

ForMAP News



ForMAP Update

By Josh Baldwin

ForMAP By the Numbers	Jan 2018	April	July
Users — Total	1,102	1138	1157
Users — LaSR Project Preparers	394	406	413
Users — ForHealth	84	91	93
Approved Forest Stewardship Plans	155,719	135,562	133,902
Approved Forest Stewardship Plans (Acres)	27,747,815	23,560,164	23,162,913
LaSR Projects — Draft	203	123	96
LaSR Projects — Published	102	147	161
LaSR Projects — Complete	390	426	442
Forest Health Projects - Draft	635	635	640
Forest Health Projects - Proposed	346	346	314
Forest Health Projects - Rejected	12	12	16
Forest Health Projects - Approved	1,997	1,997	2200

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General info

ForMAP Web Application:
<https://apps.fs.usda.gov/formap>

USFS ForMAP Help Desk:
 • www.formap.info
 • 1-800-908-7550

Outreach

- April 24-26 — Northeast Area Association of State Foresters Cooperative Forest Management Meeting, Baltimore, MD. Tom Luther attended this important annual meeting, and Josh Baldwin gave an online presentation on upcoming ForMAP features. The bulk plan management tool was well received.
- Early September — “What’s new in 5.2” webinar. The ForMAP team will be showing off a few of the new features released in ForMAP Version 5.2. New state Stewardship coordinators are encouraged to attend, as the webinar will include an extended Q&A for general questions.
- November — LaSR Webinar. Join the ForMAP Help Desk team and USFS Washington Office staff for a discussion of the Landscape Scale Restoration program, a demonstration of how to create and edit LaSR projects, and a run-down of new features.

What’s new?

Version 5.2 is now out! Please see page 3 for details. Highlights include a new SMART Bulk Plan Management tool and new features for the ShapeUp tool. The Bulk Plan Management tool will be invaluable for SMART State Administrators who want to deactivate or reassign multiple plans at once.

Northeast Area Forest Stewardship Program Manager Mike Huneke is filling in as the acting FSP National Program Manager. Northeast Area GIS Team Leader Tom Luther is acting as the USFS ForMAP Program Manager.

The USFS has deployed a new Landscape Scale Restoration website. Page 4 has links and images.

USFS Cooperative Forestry now has publicly-available infographics on the Forest Stewardship Program — details on page 5.



ForHealth Update

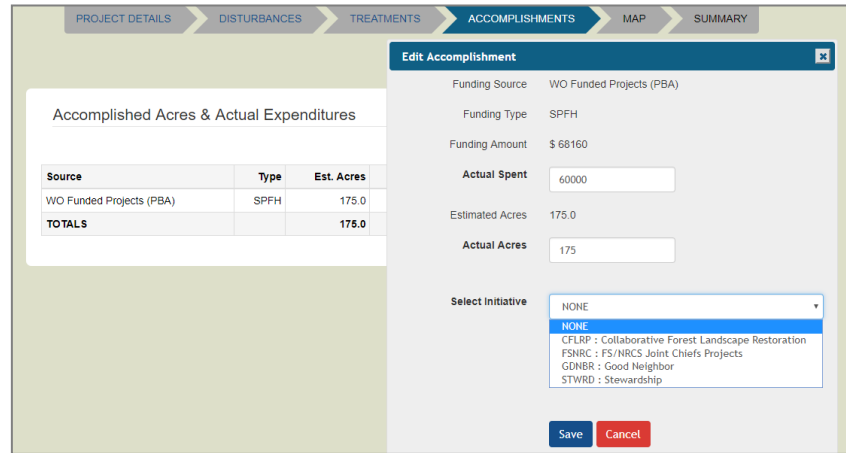
By Gary Man

With 2017 accomplishment reporting behind us, we have turned our focus on making incremental improvements to ForHealth, based on comments and suggestions from you. ForMAP Version 5.1.0 made five major enhancements to help facilitate easier use of the ForHealth module. The new features include:

- The ability to view integrated acres by fiscal year to add or delete entries as necessary.
- Identifying gypsy moth slow-the-spread projects for easier identification and sorting.
- Tagging Agency Initiatives to FHP accomplishments to show FHP’s contribution to these initiatives. Current initiatives are, shown in the image below:
 - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLRP)
 - FS/NRCS Joint Chief’s Projects (FSNRC)
 - Good Neighbor (GDNBR)
 - Stewardship Contracting (STWRD)
- The ability to have the same host for different pests (Primary and Secondary) under the Disturbances and Hosts section.
- Allowing an entry of 0 acres for treatments or activities under both estimated and actual entries. This change is especially necessary for activities, which by definition do not treat acres.

We welcome additional suggestions by Forest Health Protection staff that make ForHealth easier to use and provides information that you find useful for your job.

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What's New in 5.2?

By Josh Baldwin

The development team has been working hard on enhancements and bug fixes to ForMAP. Version 5.2.0 has now been released and includes the following:

General

- ShapeUp - Allow selection of 2+ (or all) shapes for copying (as single multipart) into ForMAP modules
- Updated help text in ShapeUp
- Added version number to ShapeUp
- Fix web app references to "SMART" ShapeUp (since it services all modules)
- Fix the USFS Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) urls to handle the case sensitivity issue (arcx vs ArcX)
- Add fields to User Report (admin download)

SMART

- Fixed slow to load SMART home page
- Improve usability of the SMART Plan Summary xls Report
- On the certifications and restrictions page, change 'Other 3rd party certification' to "Property is PEFC certified."
- On the certifications and restrictions page, by the Tree Farm line delete the "and certified"
- Change Implementation Monitoring flagging to exclude Plans less than 2 years old
- Bulk plan management tool
- Bulk SMART plan deactivate
- Bulk SMART plan reassign
- Bug: Bulk project re-assignment can only re-assign 50 plans at a time
- Bug: Bulk plan re-assignment can only re-assign 50 plans at a time
- Bug: Management Plan Report only lists up to 50 property level activities
- Bug: Only 50 management plan activities shown
- Bug: Only 50 stand activities shown
- Bug: Management Plan Report only lists up to 50 activities on a stand
- Bug: Only 50 state funding codes shown for management
- Bug: Bulk Landowner Accomplishment report only contains 50 rows when more than 50 states/territories report

LaSR

- Remove spatial search for "USFS_Region" from LaSR search
- Add USFS contact/grant monitor to LaSR project
- Search LaSR projects by USFS contact
- Improve user experience for entering funding value on Agreements page of LaSR projects
- Bulk re-assign of LaSR projects for USFS contacts
- Download xls of LaSR projects from Search
- Enable browser spell checker in text fields
- Ability to search by Lead state (non-spatial) (renamed "Lead_Agency" to "Lead_State_Agency")
- BUG: Extraneous search values (e.g. BLM) for USFS_ADMIN_REGION key

ForHealth

- On Integrated Acres page, change "National Forest Service" to "National Forest System"
- Refactor ForHealth gPAS View & update N/I in lookup

Landscape Scale Restoration Project Update

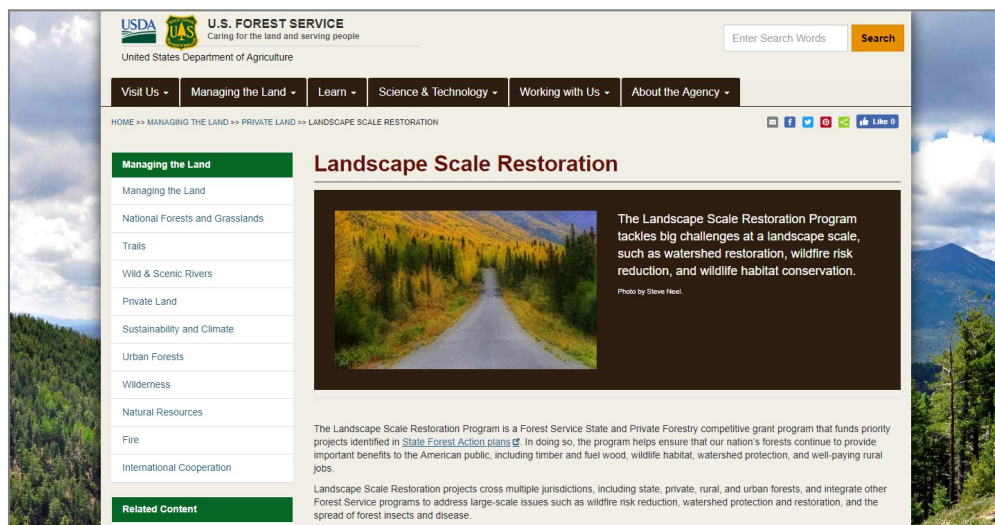
By Margee Haines

Upcoming due dates: States are responsible for assuring that all required reporting is complete and entered into LaSR by the date established by the Regions/Area/IITF. Annual accomplishment reporting is due in the Landscape Scale Restoration (LaSR) database by December 31, 2018.

LSR website: This summer, the U.S. Forest Service launched a new Landscape Scale Restoration website. The website contains information about the program, links to helpful resources, and highlights projects, partners and success stories. Please share widely with your networks and partners!

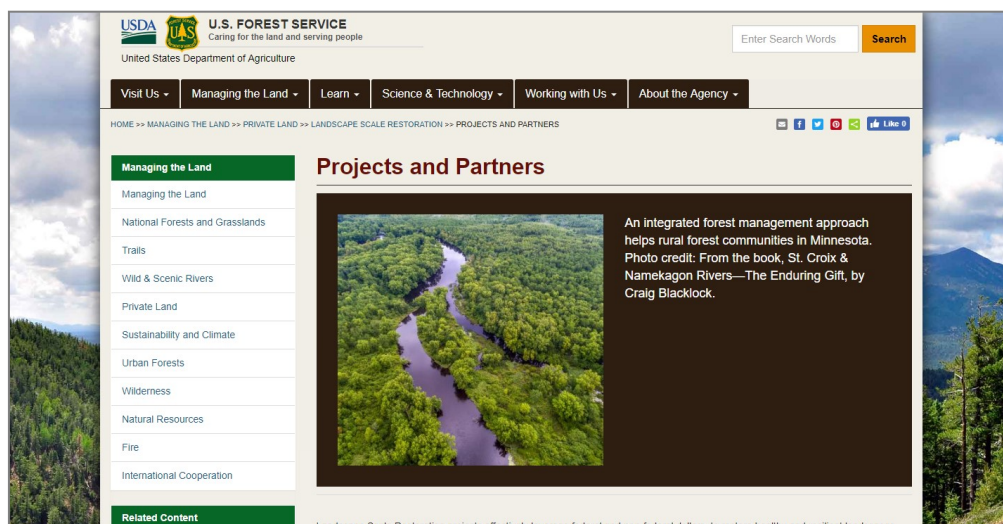
The landing page

<https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/landscape-scale-restoration>



Projects and Partners page

<https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/landscape-scale-restoration/projects-and-partners>



USFS Forest Stewardship Program Update

By Laurie Schoonhoven

The U.S. Forest Service has created several infographics that communicate the public benefits of private forests. Reach out to your Regional Program Manager (map on pg. 6) for a copy of the new Forest Stewardship Program and Landscape Scale Restoration infographics. Other Coop Forestry Program infographics are available as well.

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PRIVATE FORESTS PUBLIC BENEFITS

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

This program connects private forest owners with the information and tools they need to manage their forests.
The program also:
HELPS MANAGE + SUSTAIN **24 MILLION ACRES**

LANDOWNERS WITH MANAGEMENT PLANS ARE 3x MORE LIKELY TO MANAGE THEIR LANDS

Proper management provides a variety of positive outcomes:
KEEPING FORESTS MANAGED, HEALTHY, AND INTACT FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

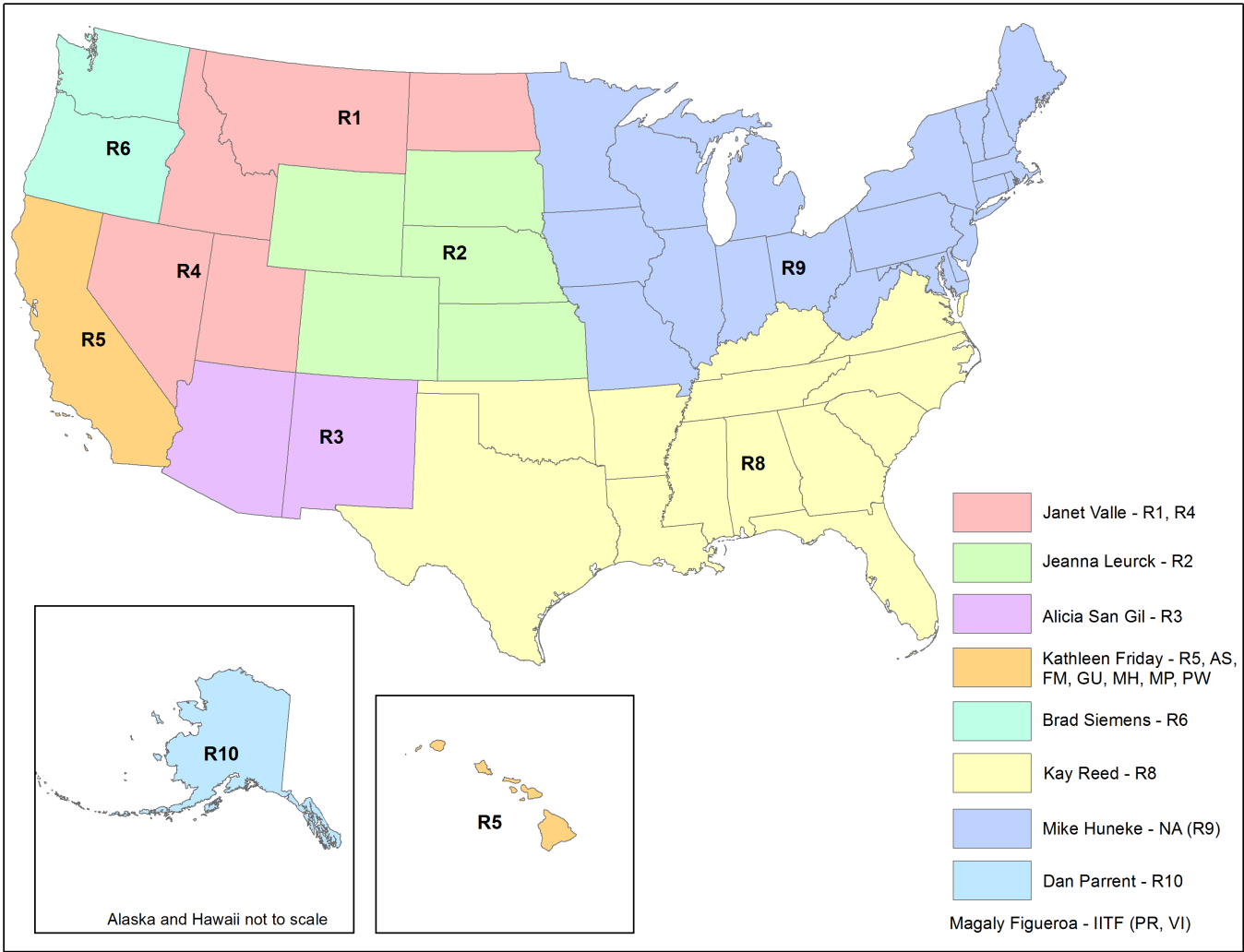
WELL-MANAGED FORESTS PROVIDE:

- ↑ RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
- ↑ WATERSHED PROTECTION
- ↑ WILDLIFE HABITAT
- ↑ LOCAL JOBS
- ↑ TIMBER REVENUE

THIS PROGRAM SERVES 450,000 FAMILY FOREST LANDOWNERS ANNUALLY, THROUGH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE + EDUCATION.

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