Gage

Velocity fps



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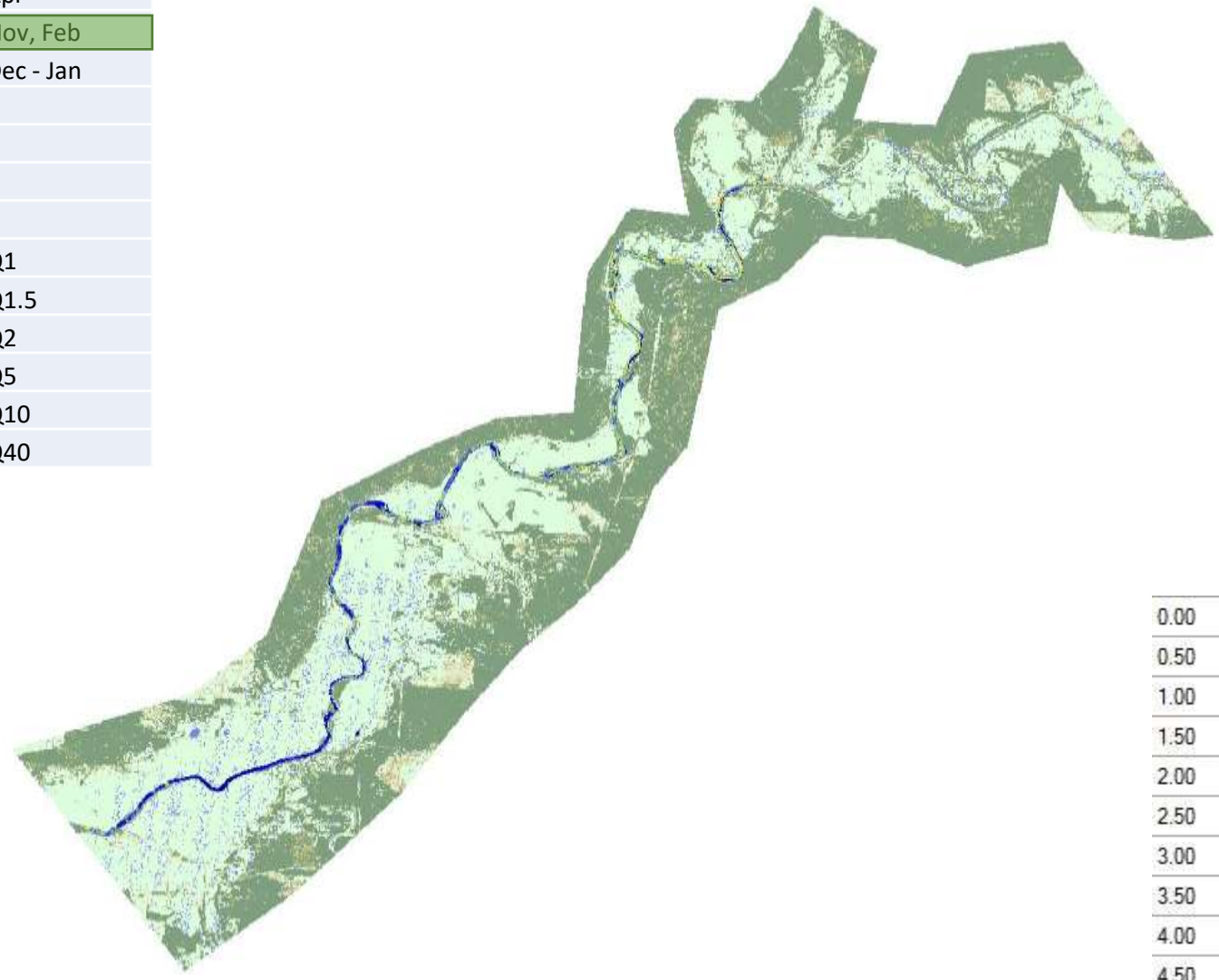


**April
1,000 cfs**

Velocity fps

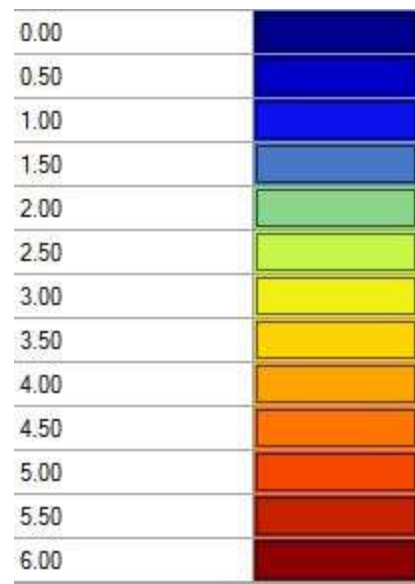


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**Nov-Feb
1,500 cfs**

Velocity fps



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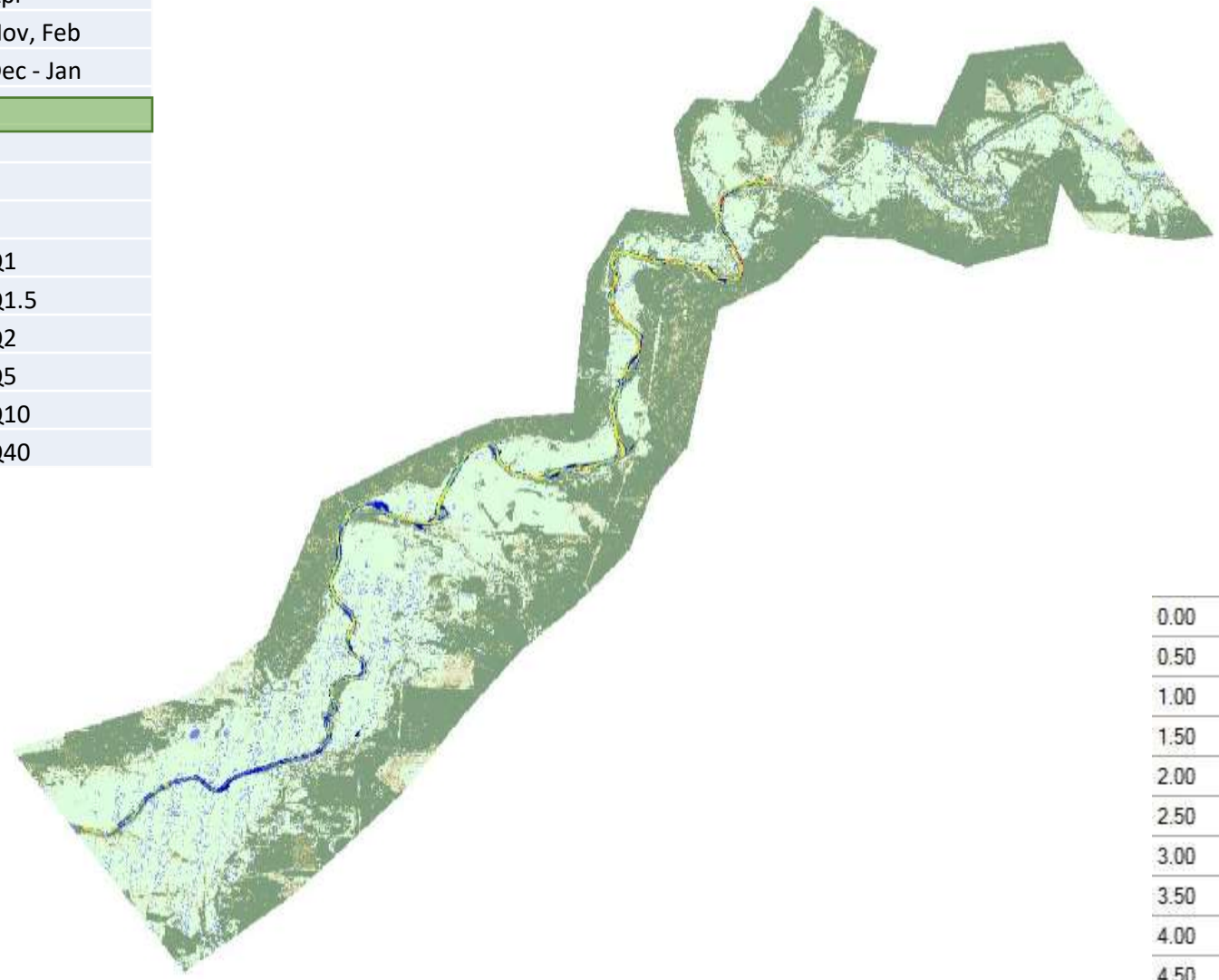


**Dec-Jan
2,000 cfs**

Velocity fps

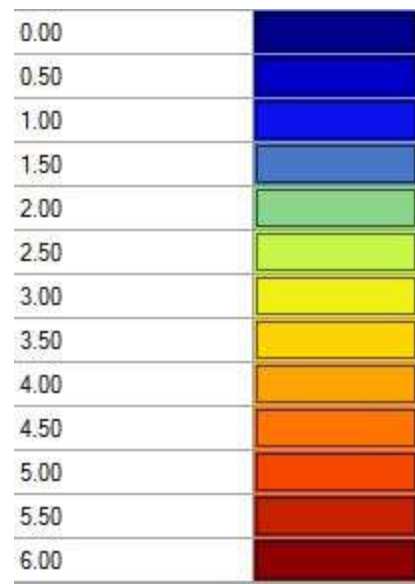


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**Winter
2,500 cfs**

Velocity fps

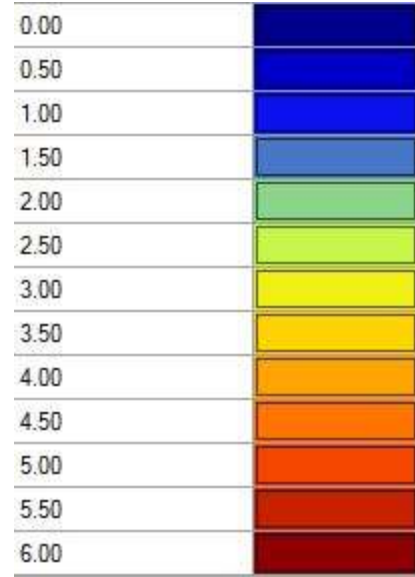


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**Winter
3,000 cfs**

Velocity fps



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**Winter
3,500 cfs**

Velocity fps



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**Q1:
4,200 cfs**

Velocity fps



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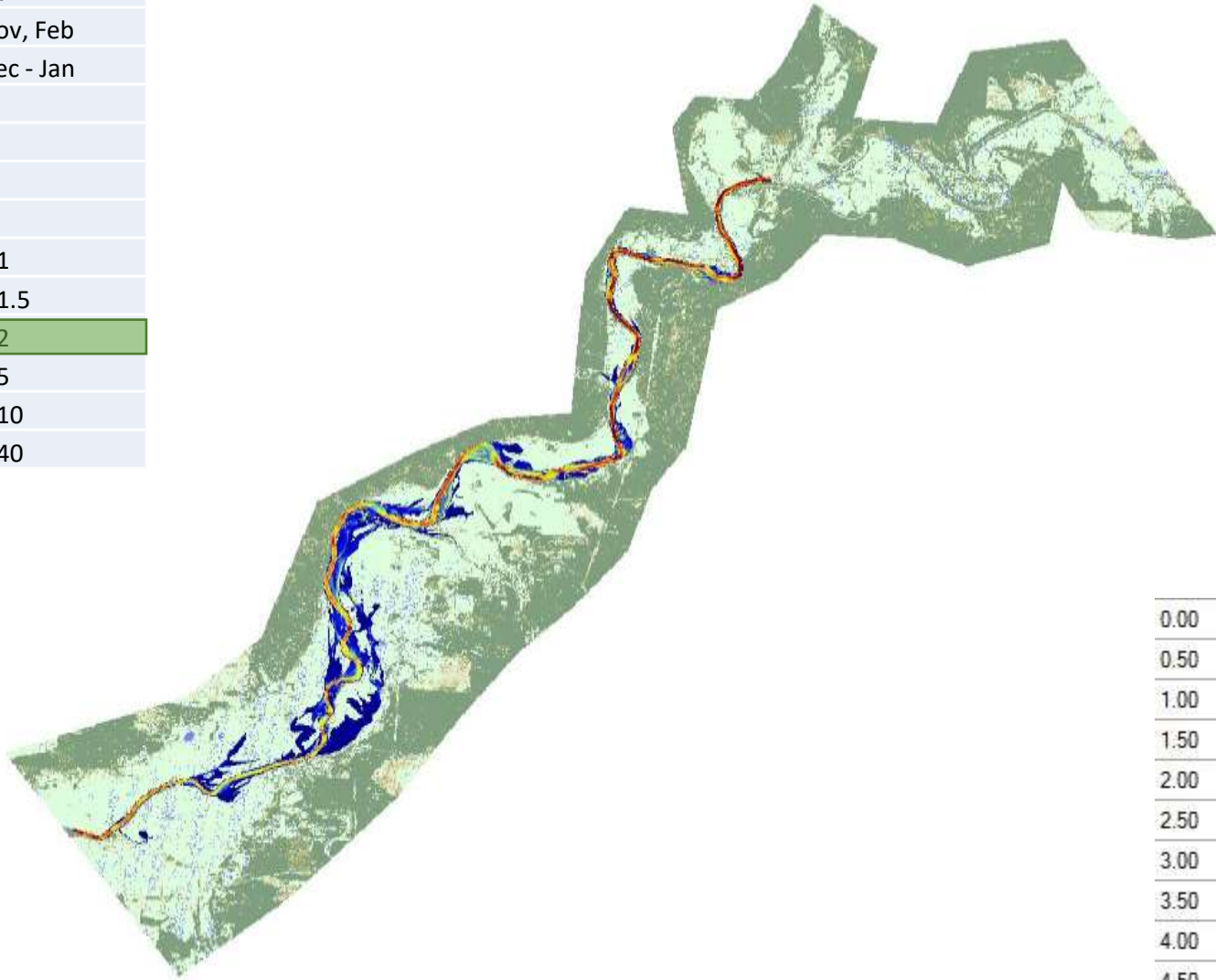
**Q1.5:
10,000 cfs**

Velocity fps



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**Q2:
13,000 cfs**

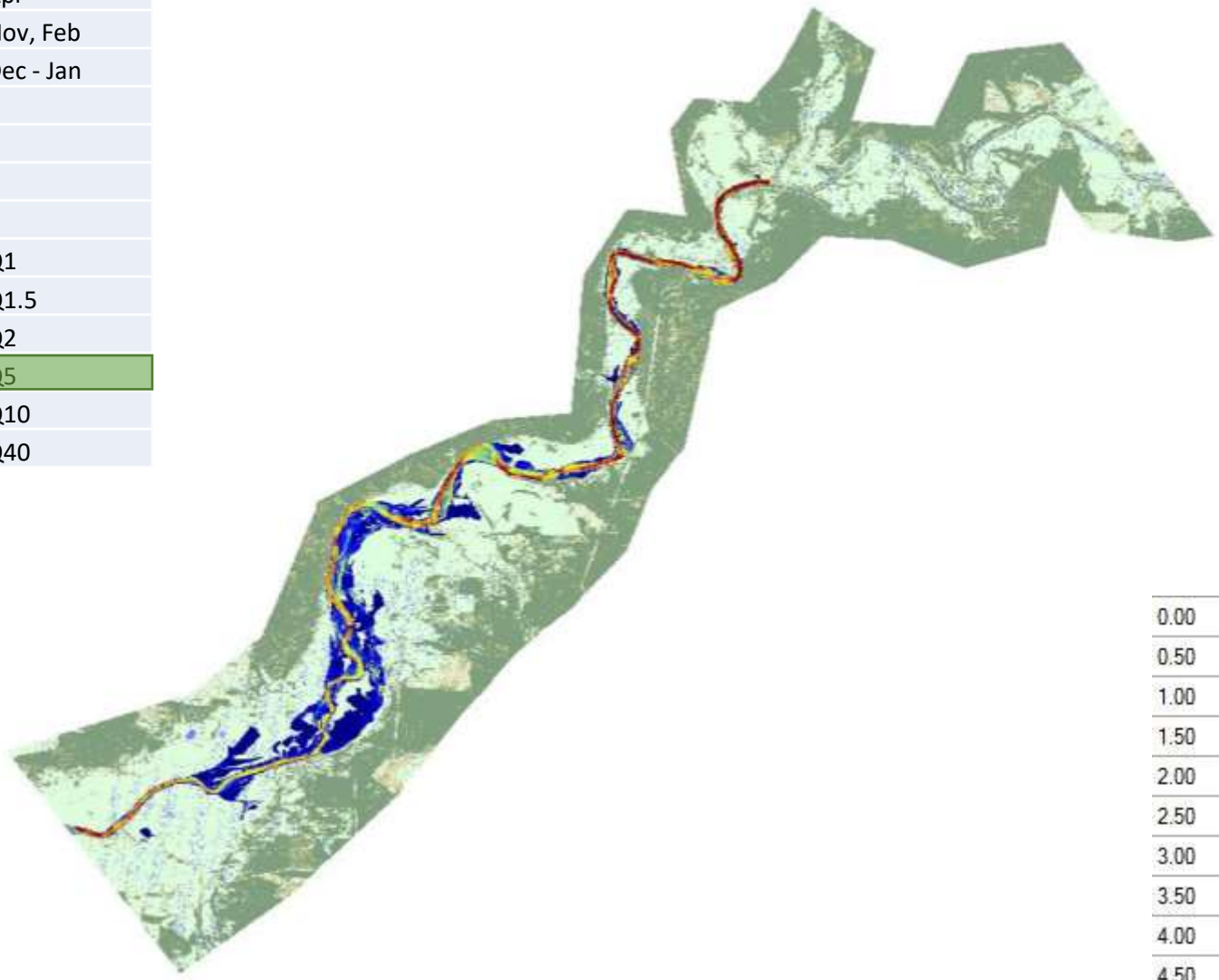


Velocity fps



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**Q5:
18,000 cfs**

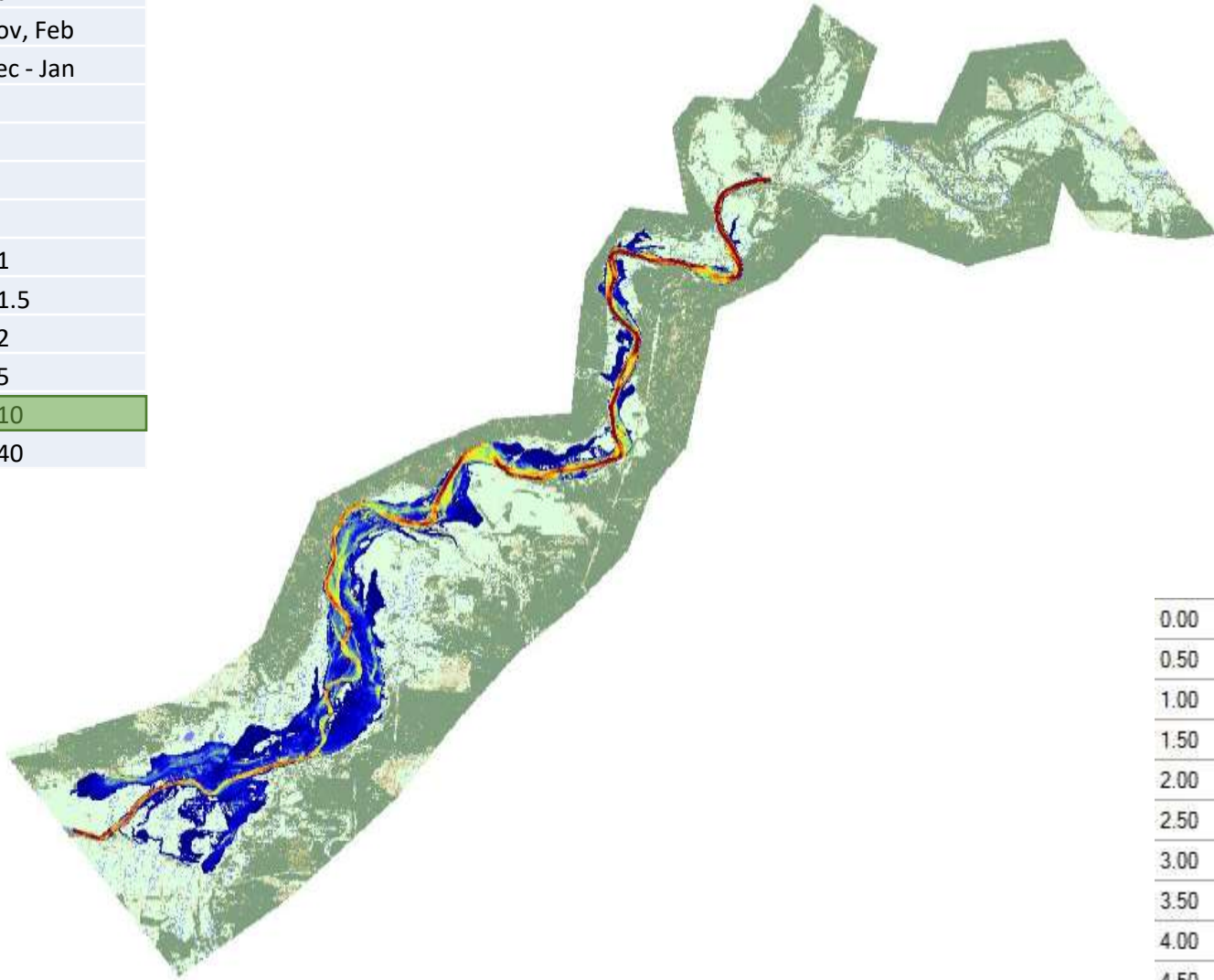


Velocity fps

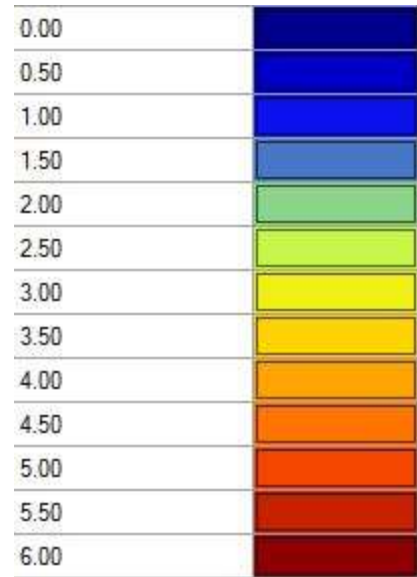


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**Q10:
21,000 cfs**

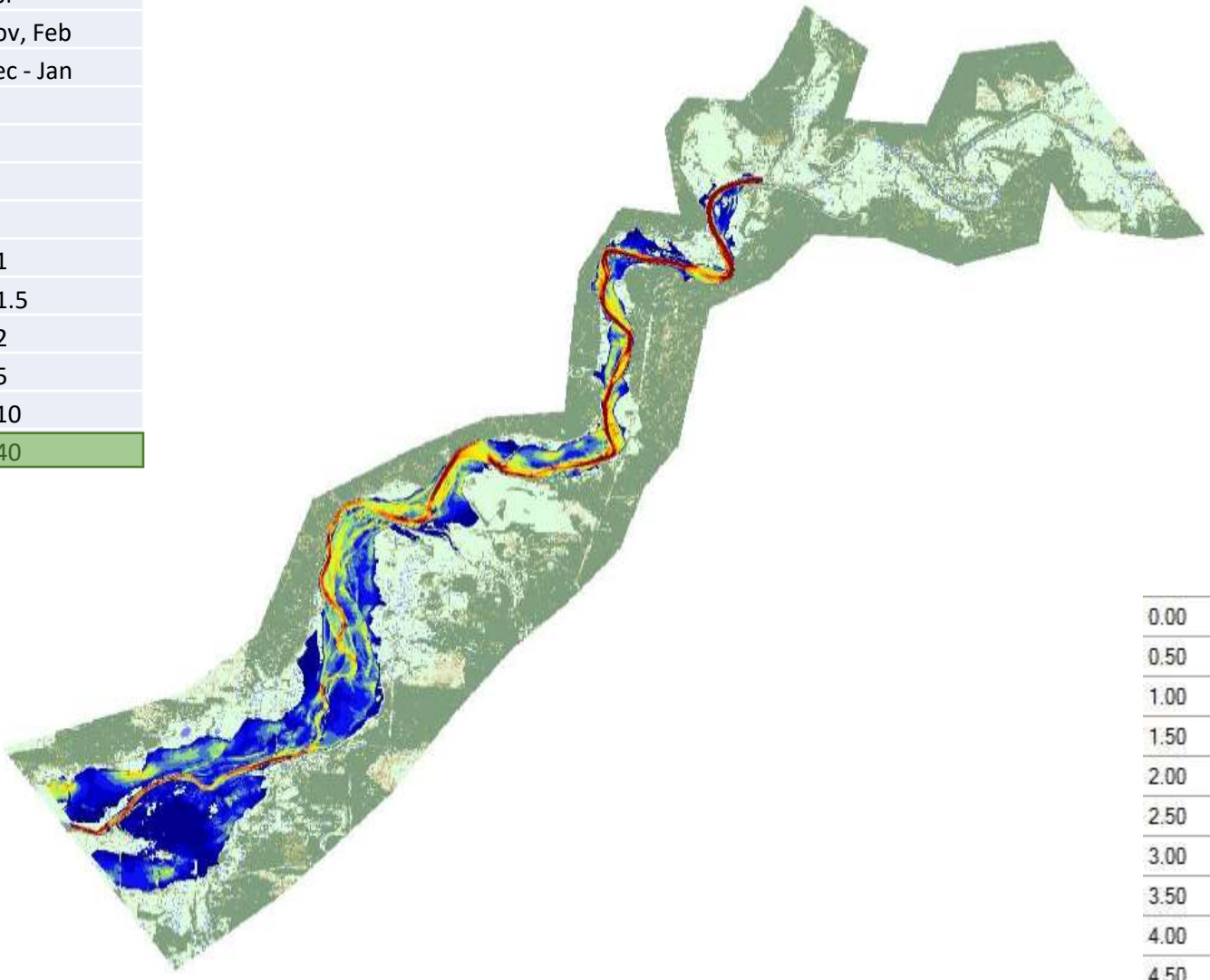


Velocity fps



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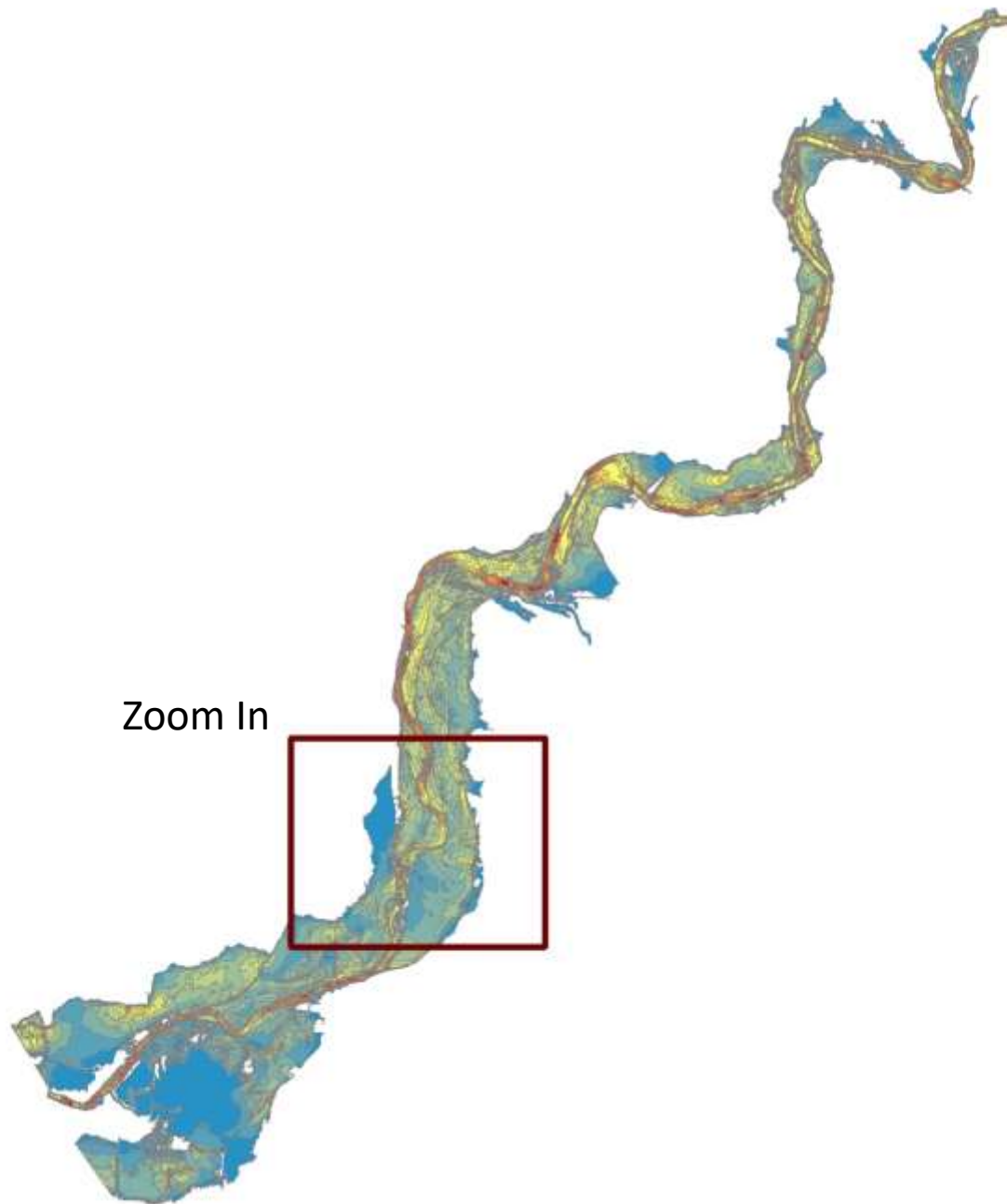
**Q40:
30,000 cfs**



Velocity fps



30,000 cfs

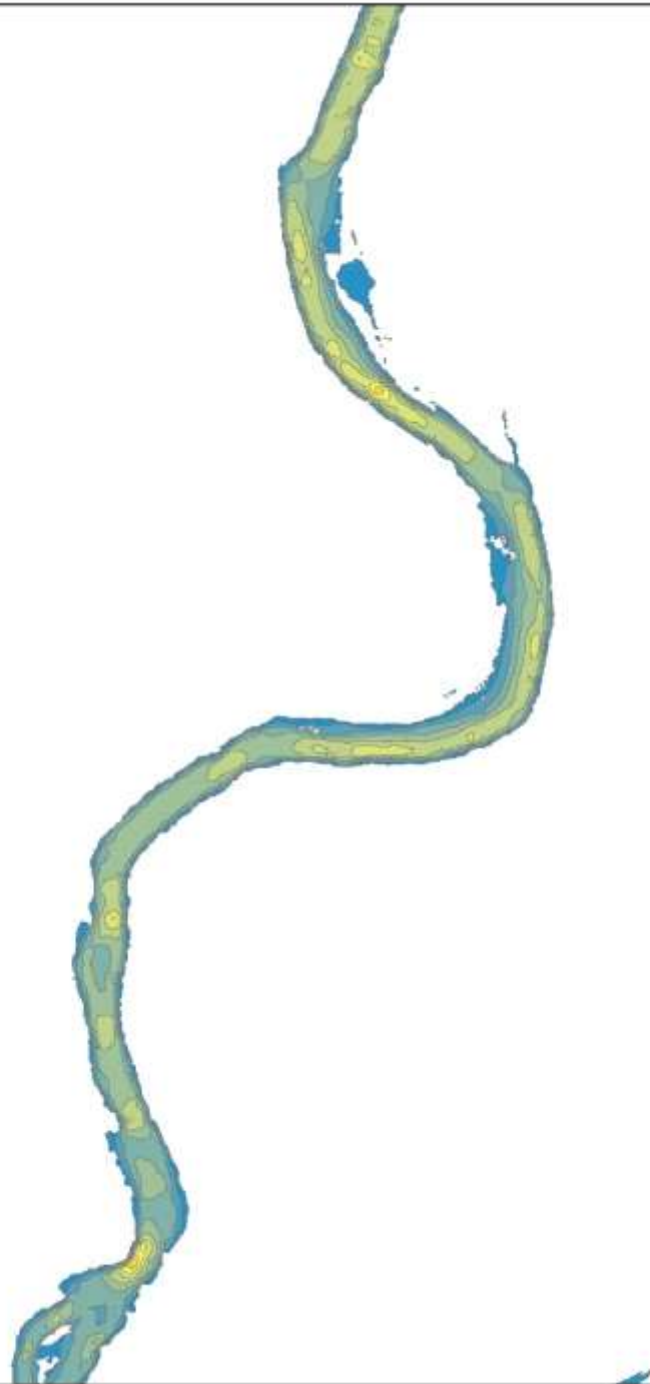


Zoom In

Velocity fps



Mid-May
500 cfs



USGS 14303600

Flow cfs

500 mid-May

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Peak Flow cfs

4200 Q1

10000 Q1.5

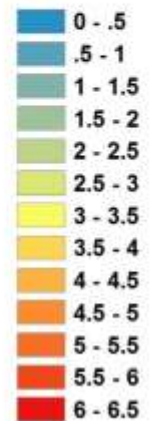
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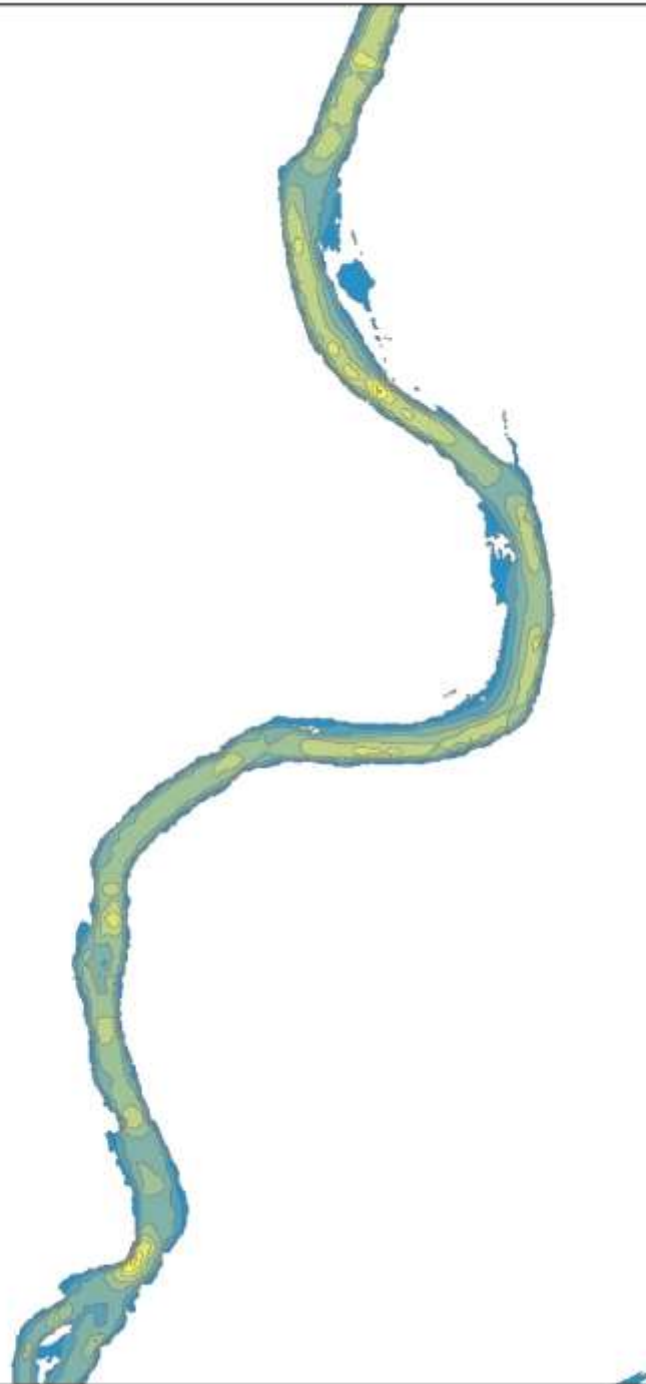
21000 Q10

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Velocity fps

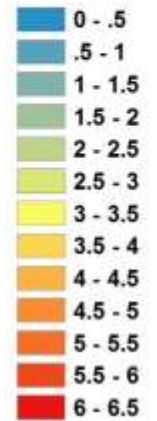


April
1,000 cfs



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Velocity fps

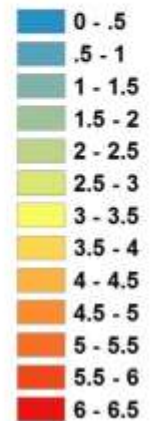


Nov-Feb
1,500 cfs

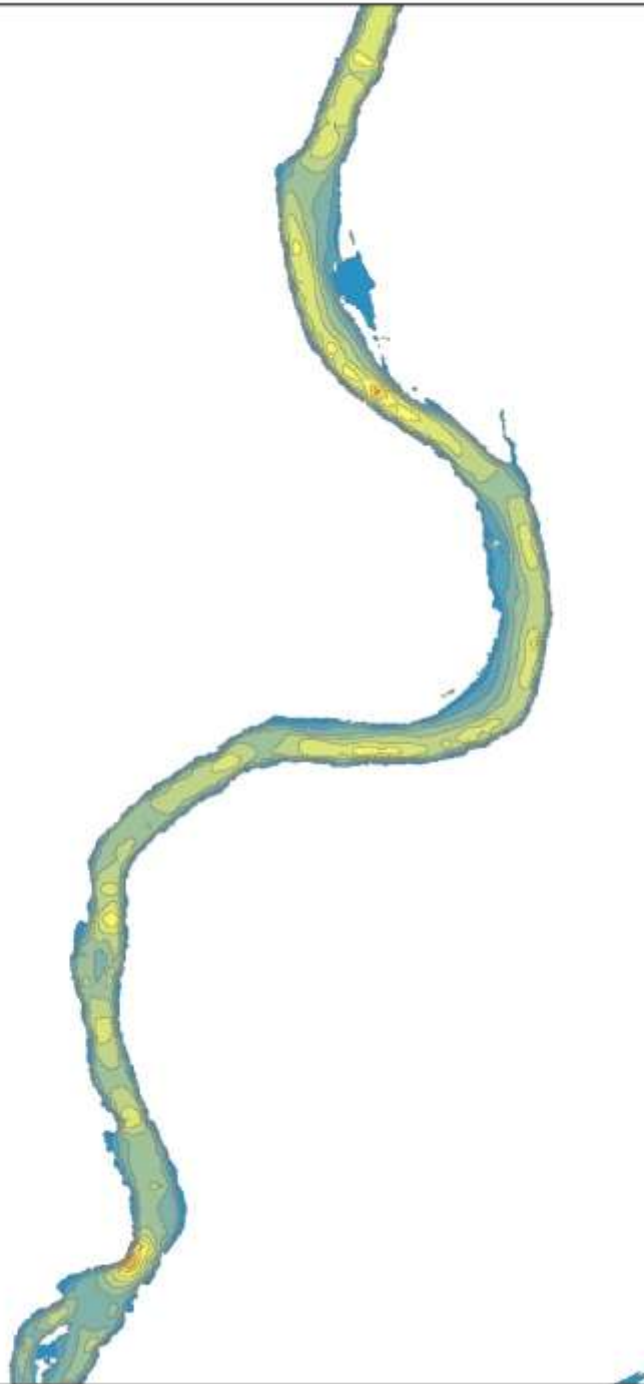


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Velocity fps



Dec-Jan
2,000 cfs



USGS 14303600

Flow cfs

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Peak Flow cfs

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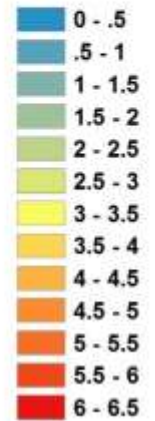
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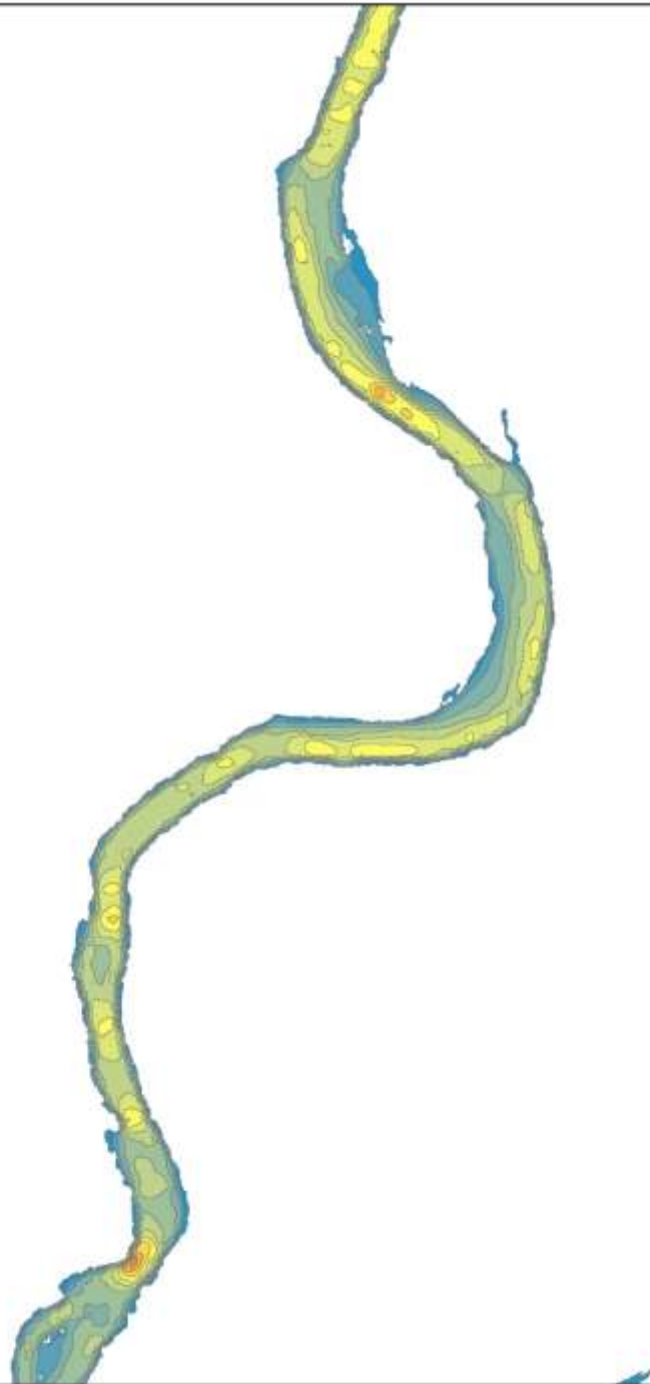
21000 Q10

30000 Q40

Velocity fps



Winter
2,500 cfs



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Peak Flow cfs

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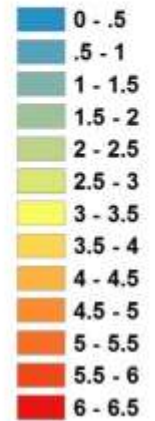
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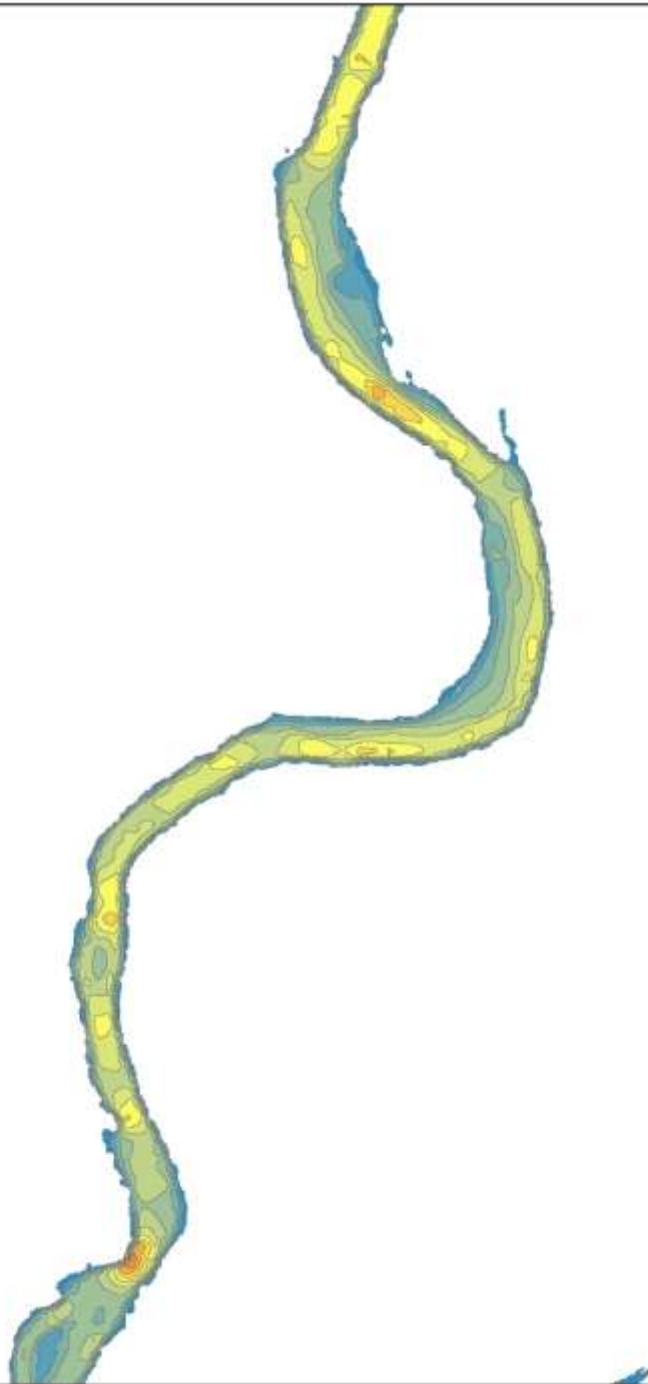
21000 Q10

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Velocity fps



Winter
3,000 cfs



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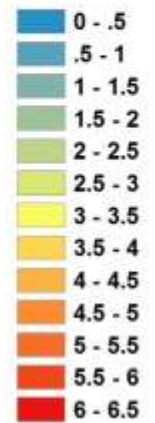
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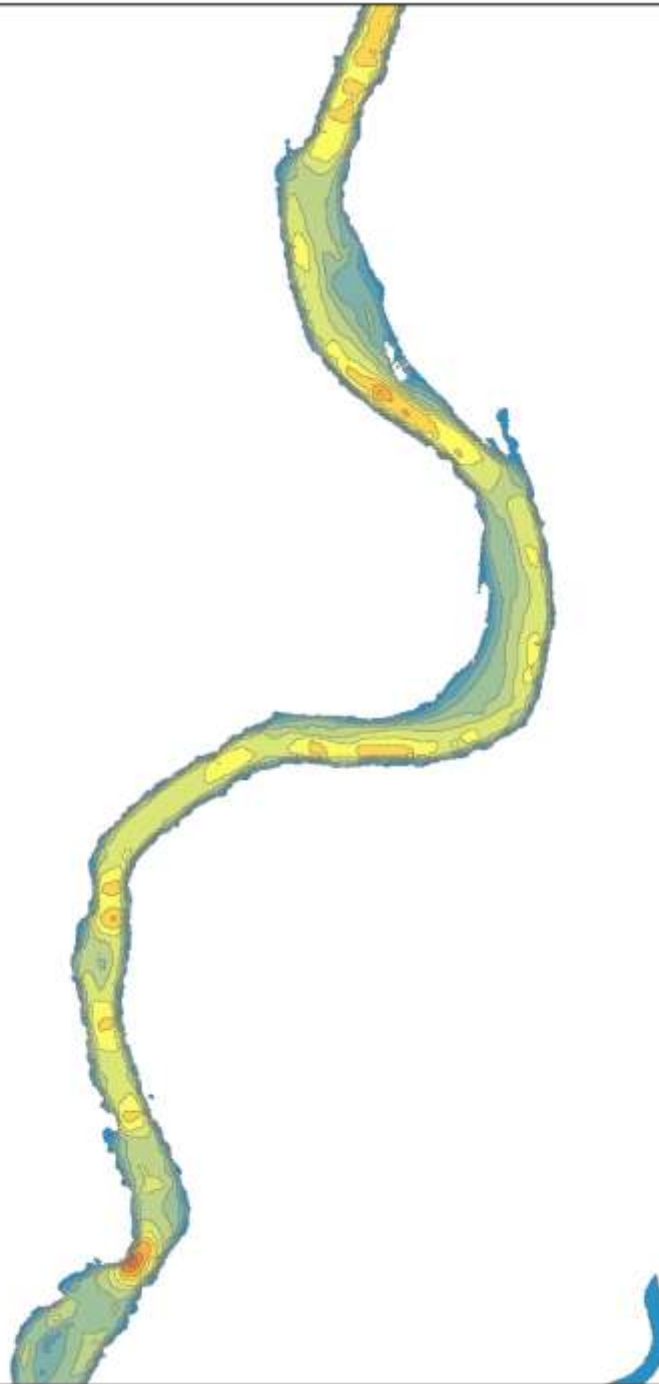
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Velocity fps



Winter
3,500 cfs



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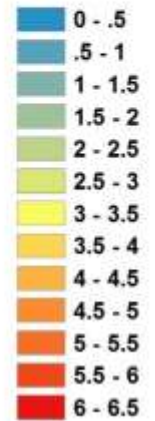
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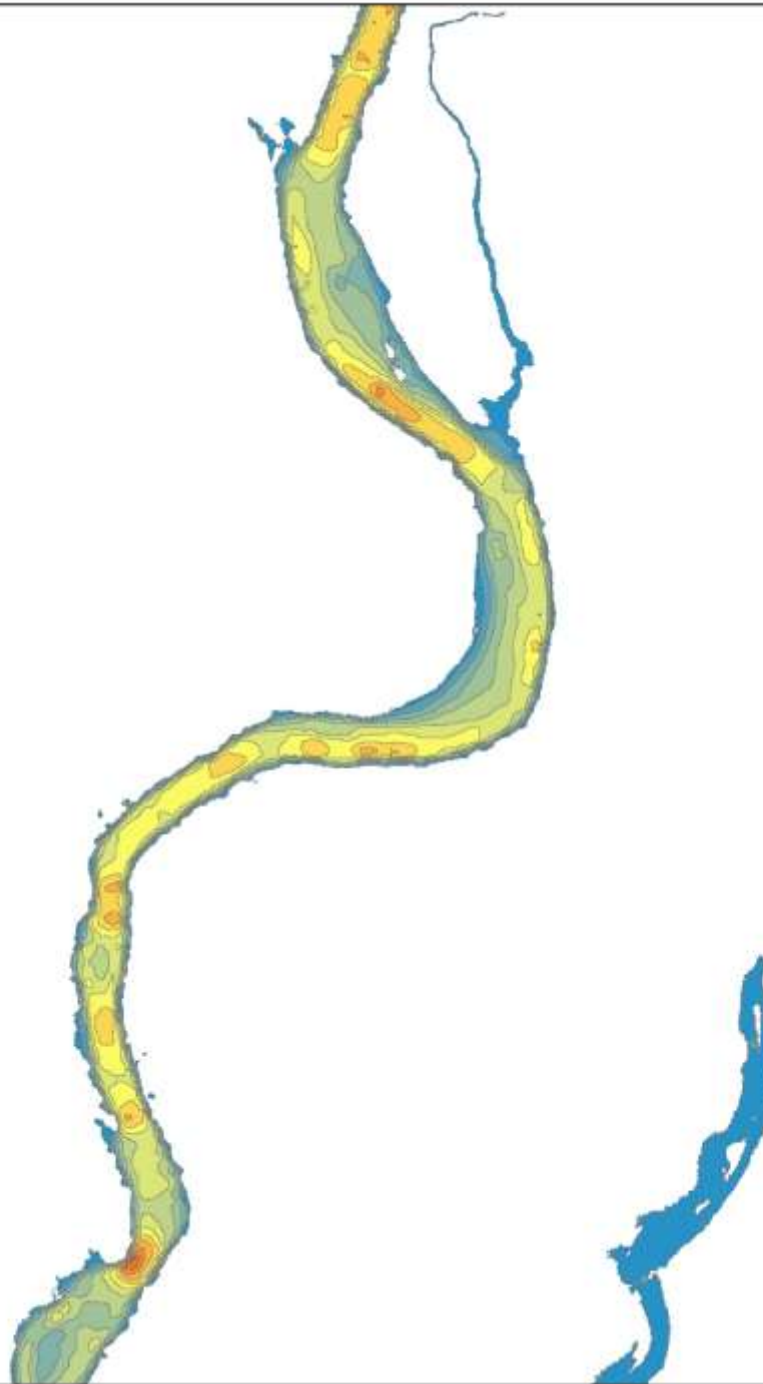
21000 Q10

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Velocity fps



**Q1:
4,200 cfs**



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Flow cfs

500 mid-May

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Peak Flow cfs

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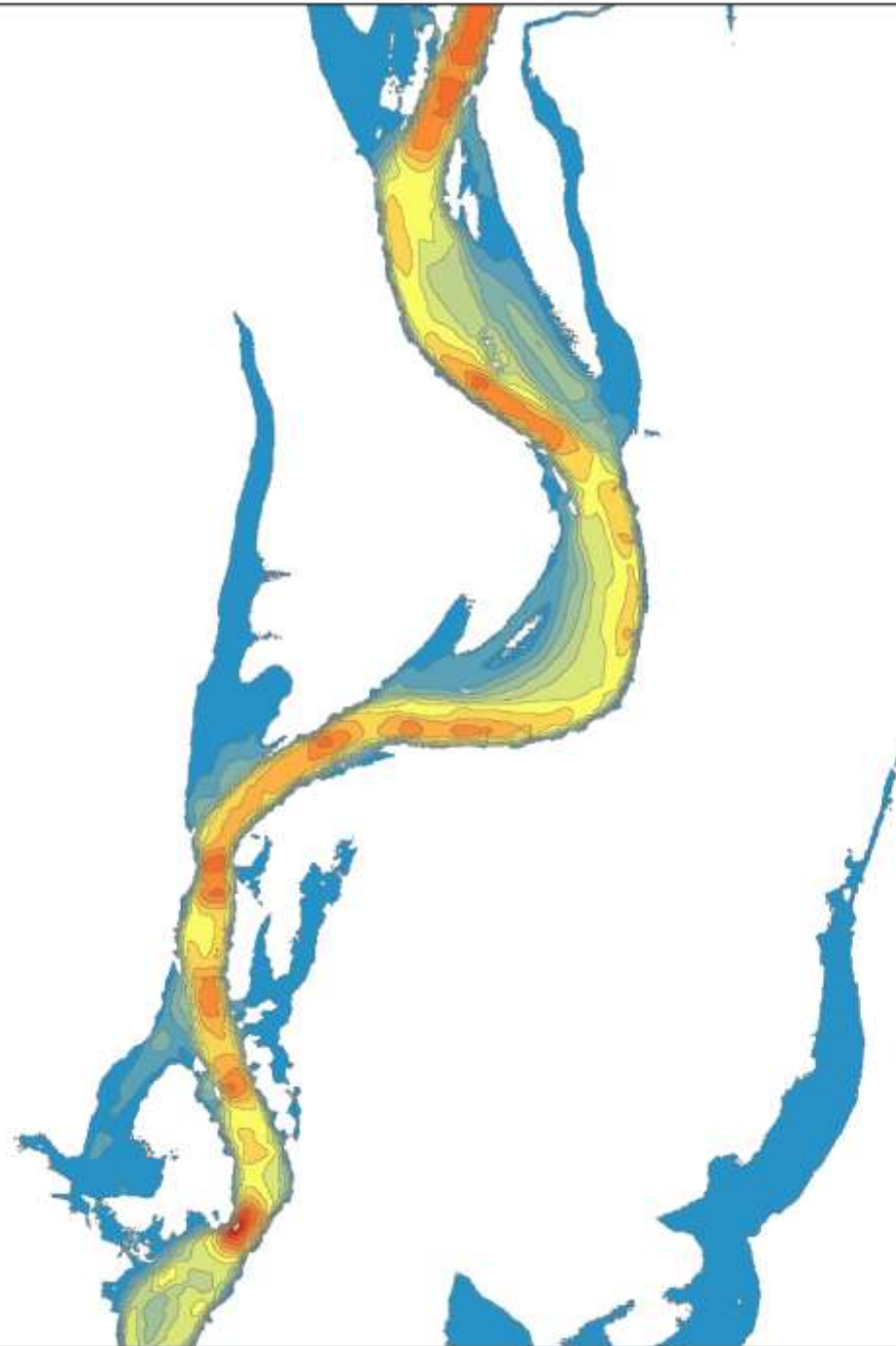
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Velocity fps



**Q1.5:
10,000 cfs**



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Peak Flow cfs

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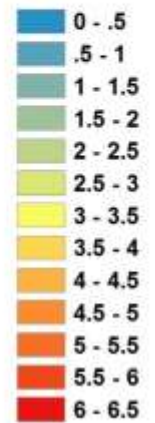
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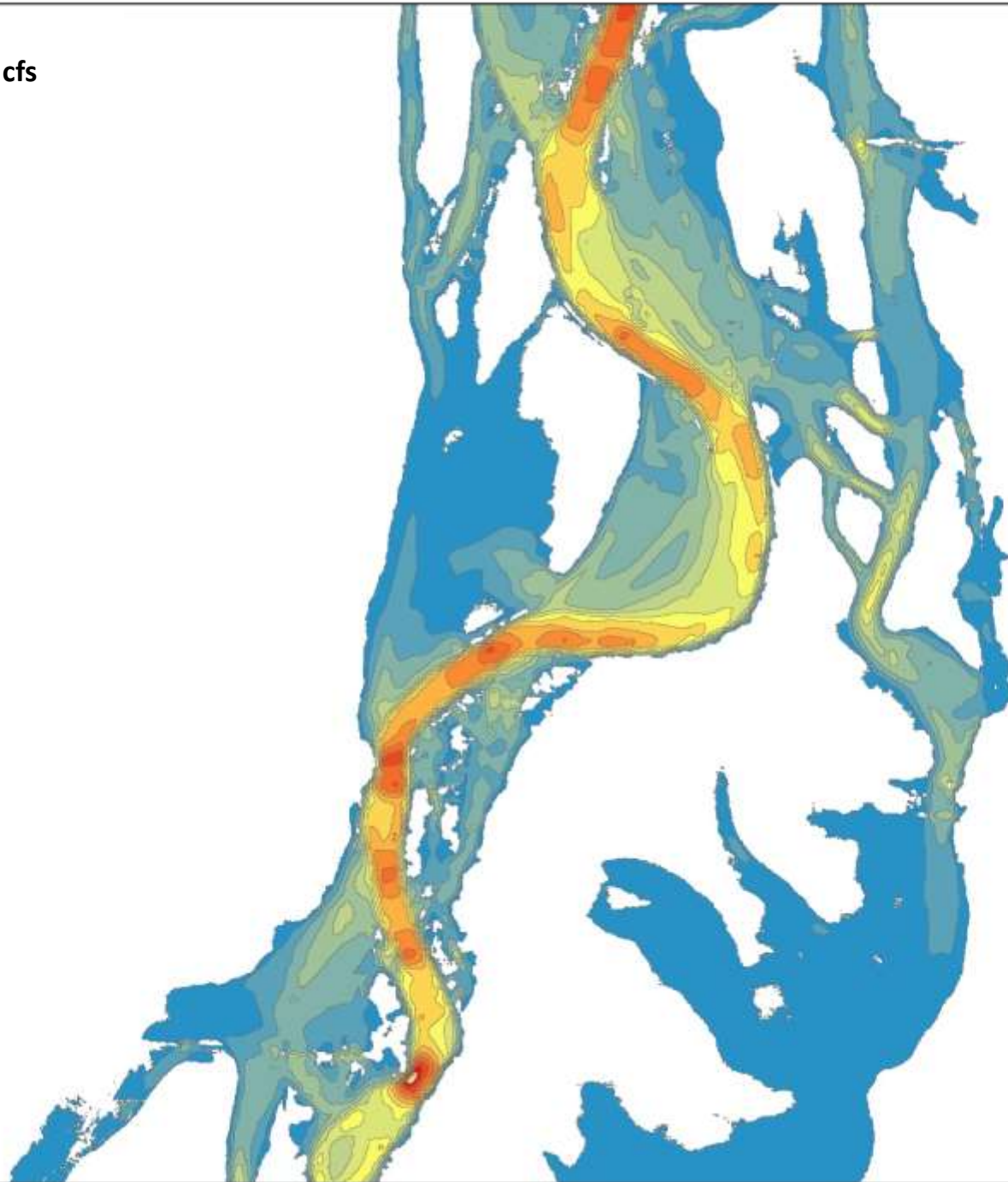
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Velocity fps



**Q2:
13,000 cfs**



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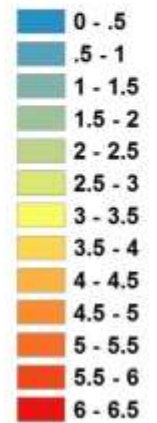
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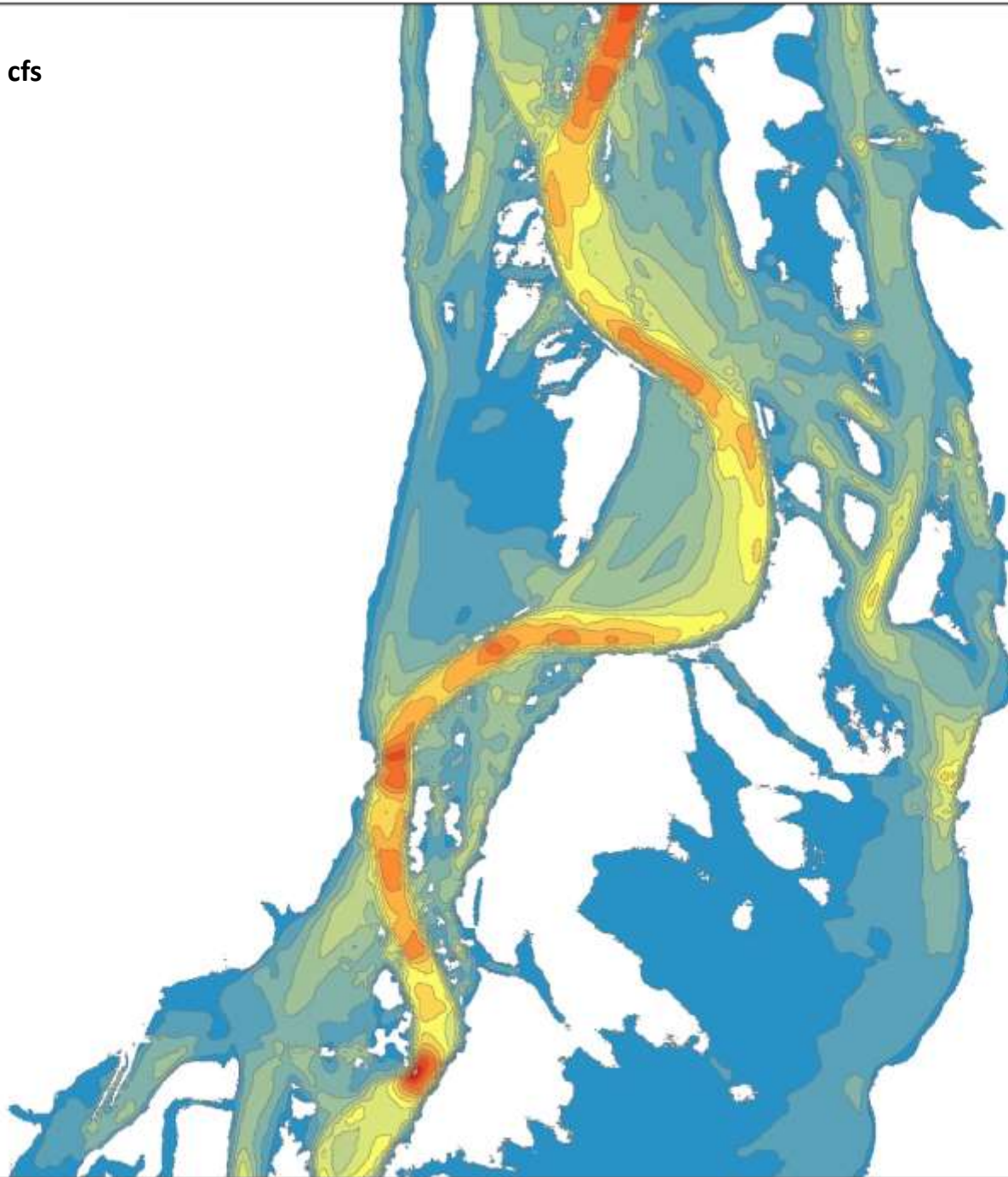
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30000 Q40

Velocity fps



**Q5:
18,000 cfs**



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Peak Flow cfs

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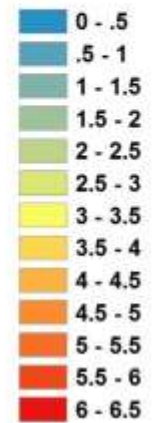
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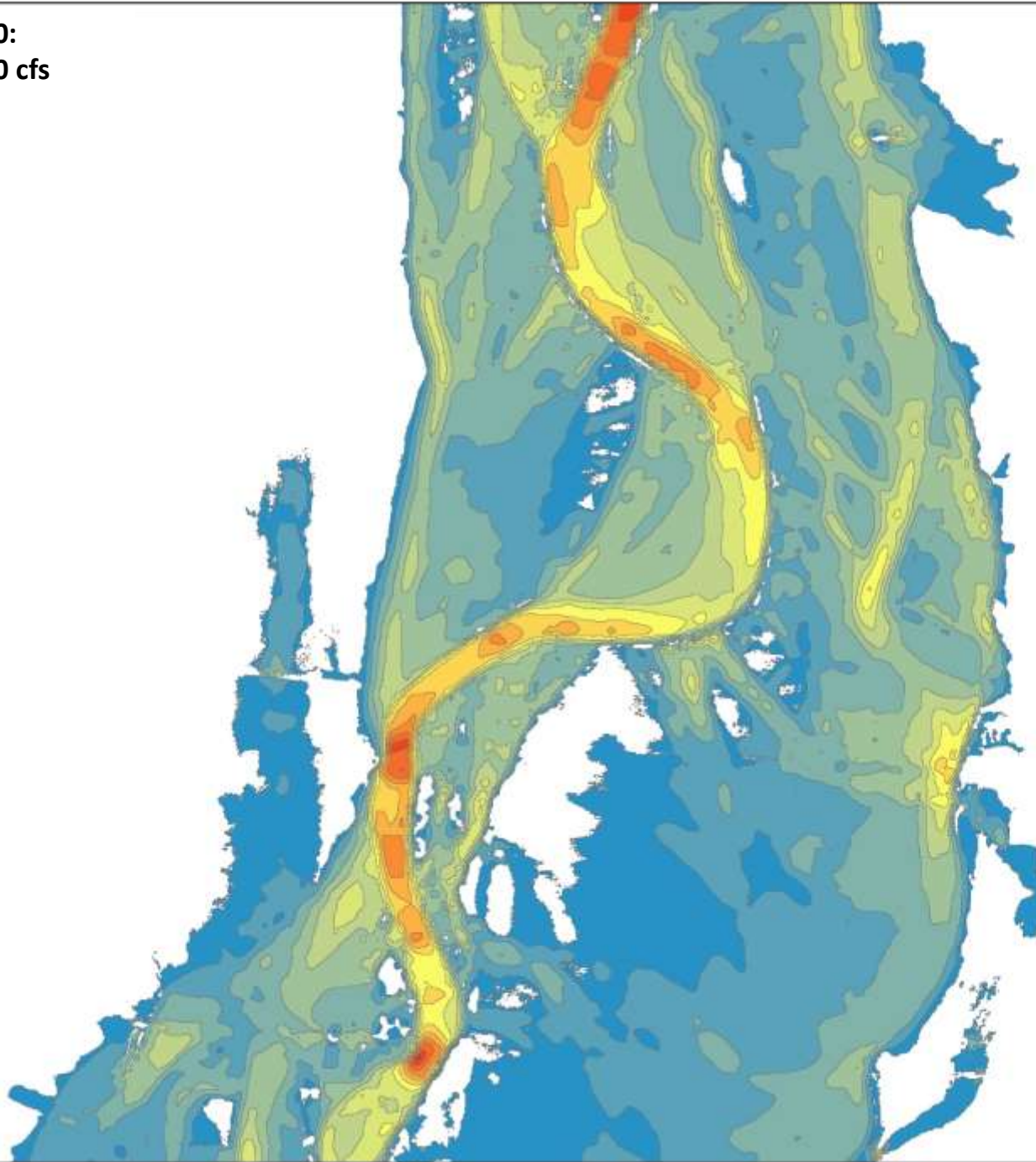
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Velocity fps



**Q10:
21,000 cfs**

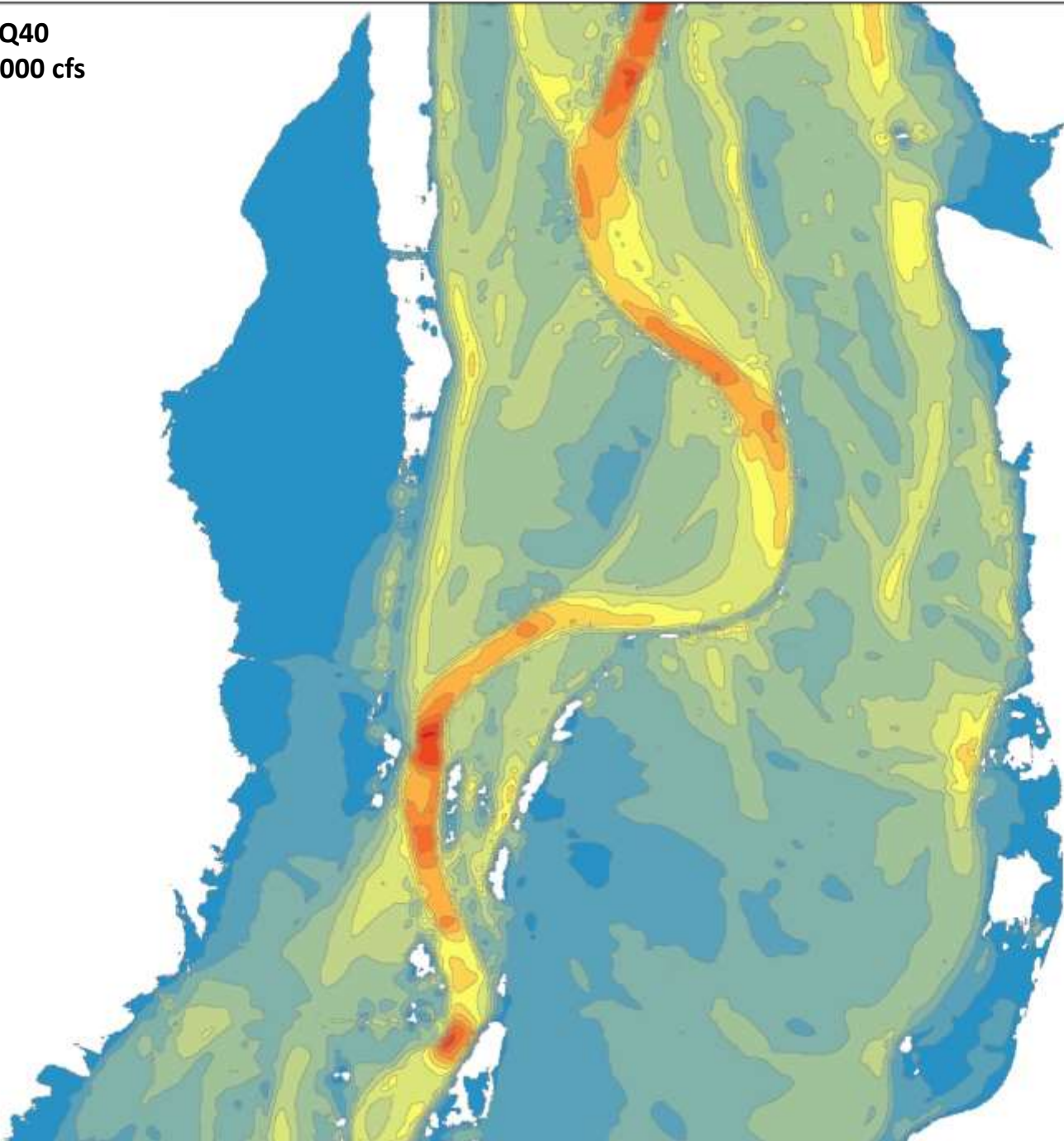


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Velocity fps

0 - .5
.5 - 1
1 - 1.5
1.5 - 2
2 - 2.5
2.5 - 3
3 - 3.5
3.5 - 4
4 - 4.5
4.5 - 5
5 - 5.5
5.5 - 6
6 - 6.5

Q40
30,000 cfs



USGS 14303600

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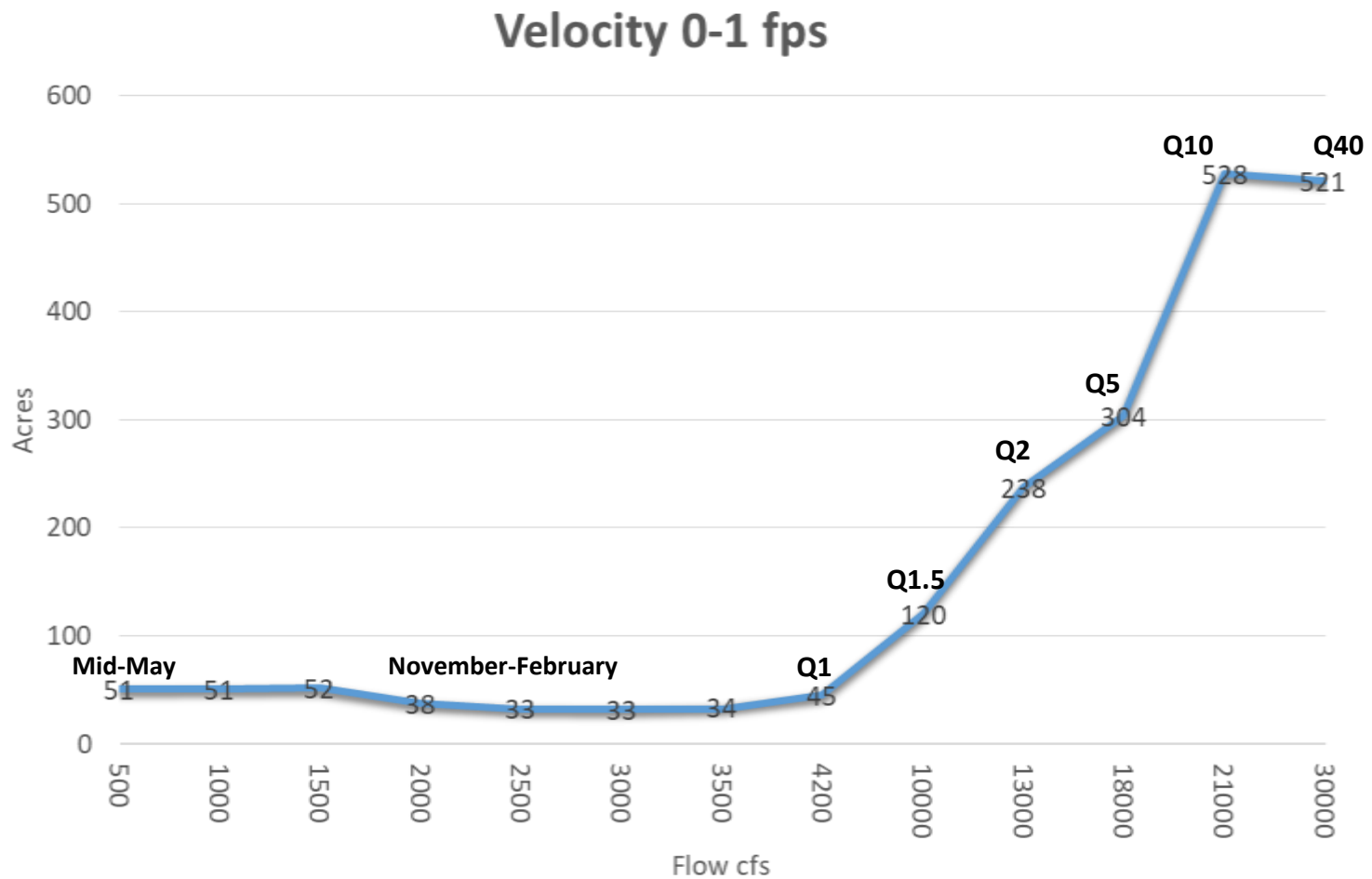
30000 Q40

Velocity fps



Habitat / Flow

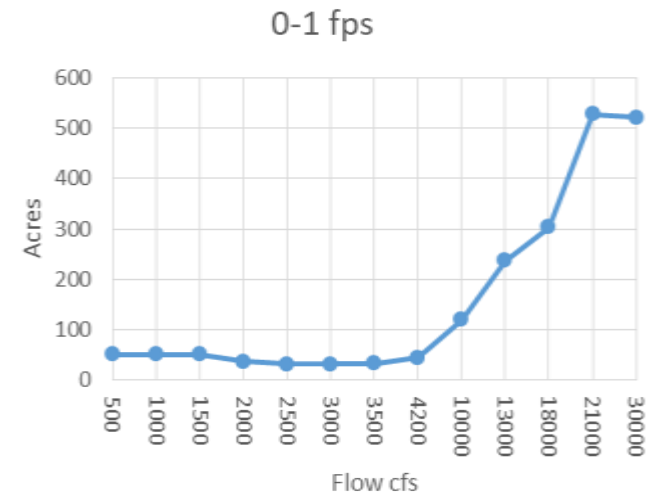
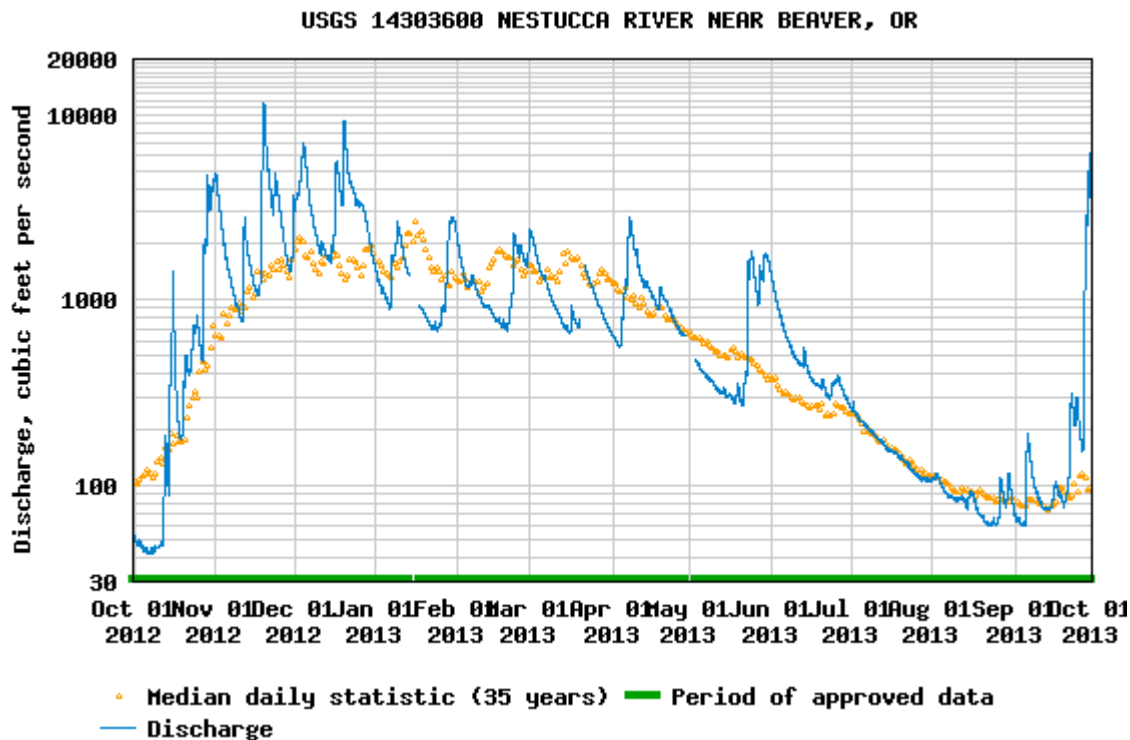
- X Y graph of habitat area vs flow



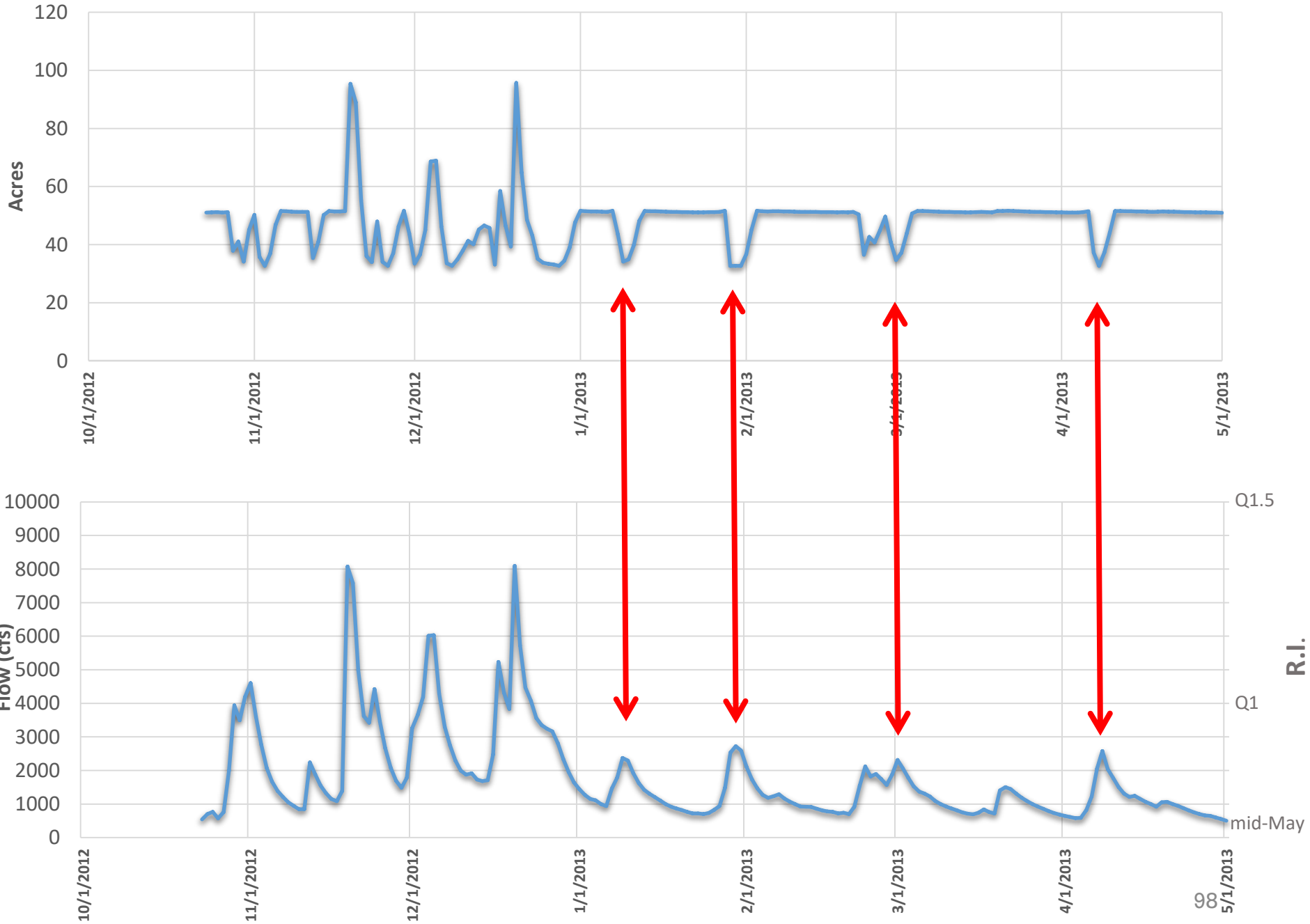
Apply results:

- Integrate H/Q relationship over any flow period
- Example: Oct 2012 – May 2013 (avg. year)
- Quantify Habitat on Daily Time Step
- Accumulate Habitat Over a Relevant Juvenile Rearing Season to Evaluate Reach Performance

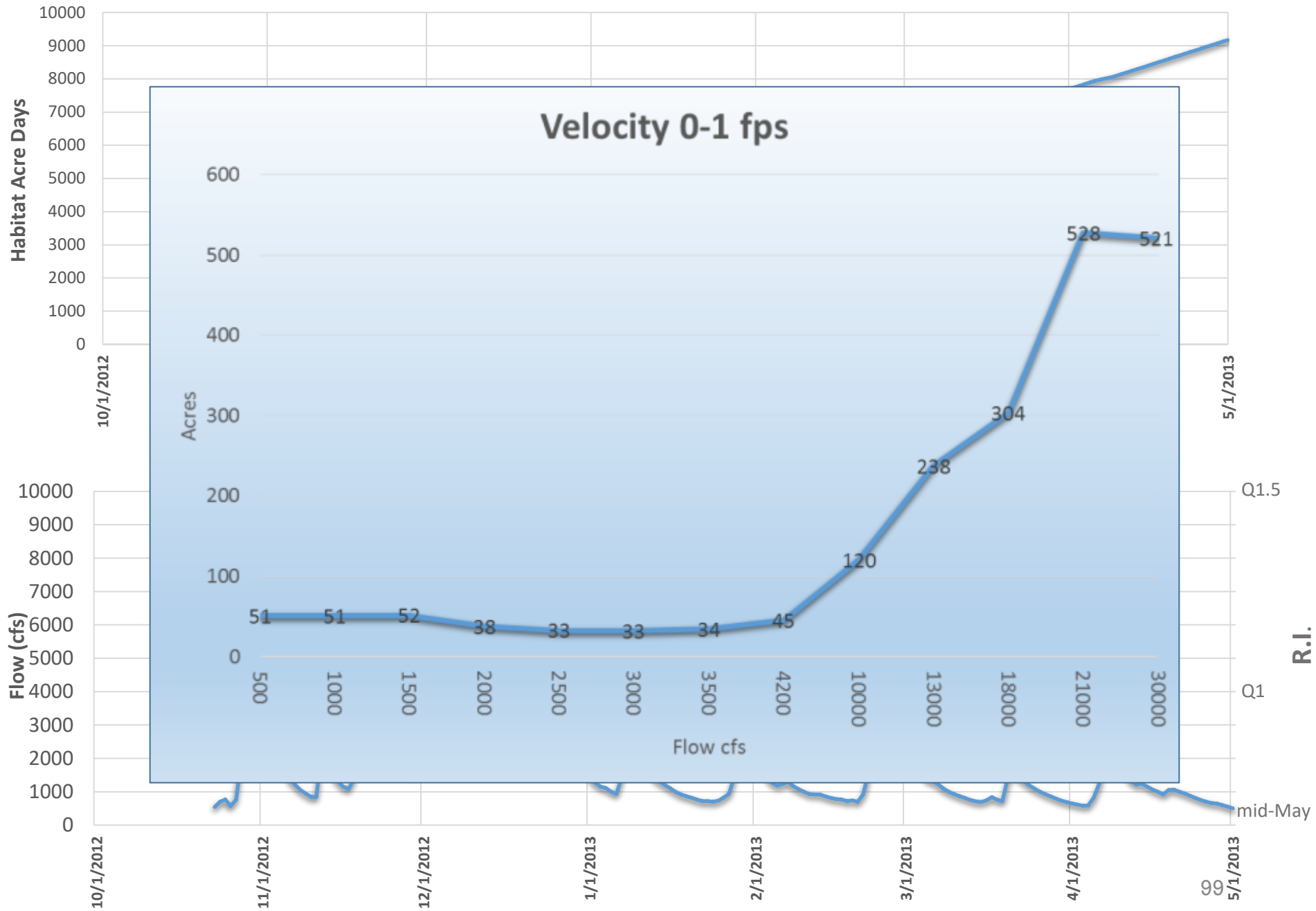
Integrate habitat over a flow time-series



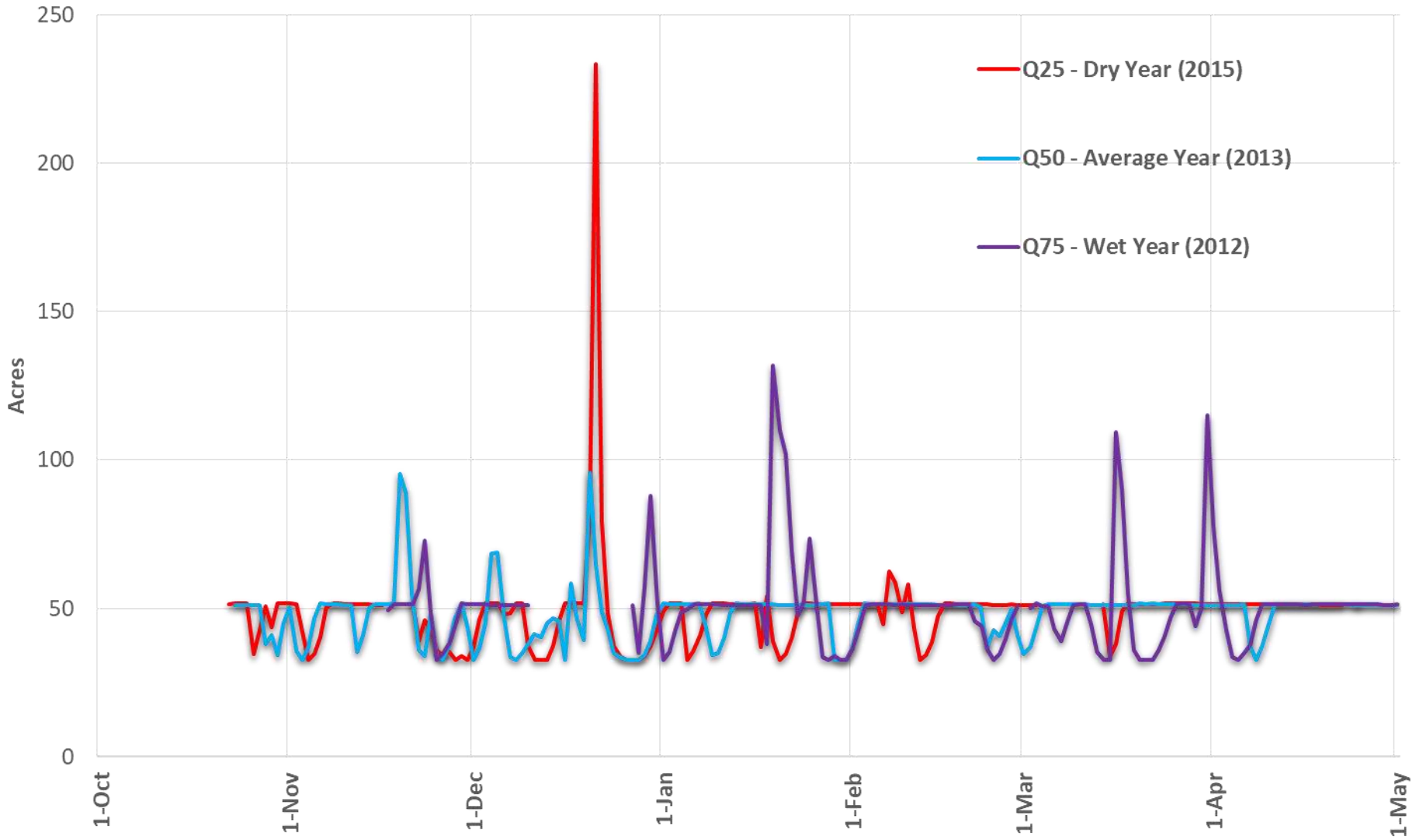
Habitat Time Series



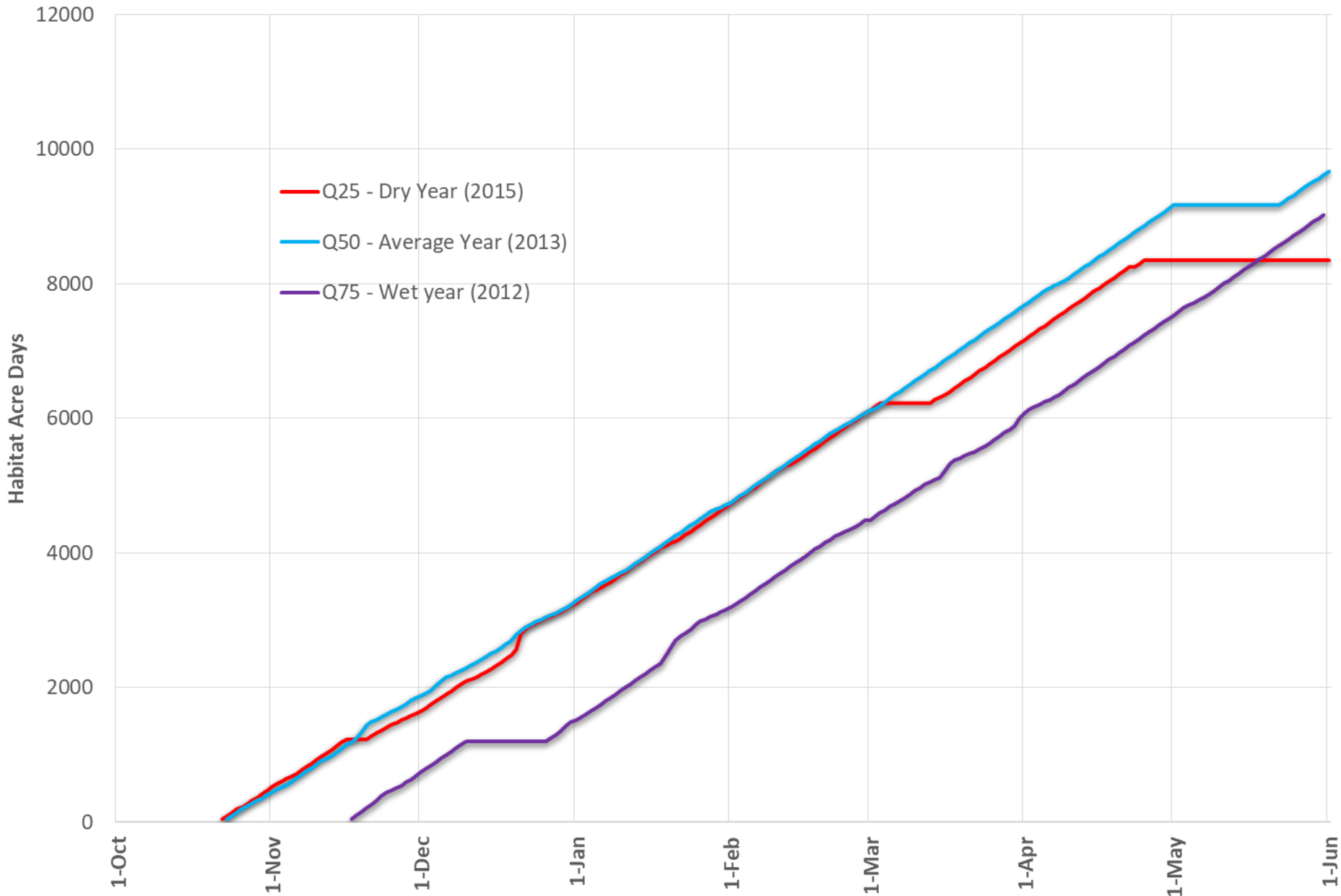
Rearing Season Cumulative Habitat



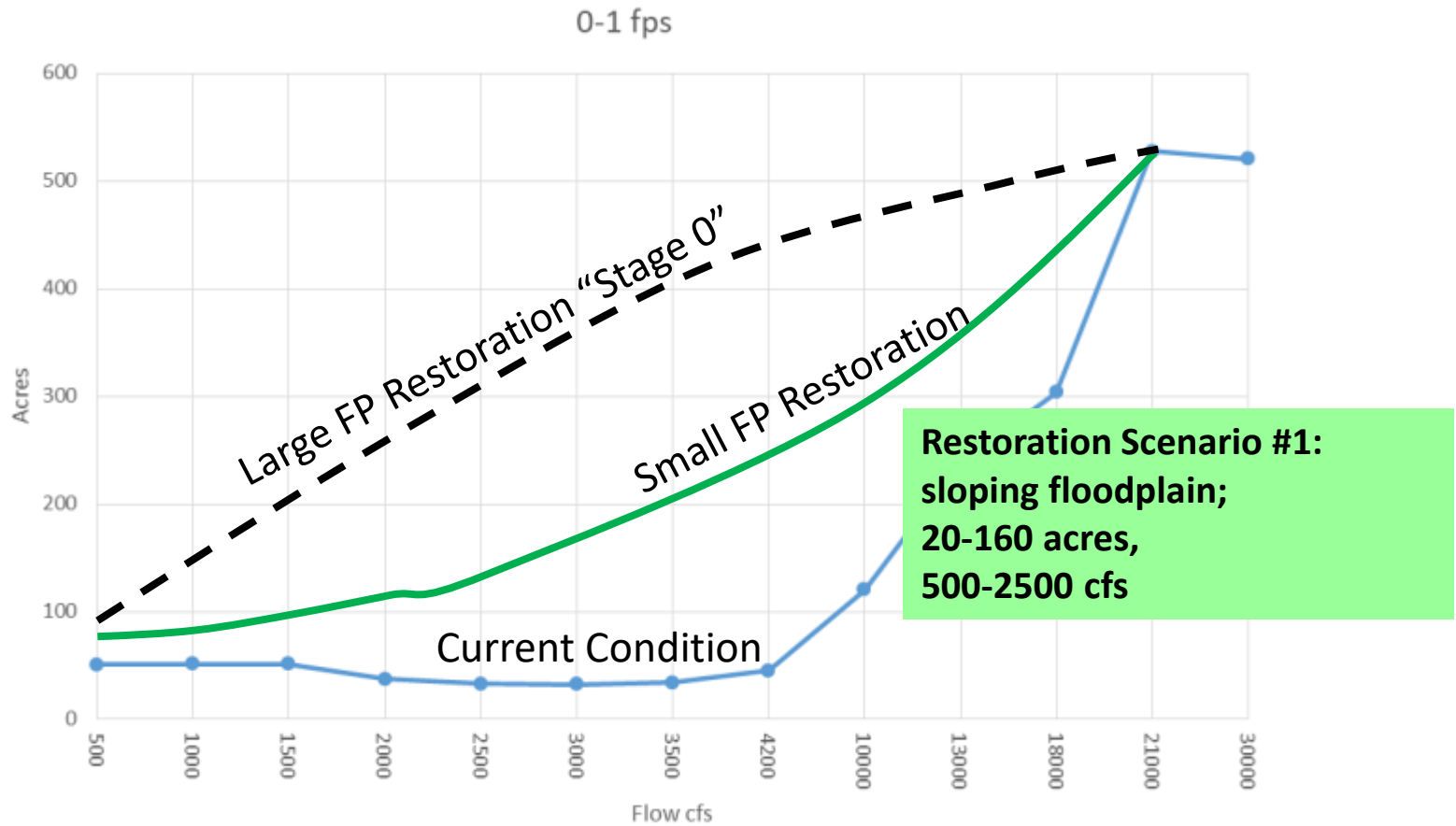
Habitat Time Series For Dry, Normal, Wet Water Years



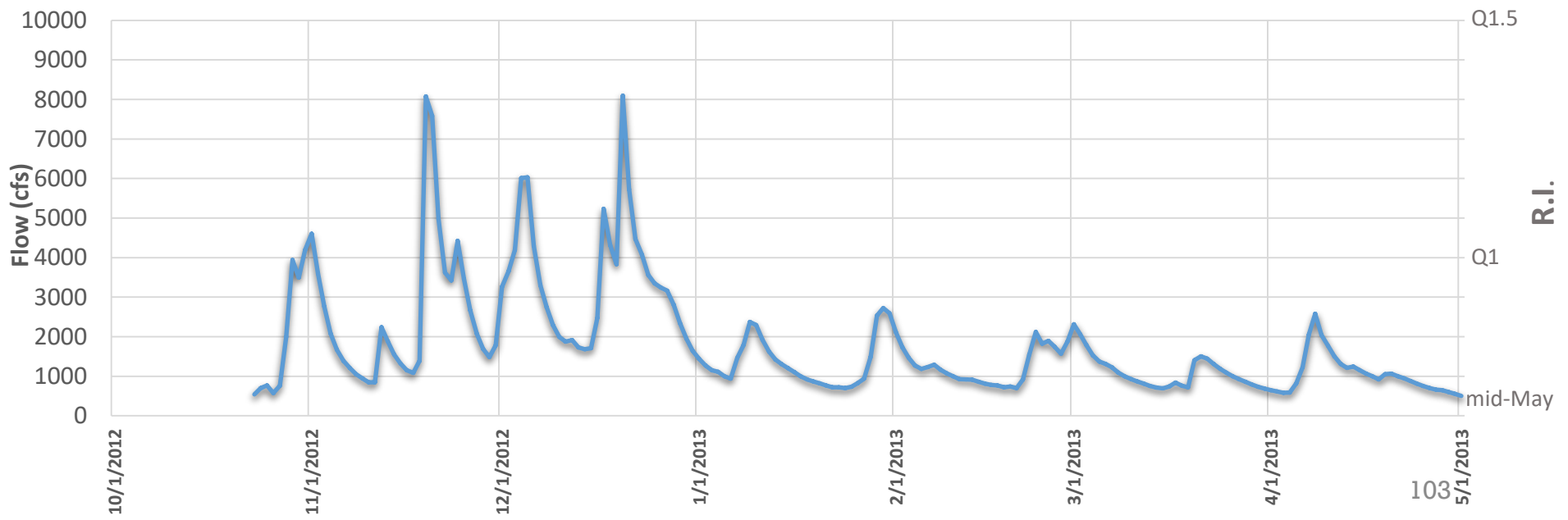
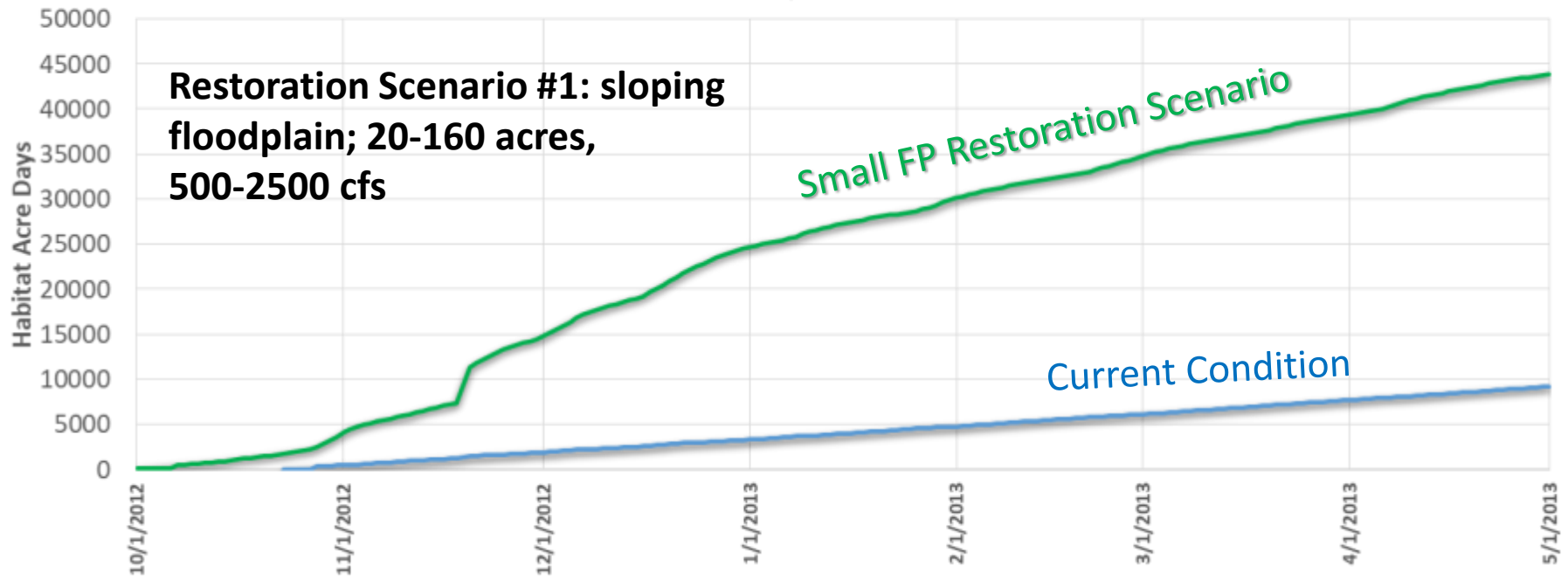
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Objective-Based Scenario Modeling



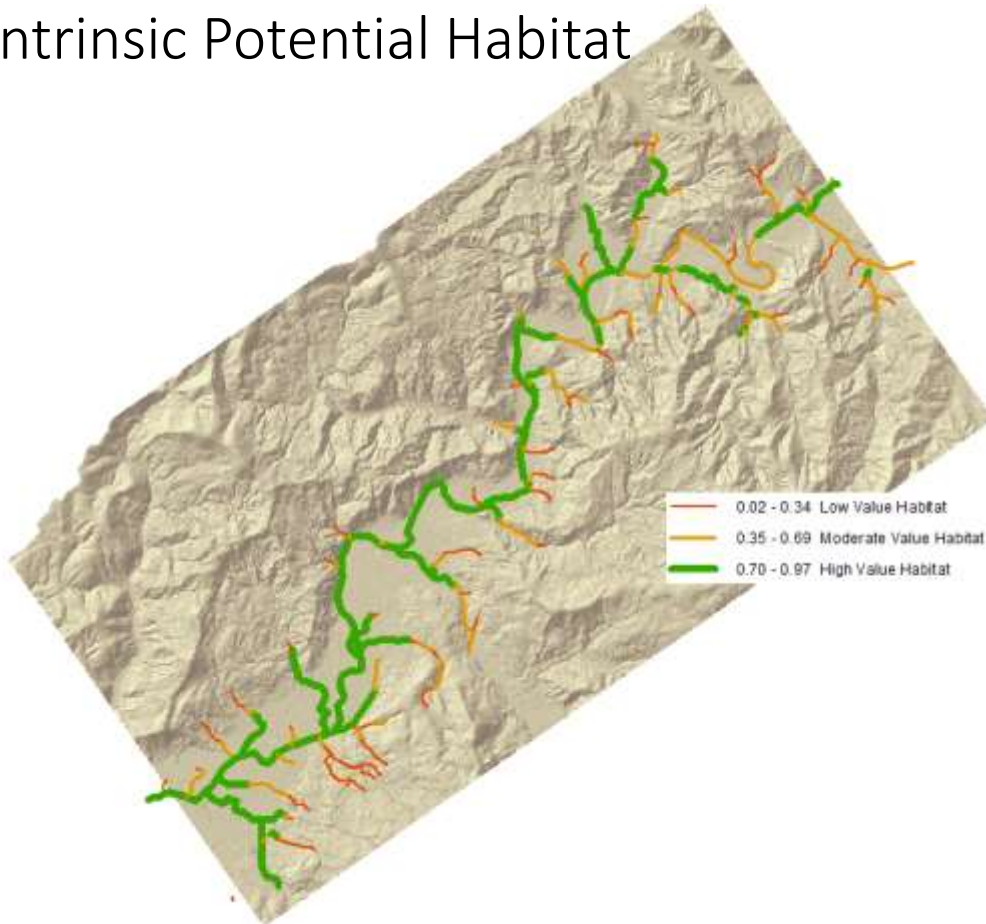
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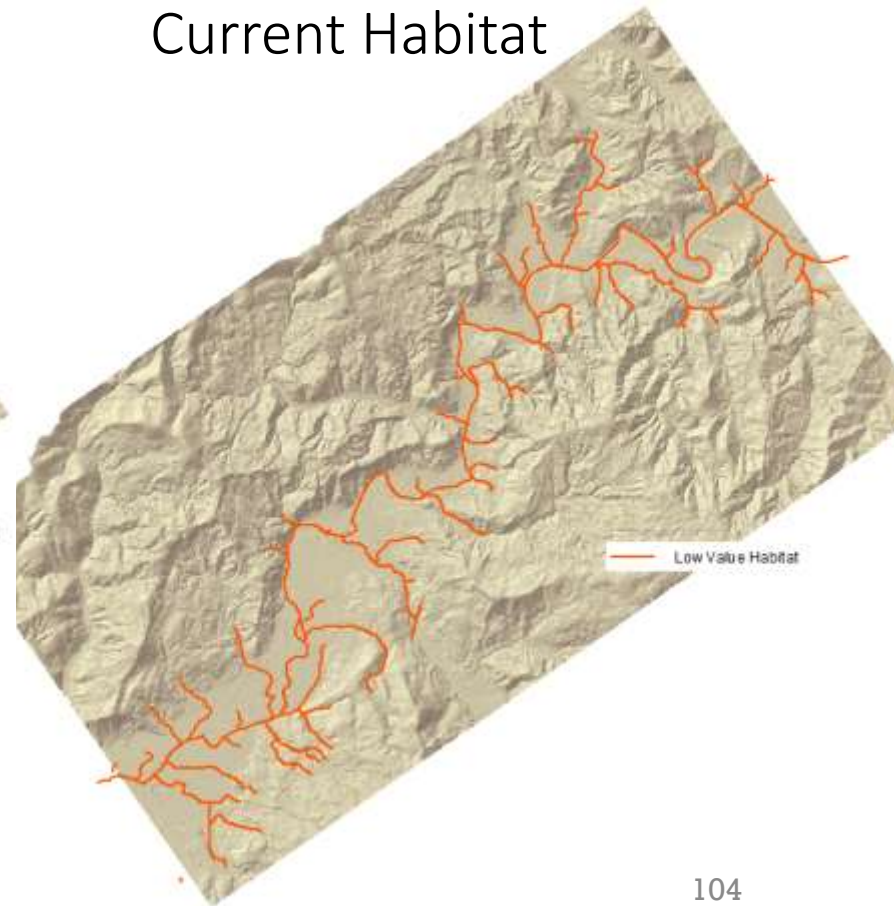
Coho Salmon Intrinsic Potential Model

Historic vs. Current [ground-truth]

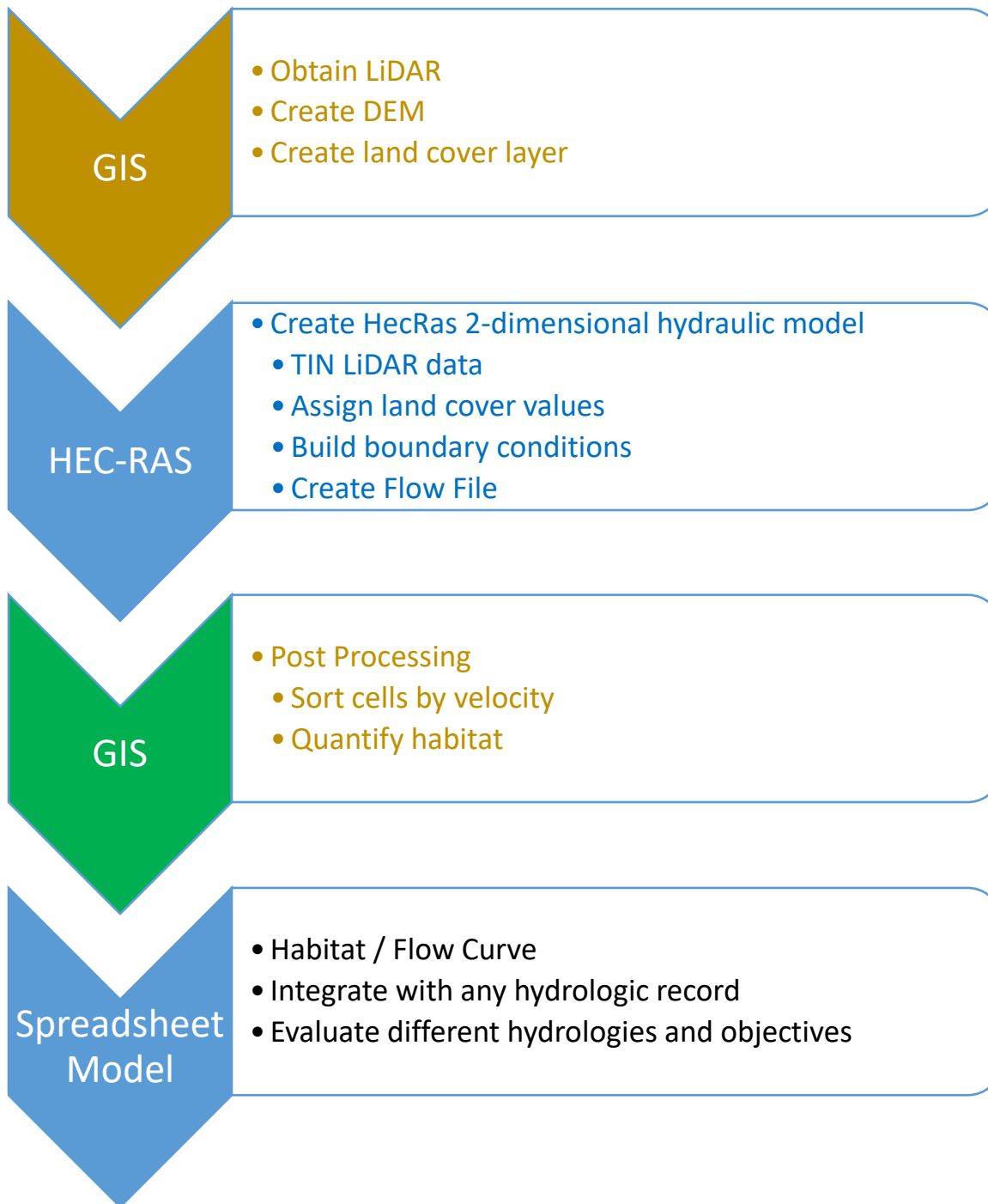
Intrinsic Potential Habitat



Current Habitat



Procedure:



Summary:

- Analysis takes 1 day - analyze many reaches or many watersheds quickly
- Results are
 - Quantified and Repeatable
 - Habitat vs Flow Model is Adaptable
 - Can Simulate Past or Future Conditions
 - Flow
 - Past, future, climate scenarios, change in water diversions
 - Terrain
 - Restoration work or geomorphic processes
 - Changes in land use
 - Prioritize restoration actions
 - Restoration work effectiveness
 - Target high value areas; conservation and enhancement

Key idea:

- Most (all?) habitat modeling attempts precision in all the variable parameters.
 - Requires oodles of field data
 - Species-specific preferences
 - Seeking answers - misunderstanding models and how they are useful
- Departing from the basis of the hydraulic model, and forsaking insight.
 - Relationships between parameters
 - Differences between scenarios
 - System vs. site responses
 - Reach-scale comparisons
 - Watershed-scale comparisons
- The simplified inexpensive model is better than no model.



Modeling Stream Temperatures with the Inclusion of Irradiance Change Due to Forest Biomass Shifts

Jonathan Halama, MPH, PhD

VELMA Modeling Team:

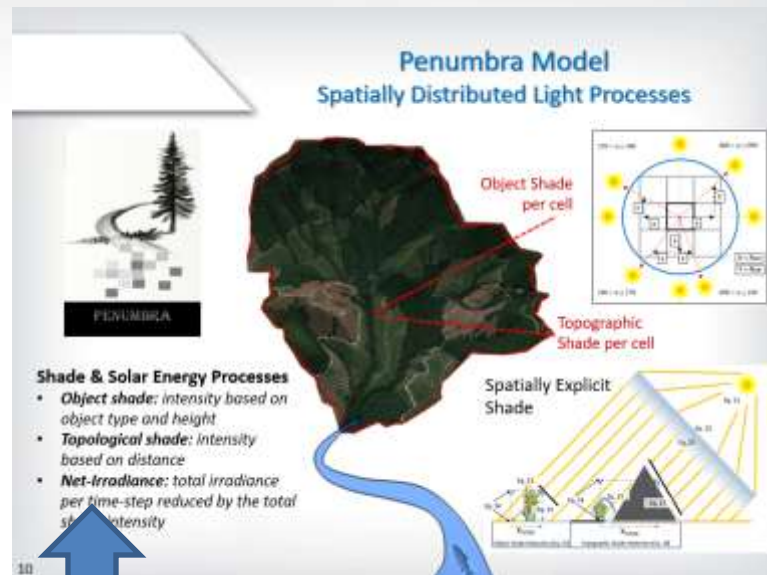
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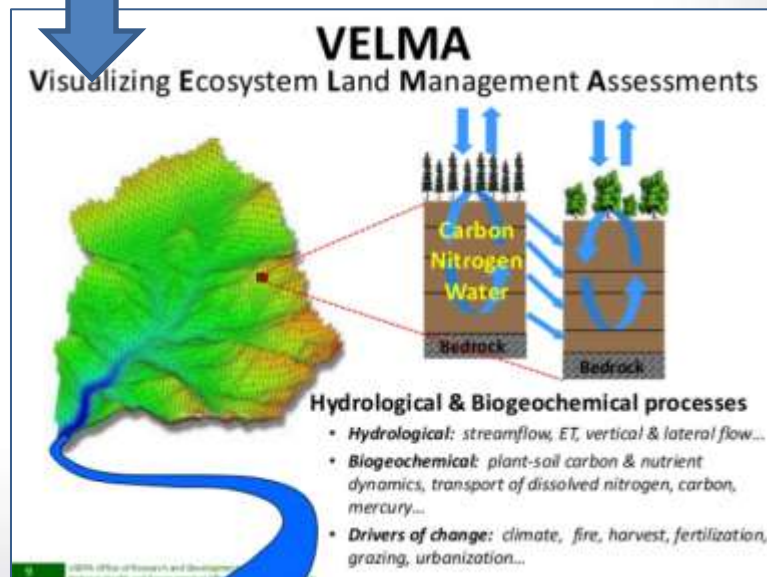
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Outline

- Research Question
 - How may forest management practices impact stream water **quantity** and **quality**, specifically temperature?
- Methodology
 - Spatial Model Integration and Simulation
- Preliminary Results
 - Landscape ground-level irradiance
 - Water quantity
 - Water temperature quality
- Future Research
 - Dynamic stream temperature model that responds to a spatial system through mechanistic behavior.



Stream Model



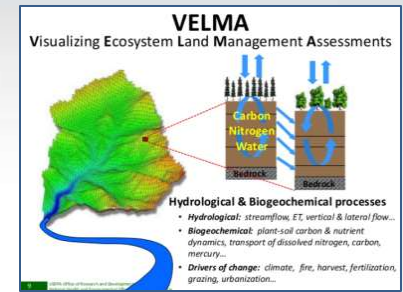


Summaries of Each Process-based Model

- VELMA (Visualizing Ecosystem Land Management Assessments)
 - Hydrology:
 - Upland water moving on surface
 - Upland water moving through subsurface layers
 - Soil Temperature
- Penumbra: Ground-level Shade and Irradiance
 - Light reduction (Shade):
 - Landscape objects
 - Topography
- Version 1 - VELMA-Stream Temperature Model (VELMA-STM, beta)
 - Per VELMA “stream” cell, using Adams & Sullivan Model (USFS, 1989)
- Version 2 - Stream Temperature Model
 - Overcome some limitations of the VELMA-STM

VELMA Overview

Soil Column Scale



VELMA Soil Drainage & Runoff Parameters

Drivers & Specified Parameters

- ★ P = daily total precipitation (P_r = rain, P_s = snow)
- T = daily mean temperature, **Varied Soil Temperature**

Soil physical properties

- ★ Φ = soil porosity
- fc = soil field capacity
- Z_i = thickness of soil layer I
- bd = bulk density

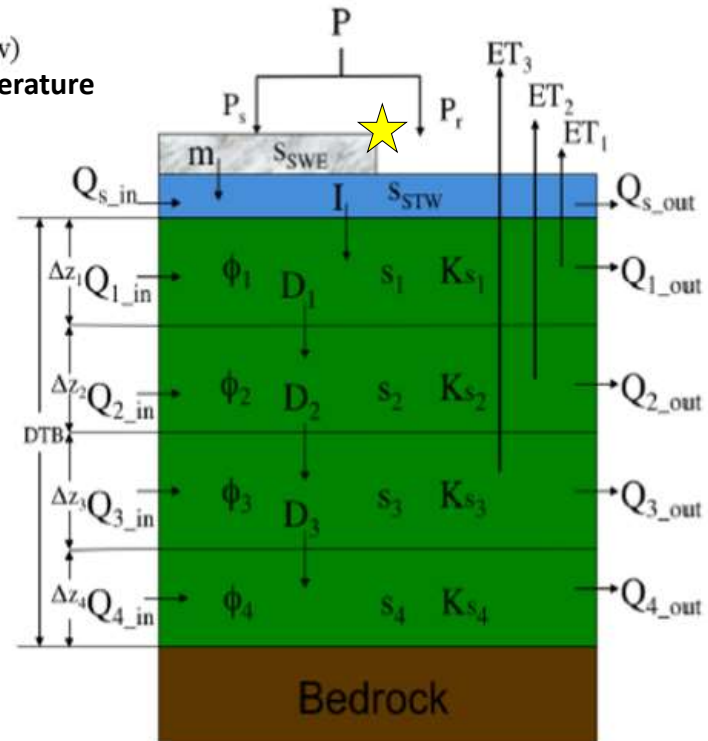
Calibration Parameters

Drainage and runoff modifiers

- ★ K_{s_i} = saturated hydraulic conductivity
- K_{sv_i} = vertical sat. hydraulic conductivity
- K_{sl_i} = lateral sat. hydraulic conductivity

Response Variables

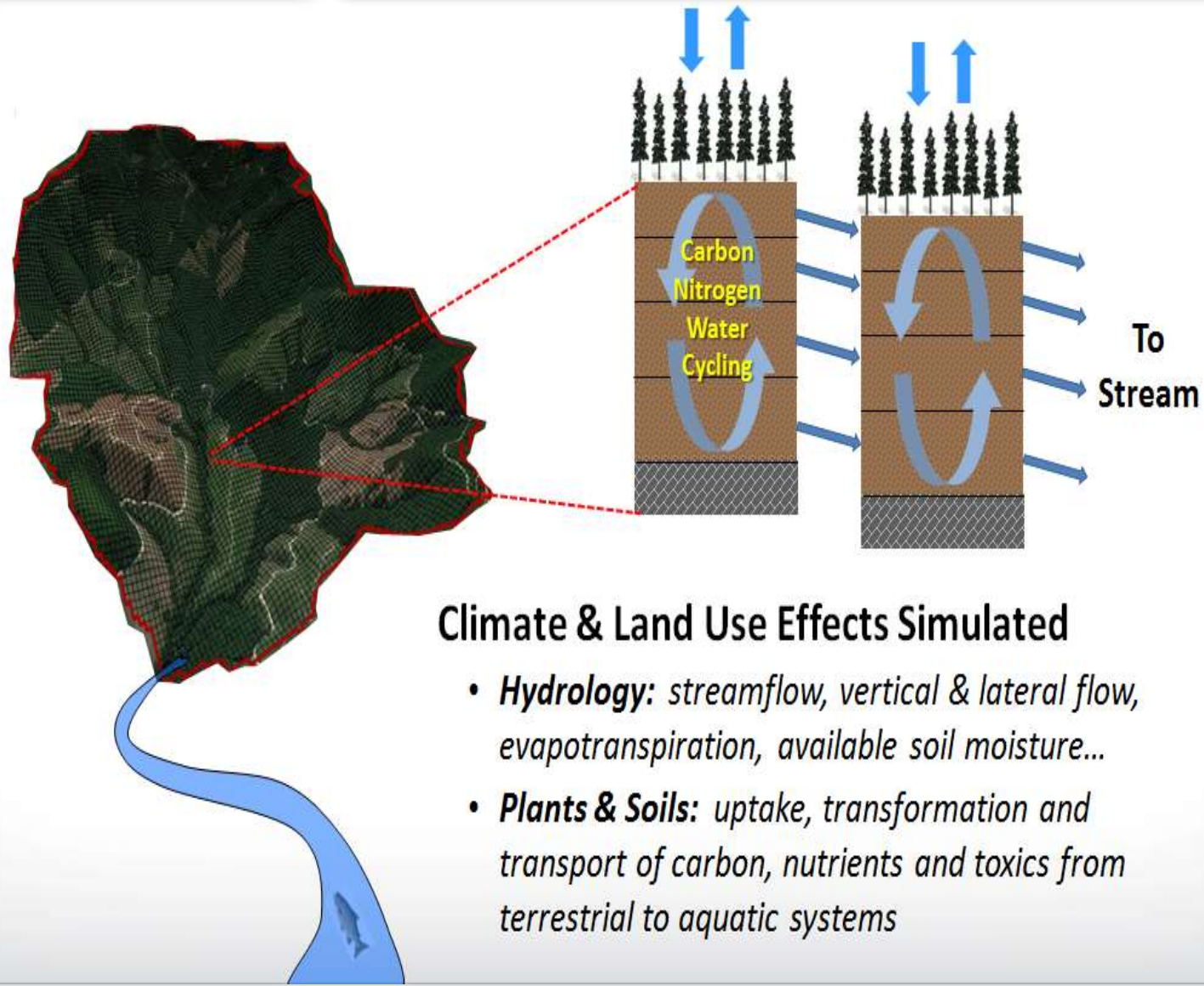
- ★ m = snow melt
- S_{SWE} = snow water equivalent
- S_{STW} = standing water amount
- I = infiltration of S_{STW} into soil
- D_i = vertical drainage
- ★ Q_s = surface runoff in or out
- ★ Q_i = subsurface runoff in or out of layer i
- ★ s_i = soil water storage in layer i
- ★ ET_i = evapotranspiration from layer i



Abdelnour, Stieglitz, Pan & McKane (2011)

VELMA: fate & transport of water & nutrients

Plots → watersheds; days → centuries

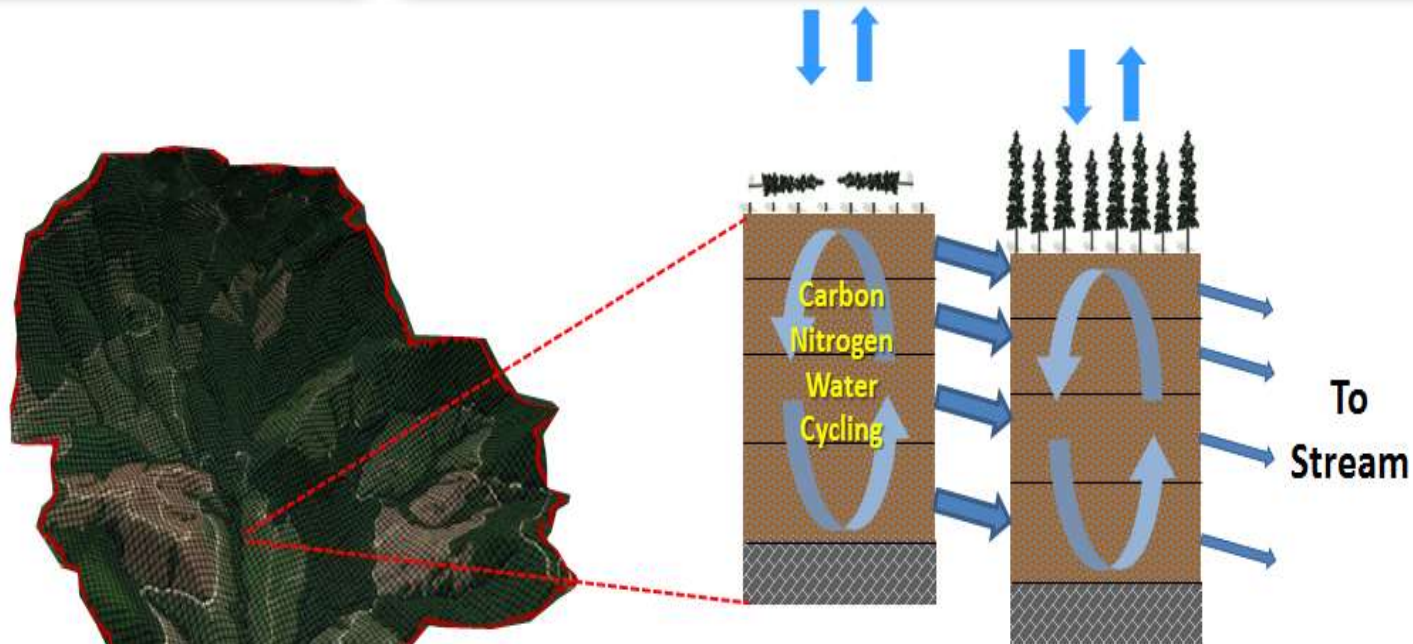


Climate & Land Use Effects Simulated

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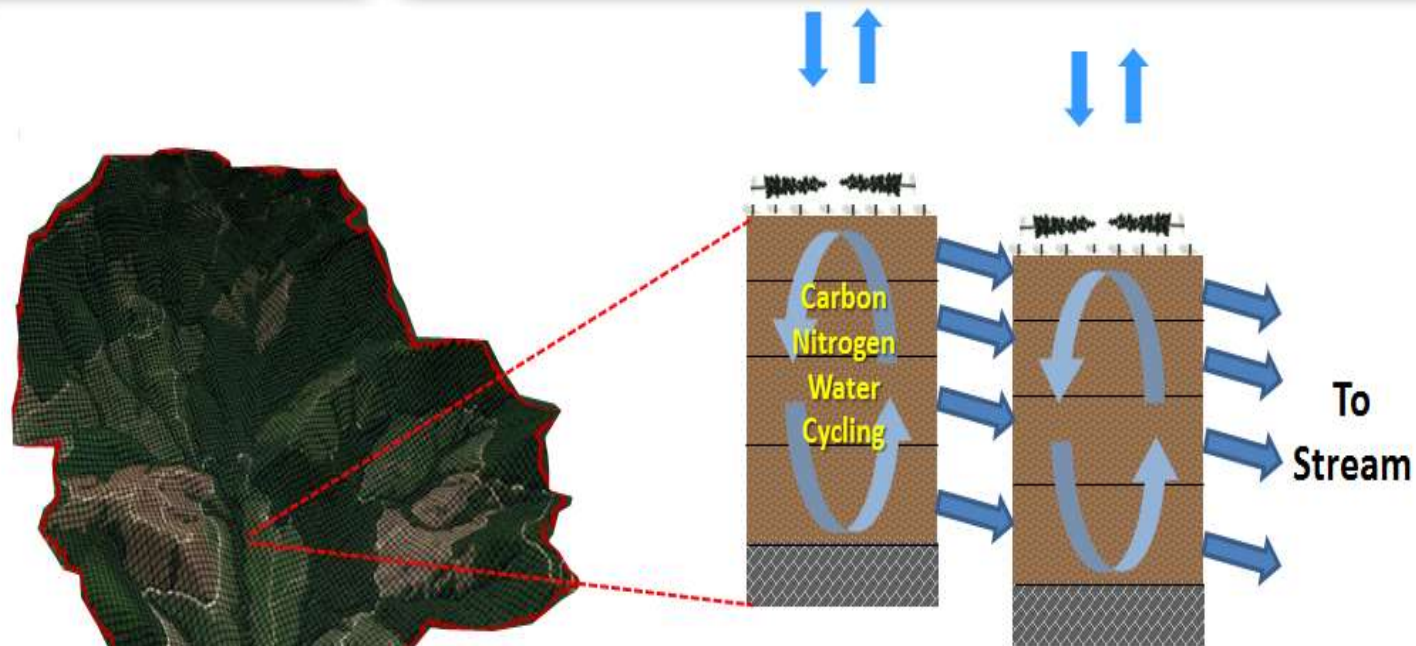


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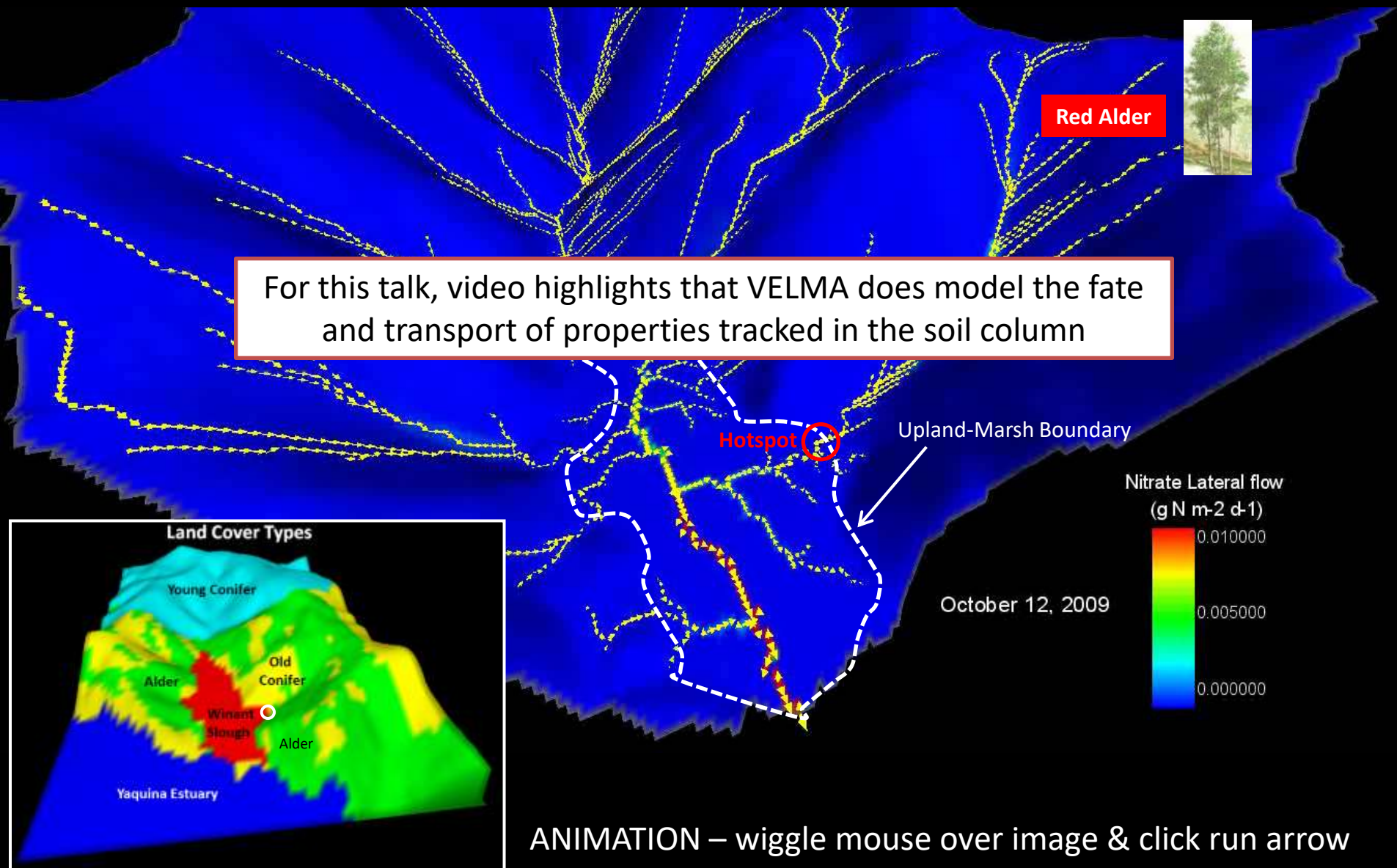


Ecosystem Services Simulated

- *Water quality & quantity*
- *Food & fiber production*
- *Carbon sequestration*
- *Greenhouse gas control (CO_2 , N_2O , NO_x)*
- *Fish & wildlife habitat (links to population models)*

Primary upland sources & flow paths by which nitrate is flushed to marsh

(arrow size and background color indicate amount of nitrate flushed per day)

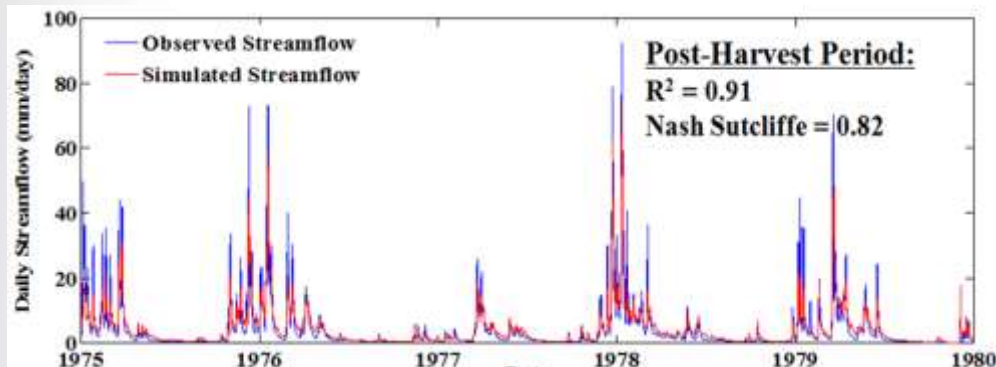


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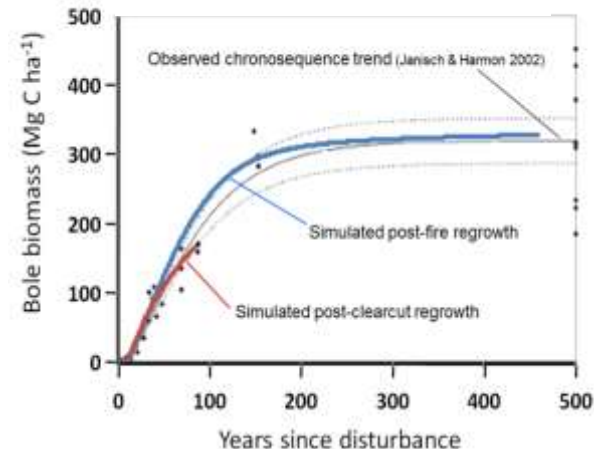
VELMA Validation Examples

HJ Andrews Experimental Forest, Watershed 10 (Abdelnour et al. 2011 and 2013, in *Water Resources Research*)

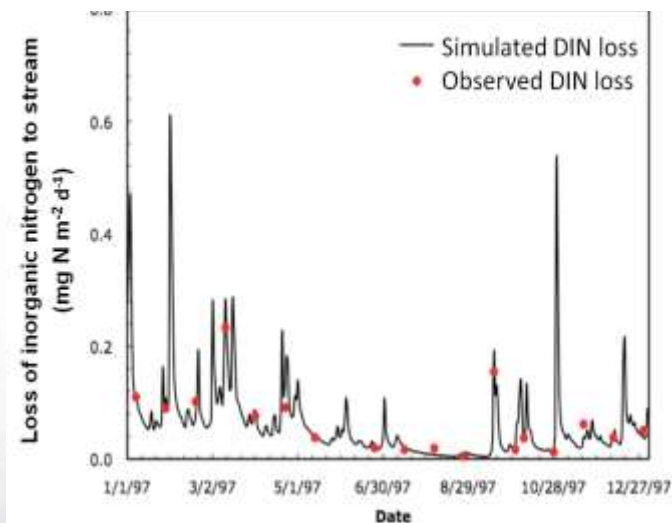
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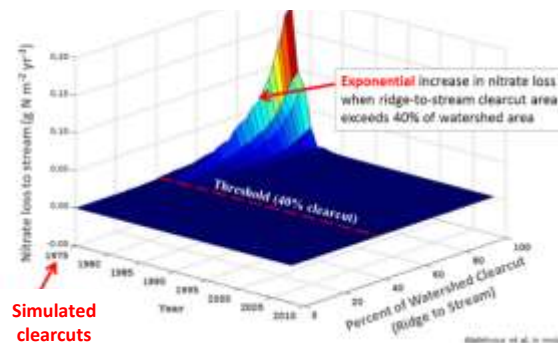
Forest Growth



Stream Chemistry



Stream Nitrogen Response to Harvest and Riparian Buffers



Simulated clearcuts

Abdelnour et al. in review

Penumbra

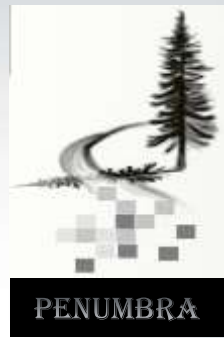
Stream Shade & Irradiance



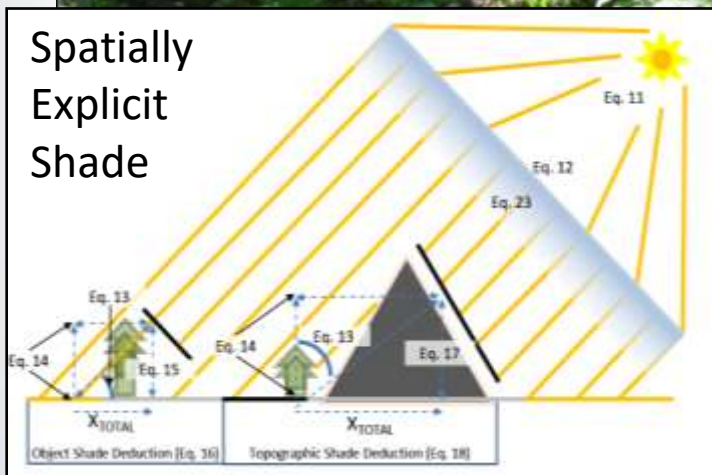
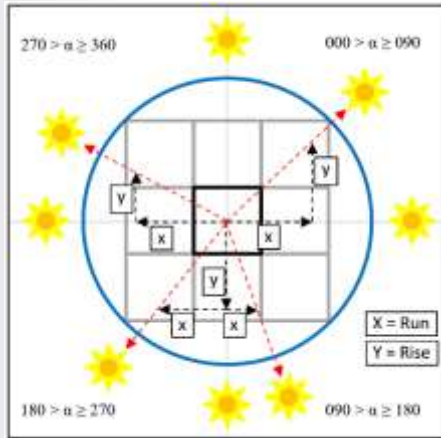
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Penumbra Model

Spatially Distributed Light Processes



Per cell, spatially explicit assessment of Object shade and Topographic shade

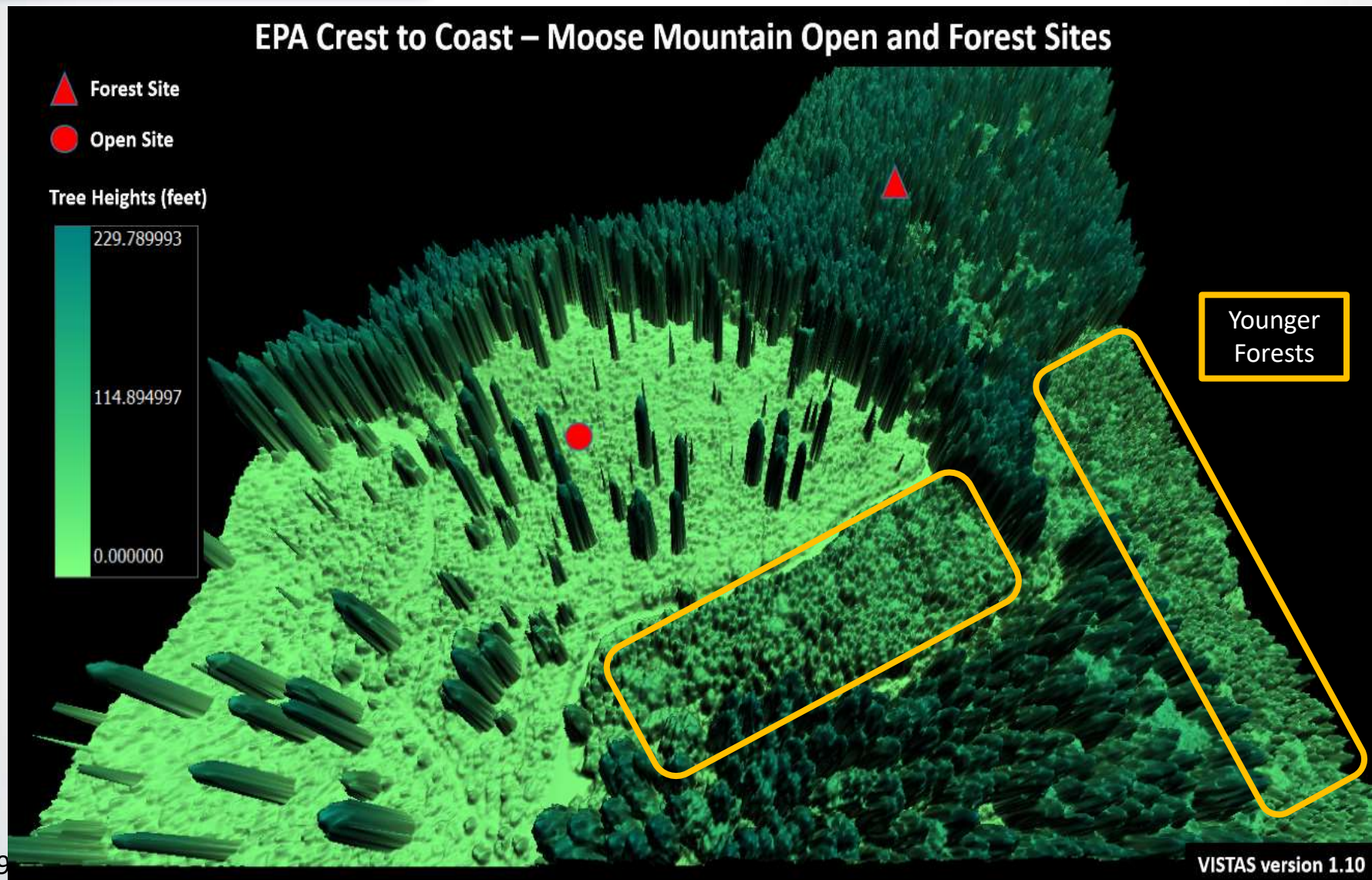


Shade & Solar Energy Processes

- **Object shade:** intensity based on object type and height
- **Topological shade:** intensity based on distance
- **Net-Irradiance:** total irradiance per time-step reduced by the total shade intensity

Penumbra Testing

Varied Forest Stand Heights at 1-m resolution



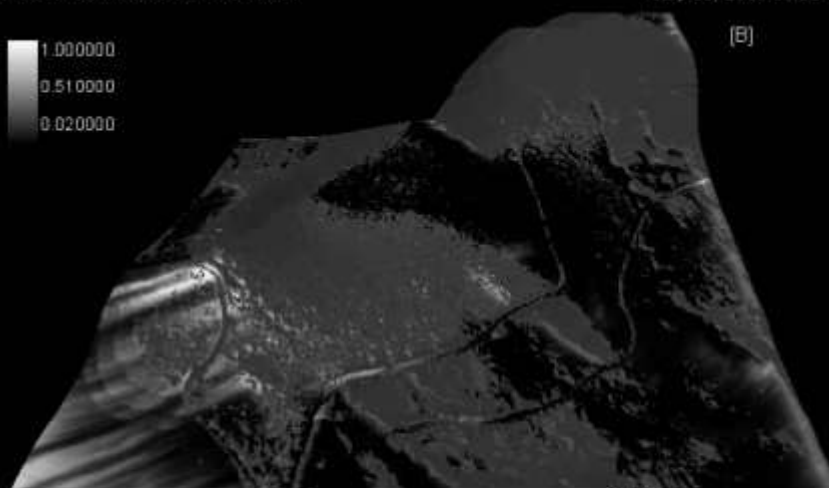
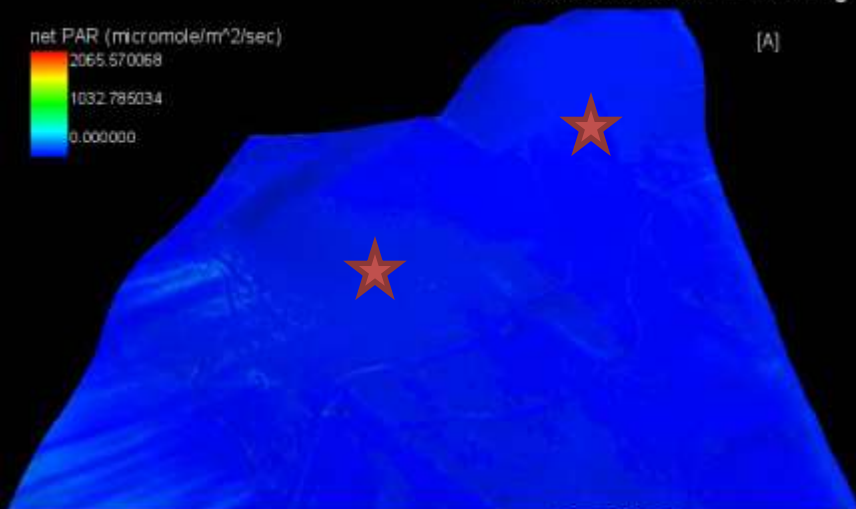
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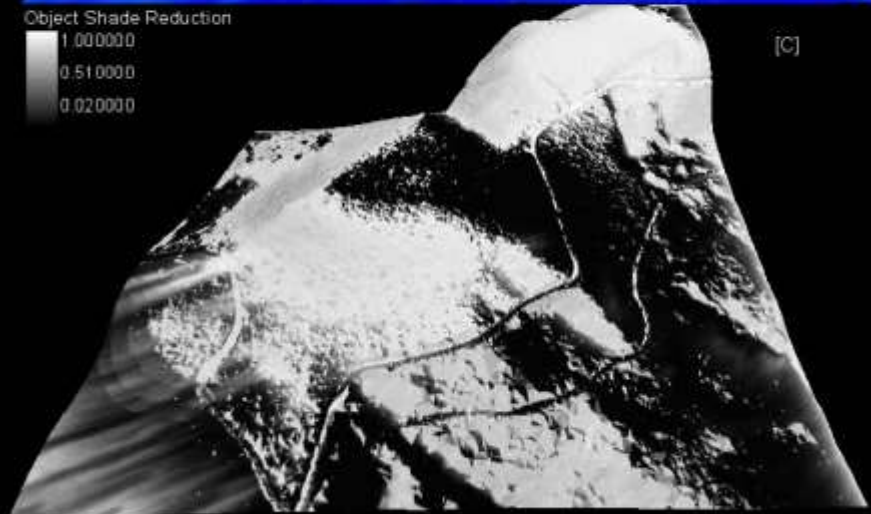
Moose Mountain - EPA Oregon Crest-to-Coast Simulation

July 06, 2008 05:30

net PAR (micromole/m²/sec)



Object Shade Reduction



Topographic Shade Reduction

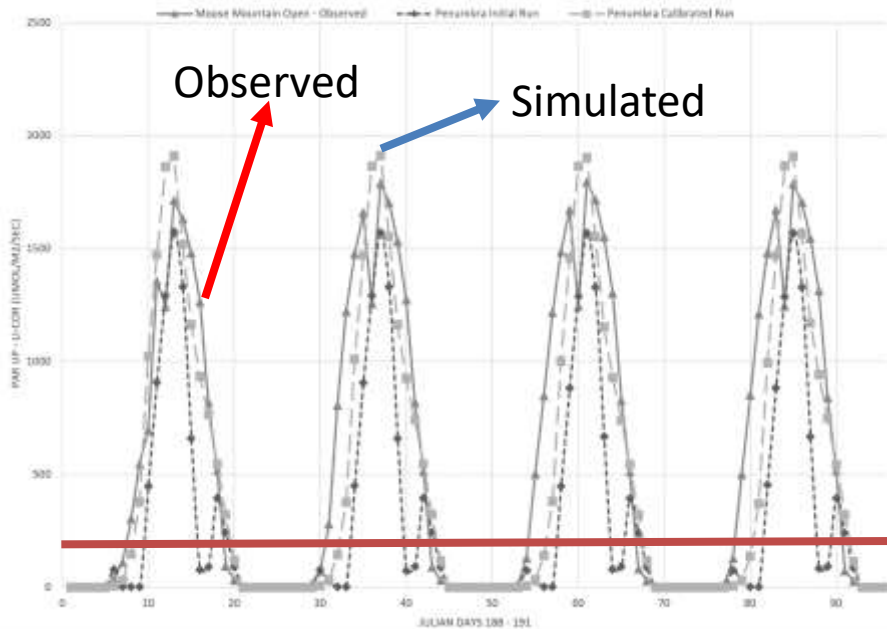




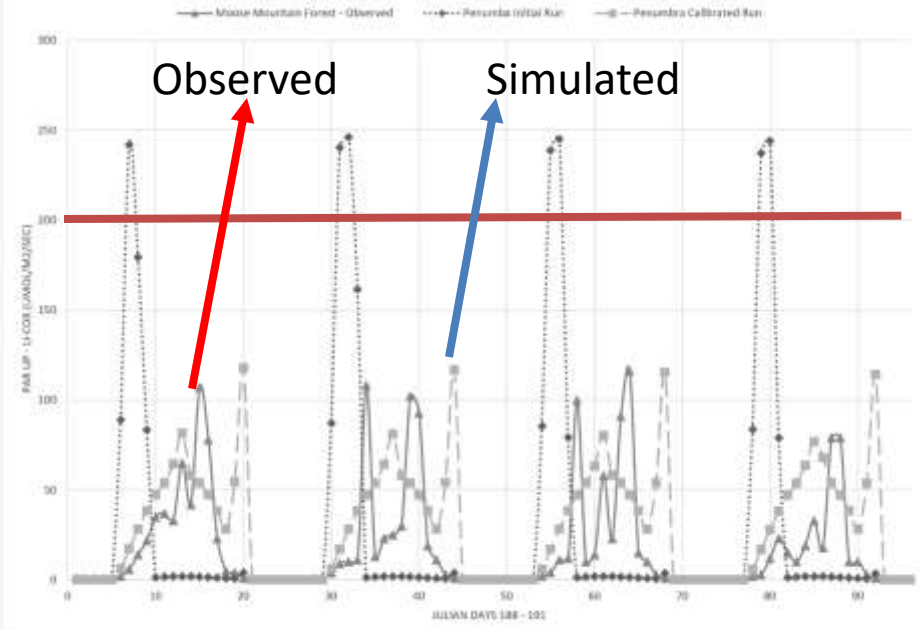
Penumbra Model

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MOOSE MOUNTAIN OPEN SITE



MOOSE MOUNTAIN FOREST SITE



Moose Mountain initial results, and calibrated results.

Open Site	Initial Run	Calibrated Run
Percent Agreement	0.52	1.03
RMSE	506.0	224.6
Mean Error	286.1	-17.3

Forest Site	Initial Run	Calibrated Run
Percent Agreement	1.55	1.86
RMSE	77.8	53.8
Mean Error	-10.0	-15.6

4.10 Figures

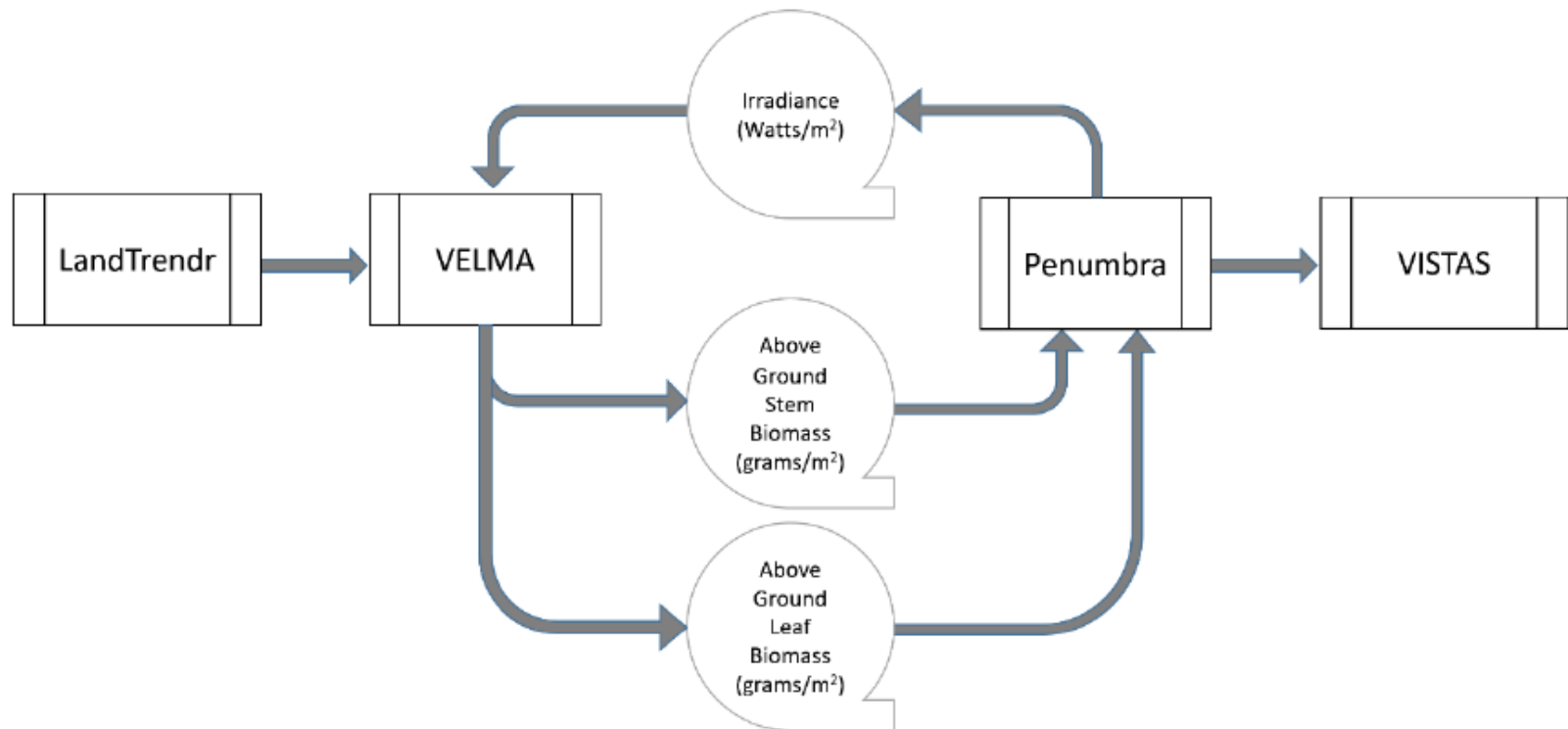


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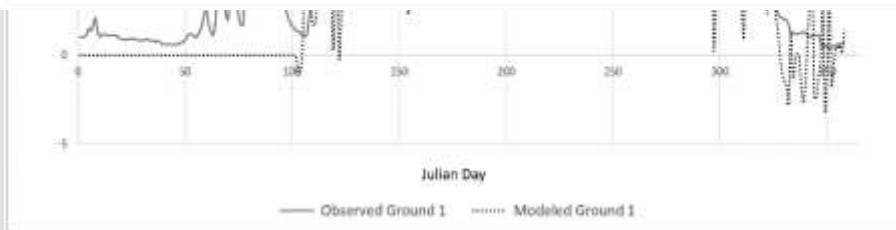
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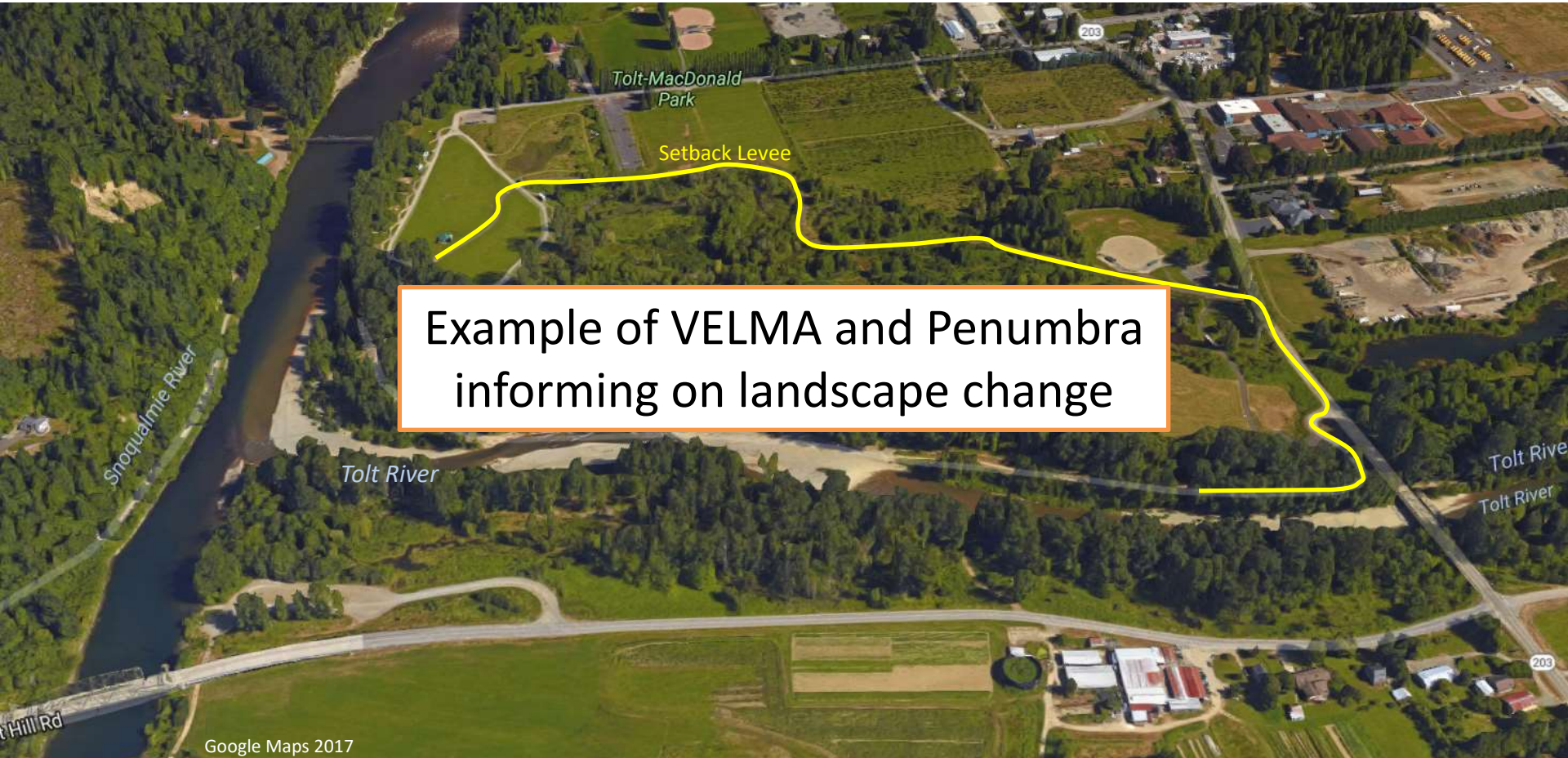
VELMA-AST and VELMA-AST3 O'CCMoN results.

O'CCMoN Paired Site Locations	Sites	Soil Layer 1		Soil Layer 2	
		AST (r ²)	AST3 (r ²)	AST (r ²)	AST3 (r ²)
Cascade Head	Open Site (CHO)	0.8279	0.7649	0.7125	0.9466
	Forest Site (CH14)	0.7401	0.8679	0.7062	0.9412
Moose Mountain	Open Site (MMO)	0.8080	0.9202	0.6704	0.9291
	Forest Site (MMF)	0.8860	0.9286	0.6981	0.9423
Soapgrass	Open Site (SGO)	0.8003	0.8543	0.6864	0.9001
	Forest Site (SGF)	0.6869	0.9175	0.5667	0.8901
Toad Creek	Open Site (TCO)	0.8213	0.8257	0.7256	0.9189
	Forest Site (TCF)	0.8318	0.8984	0.6427	0.8939



Tolt River Floodplain near Carnation, WA

- 1) Click link to navigate this floodplain in 3D: <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.6319956,-121.9250542,801a,35y,12.19h,49.46t/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>
- 2) See next page for Penumbra model analysis of changes in floodplain shading as vegetation increases in height during 2000 – 2275.



Engaged Stakeholders

- Seattle Public Utility
- Seattle City Light
- Snoqualmie Tribe
- King County, WA
- City of Carnation, WA
- EPA - Region 10

Penumbra Animation of Projected Changes in Floodplain Shading Tree Height Growth from years 2000 to 2275

- Notes: Maximum tree height is attained throughout the floodplain by 2100.
- Vegetation height changes outside the floodplain were not simulated.

Penumbra Ground-level Irradiance from Projected Carnation Floodplain Restoration

Projected years are: 10, 25, 50, 100, 200, 275

June 20, 2000 04:35

Penumbra v3.0 irradiance Results
Visualizer: VISIAS 10.0

By: Jonathan Halama



Stream Temperature Modeling

Single Location Stream Temperature Model Adams and Sullivan (USFS, 1989)

$$\frac{d(T_w)}{dt} = \frac{q_{net} + G_{gw} C_w (T_{gw} - T_w) + G_e L_v}{\rho C_w D}$$

Constants

Depth

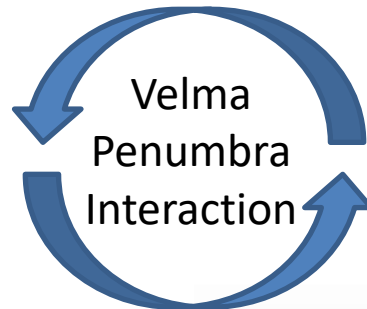
$q_{net} = q_{solar} + q_{sky} + q_{veg} + q_{conv} + q_{sb}$

VELMA Provides

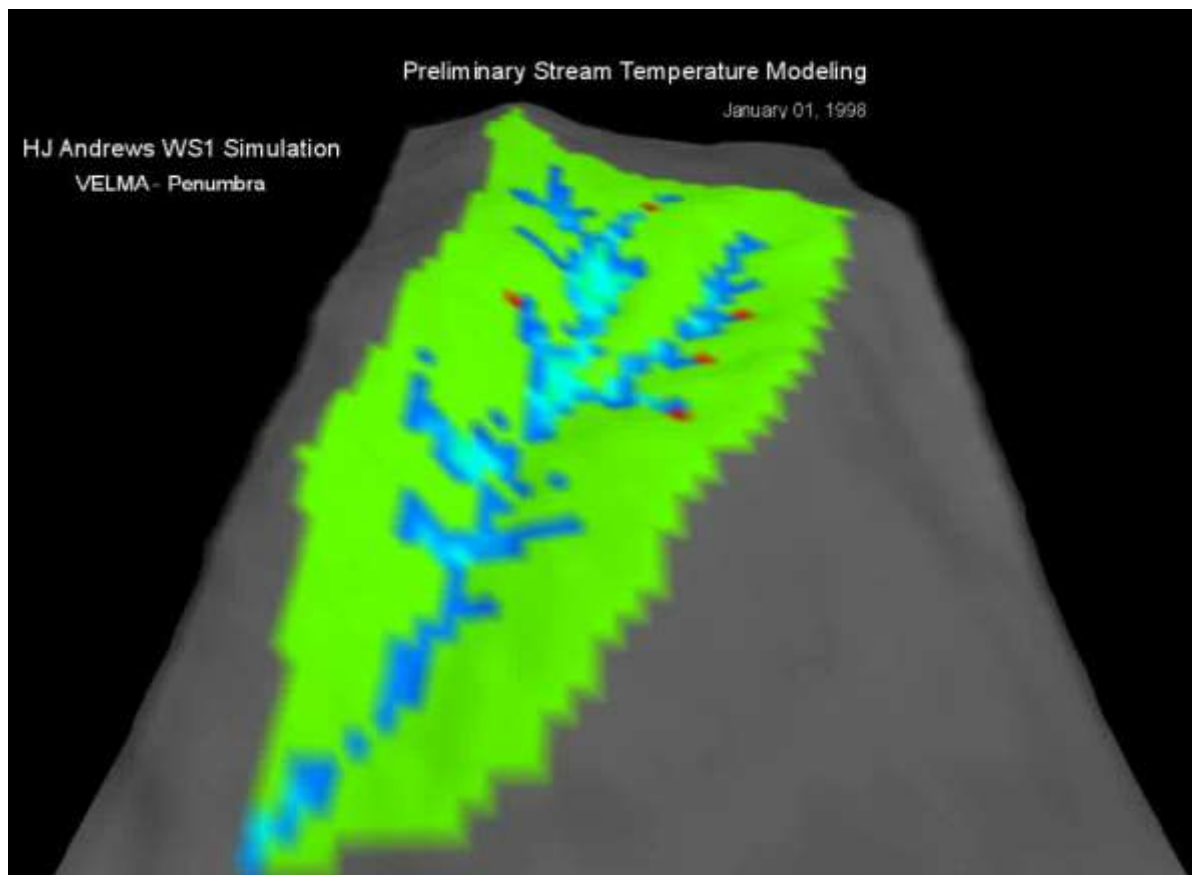
- Disturbance
 - Biomass Growth and Loss
- Surface Water Runoff
 - Volume
 - Temperature
- Ground Water Runoff
 - Volume
 - Temperature

Penumbra Provides

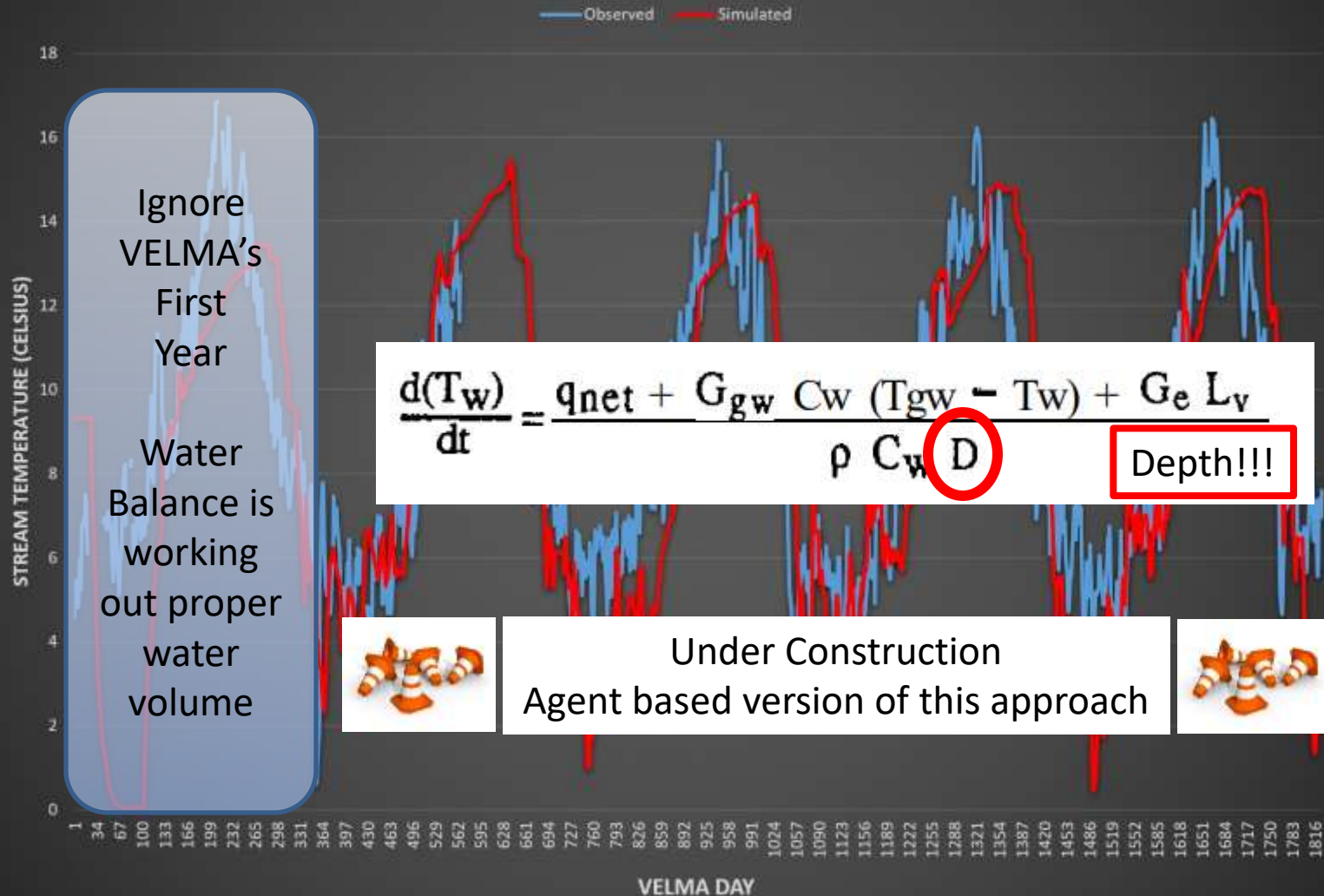
- Stream surface Irradiance due to:
 - Open full exposure, or Riparian shade
- Upland ground-level Irradiance due to:
 - Open full exposure, or Forest Canopy
- Influences VELMA's Soil Temperature
 - Could influence:
 - Snow melt rate
 - Canopy light on photosynthesis



LTER: HJ Andrews WS1



VELMA HJA-WS1 Simulated Versus Observed Stream Temperature



VELMA - Penumbra Interaction

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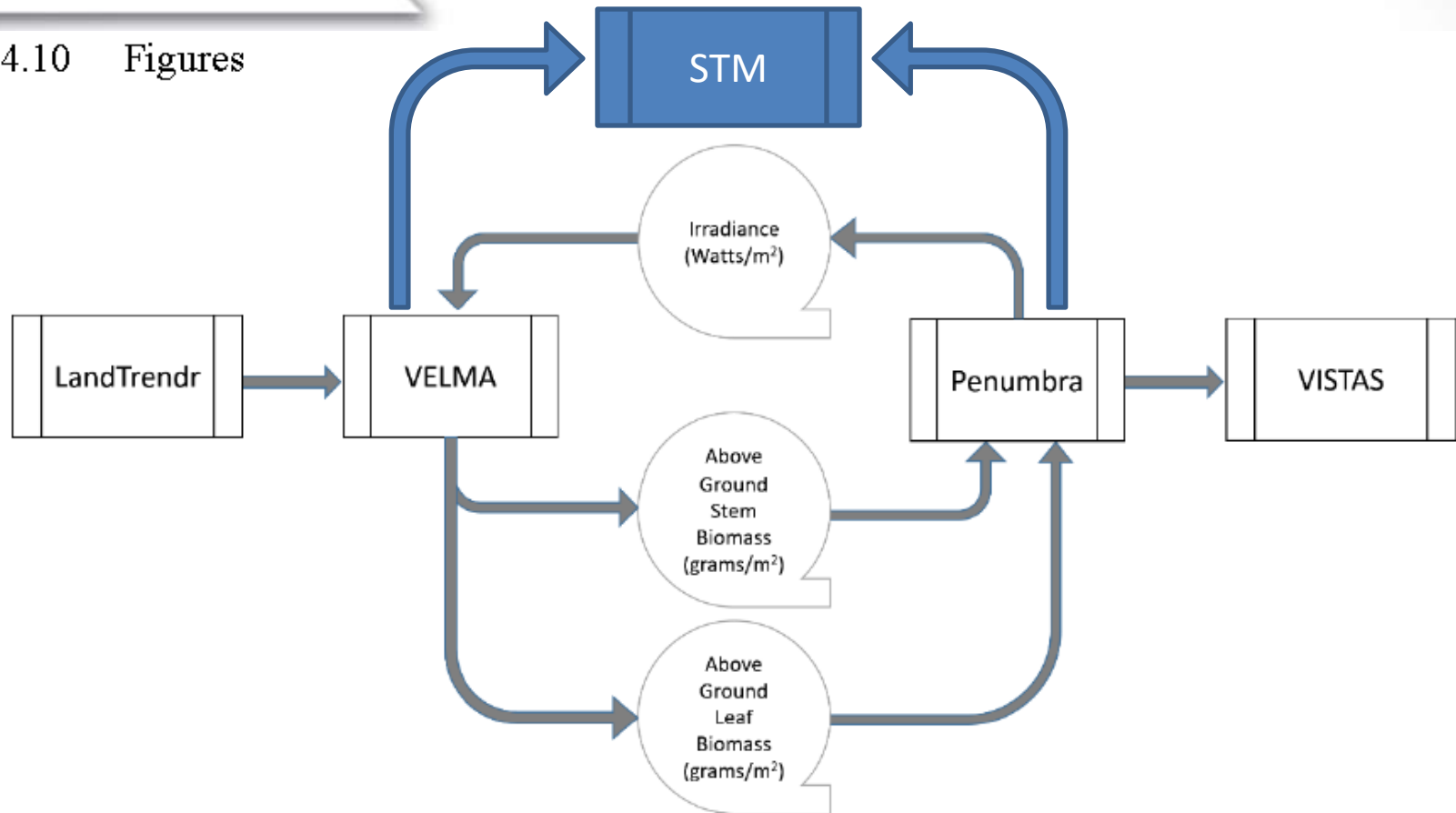


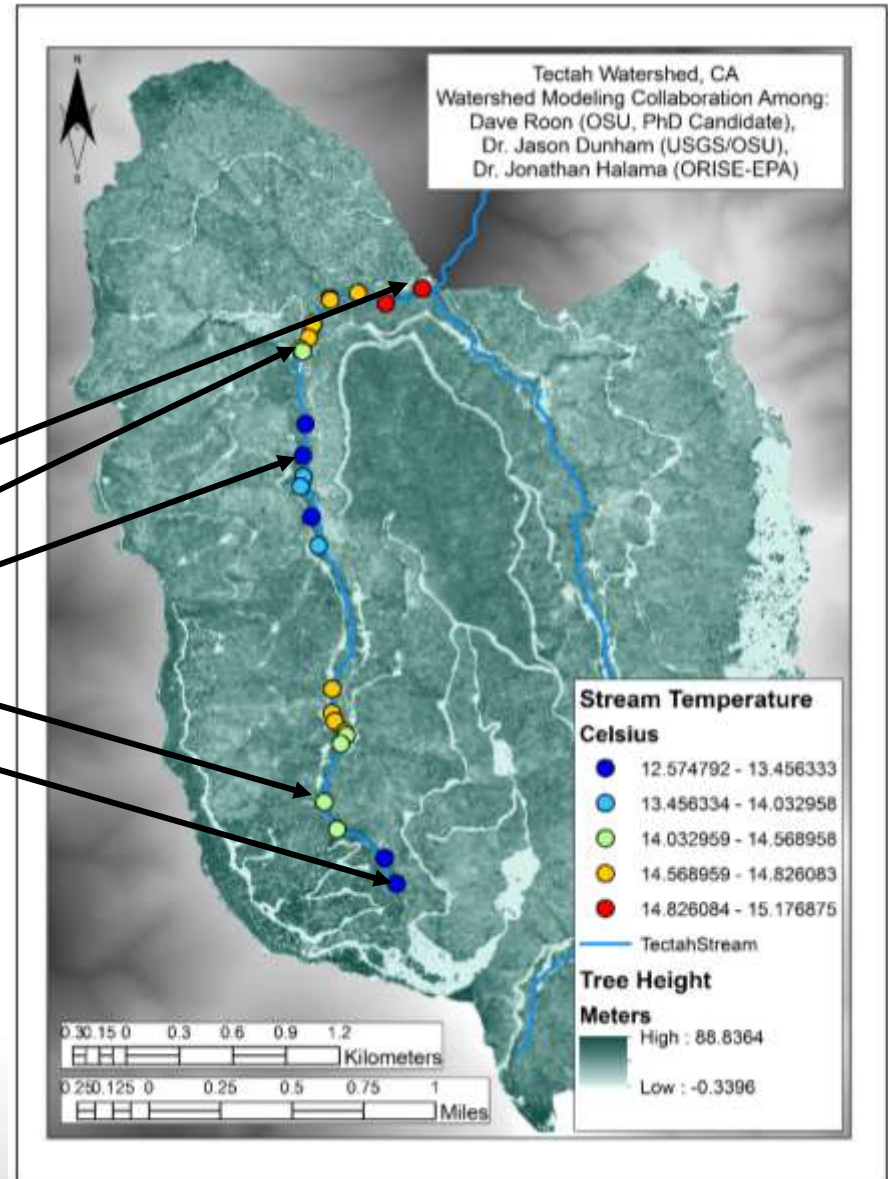
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Tectah Watershed Modeling

Tectah Stream Temperature

- Dry part of season: August 1st, 2016
- Yet there is not a linear pattern of stream warming.
 - 15.2°C
 - 14.6°C
 - 13.1°C
 - 14.5°C
 - 12.5°C
- Just like stream water quantity is influenced by ground water, stream temperature is at least partially influenced ground water.



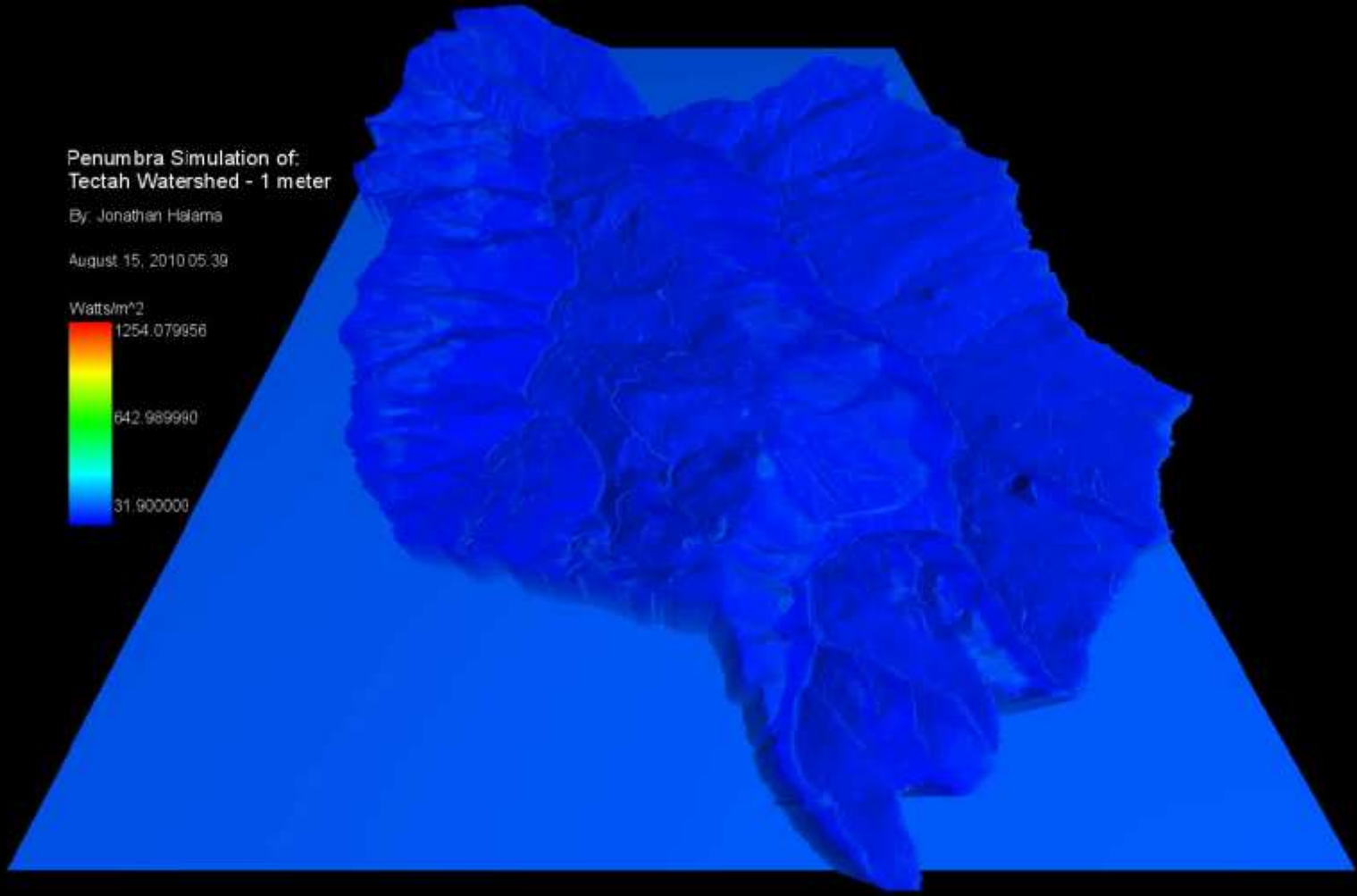
Tectah Watershed Modeling

Penumbra Simulation of:
Tectah Watershed - 1 meter

By: Jonathon Halama

August 15, 2010 05:39

Watts/m²

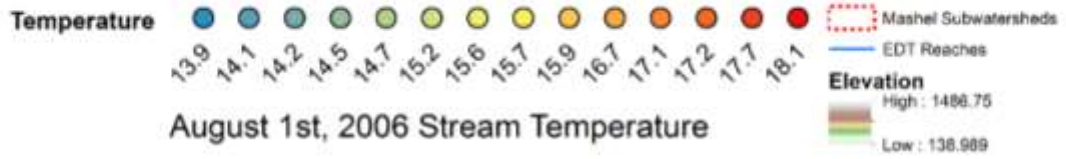
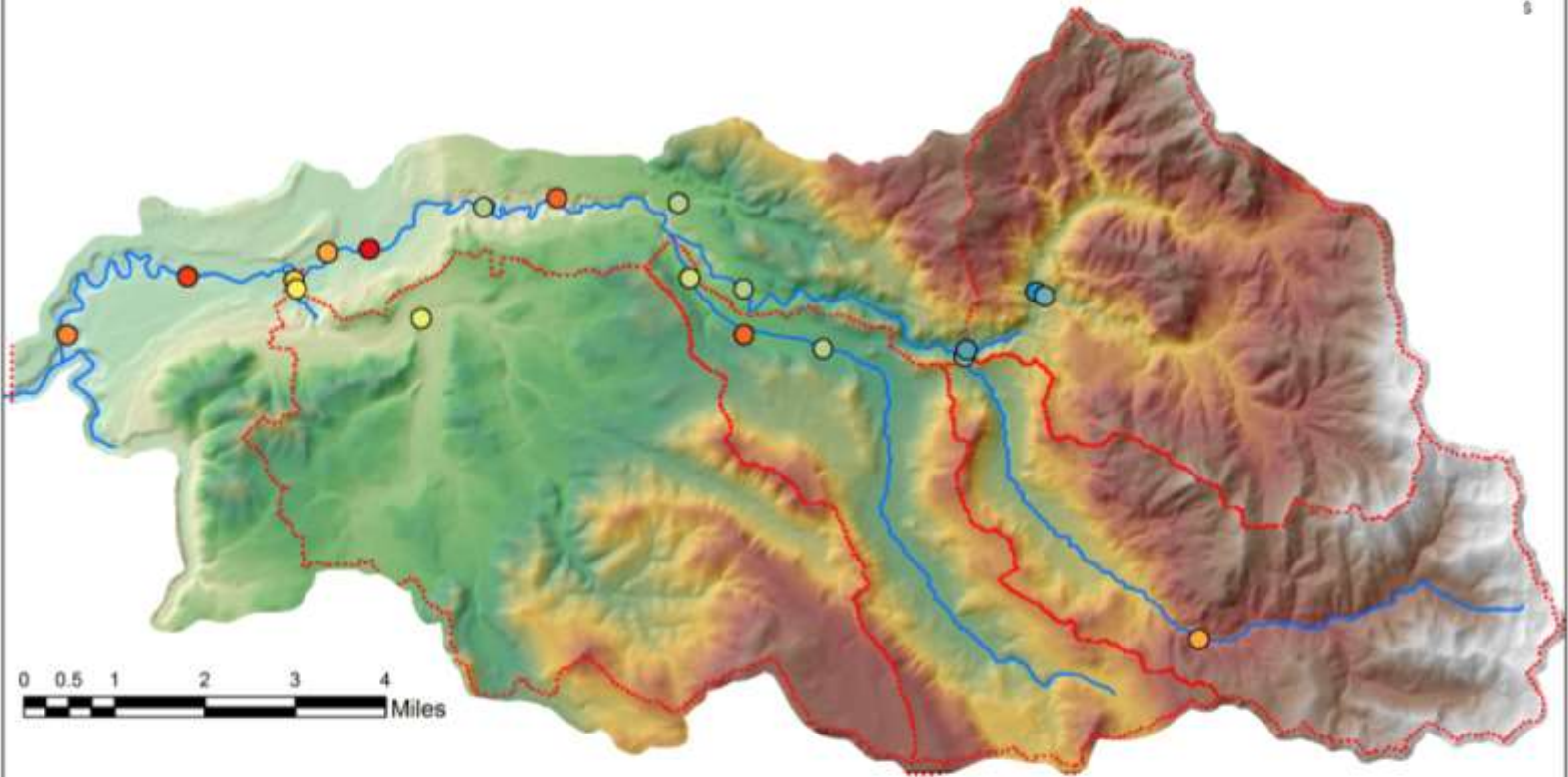


Mashel Watershed Modeling

Stream temperature data provided to VELMA team via collaboration with Greg Brair of ICF as part of Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment system (EDT) modeling with VELMA



Mashel River Watershed



August 1st, 2006 Stream Temperature



Conclusions

- Penumbra is new way to model landscape irradiance to help with stream temperature research by modeling:
 - Object shadowing (forest and riparian zone)
 - Topographic shadowing (hills, mountains, canyons)
 - Provide high-resolution (1-m where LiDAR) stream surface solar energy loads.
- Penumbra-VELMA Integration provides:
 - Improved soil temperature estimates across watersheds.
 - A modeling method of spatially transporting ground-water temperature and volume through a system and into the stream.
- Integration allows dynamic forests simulations of solar energy on:
 - Riparian zone increase in shadowing through time.
 - Change in solar energy at the ground-level (open versus forest).
 - Variations in soil temperatures.
 - Variations in snow pack retention.



Questions?

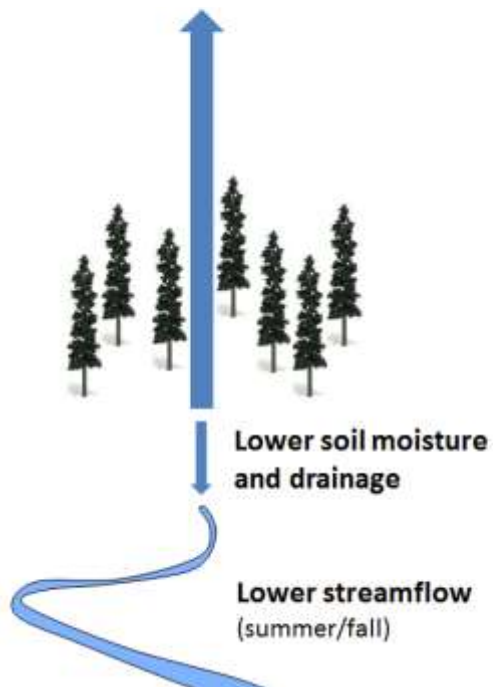
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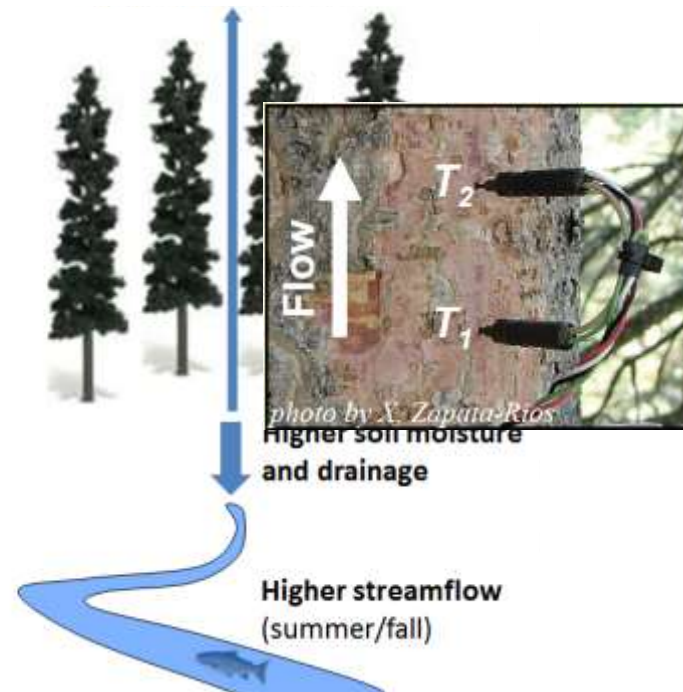
Extra Slides

Young vigorously growing forests can transpire up to three times more water than old forests

Young Forest Higher Transpiration



Old Forest Lower Transpiration

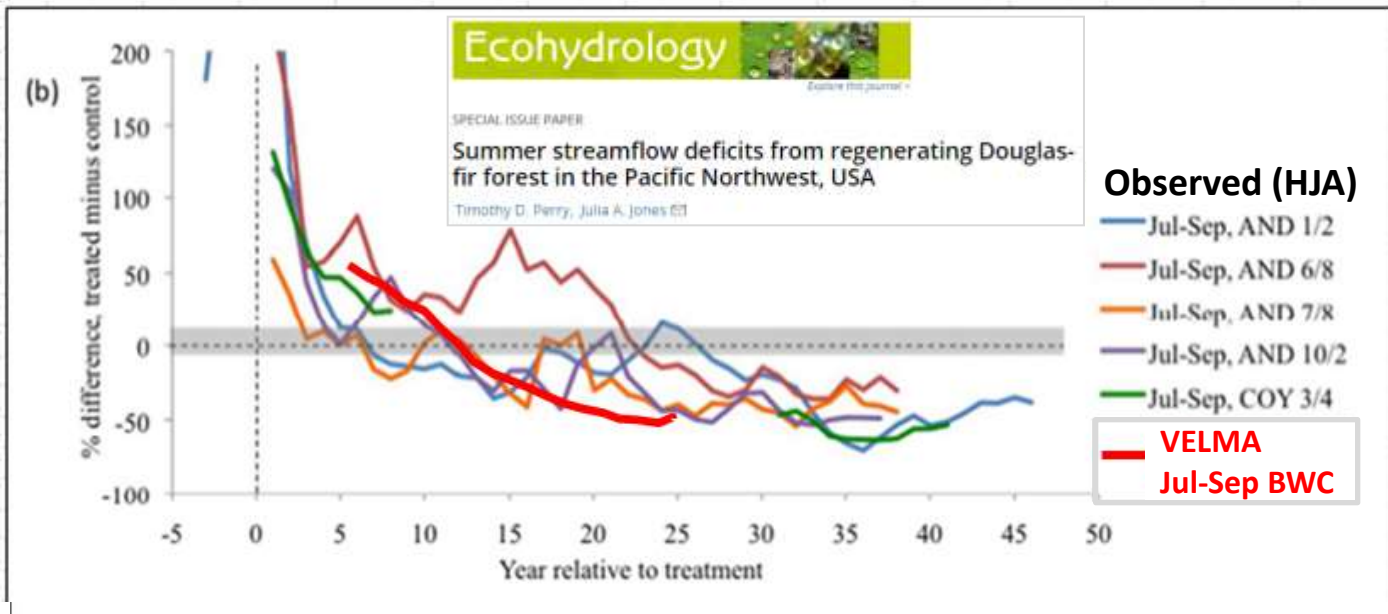


Note: Perry & Jones (2016) report similar results for watershed-scale flow measurements

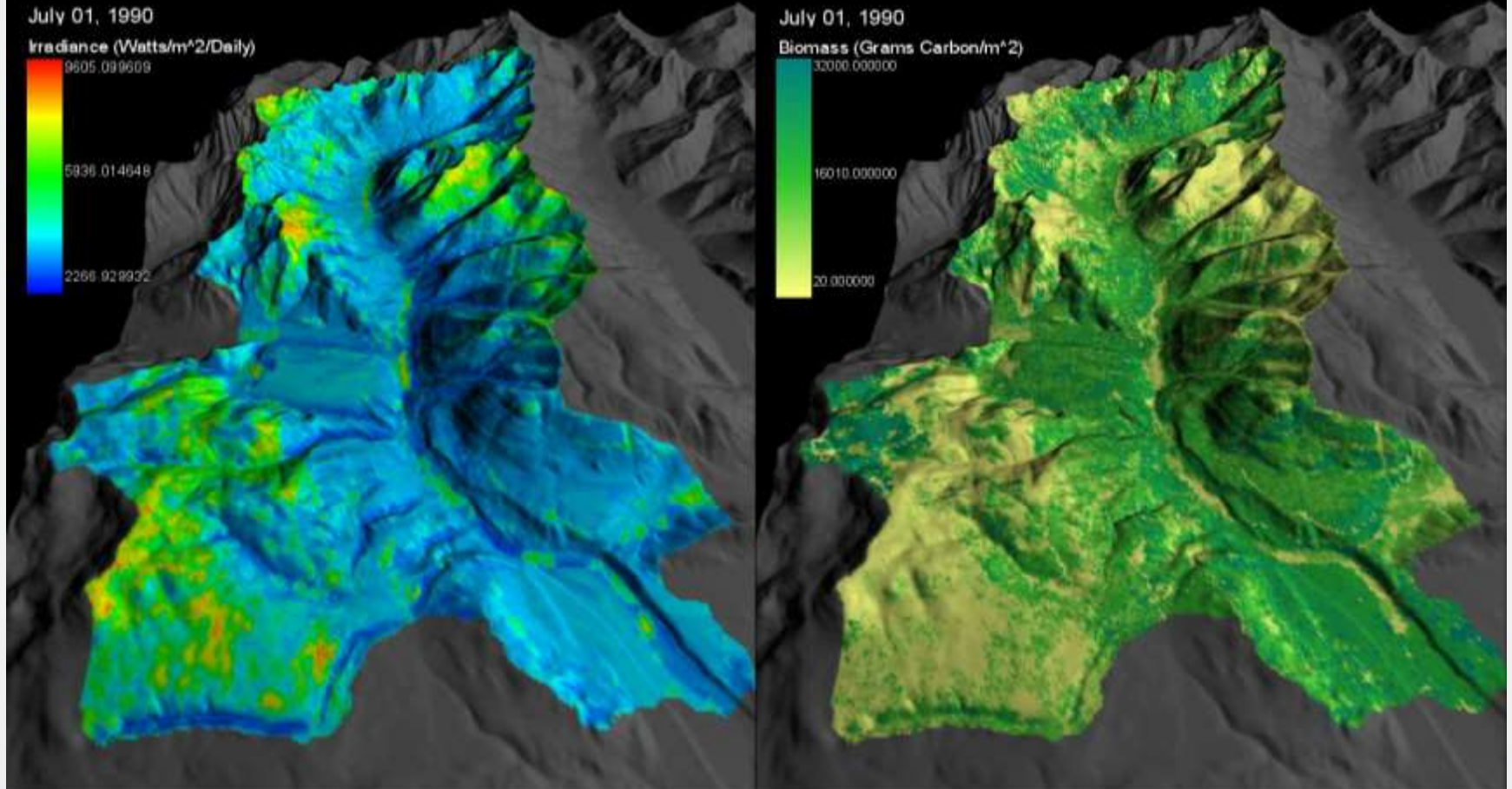


Watershed 10, HJ Andrews, OR

- 0.1 km² headwater catchment
- 450 year-old conifer forest
- Clearcut in 1975
- Stream discharge data 1969-present

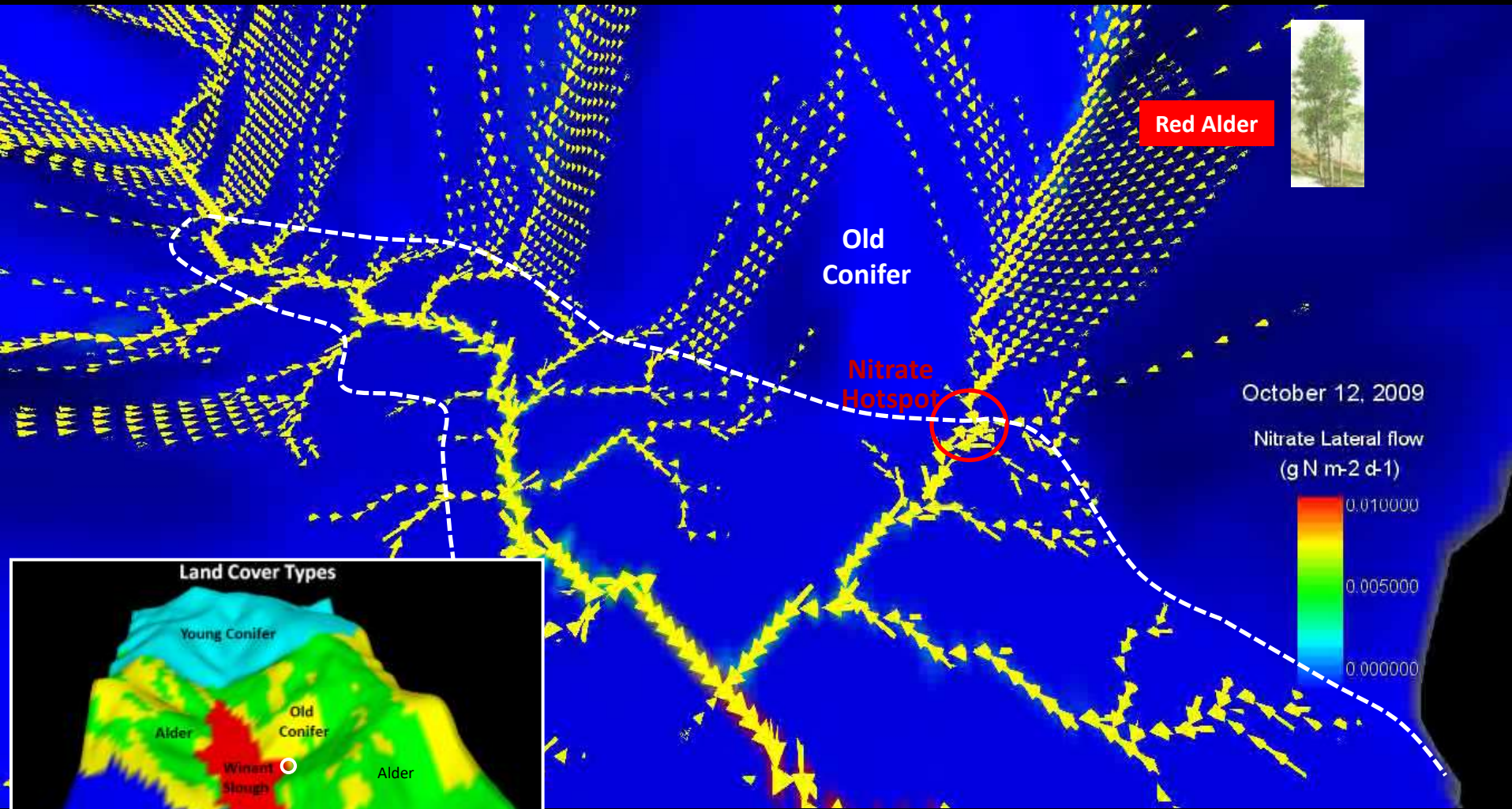


Tolt Watershed: North Fork Historical Representation (1990 - 2010)



Primary upland sources & flow paths by which nitrate is flushed to marsh

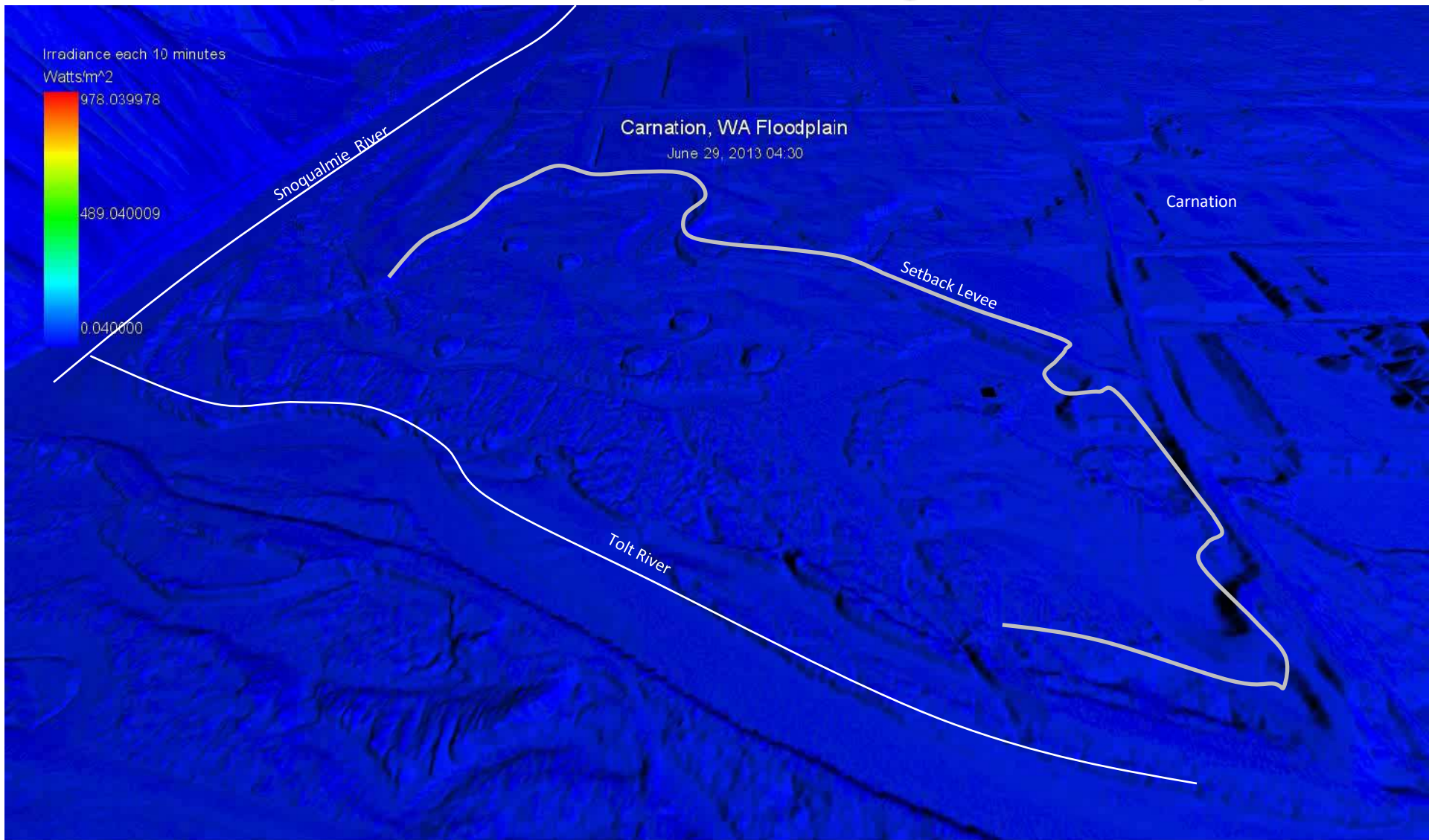
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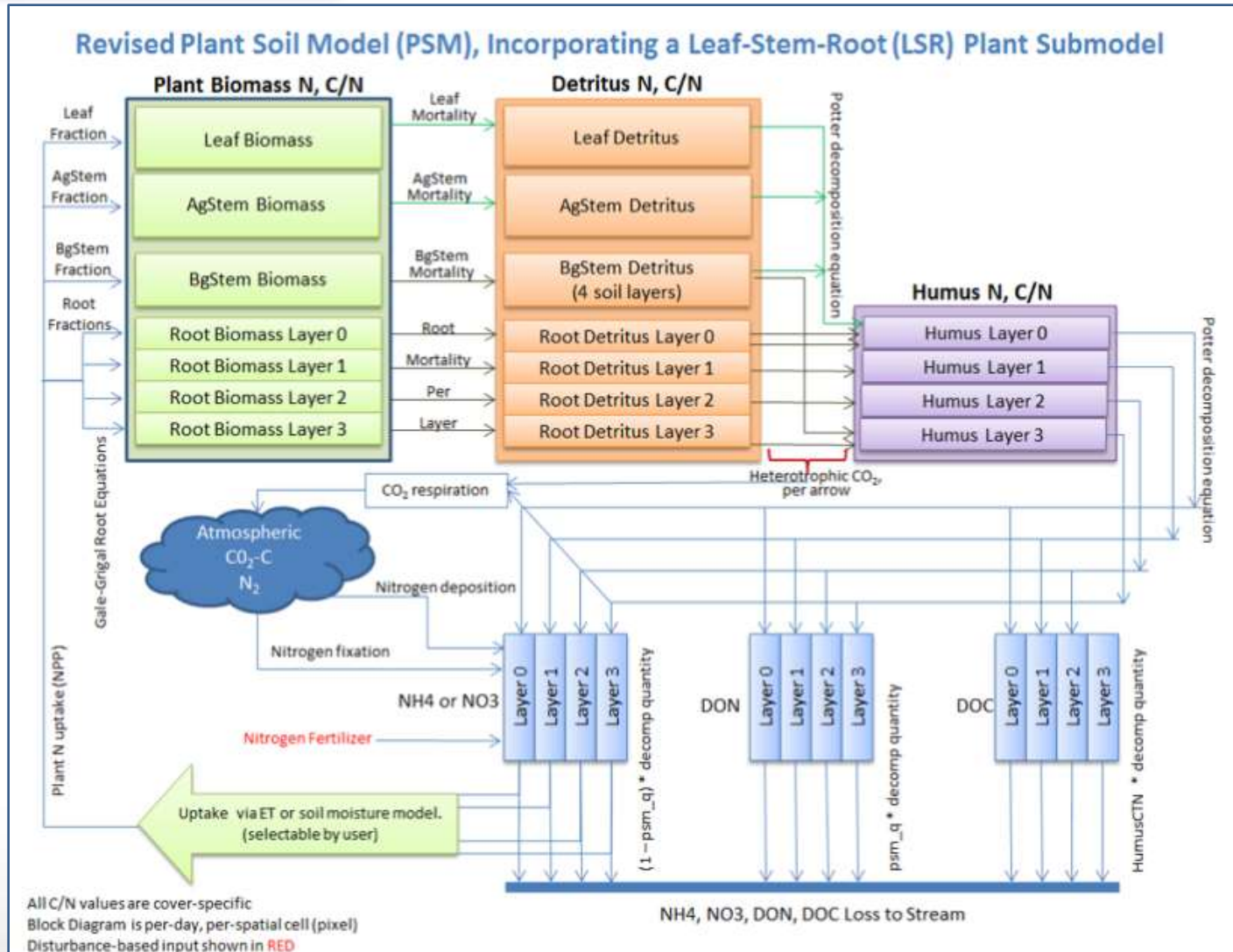
Floodplain at 1-m resolution for Single Summer Day



Next step: convert daily irradiance to water temperature
(temperature of groundwater inflow also accounted for)



VELMA Overview



What's In a Number: Southern Steelhead Population Viability Criteria?

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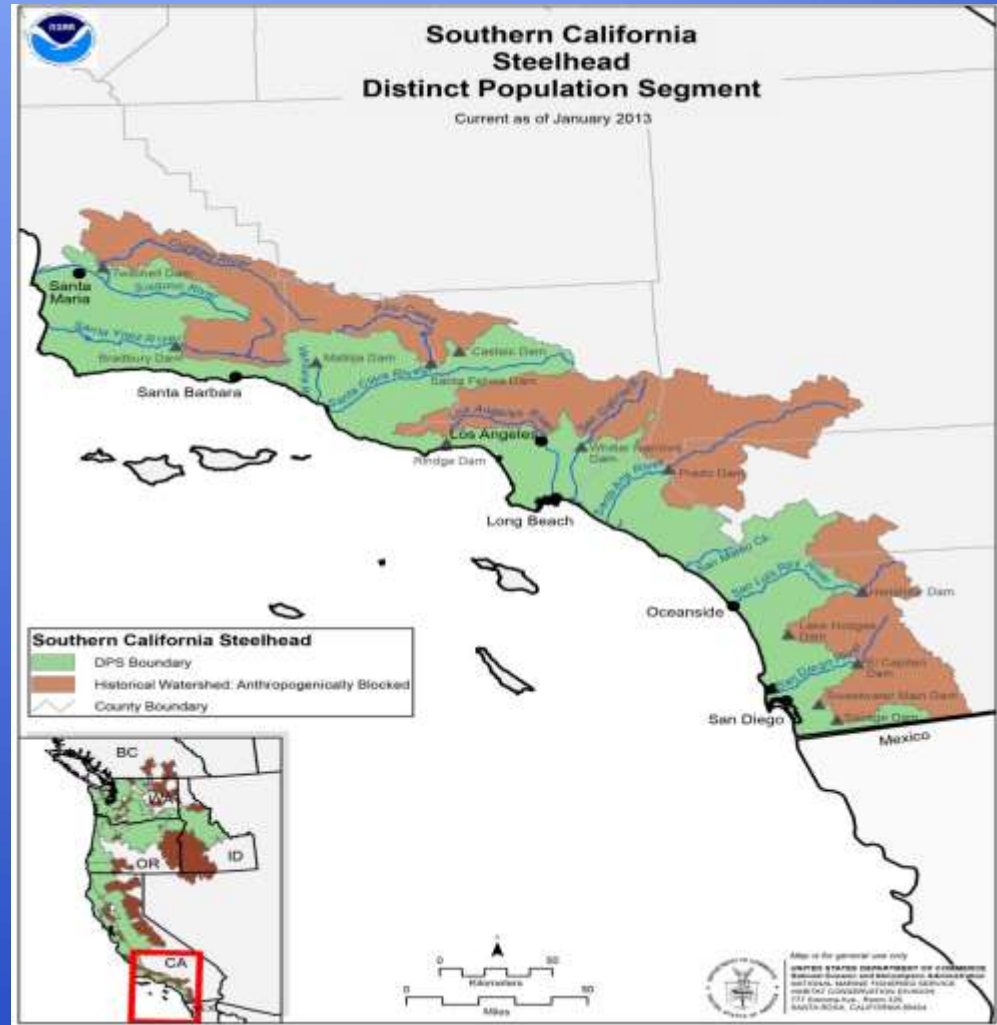
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Southern California Steelhead Recovery Planning

Southern California Steelhead DPS





Viabale Salmonid Population (VSP)

Abundance

Biological Productivity



Biological Diversity

Spatial Distribution



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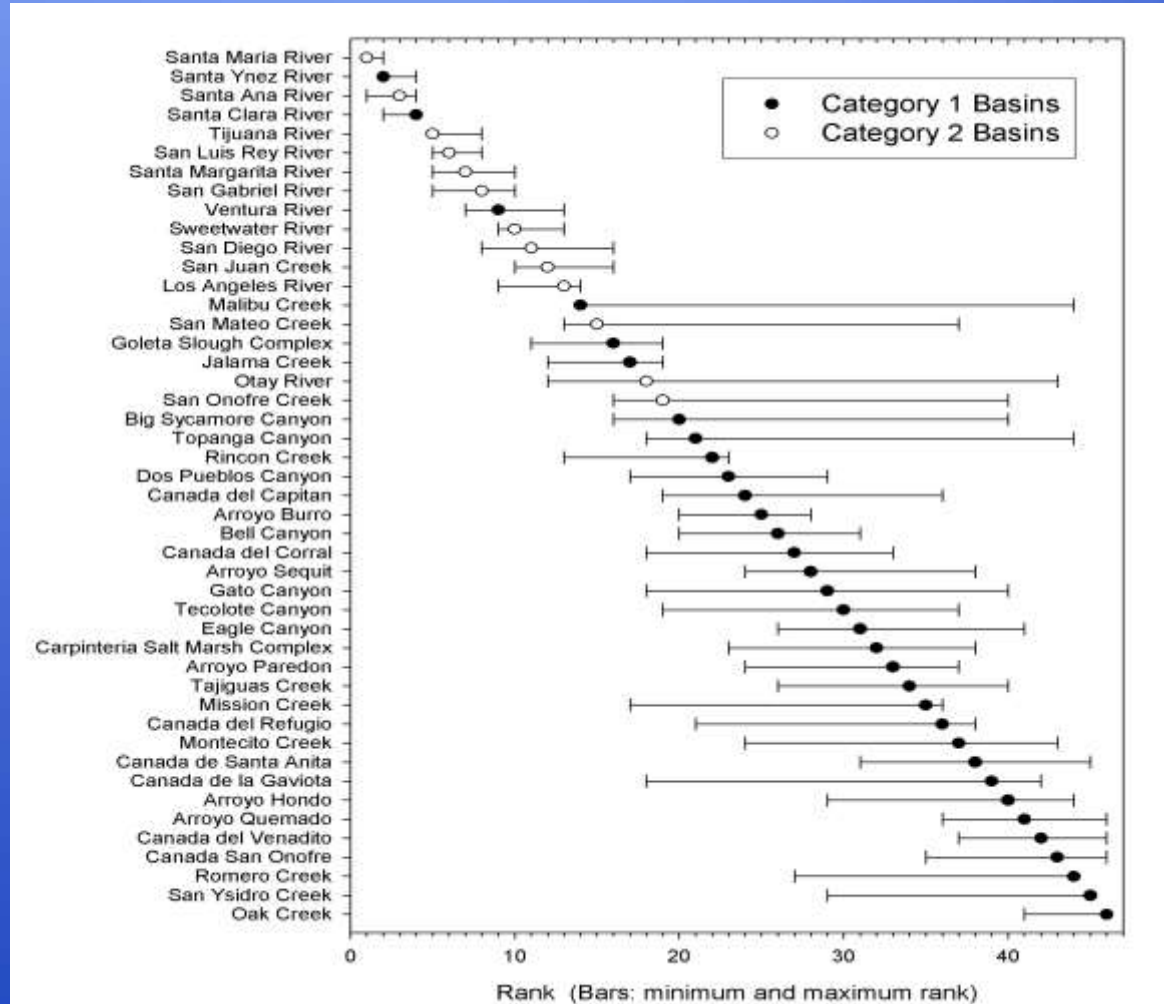




Population Characterization

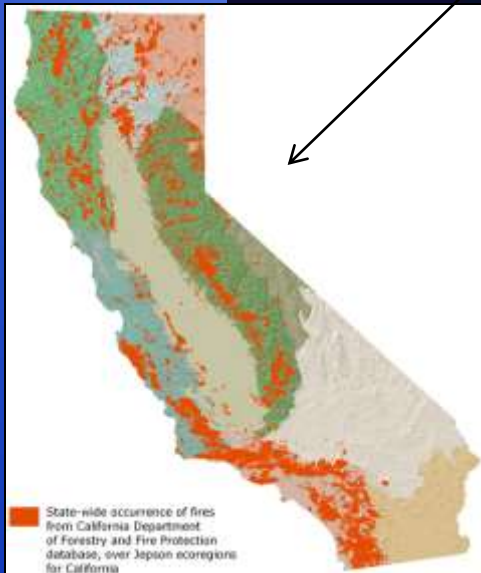
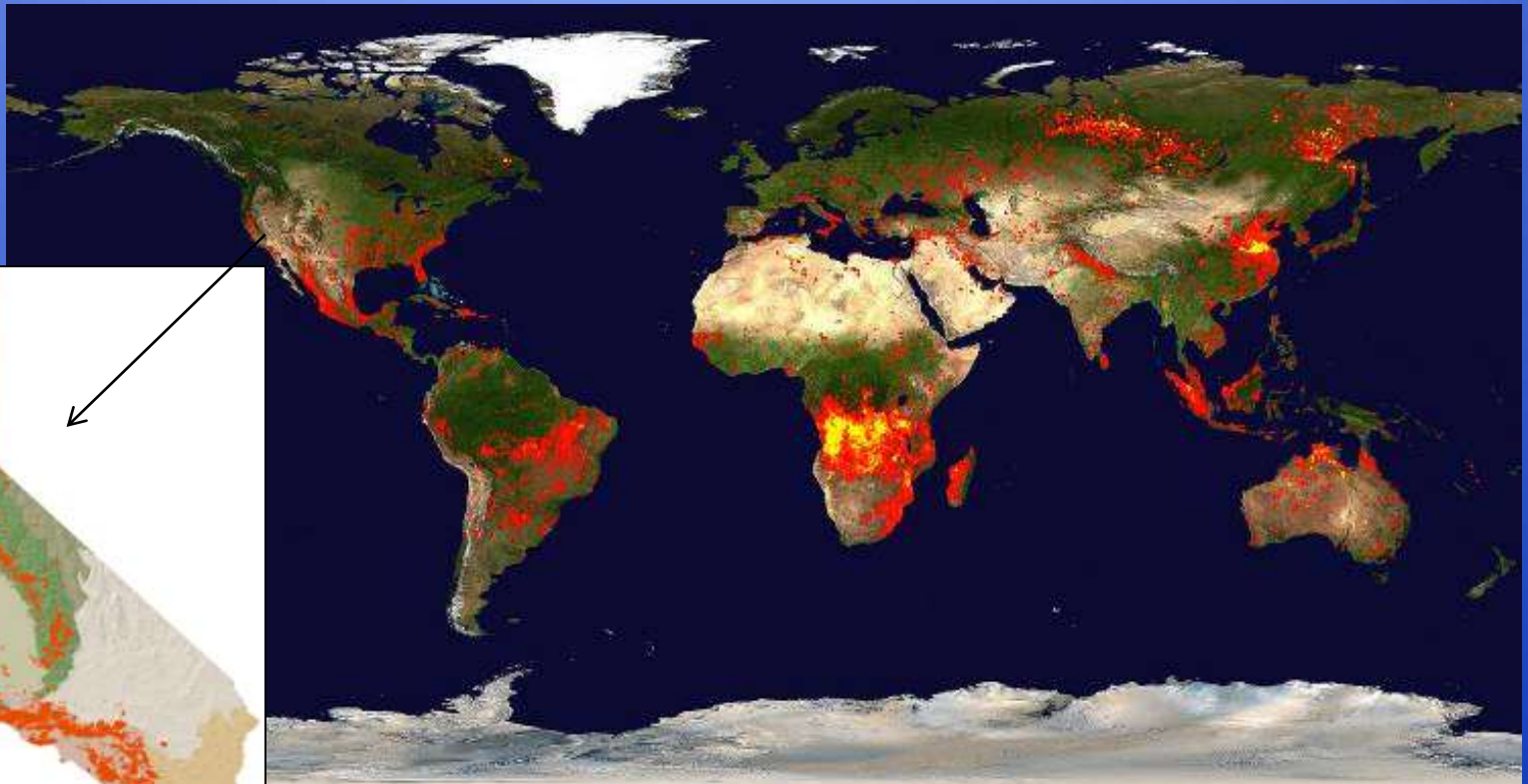
Intrinsic
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California Fire Frequency





Southern California Steelhead DPS

Largest Recent Southern California Wildfires

2003: Cedar Fire – 257,246 ac.

2007: Witch Fire – 197,990 ac.

2007: Zaca Fire – 240,207 ac.

2009: Station Fire – 160,649 ac.

2017: Thomas Fire – 281,893 ac.



Southern California Steelhead DPS



Station Fire - 2009



Old Fire - 2003



Thomas Fire
2017



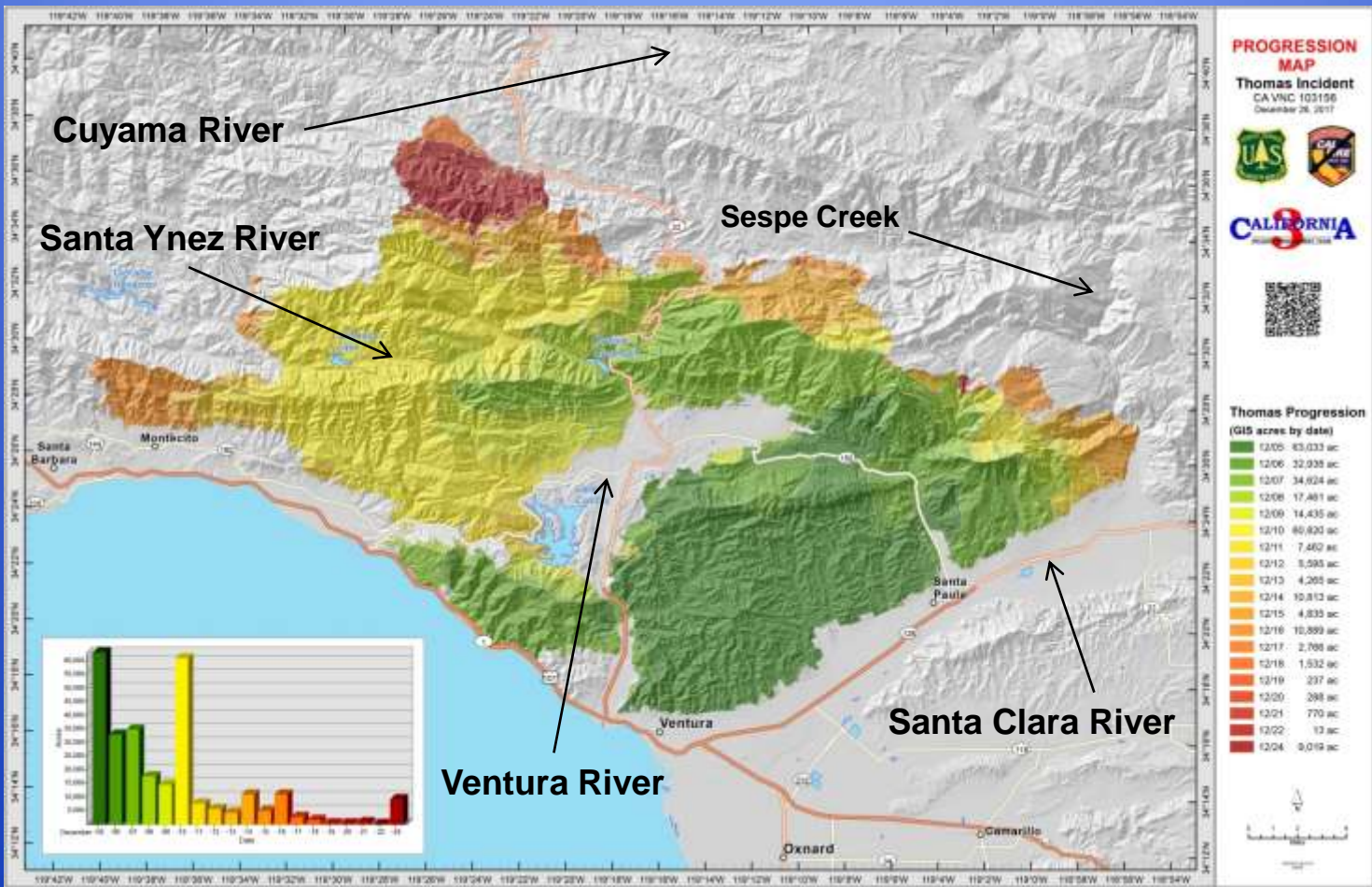
Cedar Fire - 2003



Harris Fire - 2007



Thomas Fire 2017





Thomas Fire 2017

Thomas Fire Burn:

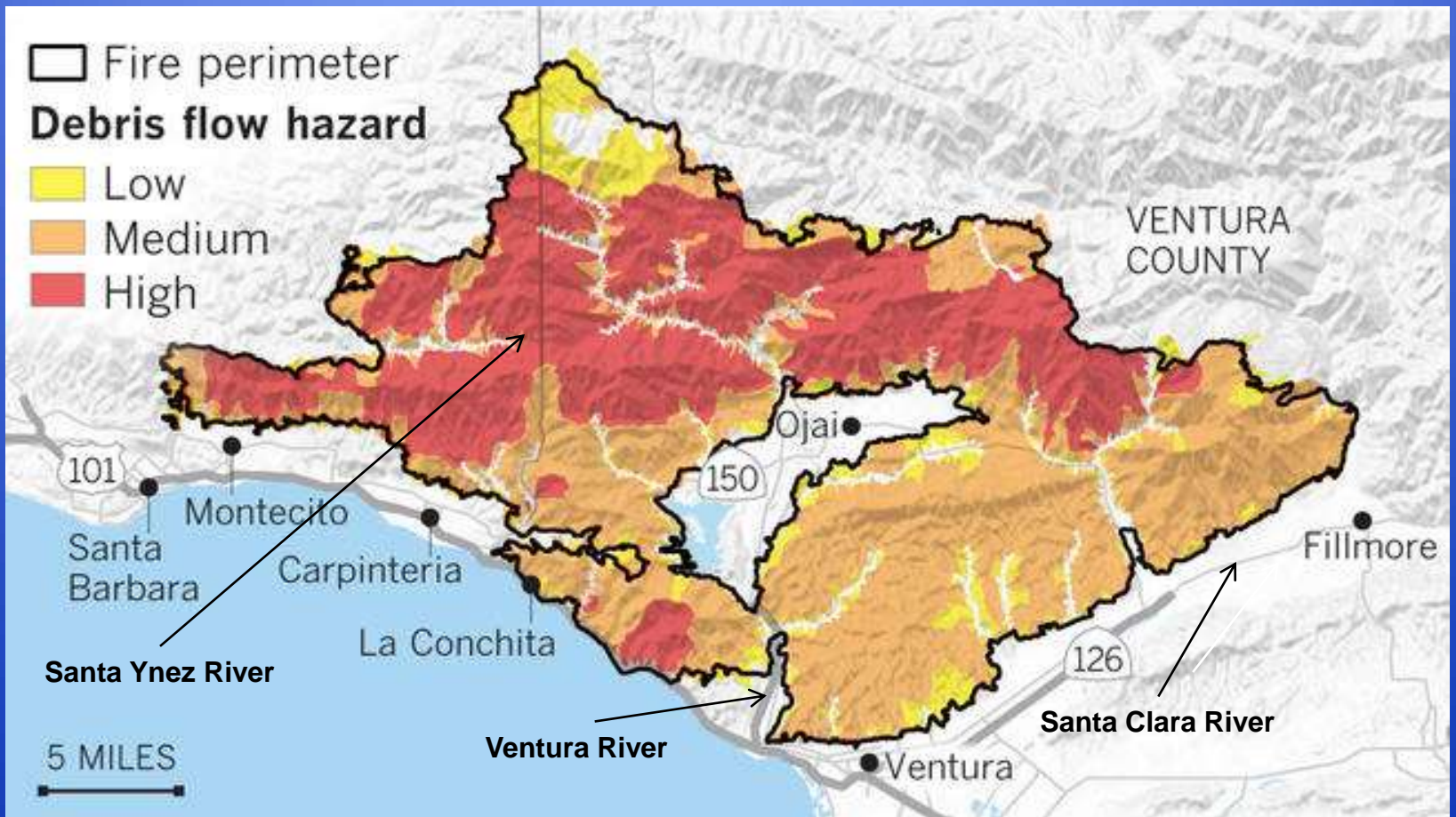
Ventura River/
Matilija Creek

Watershed





Thomas Fires 2017





Thomas Fire 2017



Matilija Canyon Pre – Post Thomas Fire



Thomas Fire 2017



Matilija Canyon Pre – Post Thomas Fire



Before and After Fire Effects

Day Fire: 162,202 ac.



Sespe Creek 2002 - before fire



2008 - after fire



Before and After Fire Effects

Santa Ana River – Harding Creek



2006 - before fire



2007 - after fire



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Landscape Characterization

Biogeographic Groups



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Biogeographic Population Groups





DPS-Wide Viability

Goals

- Preserve over-all **species diversity** (genetic, phenotypic, life-history)
- Protect species from extinction due to **catastrophic disturbance** (wildfires, flooding, droughts)

Note: 1000-year time horizon



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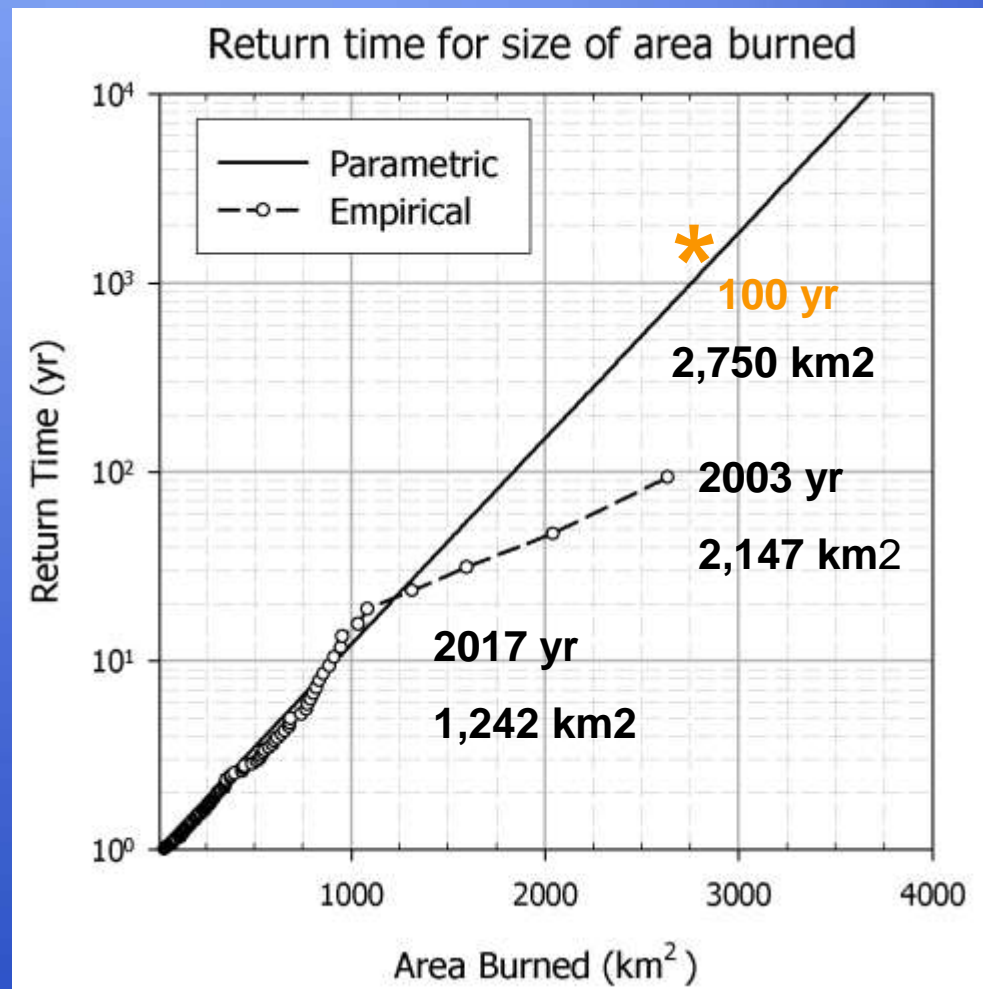
Wildfire Frequency and Size

Resilience & Redundancy



Southern California Fire Frequency

* Projected
Thousand-Year
Wildfire Burn Area
Based on 1910 –
2003 Data





DPS-Wide Viability

Strategy

- Minimum number viable in each biogeographic region
- Occupy watersheds with drought refugia
- Minimum geographic separation (wildland fire analysis)
- Exhibit life history diversity

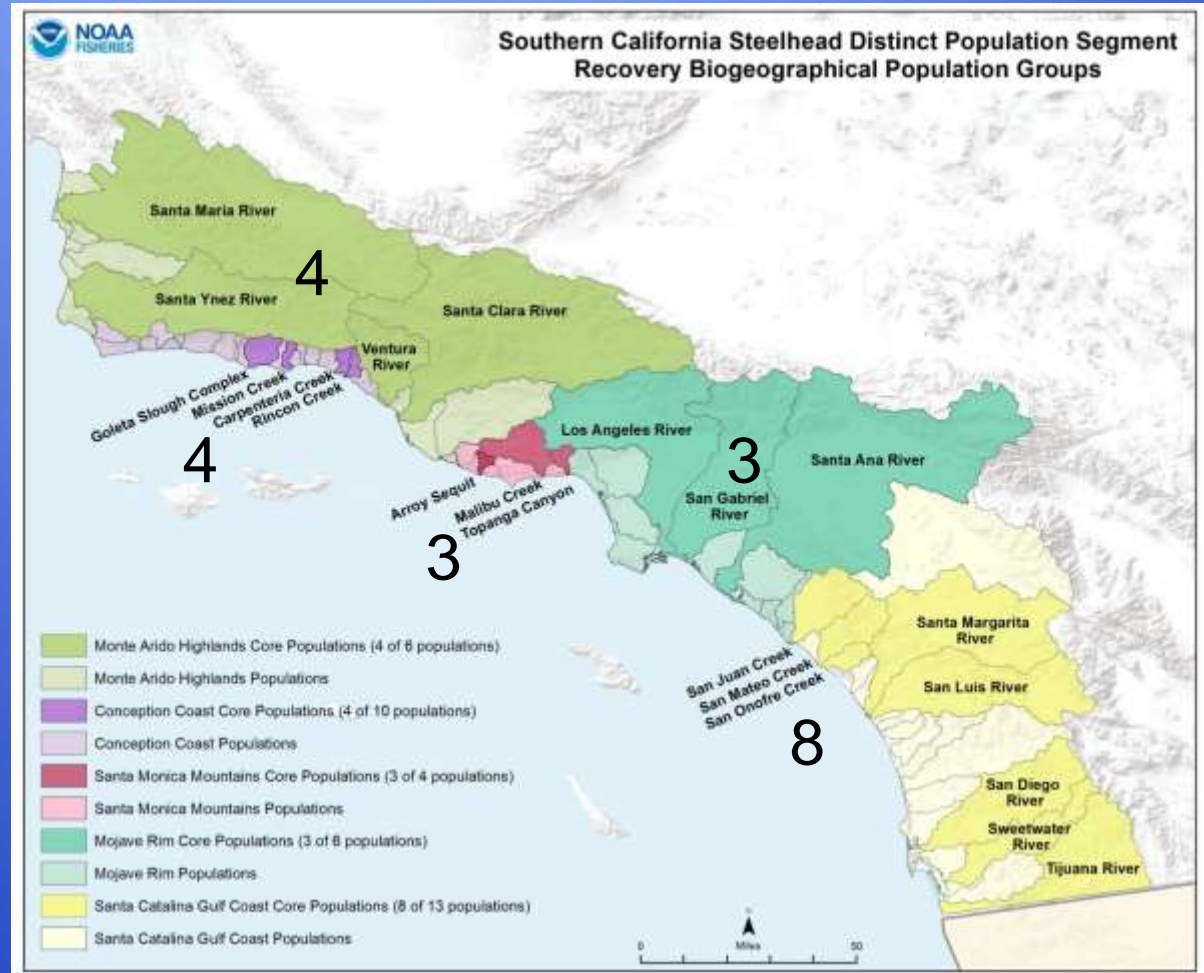


< 5% extinction risk in 1000 years



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Number of Populations Required for Recovery





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Threats to Recovery

- * Access to Spawning and Rearing Habitat
- * Degradation of Instream/Riparian Habitat
- * Spread of Non-Native Species
- * **Wildfires**
- * Loss of Estuarine Habitat

What's In a Number: Southern Steelhead Population Viability Criteria?

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