

Stand Treelist Imputation



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Sustainable Harvest Calculation | WA

Generating a perpetual supply of revenue on state trust lands for trust beneficiaries requires responsible management with an emphasis on **long-term sustainability**. A major component of DNR's approach to sustainable management is calculation of a sustainable harvest level, which is **the volume of timber to be scheduled for sale during a planning decade** according to applicable laws, policies, and procedures [\(RCW 79.10.300\)\(5\)](#).

DNR is required to set a sustainable harvest level by Washington state law. Specifically, DNR must periodically adjust acreages designated for inclusion in the sustained yield management program and calculate a sustainable harvest level [\(RCW 79.10.320\)](#). Sustained yield means harvesting on a continual basis without major prolonged curtailment or cessation of harvest [\(RCW 79.10.310\)](#). The **sustainable harvest level is a policy decision** that requires approval from the [Board of Natural Resources](#).

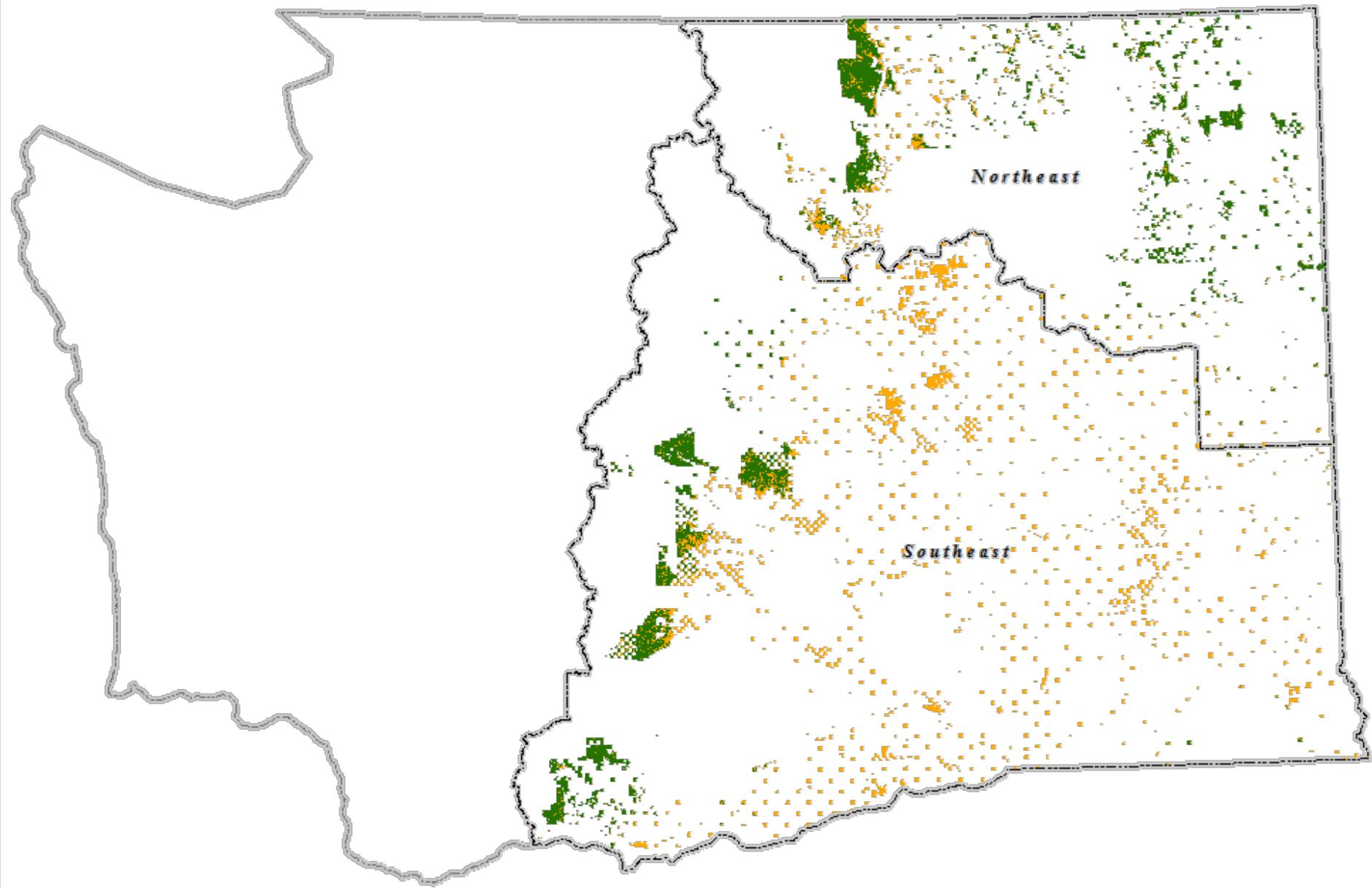
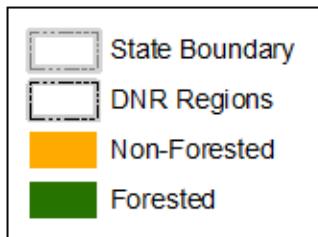
[S]eparate sustainable harvest level[s] for forested state trust lands located east and west of the Cascade Crest because growing conditions and management strategies [differ].

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DNR Managed EWA Lands

DNR Managed Acres

Forested	756,000
Non-Forested	803,000
Total	1,559,000



FVS Growth Modeling

[Essential FVS: \(usda.gov\)](http://usda.gov)

Variables that must be recorded for all trees:

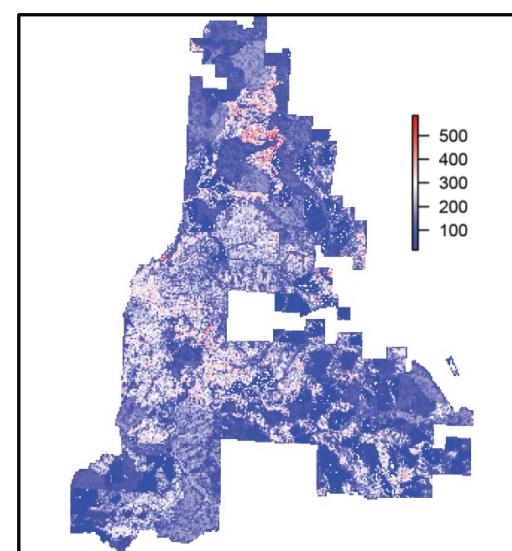
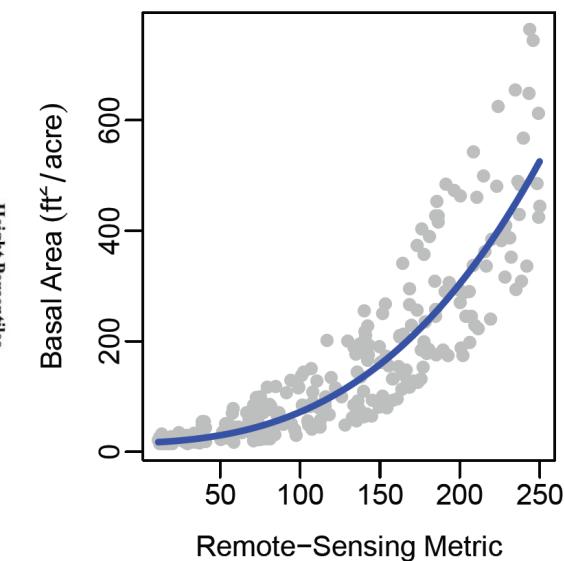
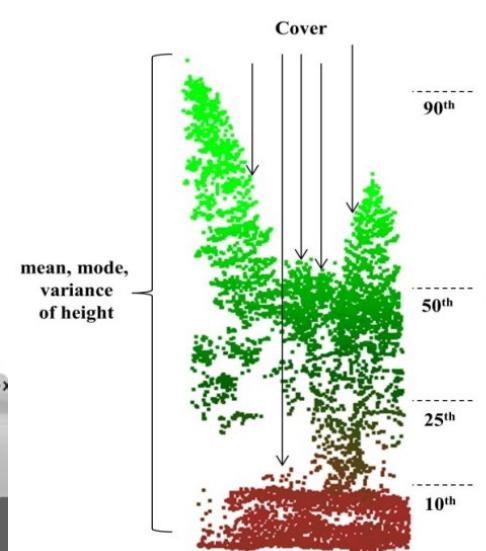
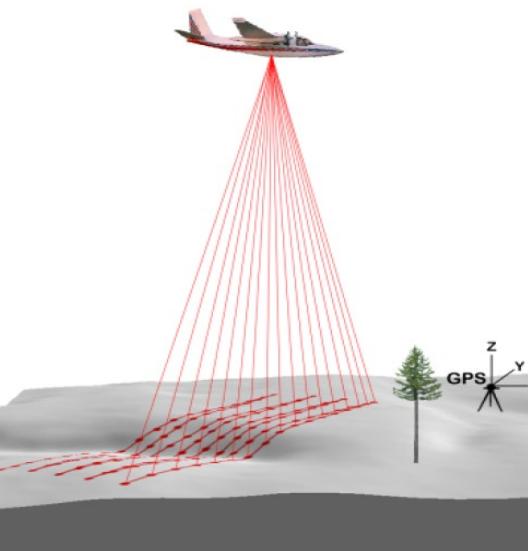
- Plot Identifier
- Species
- Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)

Other variables, however, serve to better describe unique site and tree characteristics and will improve the resolution of the projection.

The model will accommodate up to 3000 individual tree records (per stand).



Remote Sensed - Forest Resource Inventory System (RS-FRIS)



Plot type 3:

Plot type 2:

Plot type 1:

Plot type 1:

Radius	7.4 feet
Area	1/250 th ac
Sample Trees	Live trees > 1 foot tall and < 2 inches dbh

Plot type 3:

Plot type 2:

Plot type 1:

Plot type 3:

Radius	37.2 feet
Area	1/10 th ac
Sample Trees	Live and dead trees \geq 5.5 inches dbh

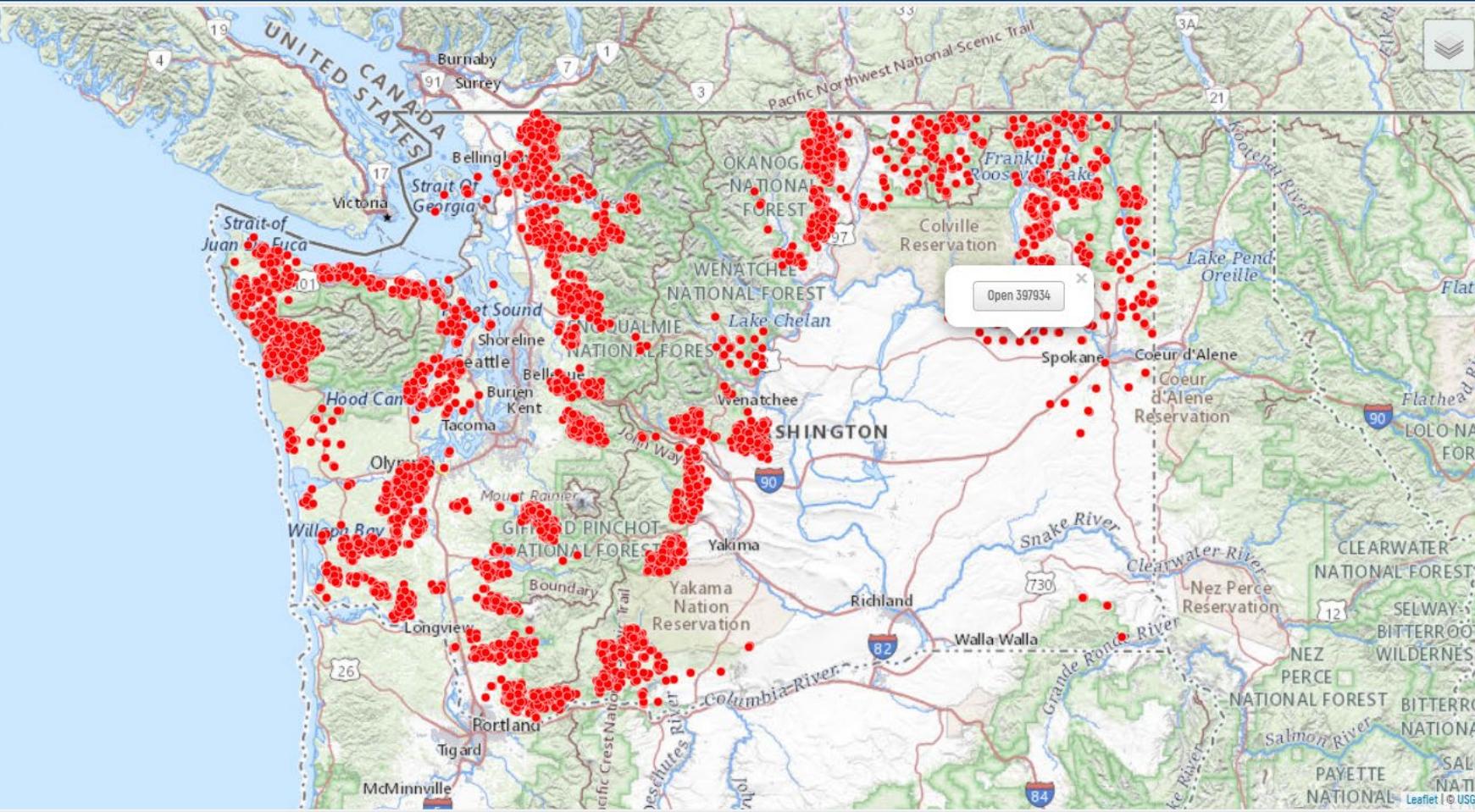
Plot type 3:

Plot type 2:

Plot type 1:

Plot type 2:

Radius	18.6 feet
Area	1/40 th ac
Sample Trees	Live trees \geq 2 inches dbh and < 5.5 inches dbh



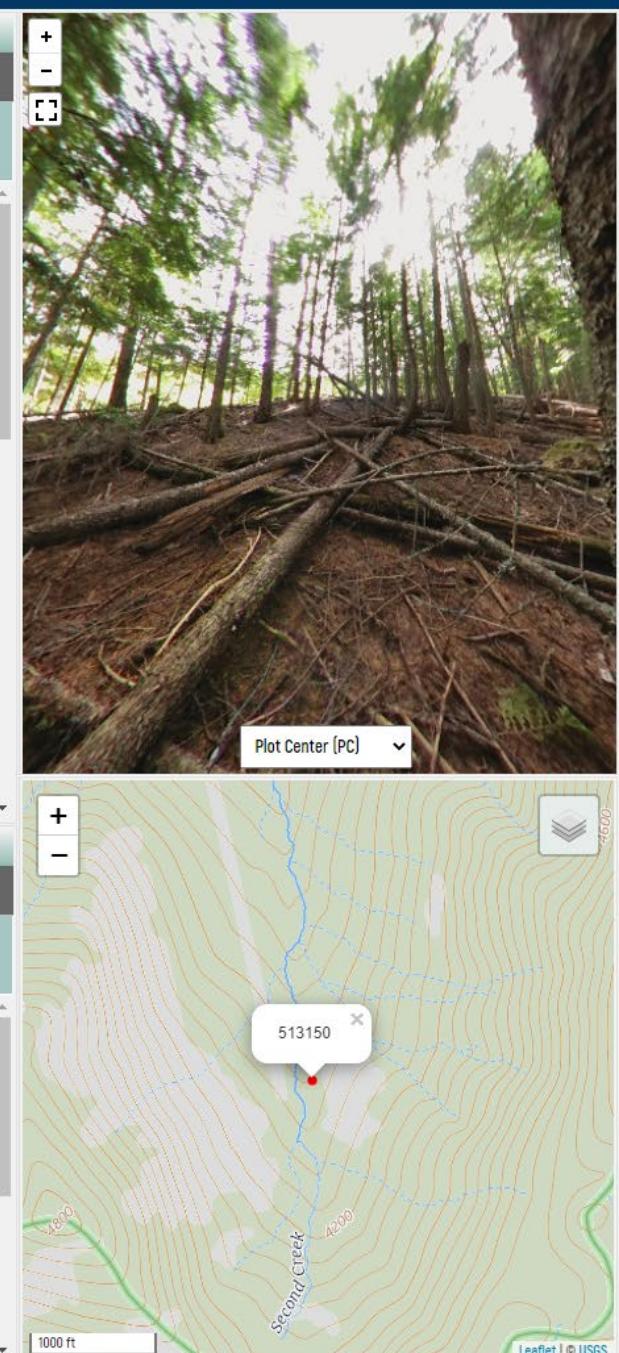
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RS-FRIS Plots

Date Measured	Plot Name	Region	District	Species (Primary)	BA (Basal Area)	Height: Largest Value	QMD (Quadratic Mean Diamet...	DBH: Largest Live	TPA (Trees per Acre)
2018/08/29	116465	Pacific Cascade	Yacolt	DF	192.7	127	16.5	23.7	130.3
2018/08/28	397934	Northeast	Arcadia	PP	93.4	51	5.2	11.3	621.1
2018/08/28	113573	Pacific Cascade	Yacolt	DF	293.1	136	8.1	32.9	824.2
2018/08/28	114535	Pacific Cascade	Yacolt	DF	160.7	85	8.3	15.2	430.8
2018/08/28	127988	Pacific Cascade	Yacolt	DF	69.2	76	12.6	16.3	80.2
2018/08/28	127008	Pacific Cascade	Yacolt	DF	98.3	77.6	7.2	12.7	350.7
2018/08/28	129887	Pacific Cascade	Yacolt	DF	277.9	130	5.3	29.8	1847.1
2018/08/28	133728	Pacific Cascade	Yacolt	DF	1.4	4.7	0.7	1	506.4
2018/08/28	128956	Pacific Cascade	Yacolt	DF	193.7	89.1	3.7	16.6	2579.5

Plot Metrics		Tree Records																							
Field	Value	Q: All Fields				N Trees		Measurements		Volumes		BioCarb		Damages		Note									
		N	PT	Sts	Sp	N Trees			Measurements			Volumes			Biomass & Carbon										
						Count	XFAC	TPA	DBH	Ht	HLC	CR	CFgt...	CFgm	CFnm	BFg	BFn	CFgb	LbAB	LbAC					
Plot Name	513150					1	10.02	10.02	12.5	94	37	61	34	30	30	150	30	34	1378	689					
Sample Date	2020-08-13 12:2...					2	1	DF	1	10.02	10.02	15.6	99	63	36	48	44	44	220	44	45	1911	955		
X	2444814.2					3	2	1	DF	1	10.02	10.02	7.3	90	41	54	11	8	Merchantable cubic-foot gross volume. This predicted value does not account for defect. Units = cubic feet / acre.						
Y	1198933.3					4	3	1	WL	1	10.02	10.02	17.6	115	72	37	68	63							
Elevation	3973					5	3	0	DF	1	10.02	10.02	16.5	20	0	11	8	6	10	6	9	373	187	dead	
+ Species (Primary)	DF					6	3	1	WL	1	10.02	10.02	15	120	44	63	54	50	50	250	50	50	2127	1063	
+ BA (Basal Area)	329.6					7	3	1	RC	1	10.02	10.02	6.2	35	18	49	3	2	2	10	2	2	74	37	
+ Volume: Board Foot [Gross]	51703.2					8	3	1	WL	1	10.02	10.02	9.7	87	46	47	17	15	15	80	15	15	667	334	
+ Canopy: Layer Count	1					9	3	1	RC	1	10.02	10.02	5.7	32	14	56	3	2	2	53	2	53	27		
+ Height: Largest Value	121					10	3	1	WL	1	10.02	10.02	15.3	121	82	32	56	52	52	270	52	53	2224	1112	
+ QMD (Quadratic Mean Diamet...)	9.5					11	2	1	WH	1	40.07	40.07	3	17	10	41	0	0	18	18	9				
+ RD (Relative Density)	106.9					12	3	1	RC	1	10.02	10.02	10.9	60	13	78	16	13	13	60	13	15	423	212	
+ SDI: Sum (Stand Density Index)	561.7					13	3	0	DF	1	10.02	10.02	6.4	52	0	5	3	3	3	20	3	4	158	79	dead
+ Snags: DBH > 20" (Per Acre)	0					14	3	1	WL	1	10.02	10.02	13.4	109	75	31	39	36	36	180	36	37	1094	547	conks
+ TPA [Trees per Acre]	671.3					15	3	1	DF	1	10.02	10.02	15.9	110	72	35	55	51	51	270	51	52	2216	1108	
						16	3	1	WH	1	10.02	10.02	8.8	63	24	62	11	9	9	50	9	11	447	224	
						17	3	0	DF	1	10.02	10.02	8.8	25	0	4	3	3	10	3	3	147	74	dead	
						18	3	0	DF	1	10.02	10.02	10.8	77	0	19	16	16	16	80	16	17	742	371	dead
						19	3	1	RC	1	10.02	10.02	7.5	41	13	68	6	4	4	20	4	5	138	69	
						20	3	1	WH	1	10.02	10.02	6.1	56	23	59	5	3	3	10	3	4	162	81	



Components involved:

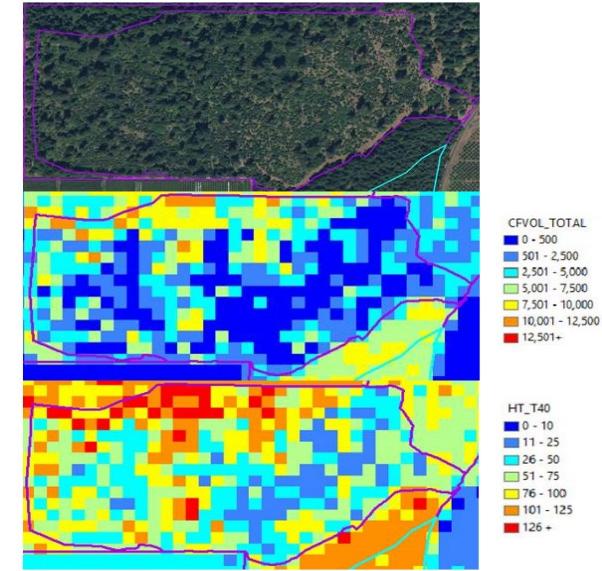
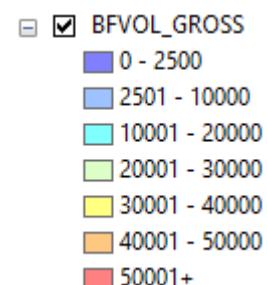
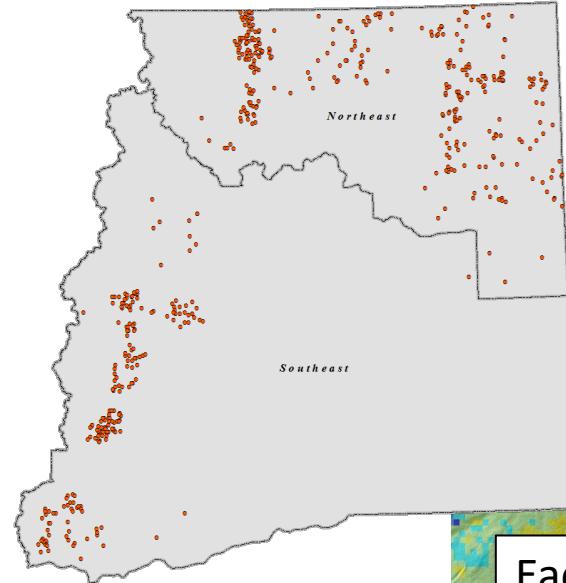
Tree Data from RS-FRIS Plots: Species, DBH, Height

RS-FRIS Raster Variables

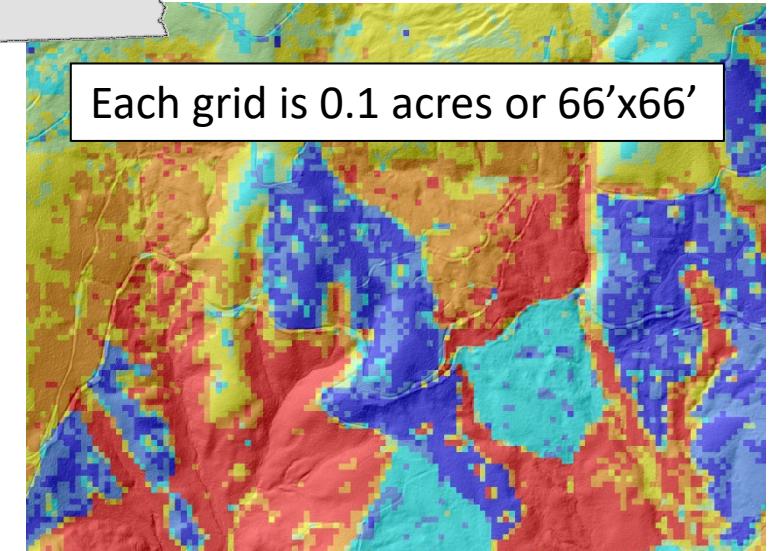
1. Total Cubic Volume
2. Heights of the Largest (DBH) Trees
3. Percent Tree Cover

These three raster variables have the least amount of variation when compared to traditional cruise data.

Low Estimate → High Estimate



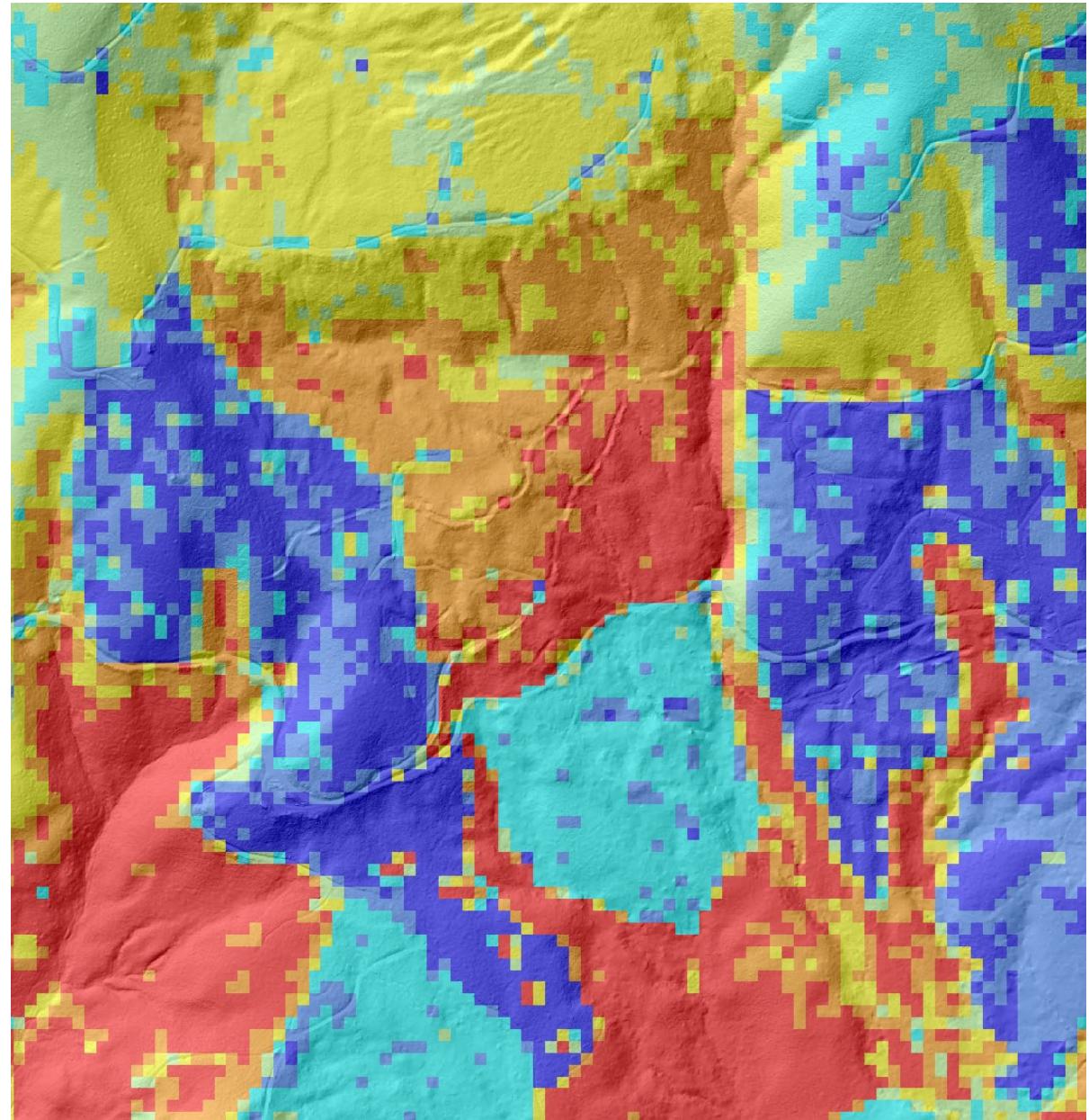
Each grid is 0.1 acres or 66'x66'



Stand Treelist Imputation

Why? FVS needs lists of trees to represent stands.

- 1) Gather Data
 - a) Normalize RS-FRIS plot data for FVS input
- 2) Group (*raster*) stand-grids into bins, by volume
- 3) Match RS-FRIS plots to stand bins by ecotype
- 4) Impute all stand-grid volume-bins with the ecotype-matched, plot treelists



Plot <-> Stand-Grid (Bin)

Assigns the best matching RS-FRIS plot to a target stand-grid in terms of having the smallest difference between variables:

- Metrics:
 - Heights (*ht_t40*)
 - Cover
 - Volume (*cfvol_total*)
- Climate:
 - Moisture
 - Elevation
 - Temperature

Goal:

Find out what plot treelist is most appropriate for a grid cell.

```
if (eco == 1) { # SAF-ES-LP subalpine
  return (
    abs((x$vol1 - y$meanvol2)*2)
    + abs((x$ht1 - y$meanht2))
    + abs((x$cov1 - y$meancov2))
    + abs((x$elevation1 - y$elevation2)*2)
    + abs((x$aet1 - y$aet2))
    + abs((x$td1 - y$td2))
    + abs((x$mat1 - y$mat2)))
}
else if (eco == 2) { # CMMC
  return (
    abs((x$vol1 - y$meanvol2)*2)
    + abs((x$ht1 - y$meanht2))
    + abs((x$cov1 - y$meancov2))
    + abs((x$elevation1 - y$elevation2))
    + abs((x$aet1 - y$aet2))
    + abs((x$mat1 - y$mat2)))
}
else if (eco == 3) { # WMMC
  return (
    abs((x$vol1 - y$meanvol2)*2)
    + abs((x$ht1 - y$meanht2))
    + abs((x$cov1 - y$meancov2))
    + abs((x$aet1 - y$aet2))
    + abs((x$map1 - y$map2))
    + abs((x$shm1 - y$shm2)))
}
```

R6 Class: Imputer

```
initialize = function (debug = FALSE, explore = FALSE, run = FALSE) {
  self$debug = debug
  self$explore = explore
  print("Initializing a new instance of the Imputer class.")
  if (run) {
    t1 = sys.time()
    self$.impute(debug, explore)
    t2 = sys.time()
    elapsed = t2 - t1
    print(elapsed)
  }
},
```

```
# Examples of how to call the Imputer R6class written for imputi
#####
# Example 1 ----- Run the parLapply() version --
#####

i1 <- Imputer$new(run = TRUE, debug = FALSE)
  # 'run' argument tells it to use parLapply() with

#####
# Example 2 ----- Run the lapply() version --
#####

i2 <- Imputer$new(run = FALSE, debug = FALSE)
  # 'run' = FALSE allows us to subsequently set make
  # This is done in order to use lapply(), without c

# It is necessary to set 'make_cluster' = FALSE in order to use
i2$make_cluster = FALSE
# The .impute() function runs all of the processes which are par
i2$.impute(i2$debug, i2$explore)
```

```
.impute = function (debug, explore, name_ref=".impute()") {
  t1 = Sys.time()
  if (debug) {
    self$make_cluster = FALSE}
  self$cluster = .fx_set_cluster()
  ptm <- proc.time() # start the clock!
  self$ptm = ptm
  print("Beginning imputation.")
  print(ptm)
  print("Proceeding to query all trees from the database.")
  # aggregates class methods into one function for general use
  self$trees = .step_1_query_trees(is_oracle)
  print(proc.time() - ptm) # stop the clock!
  print("Proceeding to read all stand grids from the R files.")
  self$stands = .step_2_read_stands(n = 7, directory = dir$inputs[1], name_prefix =
  print(proc.time() - ptm) # stop the clock!
  print("Proceeding to group all stand-grids in bins according to volume.")
  self$volumes = .step_3_bin_stand_grids(stands, debug = FALSE)
  print(proc.time() - ptm) # stop the clock!
  print("Proceeding to match RS-FRIS plots to stand-grid volume-bins by ecotype.")
  self$imputations = .step_4_match_ecotype(trees, volumes, cluster, plot_file = "plots_en
  print(proc.time() - ptm) # stop the clock!
  # data exploration
  print("Proceeding to read historic FRIS based numbers from the R file.")
  self$fris = .fx_read_historic_acreage(debug = FALSE, directory = self$dir$fris[1])
  print(proc.time() - ptm) # stop the clock!
  print("Comparing current to historic data via FRIS.")
  if (explore) {
    self$map_eco_1 = .fx_explore_acreages(1, fris, plots1, volumes, debug)
    self$map_eco_2 = .fx_explore_acreages(2, fris, plots2, volumes, debug)
    self$map_eco_3 = .fx_explore_acreages(3, fris, plots3, volumes, debug)
    self$map_eco_4 = .fx_explore_acreages(4, fris, plots4, volumes, debug)
    self$map_eco_5 = .fx_explore_acreages(5, fris, plots5, volumes, debug)
    self$map_eco_6 = .fx_explore_acreages(6, fris, plots6, volumes, debug)
    self$map_eco_7 = .fx_explore_acreages(7, fris, plots7, volumes, debug)
    print(proc.time() - ptm) # stop the clock!
  }
  # imputation processing
  print("Proceeding to impute all stand-grids volume bins with ecotype matched plots.")
  self$impute_map = .step_5_process_imputations(imputations, volumes, debug)
  print(proc.time() - ptm) # stop the clock!
  print("Proceeding to map all stand grids for percent difference in volume.")
  self$plot_map = .step_6_prepare_plot_mapping(impute_map, trees)
  print(proc.time() - ptm) # stop the clock!
  print(sprintf("Imputation succeeded. Returning from %s function.", name_ref))
  t2 = Sys.time()
  elapsed = t2 - t1
  print(elapsed)
  return(plot_map)
},
```

```
#####
# Example 3 ----- Run functions individually -----
#####

# - This is particularly useful if:
#   (A) You only need to debug something specific
#   (B) You require intermediary review of data

i3 <- Imputer$new(debug = FALSE)
  # Note that we set 'debug' = FALSE at the R6Class level above
  # Demonstrated further throughout how you can alternate between using the instantiated value or a new Boolean

  # It is necessary to set 'make_cluster' and call .fx_set_cluster() when 'manually' running functions
i3$make_cluster = TRUE
i3$cluster = i3$.fx_set_cluster()

trees = i3$.step_1_query_trees(
  i3$is_oracle) # 'is_oracle' gets set to FALSE, by default, during instantiation [Imputer$new()]

stands = i3$.step_2_read_stands(
  n = 7,
  directory = i3$dir$inputs[1],
  name_prefix = "vegeco",
  name_suffix = "_dat.environ_standardized_v3rsfris_20210805.rds",
  debug = FALSE)

volumes = i3$.step_3_bin_stand_grids(
  stands,
  debug = FALSE)

imputations = i3$.step_4_match_ecotype(
  trees, volumes, i3$cluster,
  plot_file = "plots.environ_standardized_dom spp_20210805.rds",
  debug = i3$debug)

i3$fris = i3$.fx_read_historic_acreage(
  directory = i3$dir$fris[1],
  name_file = "original_fris_ba_speciesv2.rds",
  debug = FALSE)

impute_map = i3$.step_5_process_imputations(
  imputations = imputations,
  volumes = volumes,
  debug = i3$debug)

i3$plot_map = i3$.step_6_prepare_plot_mapping(
  impute_map,
  trees)
```

Preliminary Thoughts:

parLapply

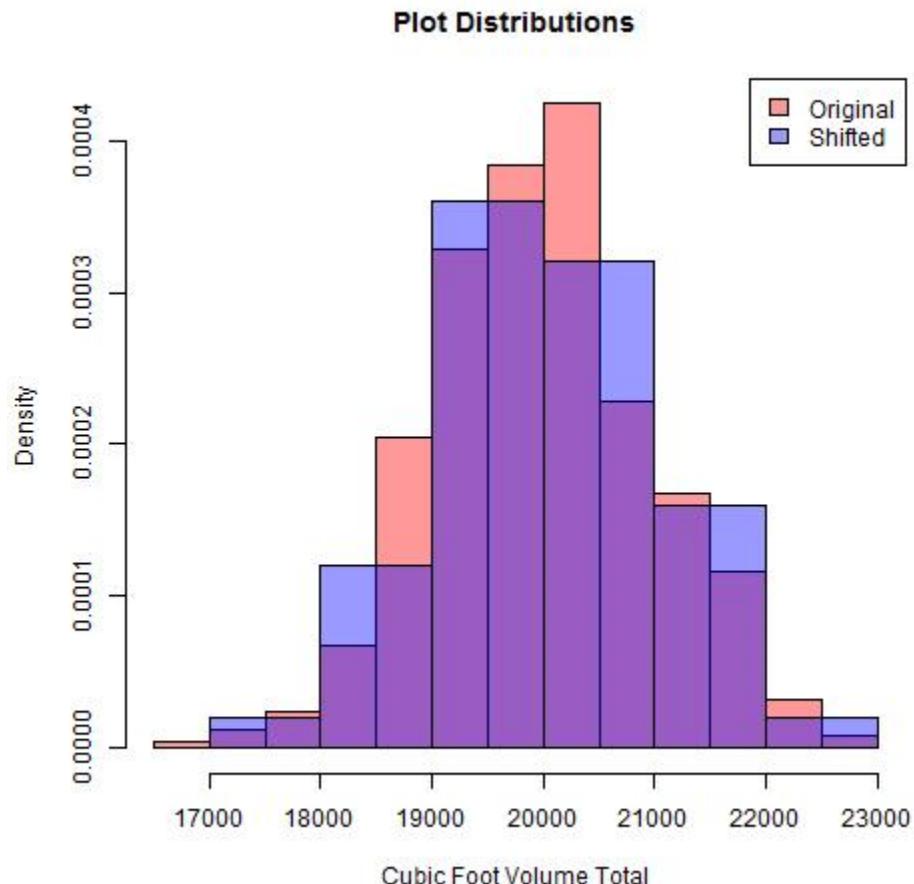
- Functional programming
- OOP R6 Class

```
.fx_run_parallel = function (ecotype, plots, volumes, cluster,
                                debug      = FALSE) {
  library(foreach)
  library(doParallel)
  env1 = environment()
  if (debug) {
    browser()
  }
  target = .fx_return_bins(ecotype, volumes, debug)
  if (self$make_cluster) {
    # proceed with cluster processing of data
    arguments = c("ecotype", "plots", "debug")
    clusterExport(cluster, arguments, envir = env1)
    registerDoParallel(cluster)
    y_neighbors = parLapply(cl = cluster,
                           X = target,
                           fun = .fx_match_plots_2_stand_grid_bins,
                           ecotype = ecotype,
                           plots = plots,
                           debug = debug)
    y_df = as.data.frame(rbindlist(y_neighbors))
    return (y_df)
  } else {
```

Known Issue:

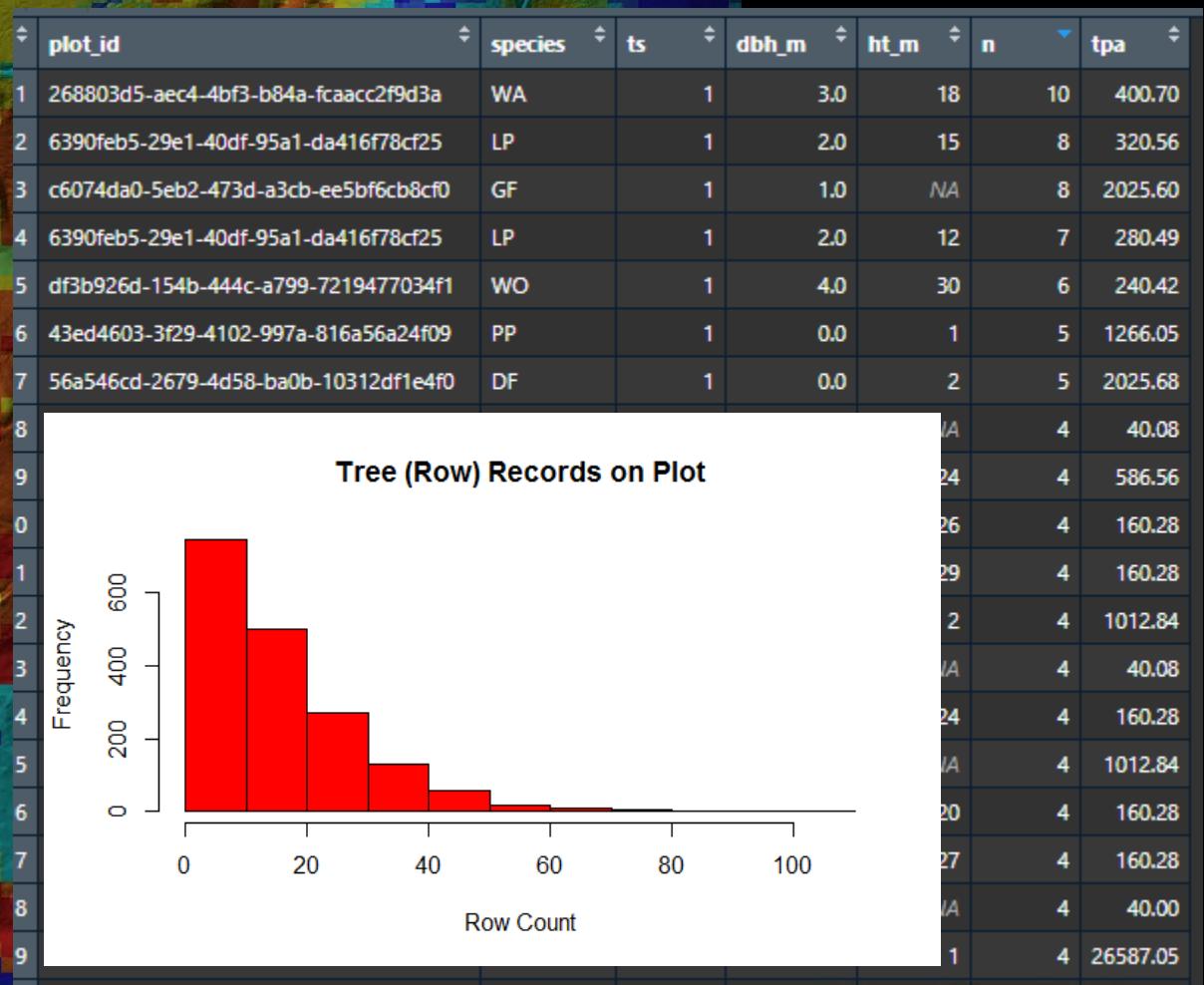
Plot to stand-grid(s) matching

Distribution thinning and/or shifting around the target metric



Summarization

```
trees %>% group_by(  
  plot_id,  
  species,  
  status, dbh_m, ht_m  
) %>% summarise(  
  n = n(), # observations  
  tpa = sum(tree_acre)  
)
```



Thank you for your time!

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