ForMAP News

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ForMAP Update

By Josh Baldwin

ForMAP By the Numbers	Nov '21	Feb '22	April '22
Users — Total	1522	1,536	1,550
Users — LaSR Project Preparers	548	551	556
Users — ForHealth	138	140	142
Active Forest Stewardship Plans	140,351	136,533	135,641
Active Forest Stewardship Plans (Acres)	20,998,625	20,498,879	20,348,884
LaSR Projects — Draft	9	3	20
LaSR Projects — Published	237	234	223
LaSR Projects — Complete	670	670	670
Forest Health Projects - Draft	8	6	6
Forest Health Projects - Proposed	34	102	102
Forest Health Projects - Approved	5	22	22
Forest Health Projects - Rejected	34	0	0

General info

ForMAP Web Applications:
https://apps.fs.usda.gov/formap
https://apps.fs.usda.gov/prism/

USFS ForMAP Help Desk:

- www.formap.info
- *303-275-5341*
- *support@formap.info*

Highlights and Important Dates

- Sky Stephens is our new Forest Health Protection specialist in the Washington Office. Among other duties, Sky will be actively engaged in the ForHealth application, and we look forward to working with Sky! Her contact info is on page 2.

- Caroline Kuebler is the new national Forest Stewardship Program Manager. We are excited to have such a great partner in this key position. Her contact info is on page 5.

- Arvind Bhuta, ForMAP Program Manager, is currently taking a 4 month position as the national Forest Service Equity Data manger. Very cool!

- Feb 15th—FY22 Forest Stewardship Program plan monitoring webinar. Recording is available on our help desk website: https://www.formap.info/user-guides-webinars/.

- Summer 2022 (Date TBD)—SMART State Admin webinar

- September 30th—This is the end of the federal fiscal year; all new Forest Stewardship Program management plans will need to be in SMART by this date. Please see the upcoming FSP Reporting Guidelines for other due dates specific to your Forest Service Region.

What's new in ForMAP?

By Josh Baldwin

Over the last year, the development team has made several major enhancements and bug fixes to ForMAP. Here's a brief digest from the last few ForMAP updates:

General
- Now using ESRI map services
    - Can turn labels on/off
    - Can zoom into landscape much closer now (1:1000 scale)
    - Fixed map auto-zooming to incorrect area of interest
- New ShapeUp add-in for ArcGIS Pro– available from the software tab on the help desk website: https://www.formap.info/user-guides-webinars/
- New Priority Lands dataset was deployed and map service is displayed

SMART
- Updated Plan sampling eligibility in SMART–only Forest Stewardship Plans that are within federal investment areas are eligible to be flagged for implementation monitoring
- Updated Flagged Plans Report in SMART– XLS layout is now easier to navigate and edit
- Fixed geodatabase export and plan shapefile download

LaSR
- Updated LaSR Brief Report to include Resource Objectives and Quantities to Date
- Updated LaSR Search to include Resource Objectives
- Updated LaSR Search download to include Resource Objectives
- Updated and fixed ForHealth search functionality

ForHealth
- Fixed search functionality in Internet Explorer

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Plan Monitoring with Survey123

By Tom Luther

The last couple of years have brought a lot of new things to our work life — home offices, daily zoom meetings, vaccination cards, and most importantly, new Stewardship Plan implementation monitoring protocols. To better describe the differences the Forest Stewardship Program is making for landowners and the American people, as of FY2022, all states/territories are asked to use the Forest Stewardship Program's new Survey123 form to report implementation status for plans selected for monitoring. Data collected through this form will enable us to assess not only whether a plan has been implemented, but *how* it has been implemented. This allows us to describe:

- how implemented activities align with landowner objectives
- which resource elements have been addressed by implemented activities
- how these outcomes align with goals identified in State Forest Action Plans
- to what extent financial assistance is used, and
- what barriers impact the implementation of activities

FAQs

What is Survey123?
Survey123 is Esri's form-based data collection app. Users populate a database by answering questions in a form. When the form is submitted the data go directly into a database in the Esri cloud, where they are easily accessible to feds and states for viewing, mapping, analysis, and downloading.

How do I access the form?
The FY2022 form can be accessed

- through a web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Edge) at https://arcg.is/1jfO540, or
- through the Survey123 field app for mobile devices.

How can I access my state's survey results?
You can view, edit and download survey results for your state by visiting the Analysis and Data pages in ArcGIS Online at https://arcg.is/1LavCi0.

If I submit monitoring information using Survey123 do I still need to record it in SMART?
No. The USFS will enter the implementation status for all monitored plans in bulk, periodically throughout the fiscal year.

Important Note: To facilitate accomplishment reporting through SMARTar, all plan monitoring reporting must be completed by September 30!

Here is a Link to Reference Guide.

If you have any questions about the new Survey123 form, please contact me at thomas.luther@usda.gov.
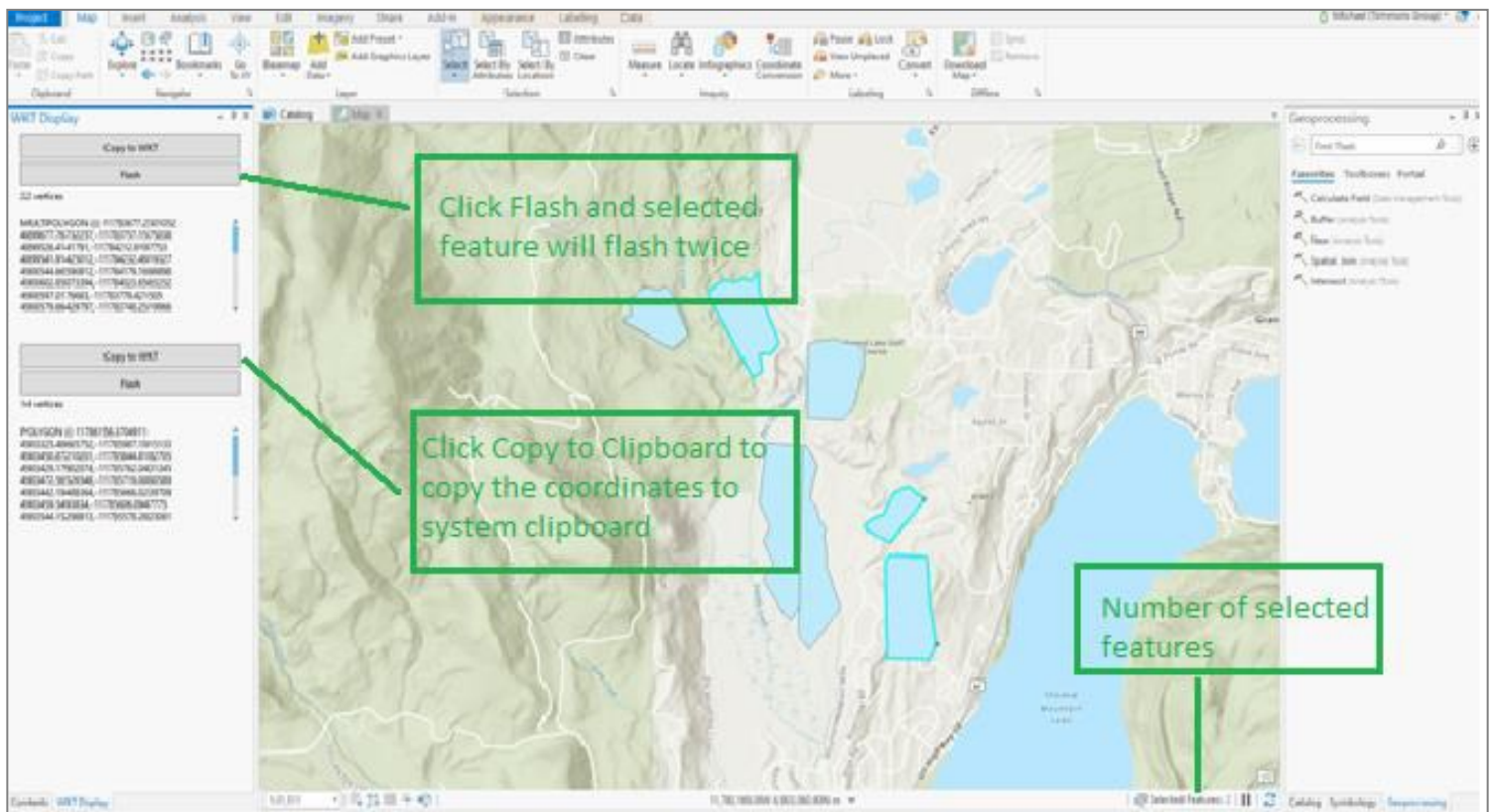
Have fun, and happy monitoring!

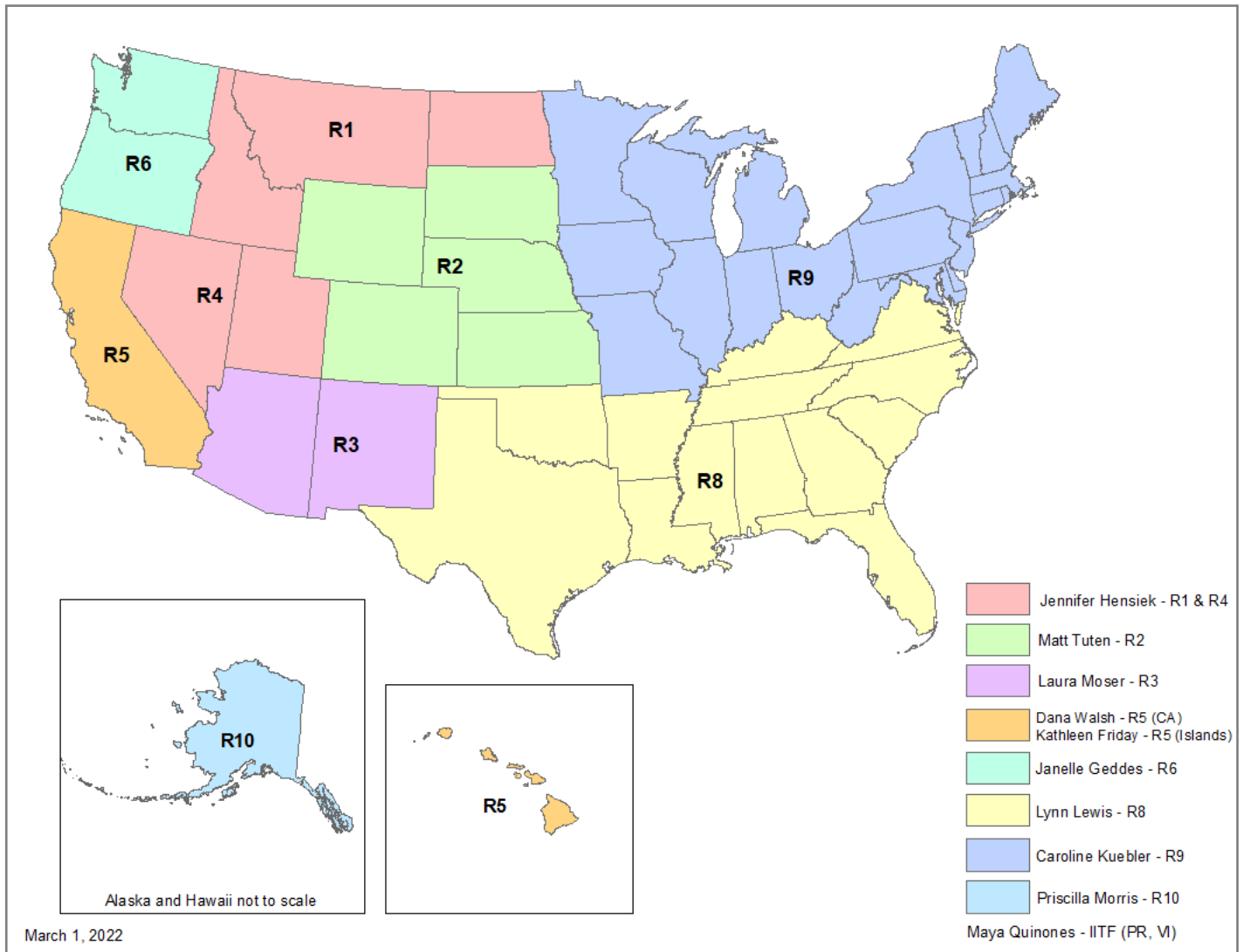# New ShapeUp tool for ArcGIS Pro

By Josh Baldwin

The ShapeUp Add-In for ArcGIS Pro is a utility for Esri's ArcGIS Pro software. It allows you to select and copy shapes from within ArcGIS into ForMAP for features such as SMART plan property boundaries and LaSR impact areas. You can copy the geometry of a shape from any vector layer already in use on your local system (e.g. shapefile, coverage, SDE, GDB, pGDB), thus saving you data-preparation time.

To download the new ShapeUp Add-In, go to the Download Supporting Software page in SMART—https://apps.fs.usda.gov/formap/SMART/Home/Downloads. Click on the link, download the file, and unzip the folder. Inside the folder, please see the included Guide for instructions on how to install the tool.

Feel free to contact us at the Help Desk if you have any questions!

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Alaska and Hawaii not to scale

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