



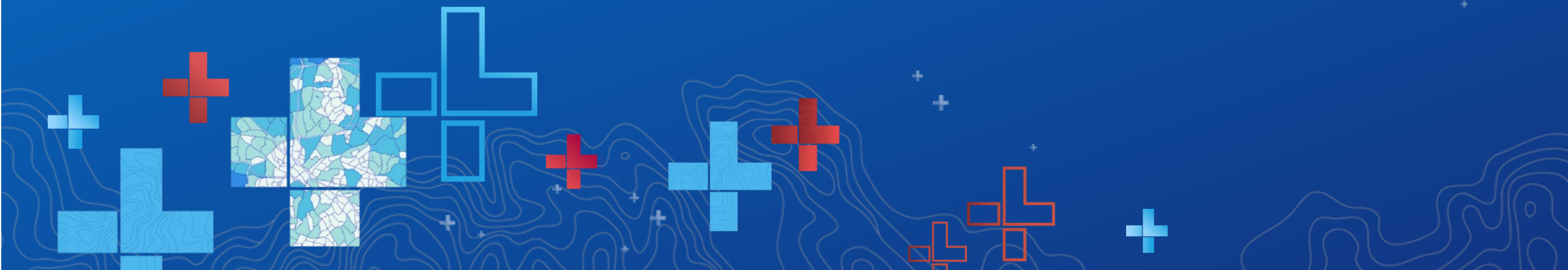
An Assessment of Ecosystems in Global Protected Areas

Regan Smyth and Lori Scott, Nature Serve

Kae Yamane and Kelly Proctor, Open Space Institute

Adam Jenkins & Dan Pisut – Esri

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**Collect, Curate,
Crunch, Communicate**



**Digital Impact
Storytelling**

A map of North America, including the United States, southern Canada, and northern Mexico. The map is overlaid with a complex, multi-colored pattern representing biodiversity risk. The colors range from dark blue/purple to bright yellow/orange. The pattern is most intense in the western United States, particularly in the mountain regions, and in the eastern United States, particularly in the Appalachian region. The text "Data to Decisions: A Cloud GIS Strategy" is centered over the map in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below the title, the names "Regan Smyth, Lori Scott" and "Esri FedGIS" are listed, followed by the date "February 12, 2020". In the bottom left corner, there is a small, stylized arrow pointing upwards, colored with a gradient from purple to yellow. To the right of the arrow, the text "Biodiversity at Risk" is written in a white, sans-serif font. The map includes labels for various cities and regions, such as Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Antonio, Austin, Houston, New Orleans, Miami, Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, Atlanta, Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and many others. The map also shows the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.

Data to Decisions: A Cloud GIS Strategy

Regan Smyth, Lori Scott

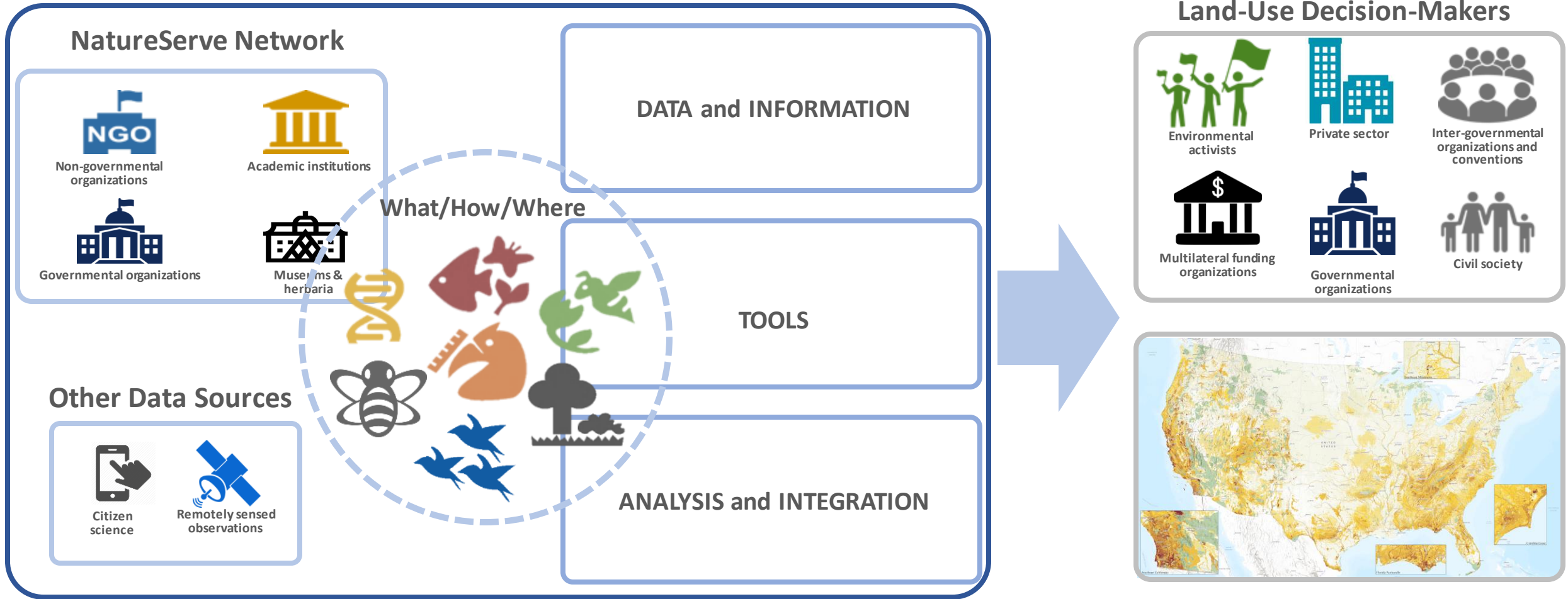
Esri FedGIS

February 12, 2020



Biodiversity at Risk

NatureServe



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?*

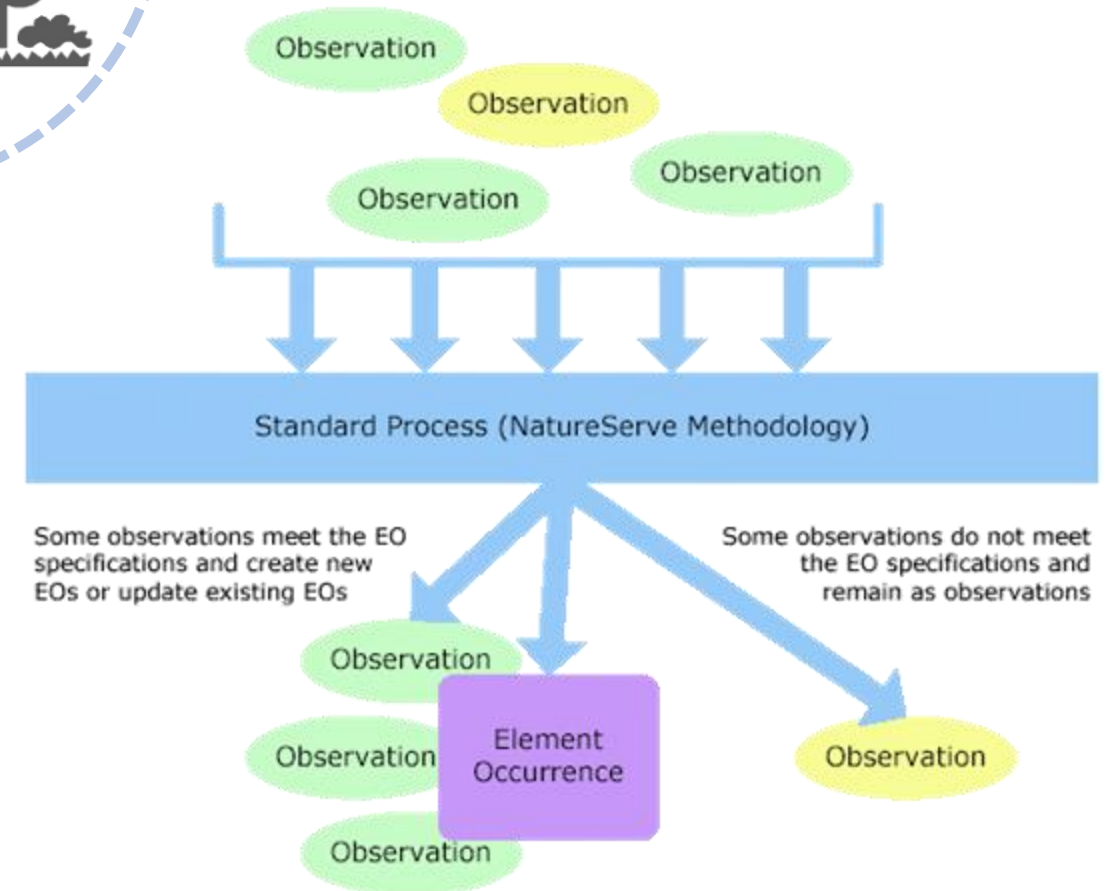


The NatureServe Network includes more than 100 independent organizations in 23 countries across the Americas



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

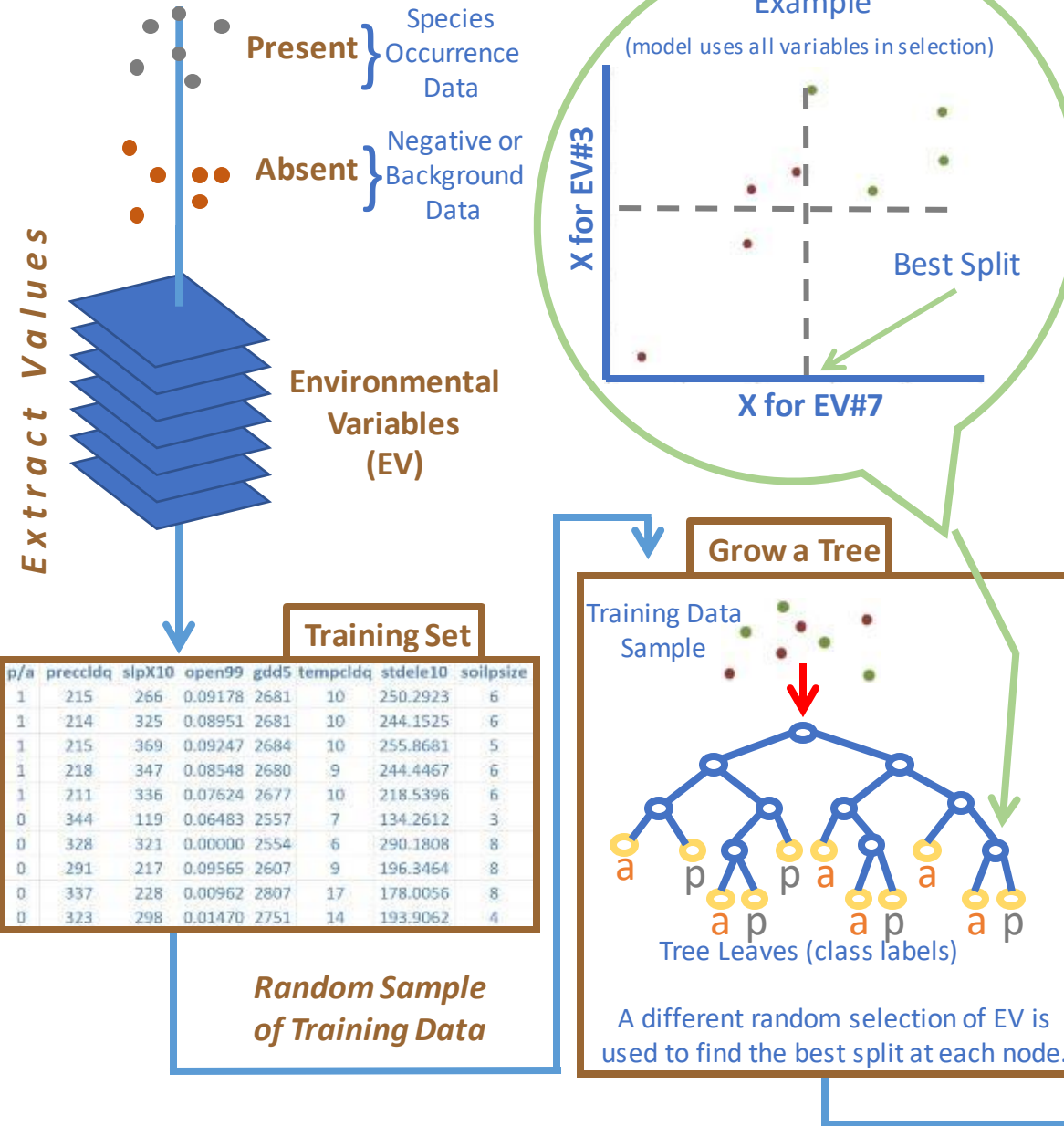


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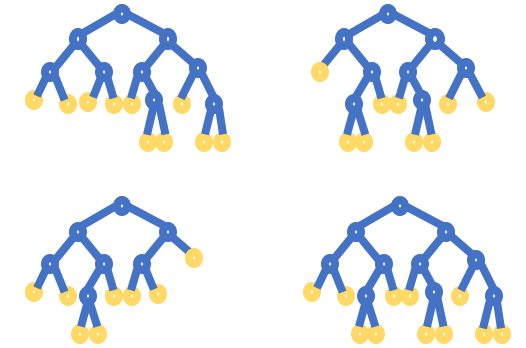
Collaborative modeling
computing
environment



ArcGIS Online



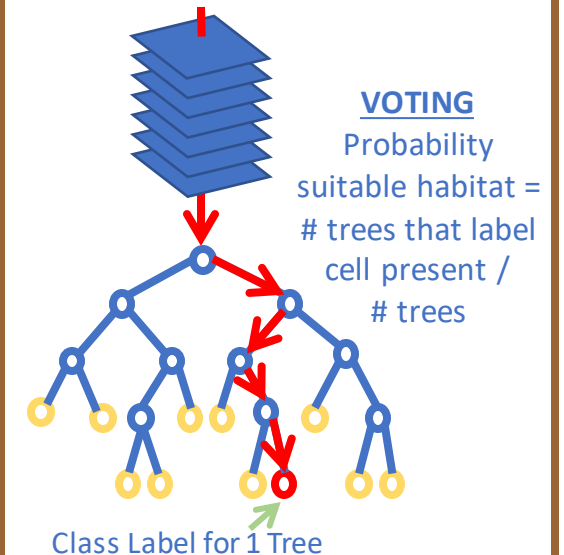
Build a Forest

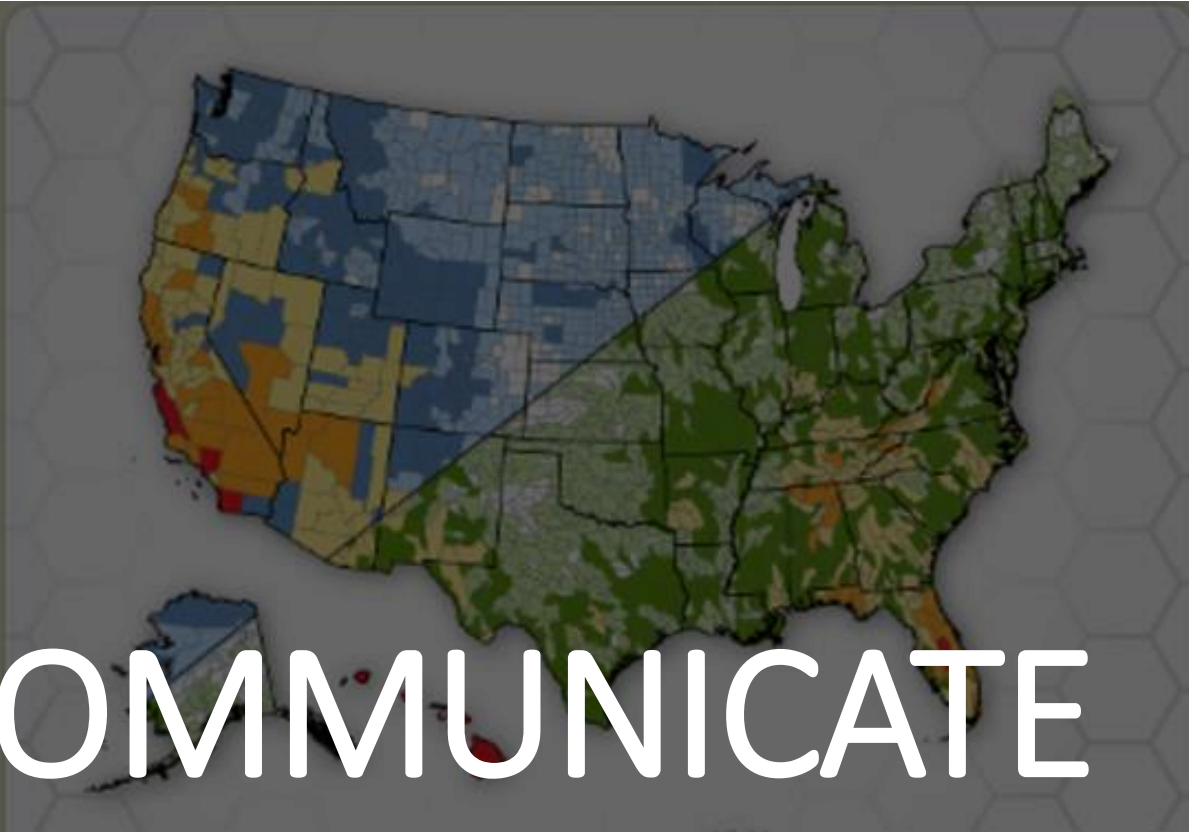


Build thousands of trees, each from a different sample of training data.

Predict

Run each unknown raster cell down each tree of the forest.





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NatureServe believes that having the highest quality
scientific data is essential when it comes to protecting the
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Mapping the Places that Matter Most

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

2,216

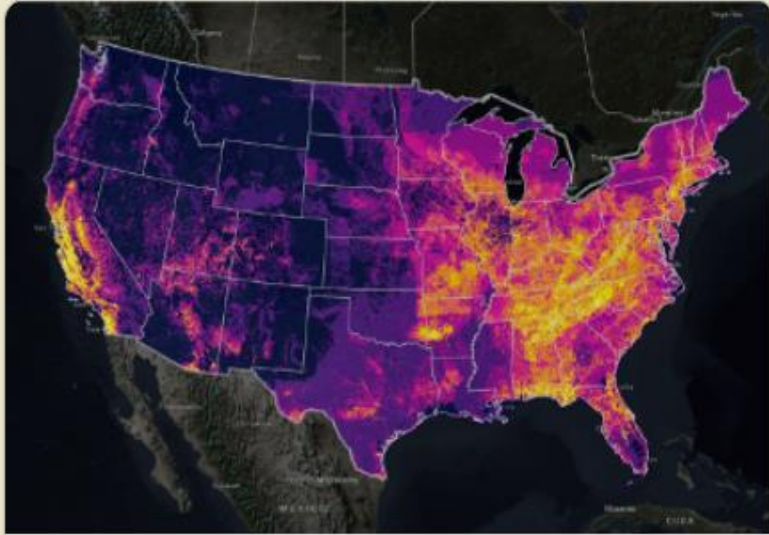
Species modeled

278

Environmental Variables

127

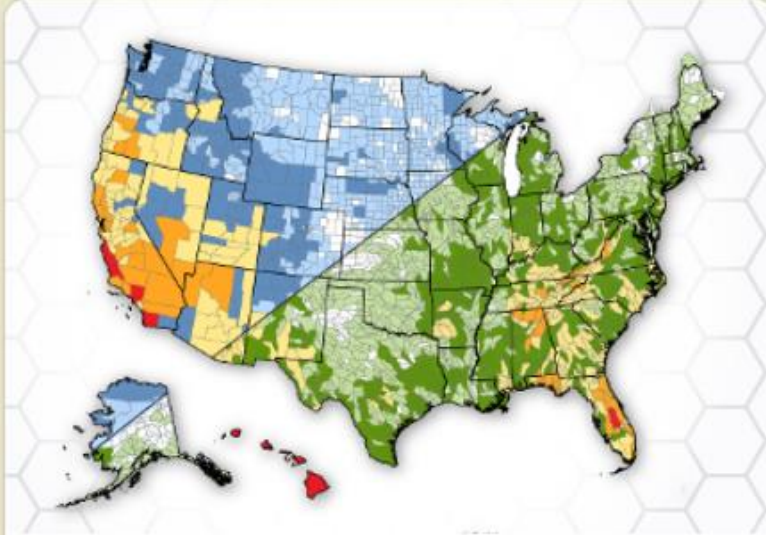
Network Scientists



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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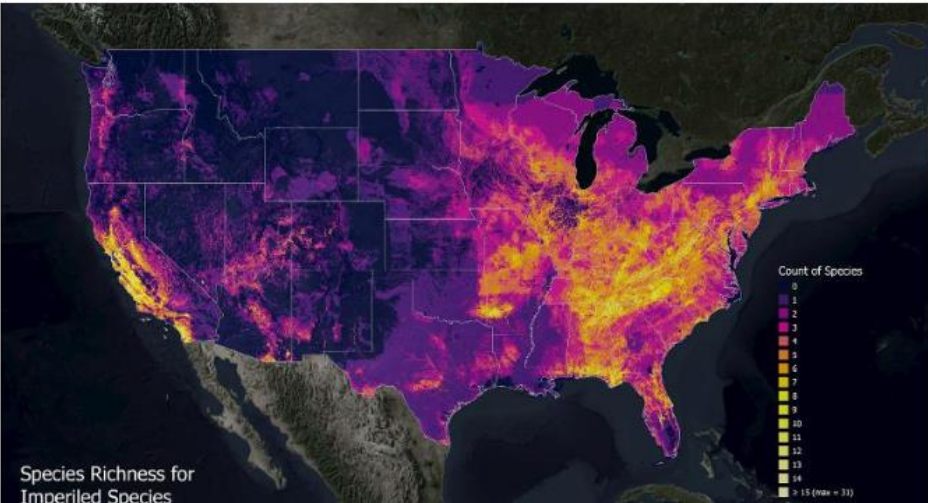
Advancing Collaborative Science

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

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The Map of Biodiversity Importance



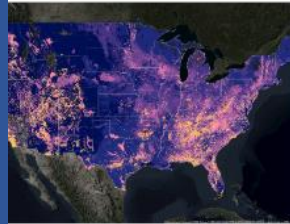
What is the Map of Biodiversity Importance?

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 or Healy Hamilton at Healy_Hamilton@natureserve.org.



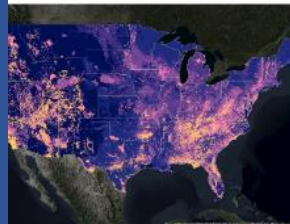
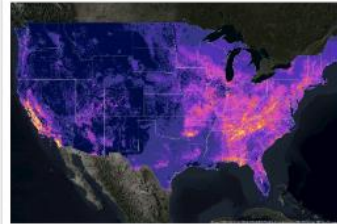
ArcGIS Living Atlas of the World



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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Richness of Imperiled Freshwater Invertebrates in t...

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Numbers of freshwater invertebrates in the lower 48 United States



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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



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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.

Find Data

 Search for Data

Explore NatureServe Data



Environmental Condition



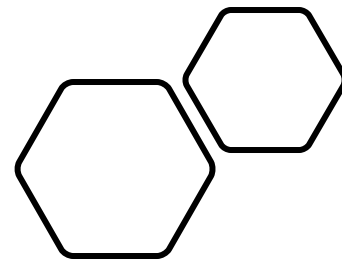
Ecosystem Distribution



Species Distribution



Conservation Priorities





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NatureServe Explorer

Authoritative information on 100,000 species and ecosystems at your fingertips.

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Biodiversity
Indicators
Partnership

BIP Dashboard

NatureServe powers the new dashboard for the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.

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NatureServe Environmental Review Tool

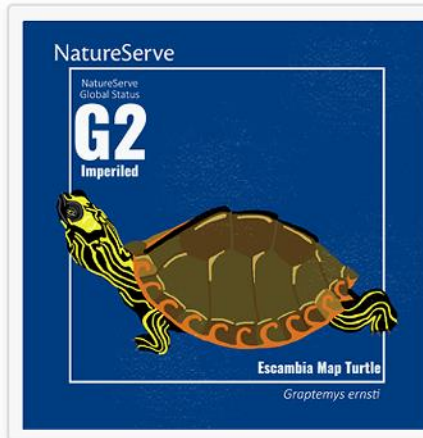
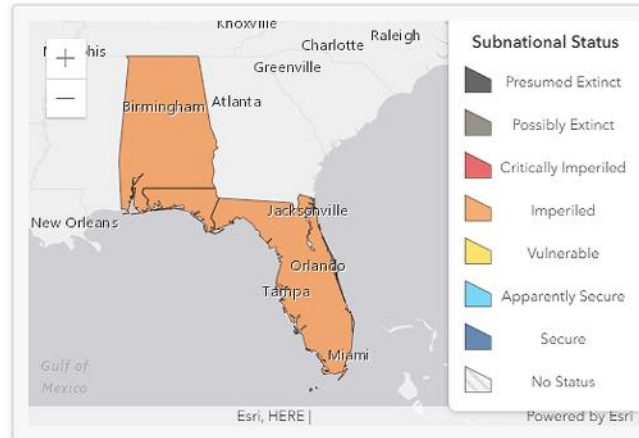
Environmental Review Tool

Environmental review and planning that can be customized to meet agency-specific needs.

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Graptemys ernsti
Escambia Map Turtle

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Classification

Scientific Name: *Graptemys ernsti* Lovich and McCoy, 1992

Other Common Names: None

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Craniata

Class: Chelonia

Order: Testudines

Family: Emydidae

Genus: Graptemys

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☒ Managed Conservation Lands

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☐ Treasure? Deed Review Required

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☐ Development Vulnerability Model

☐ Watershed Model

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☐ Counties

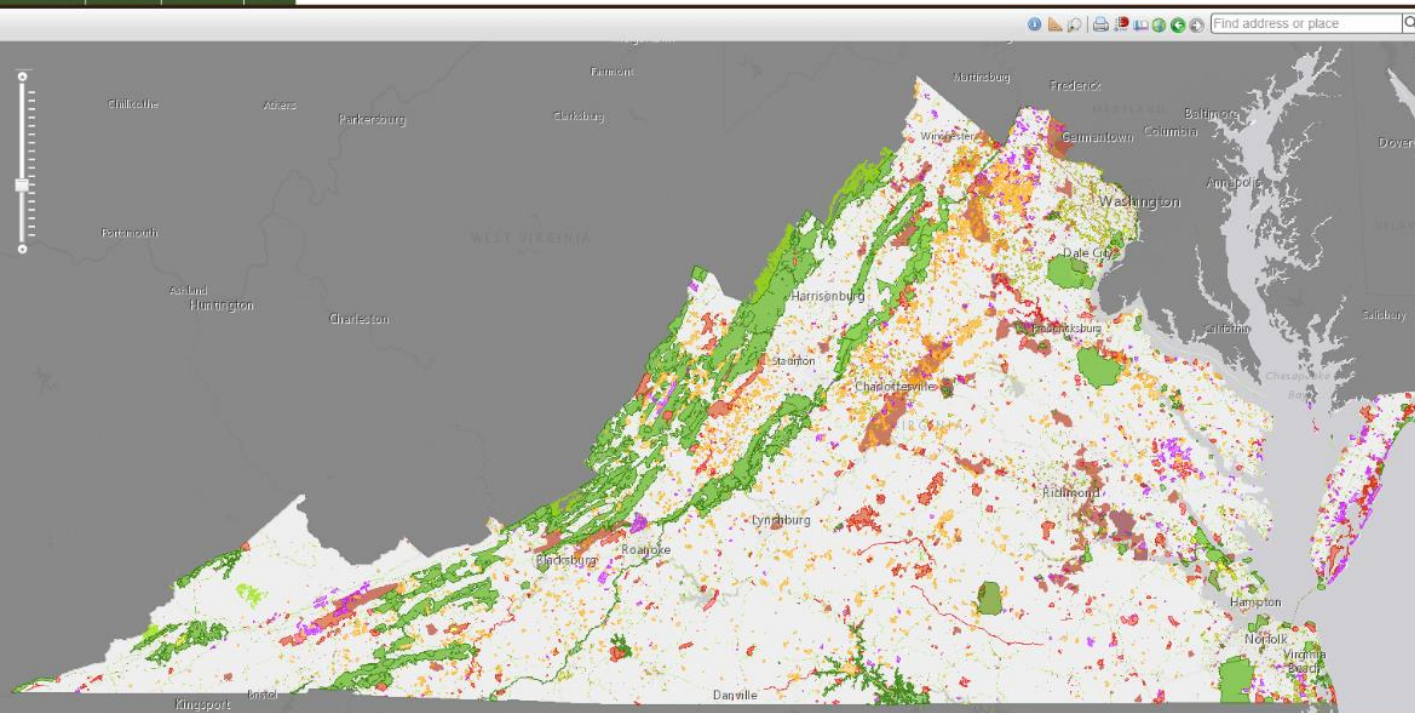
☐ Physiographic Provinces

☐ Planning Districts

☐ Subwatersheds (12 digit USGS)

☐ Watersheds (8 digit USGS, subbasin)

☐ Municipal Boundaries



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**



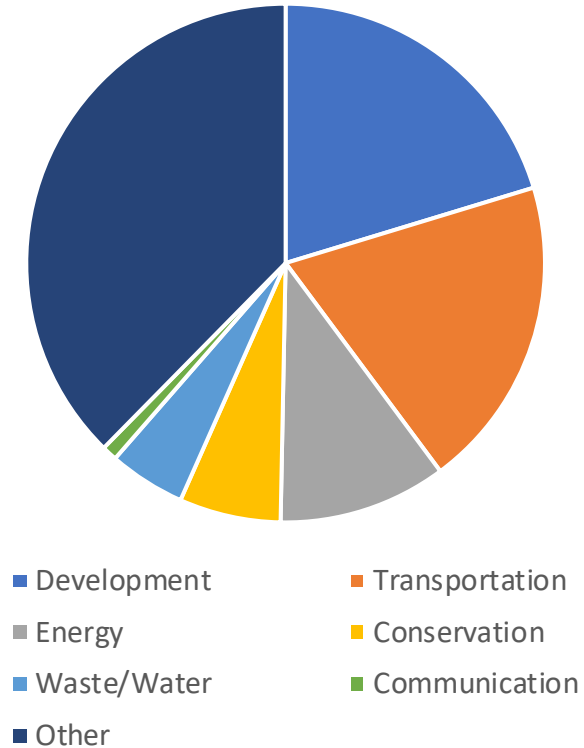
**PROVIDE SELF-SERVICE
CONSERVATION
PLANNING TOOLS**



**RECOVER ADMINISTRATIVE
COSTS THROUGH OPTIONAL
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ISSUED PROJECT RECEIPTS**

Reduce Conflicts Protect Biodiversity

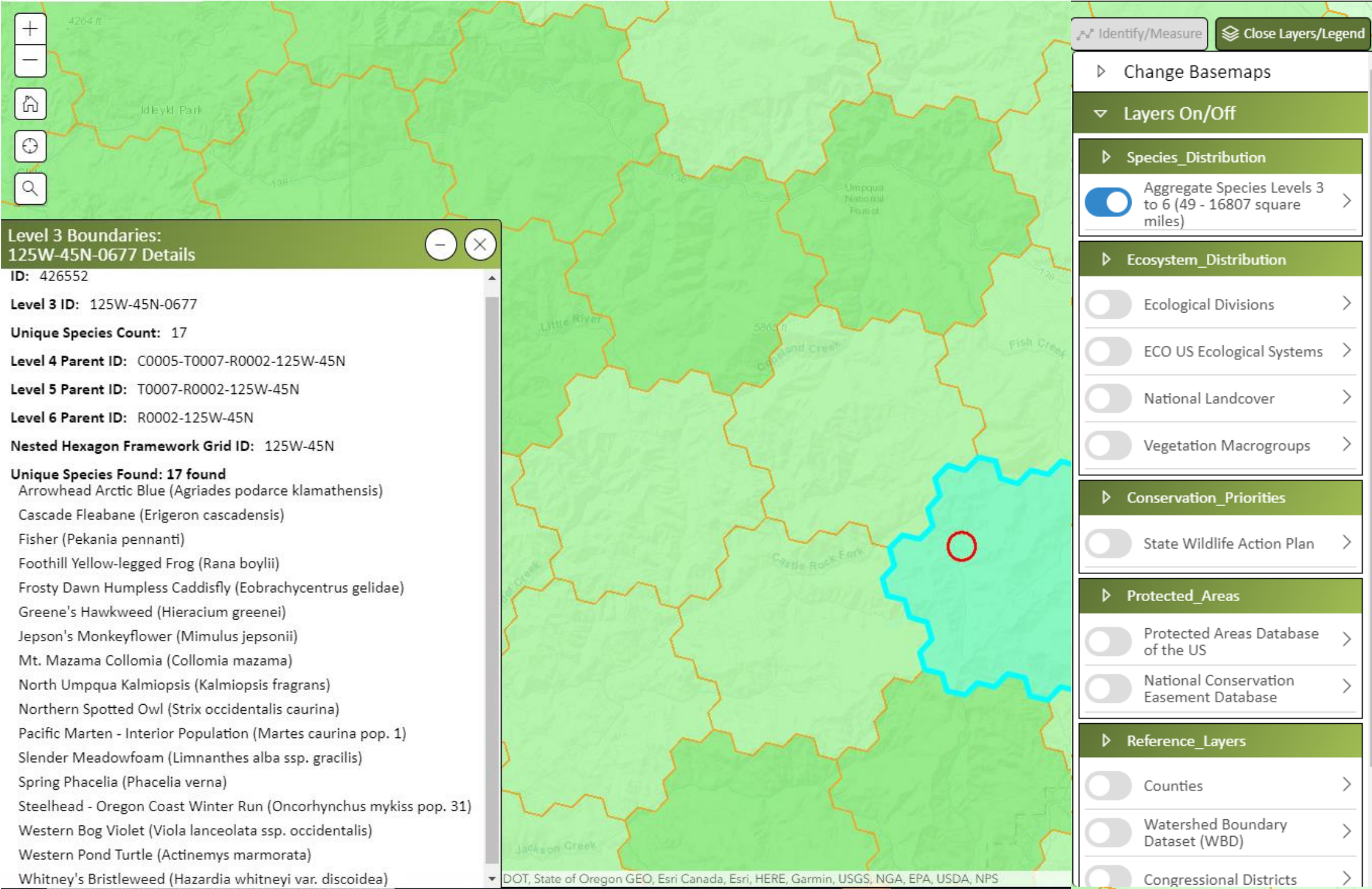
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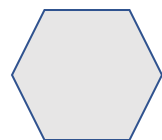
Combined usage from 9 state tools:

- 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

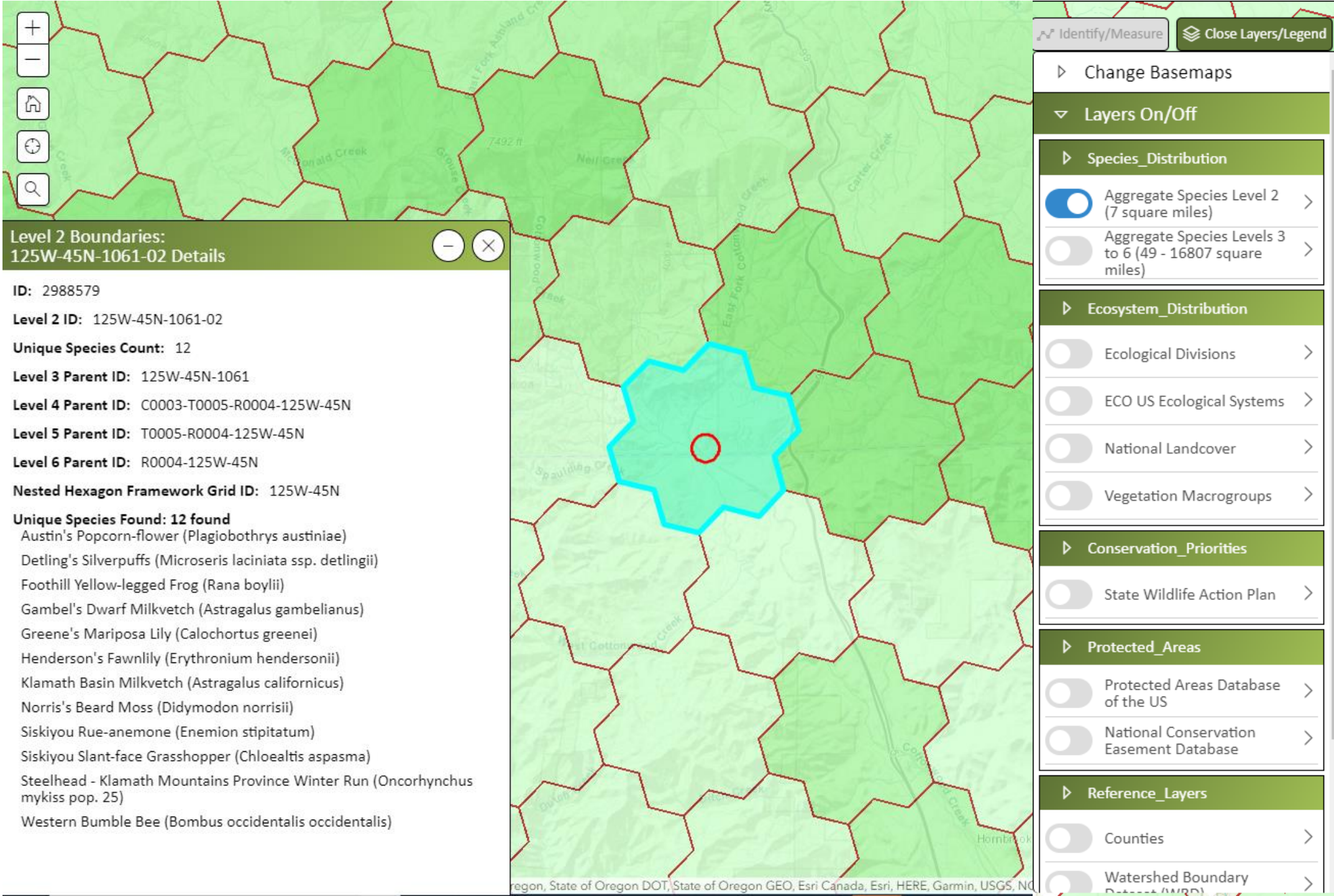
Expanding this service nationwide in 2020



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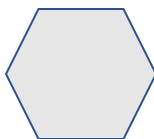
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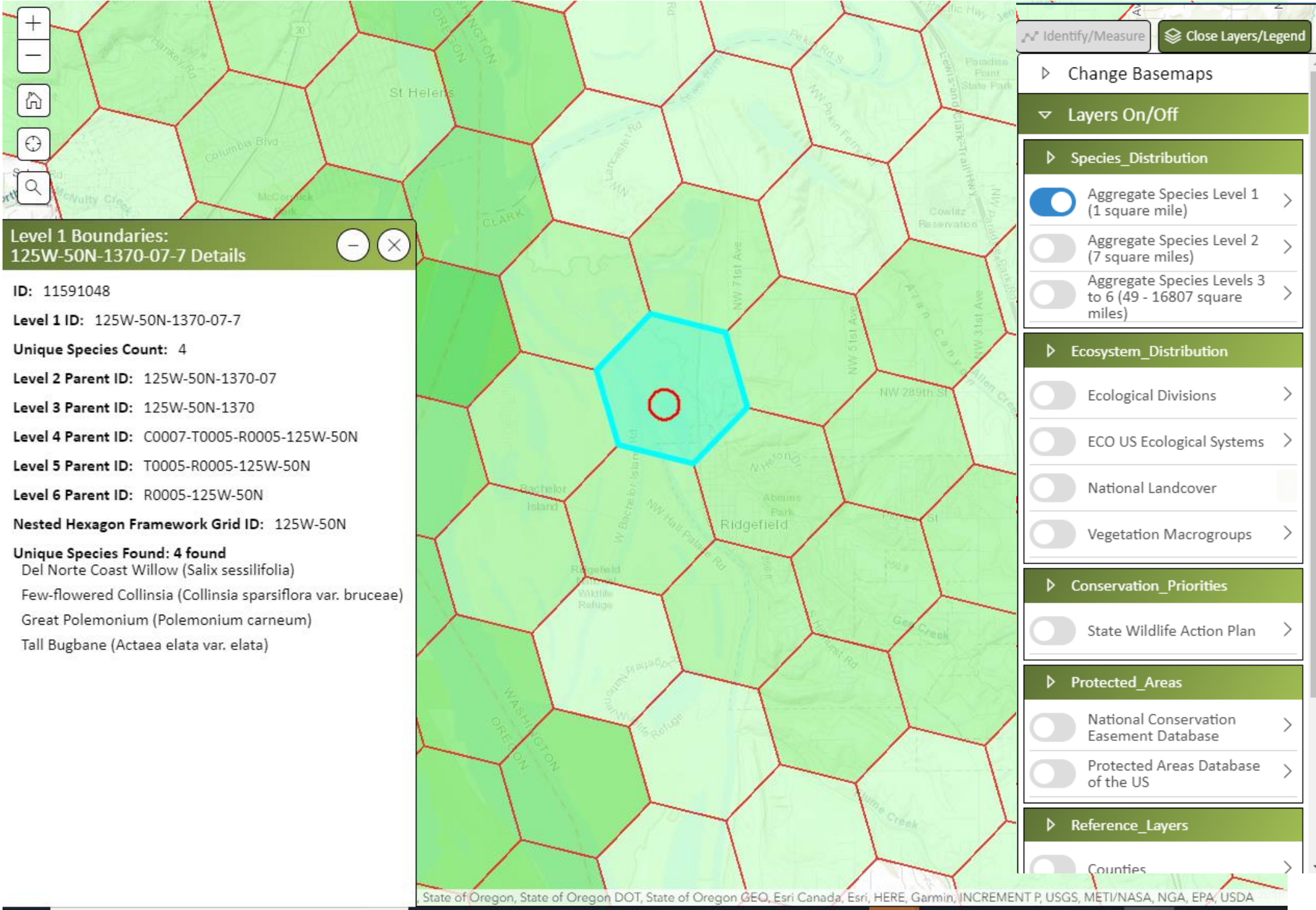
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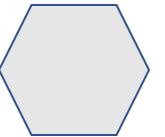
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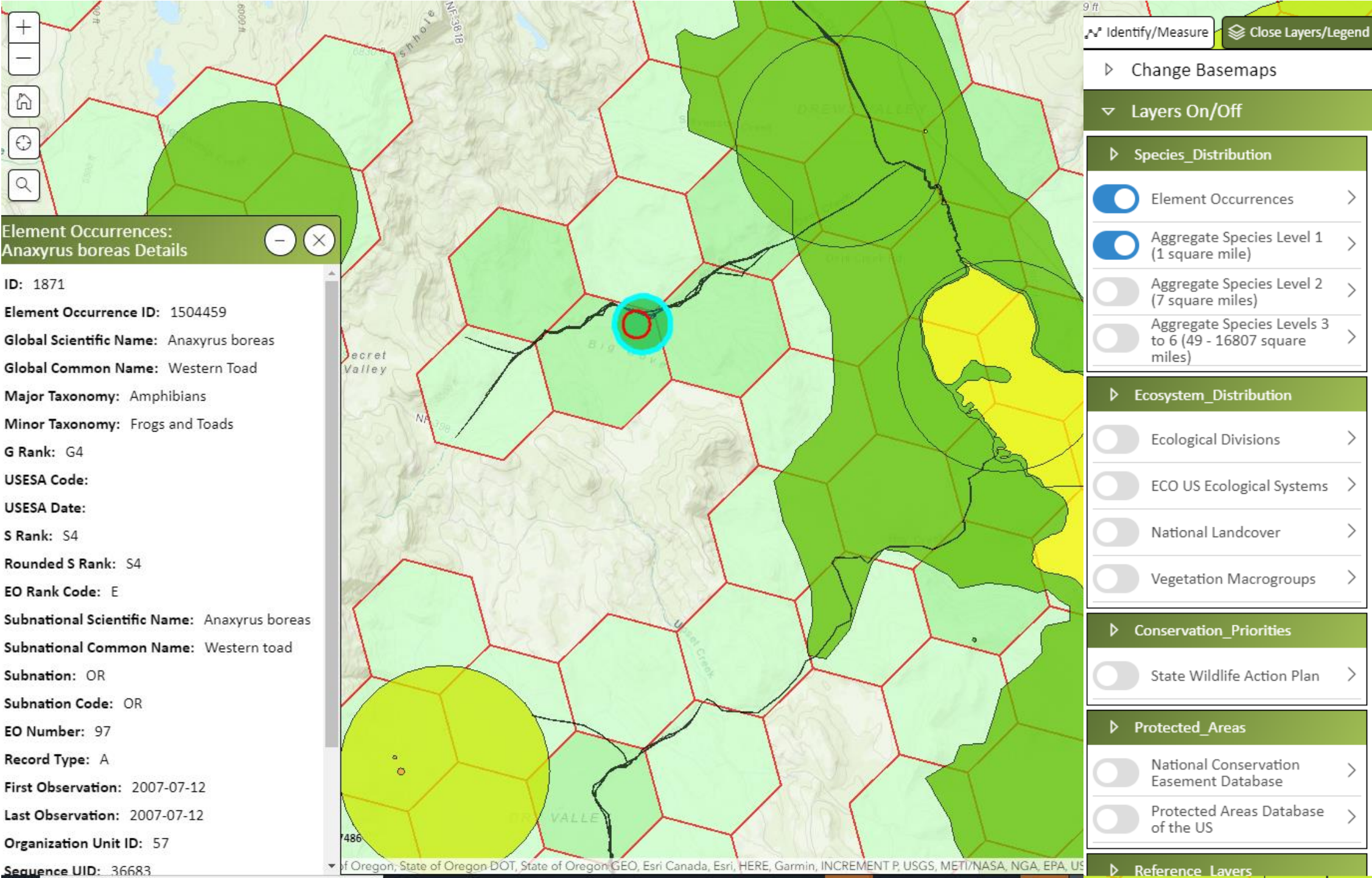
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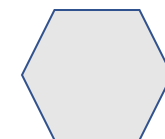
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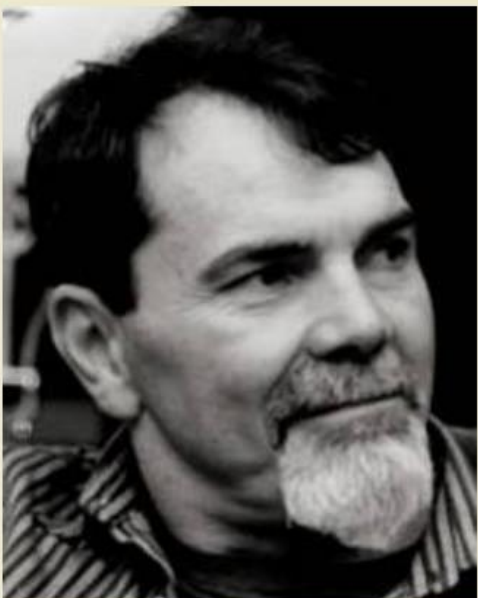
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Todd Jones-Farrand

"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

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- Park improvement projects



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Saving the Shawangunks

A Story of the Effort to Protect the Shawangunk Ridge

By The Open Space Institute



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12:30 pm – 6:30 pm
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Hall B

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm
Expo Social
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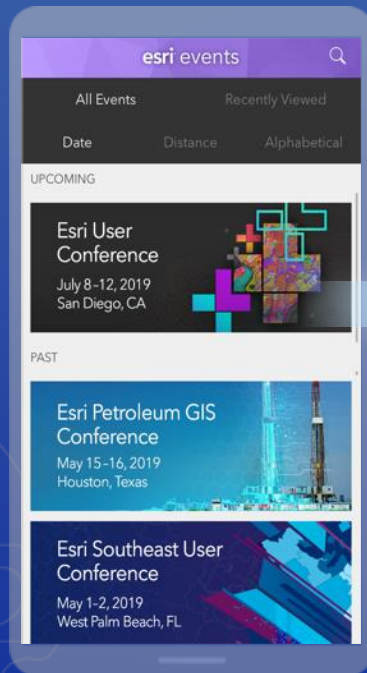
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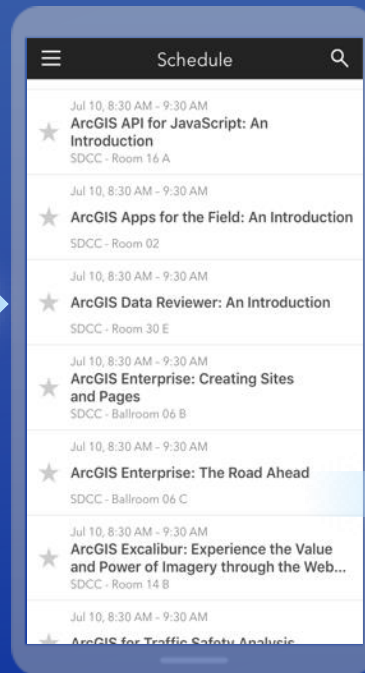
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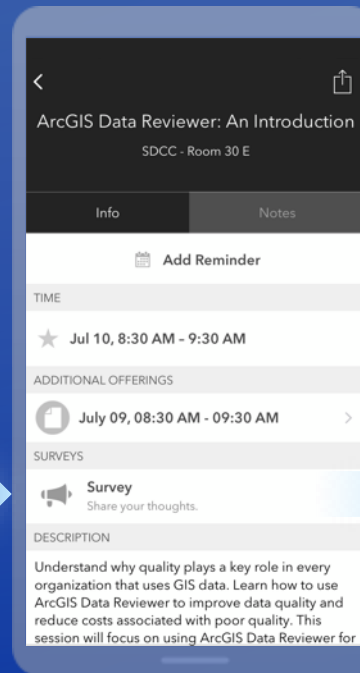
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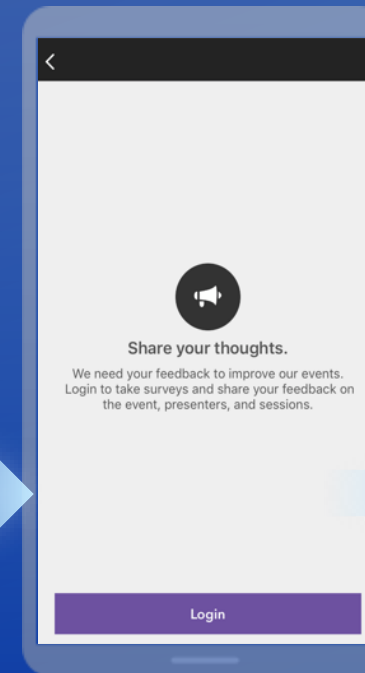
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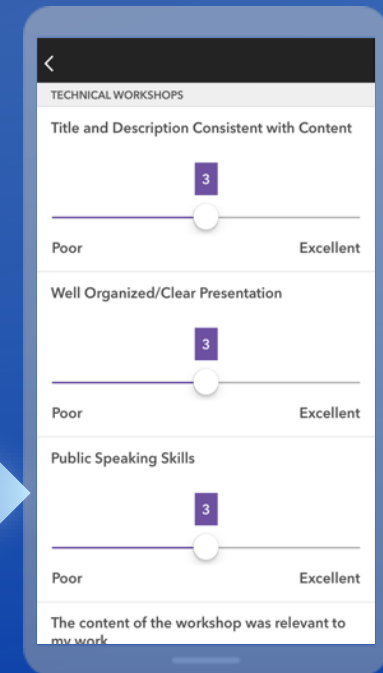
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