SMART News

ForMAP Update

ForMAP By the Numbers:

	Jan 2016	Apr 2016	Sept 2016
Users—Total	828	844	872
Users—LaSR Project Preparers	266	273	285
Approved Forest Stewardship Plans in SMART	142,109	142,630	143,428
Approved Forest Stewardship Plans in SMART (Acres)	24,685,468	24,904,535	25,138,566
Active LaSR Projects	608	610	609
Complete LaSR Projects	113	149	150

Points of interest

- Matt's OMB Briefing
- Microsoft Edge
- SMARTar 1.2 goes live

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Florida Training

On May 26th, ForMAP Help Desk staff Josh Baldwin gave a SMART training to 35 Florida county foresters at the Withlacoochee Training Center in Florida's Withlacoochee State Forest. The half day training included instruction on how to build a Forest Stewardship Plan in SMART, details on the available shapefile conversion tools, and a demo of Prism — the soon-to-be-released, publicly facing website that will let anyone explore national, regional, and local impacts of the Forest Stewardship Program and Landscape Scale Restoration projects. Many thanks go to Florida Conservation Program Manager Tony Grossman and his staff for hosting Josh.

OMB ForMAP Briefing
By Matt Tansey

Earlier this summer, I briefed the US Forest Service Examiner from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on SMART. OMB provides oversight of agency performance, Federal procurement, financial management, and information/IT. The briefing served as an opportunity to emphasize the importance of the Stewardship Program and highlight our focus on innovative approaches to spatial accomplishment reporting. I provided a demonstration of the tool and showed them the aggregated spatial data for a state's accomplishments as an example. They seemed very impressed with the tool, the data it archives, and the potential for analysis that will allows us to better focus and communicate the value of the Forest Stewardship Program. Many thanks to all the users who are entering data. Your efforts are invaluable to the effectiveness and success of the Program.

Microsoft Windows 10 Update

By Kelli Groy

As many of you know, Microsoft released Windows 10 in July of 2015, which also brought along an entirely new built-in browser, *Edge*. It is meant to replace Internet Explorer as the default browser on PCs and mobile devices operating on Windows 10—so what does this mean for our up-to-date ForMAP users?

Currently, there are no expectations for the new browser's performance. Timmons Group and the ForMAP Help Desk only officially support Internet Explorer, Firefox and Chrome browsers. Edge is not yet fully supported, but we are happy to assist users as we anticipate the demand for browser support to increase in the next year. If your organization is expected to migrate to Windows 10 with Microsoft Edge as your primary browser, or already has, we would love to hear from you and get your feedback!

> *Side Note: For those of you using Internet Explorer, we recommend upgrading to IE11 if you are still running an earlier version. Microsoft no longer provides support for older versions.*

SMARTar — what's new?

By NIC Portal Staff

SMART Accomplishment Reporting (SMARTar) is an application used to report statewide Forest Stewardship Management Plan accomplishments. These plans are first entered into the SMART application (a distinct system from SMARTar). As individual plans are entered into SMART, the plan information is imported into SMARTar and summarized by state. Users can then adjust state accomplishment information in SMARTar as needed before certifying the information for fiscal year reporting. Given that some Forest Stewardship Management Plans may not yet have been entered into the SMART system, adjustments may be necessary to accurately reflect statewide accomplishments.

SMARTar Version 1.2 has just been released and is accessible through the National Information Center (NIC) Portal. The major change in Version 1.2 is an update to the calculation of Measure 9. This measure is now completely calculated in SMARTar and you may not make adjustments to it directly. Alternatively, we have included new measures for Monitored Acres (Measure 9a) and Implemented Acres (Measure 9b) and allow those to be adjusted. We have also added a page that allows you to review the details of this calculation. This greatly simplifies the reporting of Measure 9.

Forest Stewardship Reporting 101

By Josh Baldwin

The Stewardship Mapping and Reporting Tool, SMART, went live in Q4 2012. It replaced previous accomplishment reporting tools of the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Stewardship Program. SMART is a web application used by all 50 states and 6 territories for management plan writing, tracking, and reporting. Other Forest Stewardship-related activities such as Landowner outreach are also recorded in SMART. These data are then fed into a separate accomplishments reporting database (SMARTar) and parsed into numerous performance measures. This information gets certified by US Forest Service Program Managers and submitted to Cooperative Forestry's Washington D.C. Office.

There are various roles that SMART users can have. The most common role is that of Plan Preparer. A Plan Preparer is a state forestry agency staff member or consultant who collaborates with private forest landowners to create a management plan for their property. SMART gives states the opportunity to write a plan online, with its built-in GIS, and then print out the management plan which is then signed by the forester and landowner. Another important role in SMART is that of the State Administrator. A State Administrator is a state Forest Service stewardship coordinator or GIS representative who has responsibilities such as approving incoming accounts, data management, and ensuring Forest Stewardship Plan guidelines are met. The following is an overview of the core responsibilities of a SMART State Administrator:

Plan Monitoring

As part of the allocation funding procedure, each state needs to perform inspections of properties that have been selected for monitoring. The selections are randomly generated inside SMART, and represent a sample of all of a state's Forest Stewardship Plans. One import duty of the State Administrator is to ensure that the selected Plans are marked off in the database as being implemented or not implemented.

Priority Lands

An important geospatial product for the Forest Stewardship Program is the Important Forest Resource Areas dataset (IFRA). These data are created by states to represent priority forest lands, and are driven by state Forest Action Plans. The dataset is represented as a layer inside SMART, and percent in priority is calculated for every management plan. Every year, the USFS accepts new datasets from the states, and State Administrators should contact their regional program managers for due dates and upload links.

SMARTar

SMART*ar* is a simple add-on application to SMART that summarizes standard performance measures and reported as program accomplishments. Data from SMART is queried and displayed for state program managers to review and correct prior to submission for approval. Once approved, those numbers serve as an official accomplishment report for the Forest Stewardship Program in perpetuity. To access SMARTar, go to **http://apps.fs.fed.us/nicportal**. For assistance, email **spfnic@fs.fed.us** or call **651-649-5262**.

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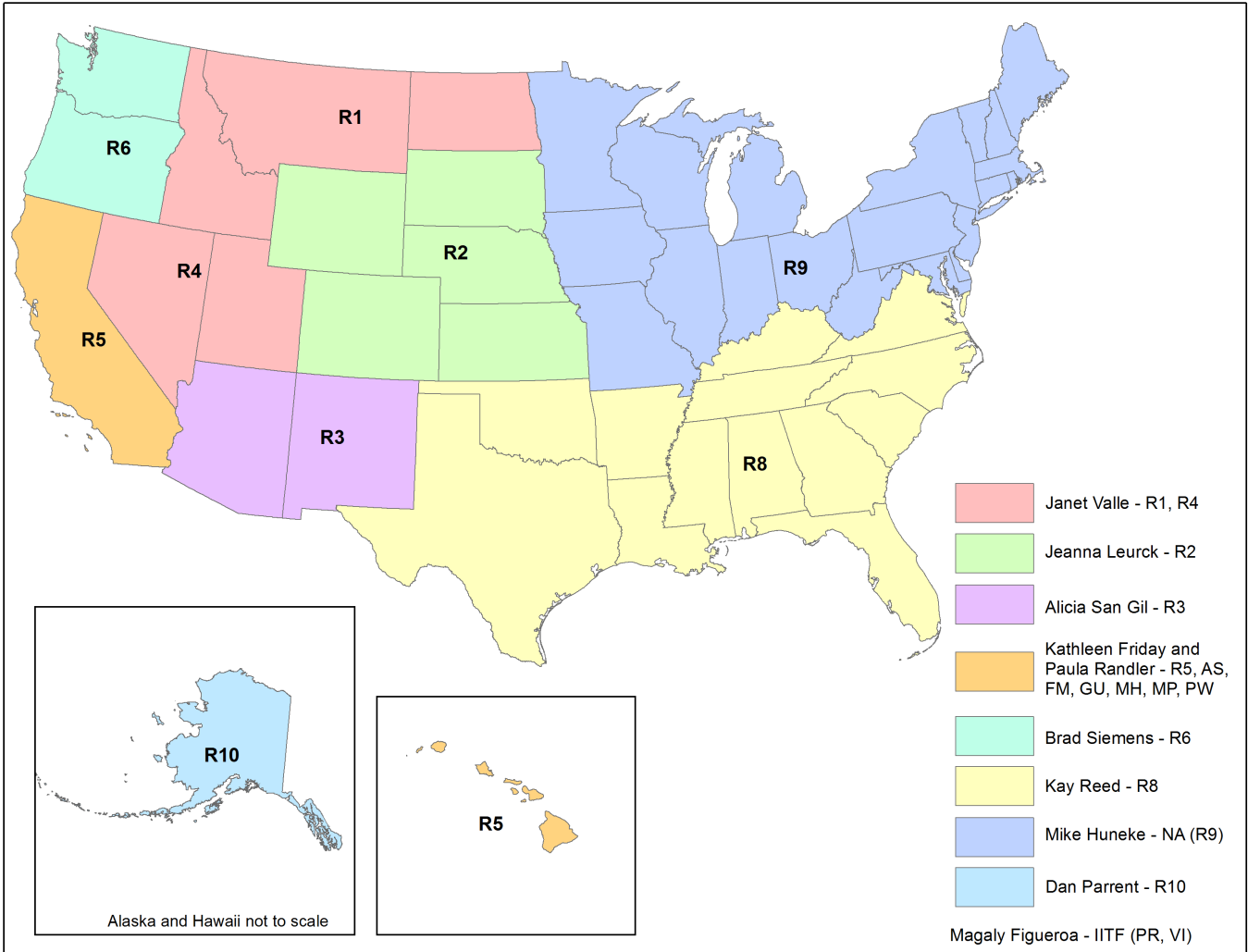matthewbtansey@fs.fed.us

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Teal	Brad Siemens - R6
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