



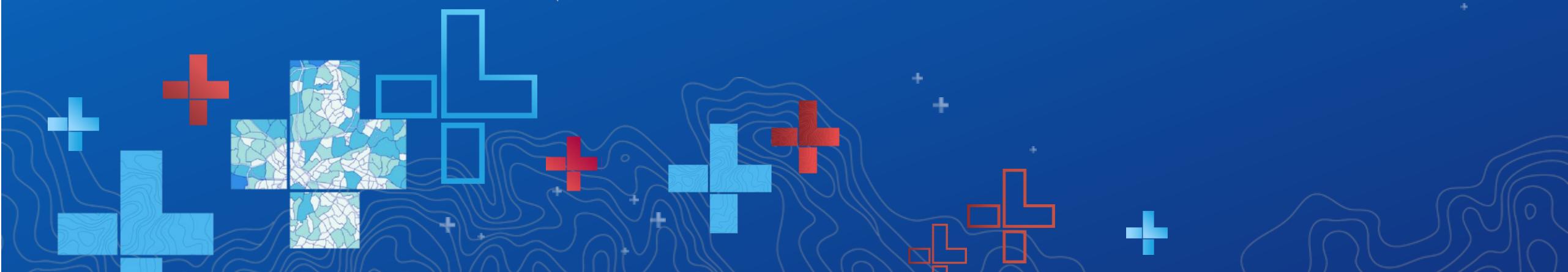
# An Assessment of Ecosystems in Global Protected Areas

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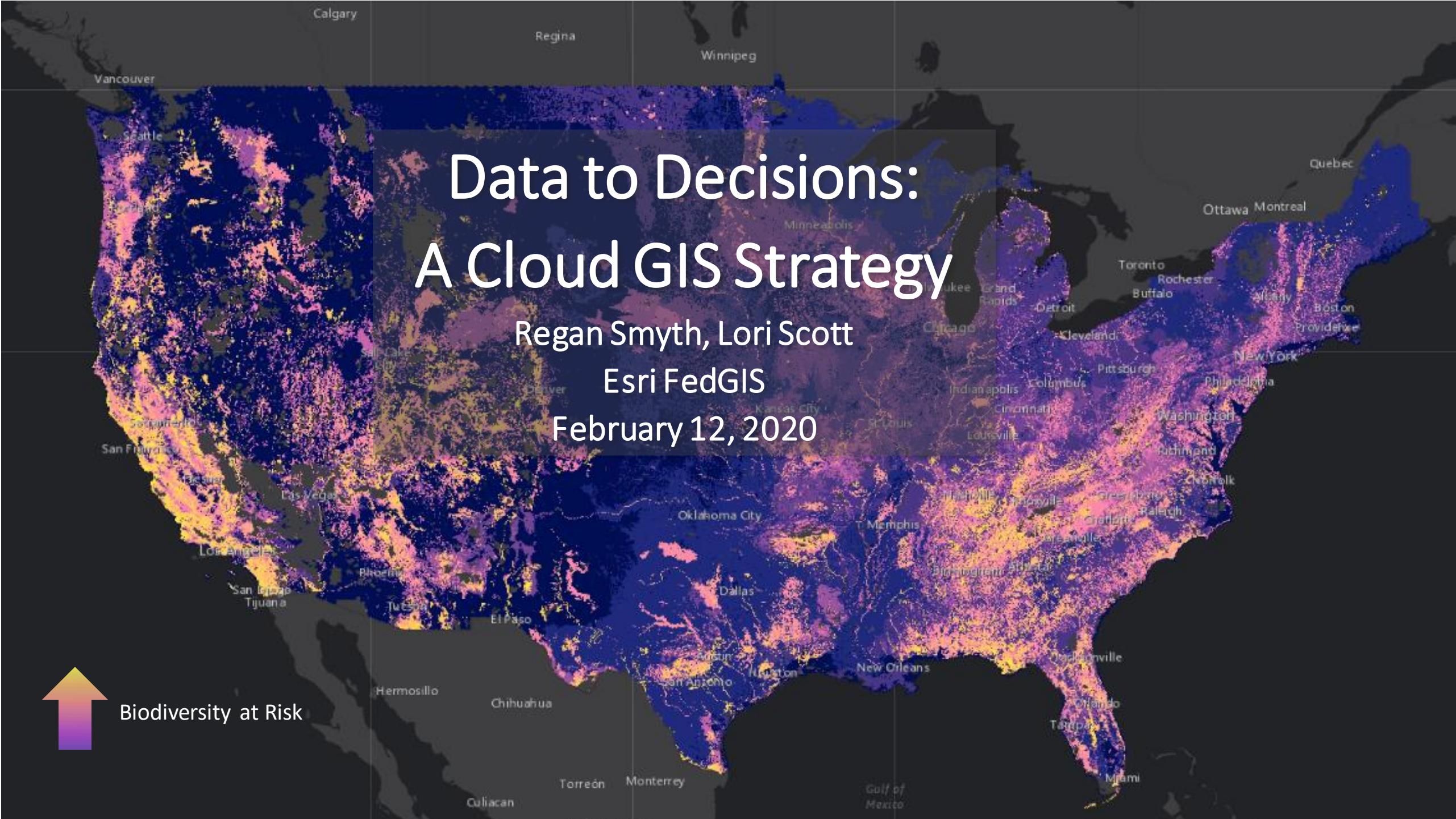


Collect, Curate,  
Crunch, Communicate



Digital Impact  
Storytelling





A map of North America showing biodiversity risk. The legend indicates that higher risk is represented by yellow and orange, while lower risk is represented by purple. The map shows high-risk areas in the western United States and Canada, and lower-risk areas in the central and eastern United States and Canada.

# Data to Decisions: A Cloud GIS Strategy

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February 12, 2020



Biodiversity at Risk

# NatureServe

## NatureServe Network



Non-governmental organizations



Governmental organizations



Academic institutions



Museums & herbaria



What/How/Where

## Other Data Sources



Citizen science



Remotely sensed observations



## DATA and INFORMATION

## TOOLS

## ANALYSIS and INTEGRATION

## Land-Use Decision-Makers



Environmental activists



Private sector



Inter-governmental organizations and conventions



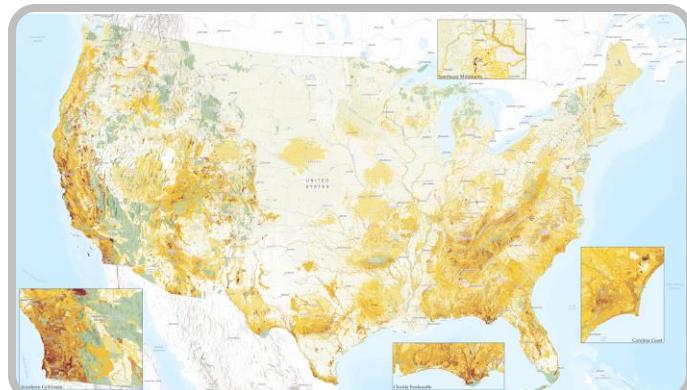
Multilateral funding organizations



Governmental organizations



Civil society



COLLECT

CURATE

CRUNCH

COMMUNICATE

Best Available Biodiversity Data

Best Available Science and Analysis

Best Decisions for Biodiversity

NatureServe Network:  
1,000 People, \$100,000,000 Budget

NatureServe HQ:  
55 People, \$8,000,000 budget

Impact:  
Billions of People, Trillions of Dollars

# COLLECT

Biodiversity data that answers 3 key questions:

- *what is it?*
- *where is it?*
- *how is it doing?*



The NatureServe Network includes more than 100 independent organizations in 23 countries across the Americas



Non-governmental organizations



Academic institutions



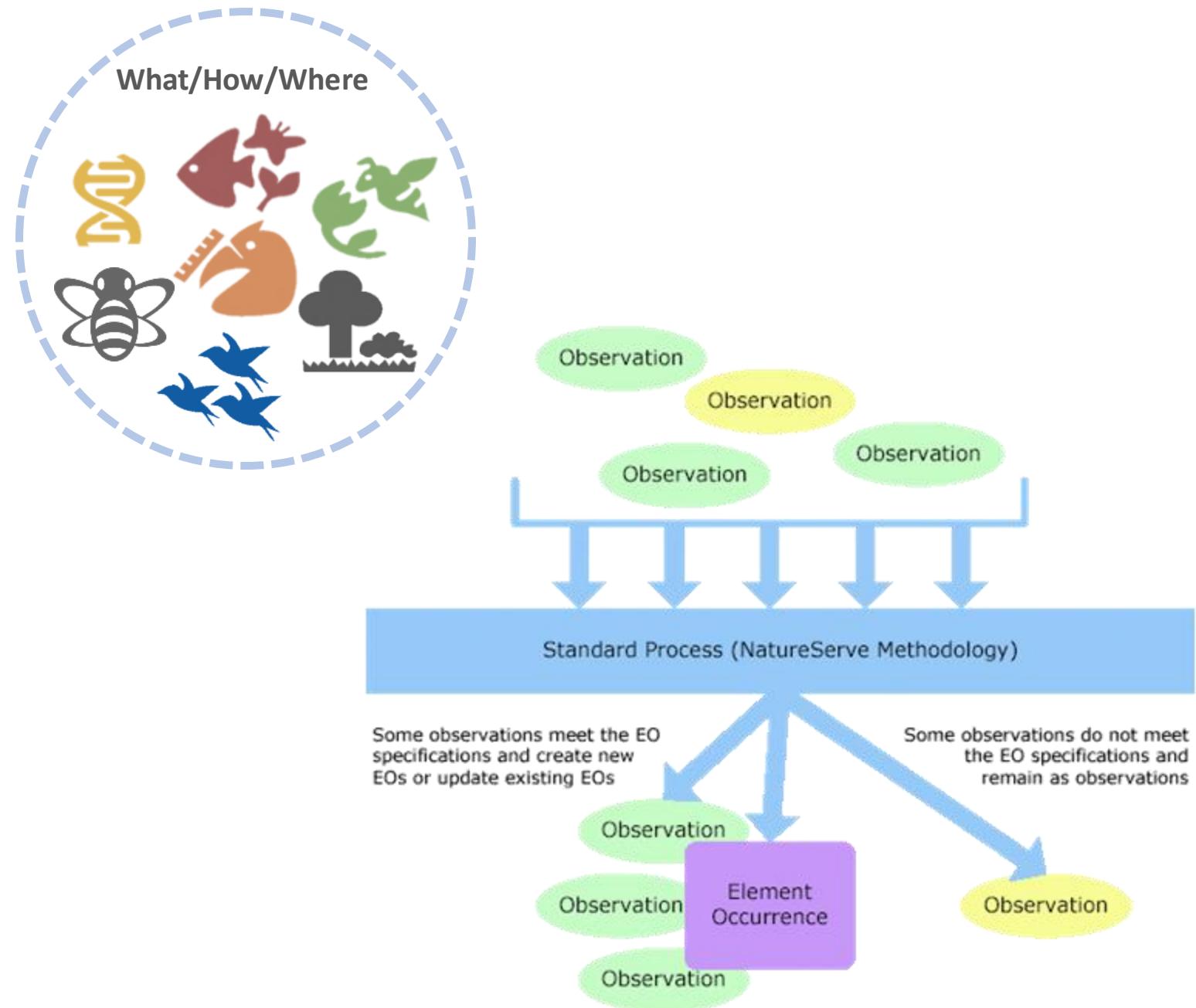
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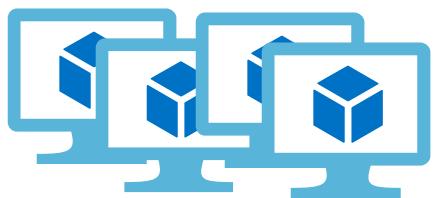
# CURATE

- Unique dataset based on a unified taxonomy
- Field-verified locations of rare species and ecosystems, mapped with high precision
- Collected and curated using standard methods from authoritative partners
- Our decision-quality maps are scientific, objective and credible

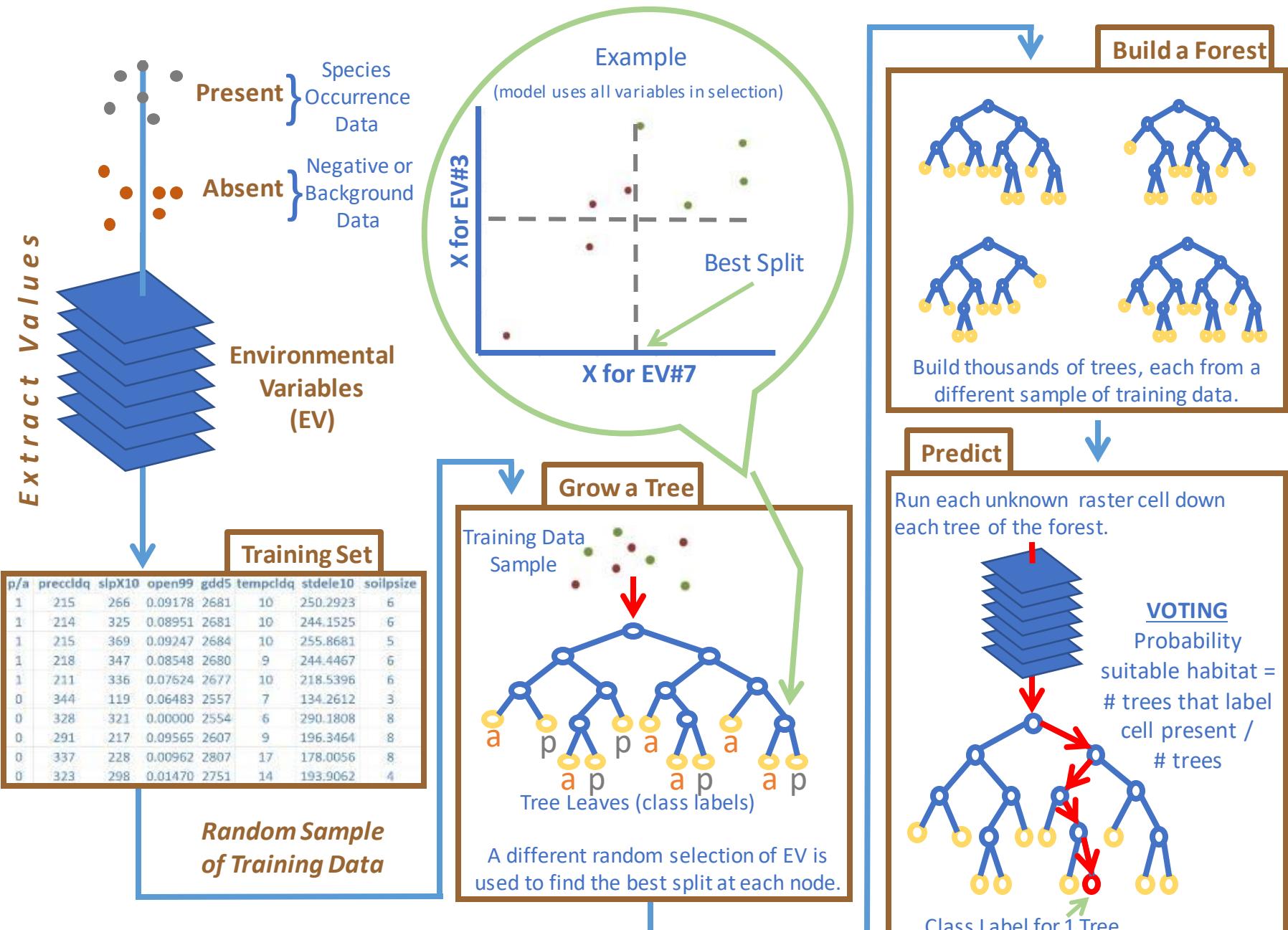


# CRUNCH

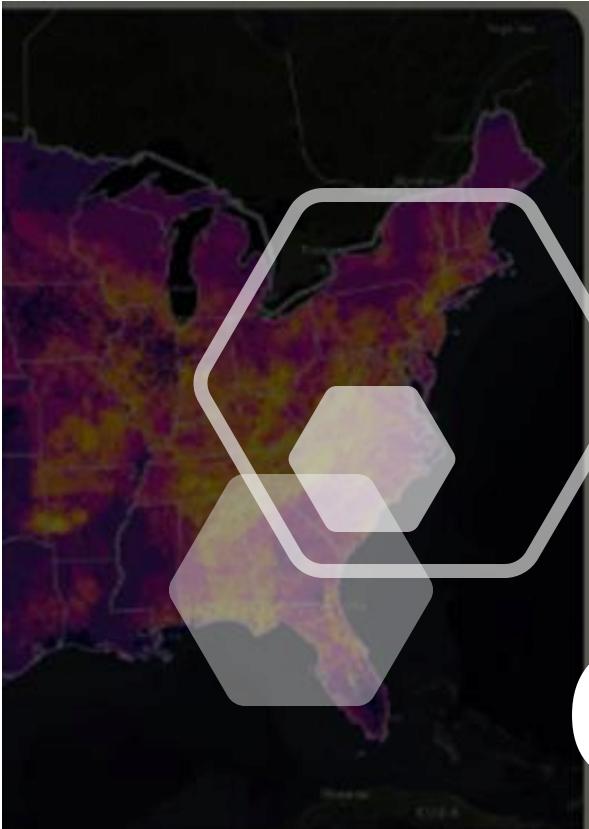
Collaborative modeling  
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ArcGIS Online



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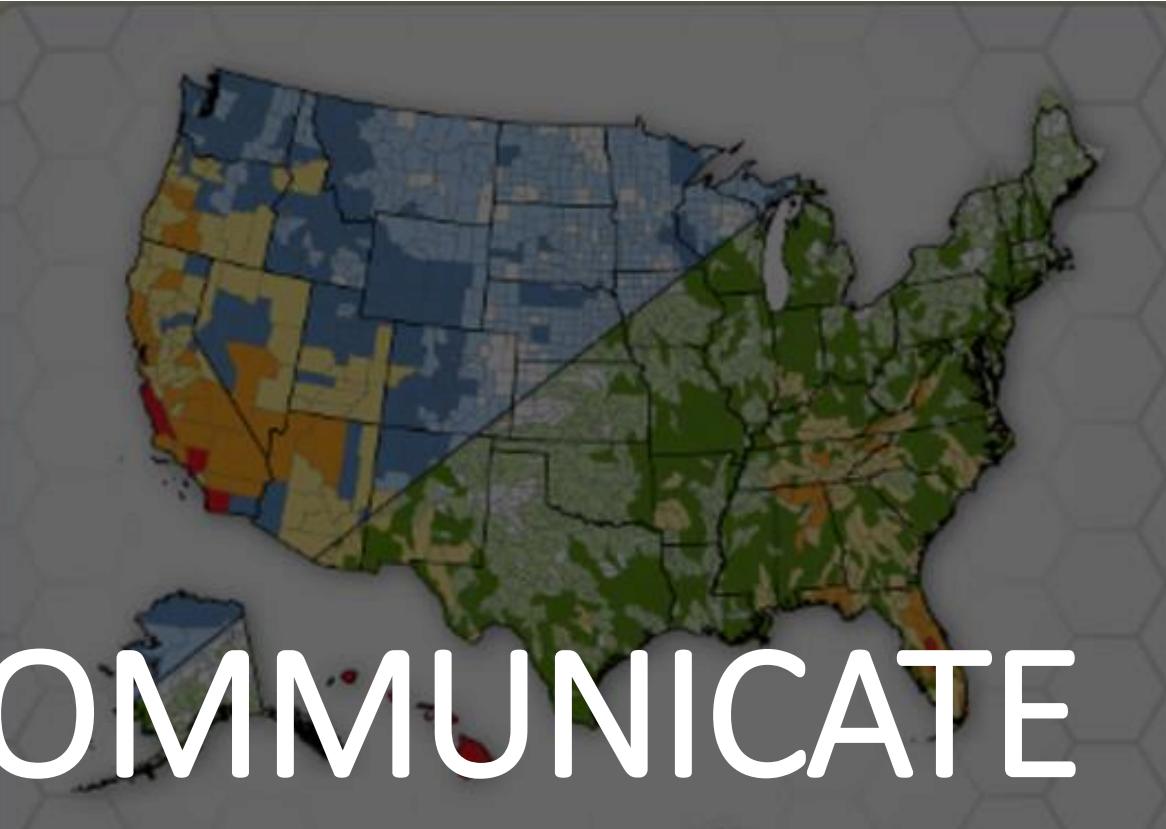


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Importance, a portfolio of  
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# COMMUNICATE



NatureServe Open Data

NatureServe believes that having the highest quality  
scientific data is essential when it comes to protecting the  
planets' species – that knowing is half the battle.

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Advancing Colla

The NatureServe Network uses  
model suitable habitat

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# Mapping the Places that Matter Most

NatureServe's Habitat Suitability Modeling Initiative is Changing the Conservation Landscape

  
  
2,216

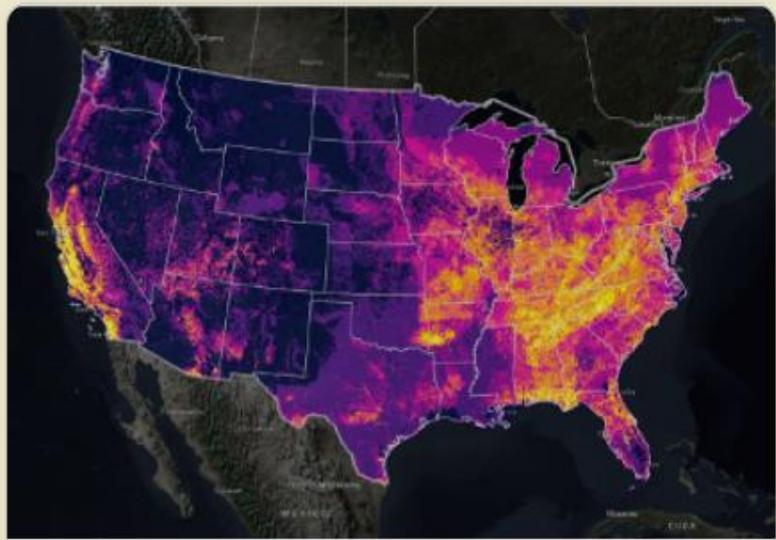
Species modeled

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Environmental Variables

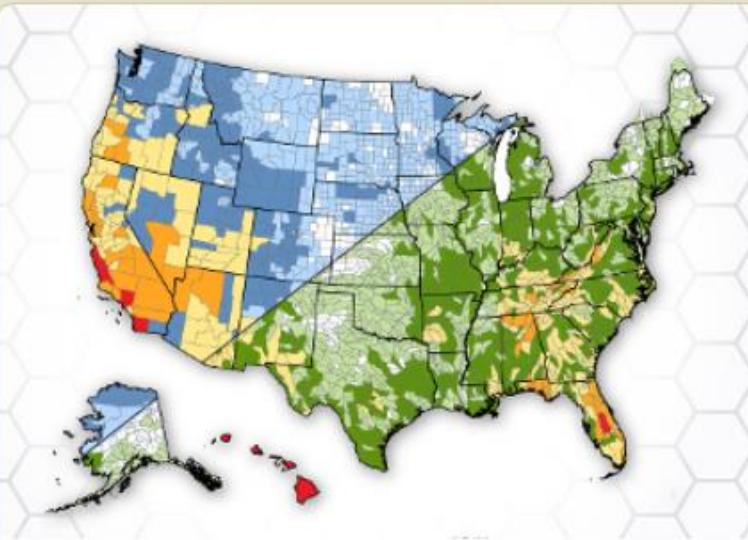
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Network Scientists



## Map of Biodiversity Importance

View the Map of Biodiversity Importance, a portfolio of maps that identify critical areas for species conservation in the contiguous United States.

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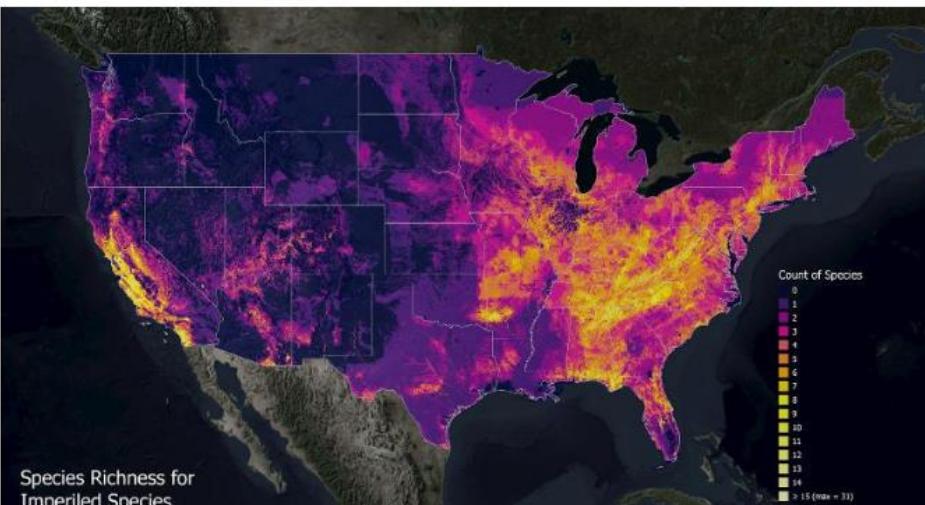
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## Advancing Collaborative Science

The NatureServe Network uses collaborative science to model suitable habitat for imperiled species.

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## The Map of Biodiversity Importance



### What is the Map of Biodiversity Importance?

Through a landmark collaboration, NatureServe has released a portfolio of maps that identify critical areas for species conservation in the contiguous United States. With support from Esri, The Nature Conservancy, and Microsoft's AI for Earth program, NatureServe and its network of member programs have created a comprehensive set of habitat models for imperiled species. Analyzed in conjunction with protected area boundaries, these data support mapping areas of high biodiversity importance—an invaluable input to guide effective conservation decision-making and reduce regulatory conflict.

To learn more about the project, contact Regan Smyth at [Regan\\_Smyth@natureserve.org](mailto:Regan_Smyth@natureserve.org) or Healy Hamilton at [Healy\\_Hamilton@natureserve.org](mailto:Healy_Hamilton@natureserve.org).



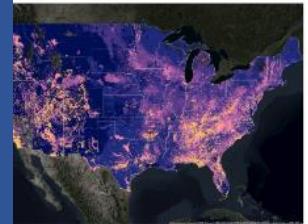
ArcGIS Living Atlas of the World



Protection-weighted Range-size Rarity of Imperiled ...

 Imagery Layer By: [NatureServe](#)

Protection-weighted range-size rarity of species in the lower 48 United States that are protected by the Endangered Species Act and/or considered to be in danger of extinction.



Summed Range-size Rarity of Imperiled Species in t...

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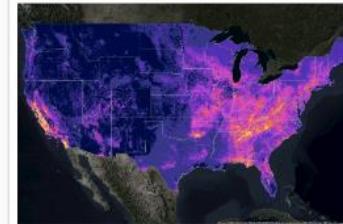
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Richness of Imperiled Freshwater Invertebrates in t...

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Numbers of freshwater invertebrates in the lower 48 United States



El Paso

Dallas

# Explore the latest Mobi StoryMaps

Learn more about our recipe for habitat suitability modeling and the top 10 surprising things that we learned



## MoBI Top 10

Surprising findings from NatureServe's Map of Biodiversity Importance initiative



## A Recipe for Better Biodiversity Mapping



# NatureServe Open Data

The Gold Standard for Biodiversity Information

NatureServe believes that having the highest quality scientific data is absolutely essential when it comes to protecting the planet's species. Along with our network partners, we develop and manage the most comprehensive data for over 100,000 species and ecosystems, answering fundamental questions about what exists, where it is found, and how it is doing.

Here you can explore some of our open spatial data sets and online applications. For more information on how to access biodiversity location data, please contact us at [productsandservices@natureserve.org](mailto:productsandservices@natureserve.org).

# Find Data

Search for Data

Explore NatureServe Data



[Environmental Condition](#)



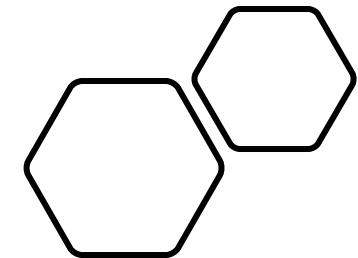
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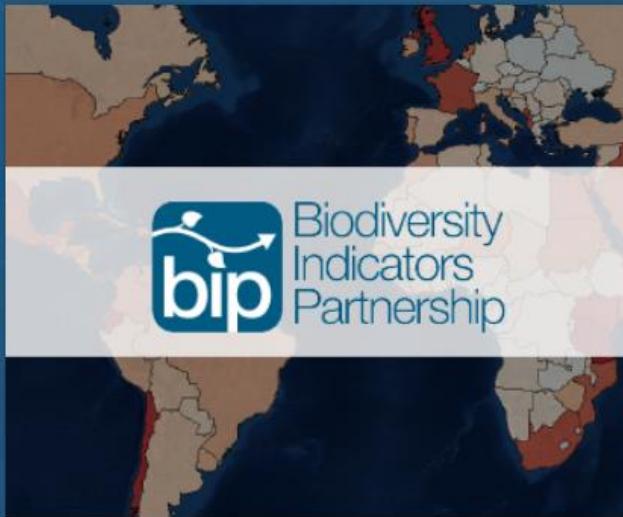


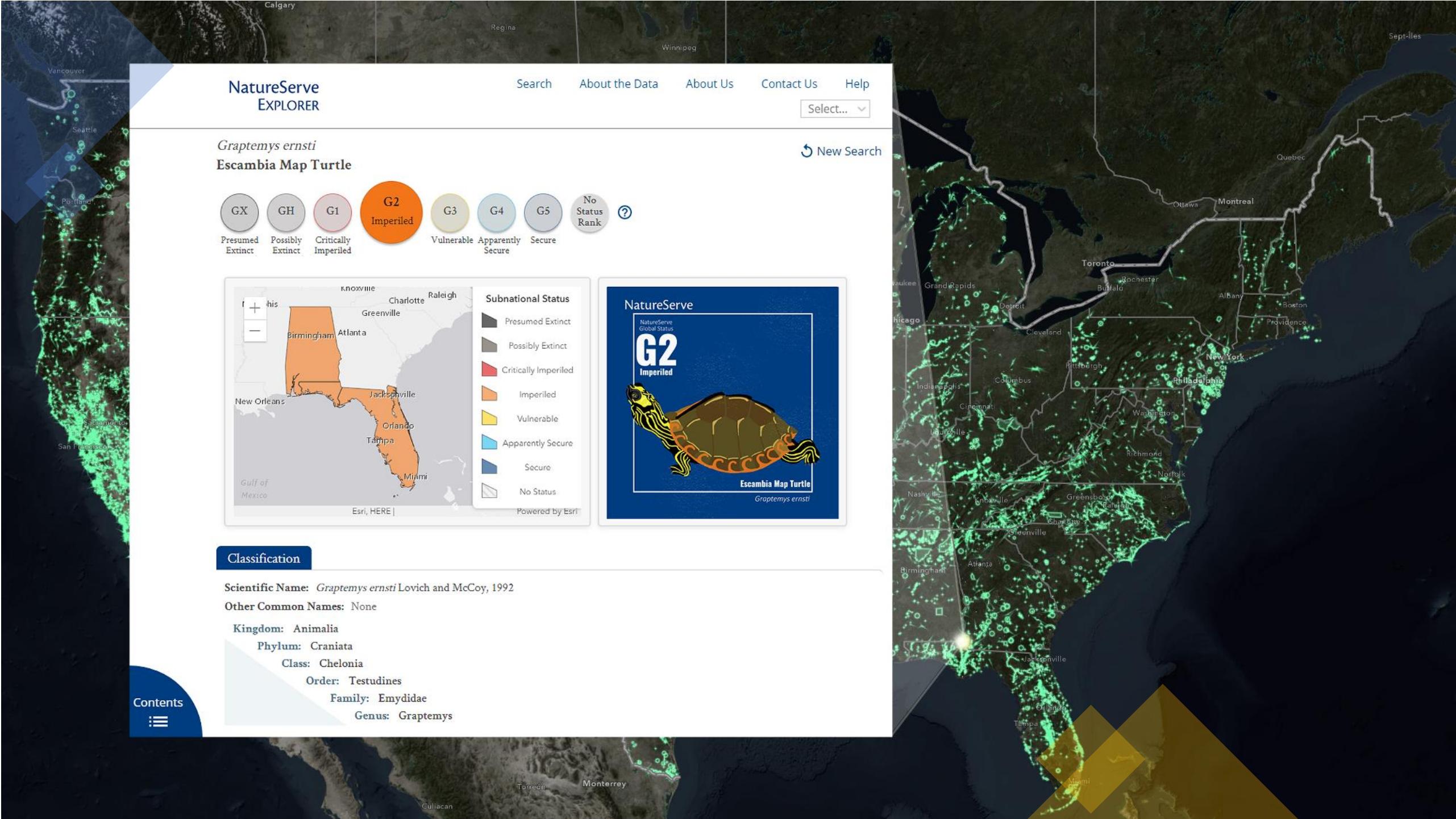
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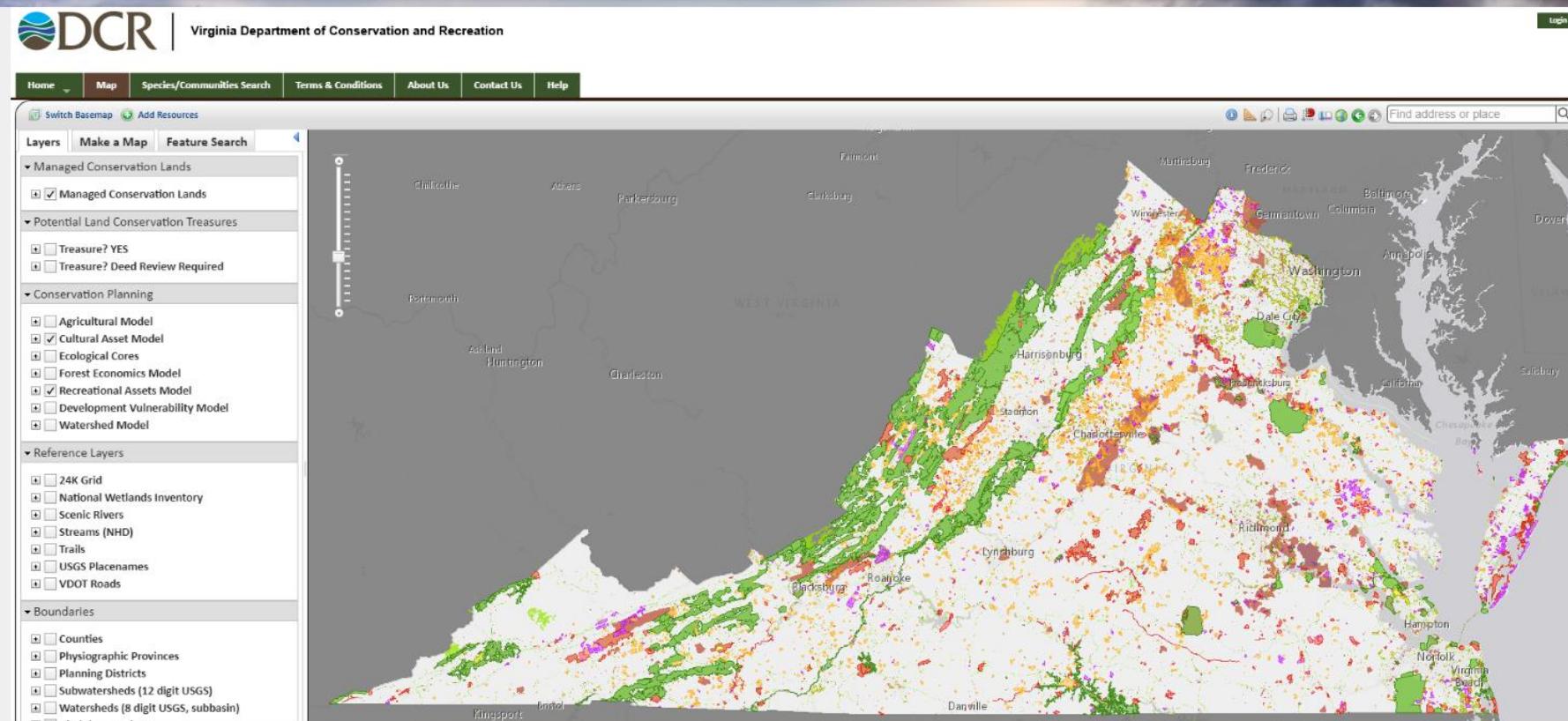


Overview of Tools Benefits Tool Locator Nuts & Bolts Let's get started!

Arizona Kentucky Louisiana Missouri Nebraska New Mexico North Carolina Pennsylvania ERT Pennsylvania COA South Dakota Virginia Sample Reports

## Virginia

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# Environmental Review Tools



STREAMLINE PLANNING  
AND PERMITTING  
PROCESSES, SAVE  
THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF  
STAFF TIME



REDUCE THE IMPACT OF  
PROJECTS ON  
THREATENED AND  
ENDANGERED SPECIES



SUPPORT  
IMPLEMENTATION OF  
STATE WILDLIFE ACTION  
PLANS

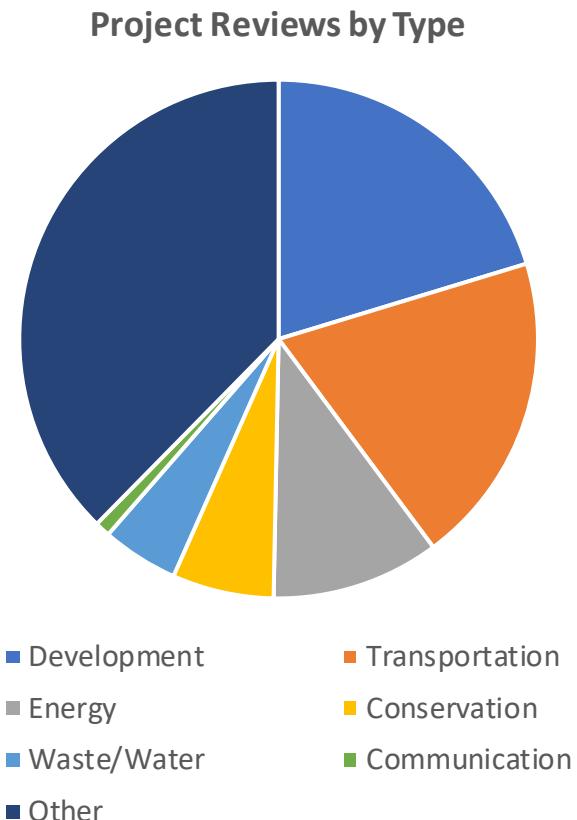


PROVIDE SELF-SERVICE  
CONSERVATION  
PLANNING TOOLS



RECOVER ADMINISTRATIVE  
COSTS THROUGH OPTIONAL  
CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FOR  
ISSUED PROJECT RECEIPTS

# Reduce Conflicts Protect Biodiversity



Combined usage from 9 state tools:

- 42,000 projects submitted in the last year
- Over 132,000 projects submitted since 2013
- For most states, over 70% of projects result in no conflict, or return voluntary conservation/avoidance measures

Expanding this service nationwide in 2020

4264 ft  
138  
146  
770  
5863 ft  
Little River  
Oppen Creek  
Fish Creek  
Ant Creek  
Castle Rock Fork  
Jackson Creek  
Idyll Park  
Umpqua National Forest  
426552  
125W-45N-0677  
17  
C0005-T0007-R0002-125W-45N  
T0007-R0002-125W-45N  
R0002-125W-45N  
125W-45N  
17 found  
Arrowhead Arctic Blue (*Agriades podarce klamathensis*)  
Cascade Fleabane (*Erigeron cascadensis*)  
Fisher (*Pekania pennanti*)  
Foothill Yellow-legged Frog (*Rana boylei*)  
Frosty Dawn Humpless Caddisfly (*Eobrachycentrus gelidae*)  
Greene's Hawkweed (*Hieracium greenei*)  
Jepson's Monkeyflower (*Mimulus jepsonii*)  
Mt. Mazama Collomia (*Collomia mazama*)  
North Umpqua Kalmiopsis (*Kalmiopsis fragrans*)  
Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*)  
Pacific Marten - Interior Population (*Martes caurina* pop. 1)  
Slender Meadowfoam (*Limnanthes alba* ssp. *gracilis*)  
Spring Phacelia (*Phacelia verna*)  
Steelhead - Oregon Coast Winter Run (*Oncorhynchus mykiss* pop. 31)  
Western Bog Violet (*Viola lanceolata* ssp. *occidentalis*)  
Western Pond Turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*)  
Whitney's Bristleweed (*Hazardia whitneyi* var. *discoidea*)

Identify/Measure Close Layers/Legend

Change Basemaps

Layers On/Off

Species\_Distribution

Aggregate Species Levels 3 to 6 (49 - 16807 square miles)

Ecosystem\_Distribution

Ecological Divisions

ECO US Ecological Systems

National Landcover

Vegetation Macrogroups

Conservation\_Priorities

State Wildlife Action Plan

Protected\_Areas

Protected Areas Database of the US

National Conservation Easement Database

Reference\_Layers

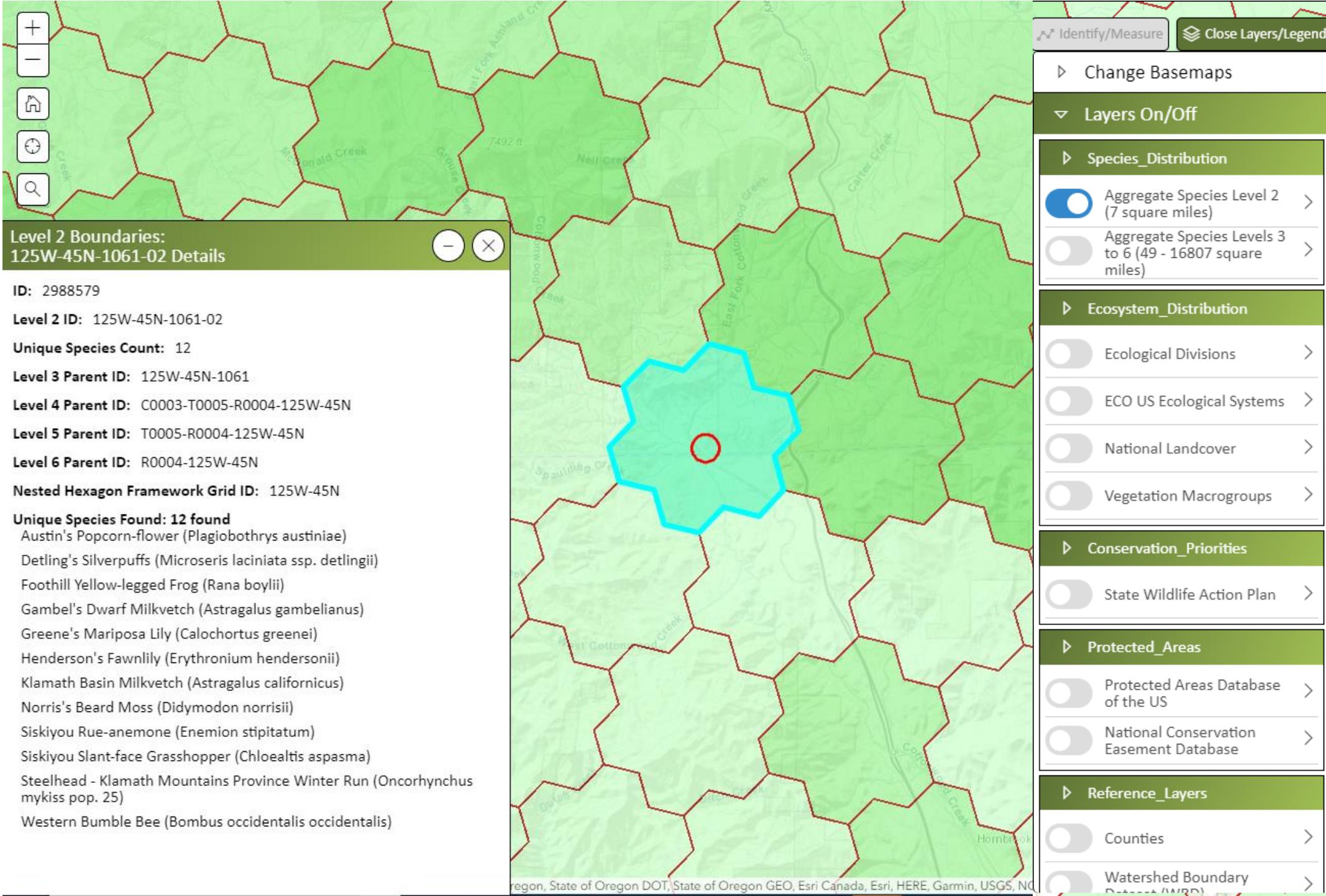
Counties

Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD)

Congressional Districts

Free Tier  
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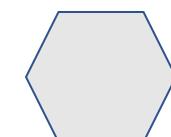
49 mile<sup>2</sup>



# Tier 1 Subscription Access:



7 mile<sup>2</sup>



49 mile<sup>2</sup>

Identify/Measure Close Layers/Legend

## ► Change Basemaps

▼ Layers On/Off

## ► Species Distribution

 Aggregate Species Level 2  
(7 square miles) >

Aggregate Species Levels 3 to 6 (49 - 16807 square miles) >

## ▷ Ecosystem\_Distribution

Ecological Divisions >

ECO-US Ecological Systems

ANSWER

1. *What is the difference between a primary and a secondary source?*

## ► Conservation\_Priorities

State Wildlife Action Plan >

## ► Protected\_Areas

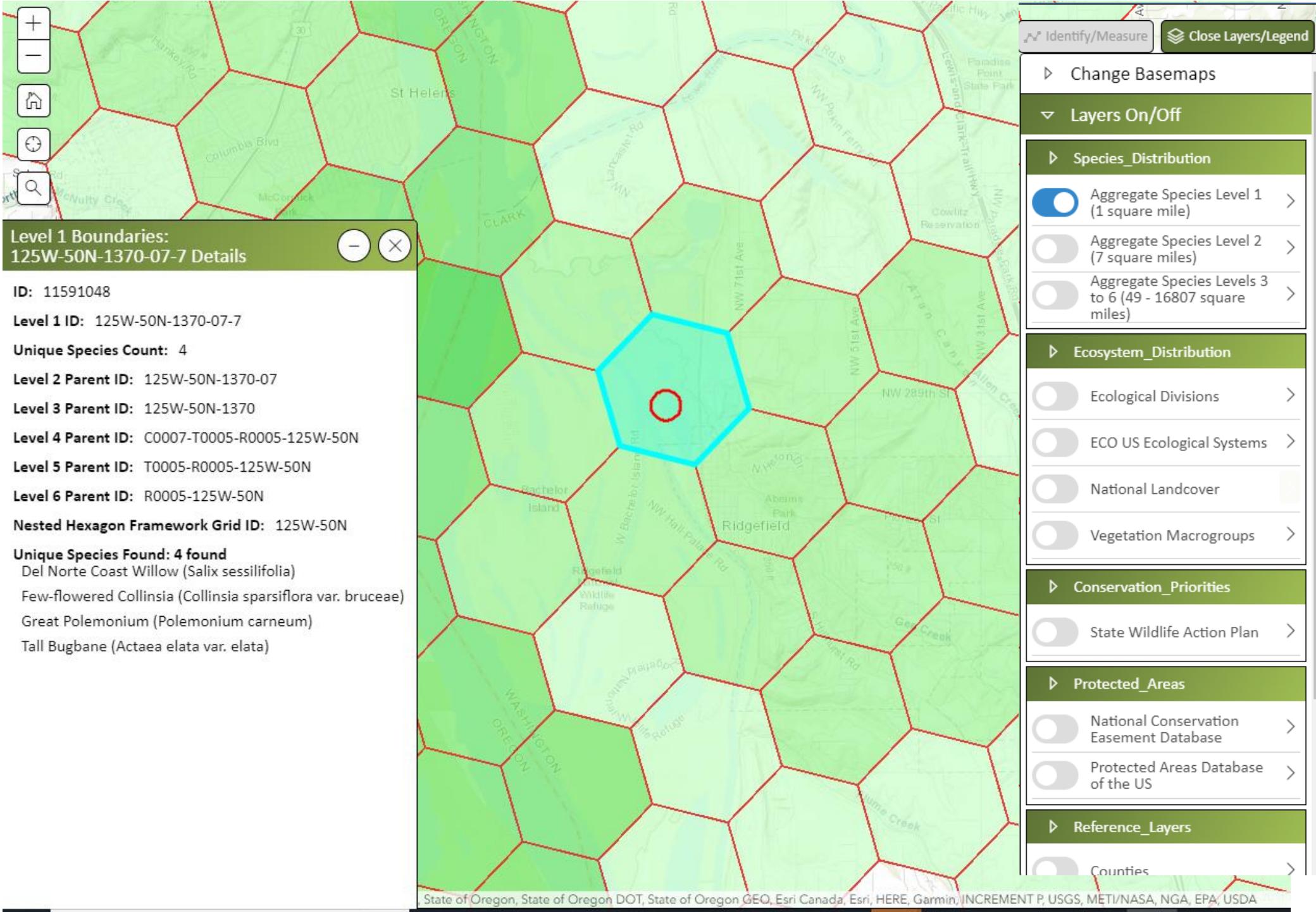
Protected Areas Database >  
of the US

National Conservation  
Education Project

1. **What is the primary purpose of the study?** (1 point)

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Watershed Boundary



**Tier 2  
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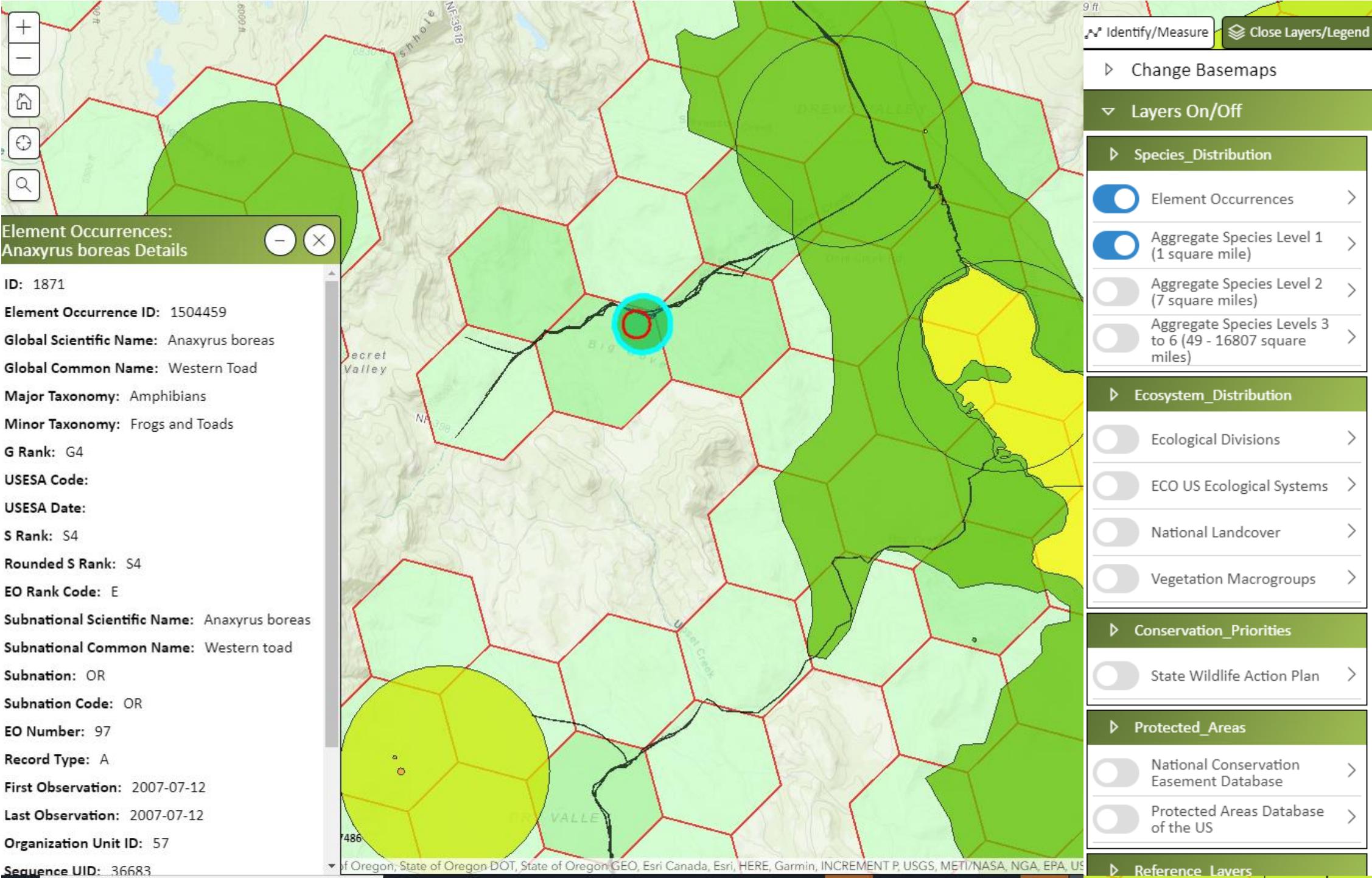
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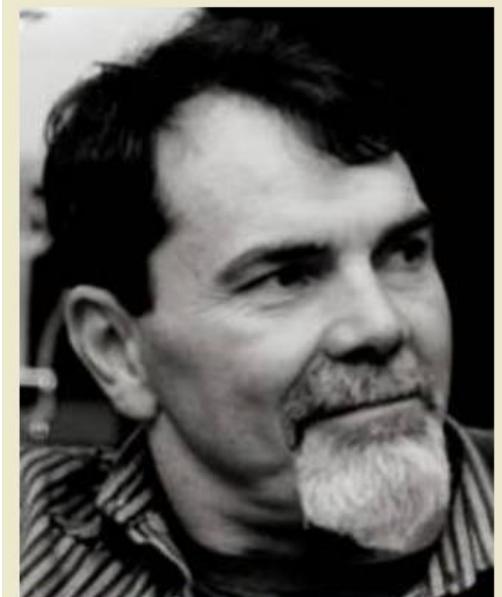
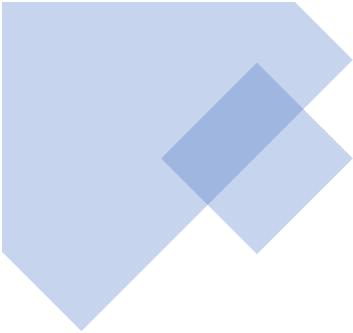
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Todd Jones-Farrand

*"Working with NatureServe will help us address the need for more precise species distribution data. This information will give us a greater understanding of the conservation value of current Southeast landscapes and allow us to plan for change more holistically. NatureServe has built the collaborative modeling infrastructure we need. This, with their large network of data providers & species experts, makes them indispensable partners in the quest for precision conservation action."*

*Todd Jones-Farrand, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

# Partner with Us



## Register Now!

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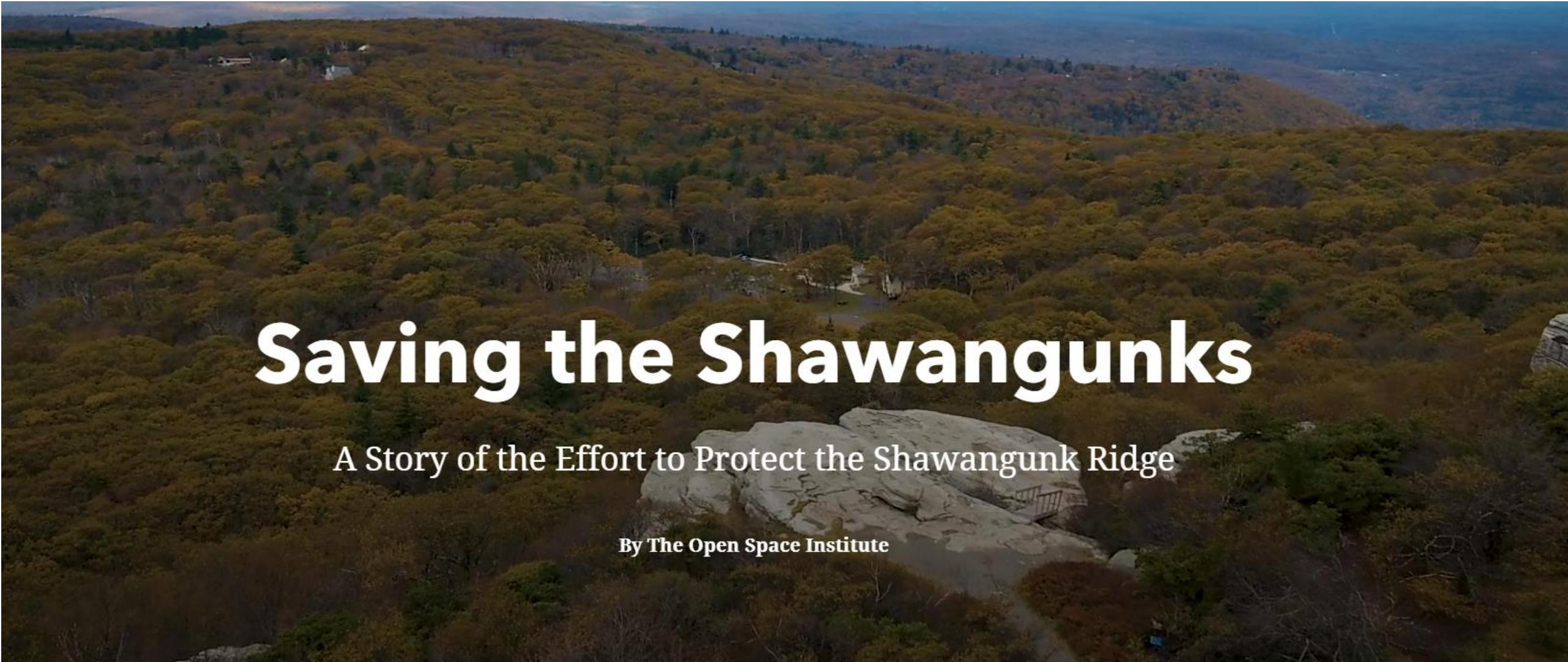




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We've helped save millions of acres and increased access to the great outdoors through:

- Direct land acquisition
- Funding
- Research
- Advocacy
- Grassroots Engagement
- Park improvement projects



# Saving the Shawangunks

A Story of the Effort to Protect the Shawangunk Ridge

By The Open Space Institute



OPEN SPACE  
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## Tuesday

12:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
Expo  
Hall B

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm  
Expo Social  
Hall B

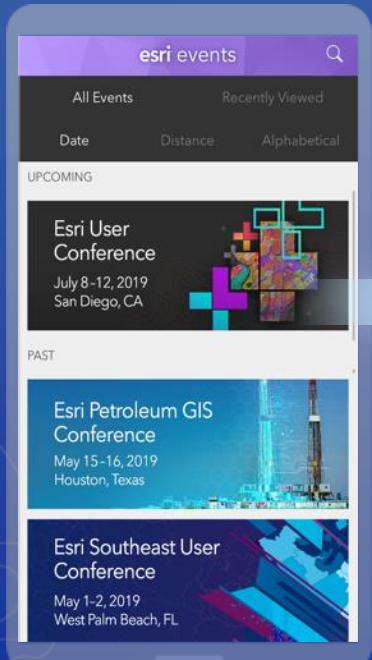
## Wednesday

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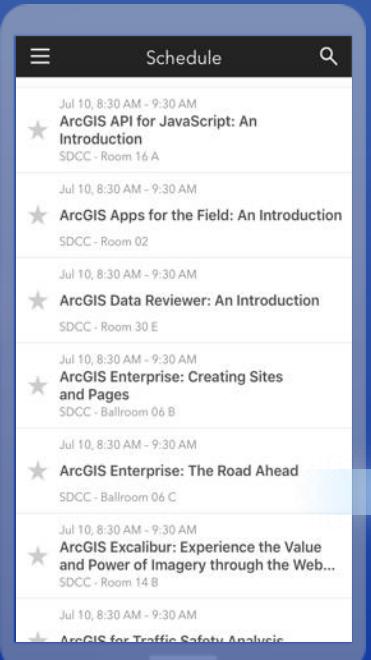
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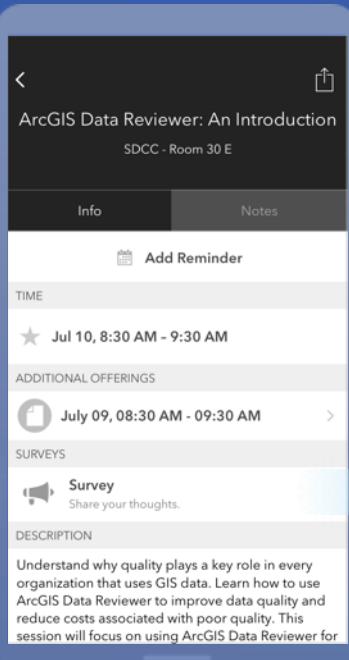
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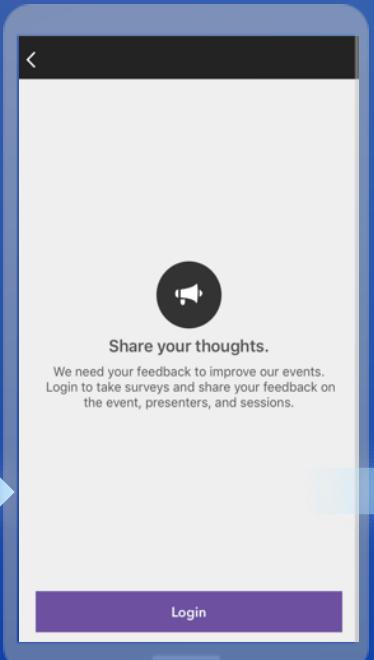
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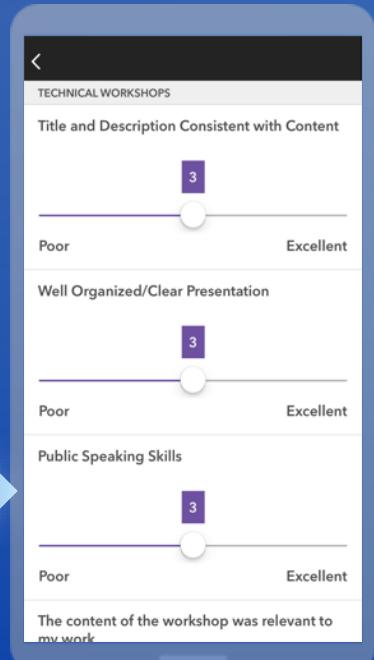
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