

# Forests under a changing climate:

## Using FIA to parameterize a spatially-explicit landscape model

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# Increasing Fire Frequency and Climate Change on Carbon Dynamics and Species Composition in the Boreal Forest



Arctic Natural Systems (ANS)

# Current Grants (as of 10/17)

# Ecosystem Model Performance in the Eastern US

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# Understanding the Potential for a Climate Change-Driven Critical Transition from Forest to Chaparral



Division of Environmental Biology (DEB)

# Visualizing Forest Futures under Climate Uncertainty



Virtual Reality of Forests under Climate Change



Coupled Human and Natural Systems (CHNS)

# Current Research Questions

How do re-burns and climate change affect species composition and above-and belowground carbon cycling, including permafrost thawing?

How are landscape patterns of forest disturbances and ecosystem services (e.g., biodiversity and carbon storage) shaped by variability in future climate conditions?

How do changes in forest management influence future landscape structure and function?

What is the relative importance of fire regime (size, severity, and frequency) and forest recovery rate in determining the dominant state of forests or shrub-chaparral?

What is the role of climate in shaping alternative landscape states?

Could management actions delay or prevent critical transitions?



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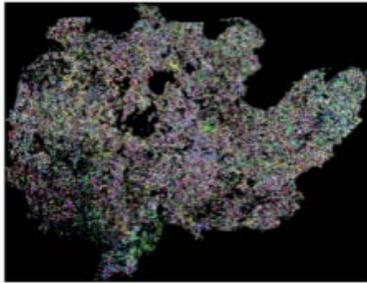
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<a href="#"><u>Age-only Succession</u></a>	June 2017
<a href="#"><u>Biomass Succession</u></a>	August 2017
<a href="#"><u>Forest Carbon Succession</u></a>	March 2017
<a href="#"><u>Net Ecosystem Carbon &amp; Nitrogen Succession</u></a>	June 2017
<a href="#"><u>PnET Succession</u></a>	October 2017

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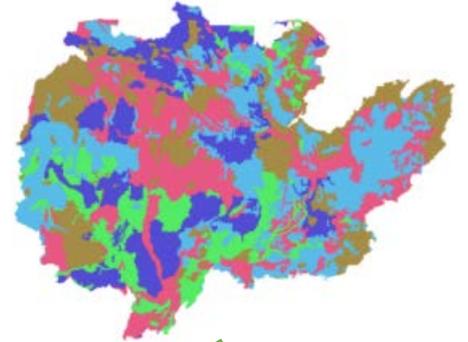
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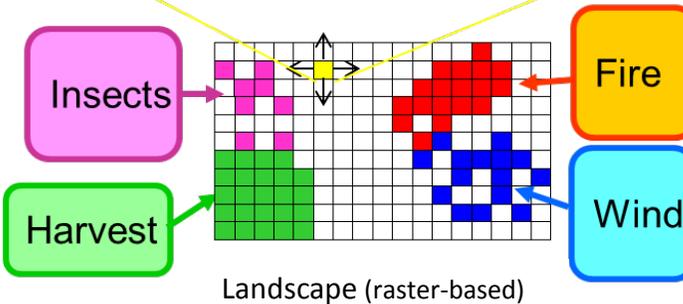
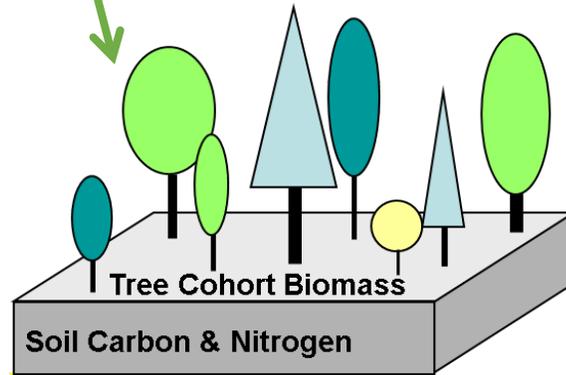
Climate



Soils



**NECN Extension**



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# Current Forest Conditions

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LandisData "Initial Communities"
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MapCode 2
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BlackCherry 30 (128) 40 (359)
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Elms 30 (48) 40 (248)
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GreenAsh 40 (702)
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QuakingAspen 40 (327) 50 (881) 60 (408)
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SugarMaple 40 (633)
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whitePine 40 (407)
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MapCode 3
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Buroak 50 (404) 70 (2491)
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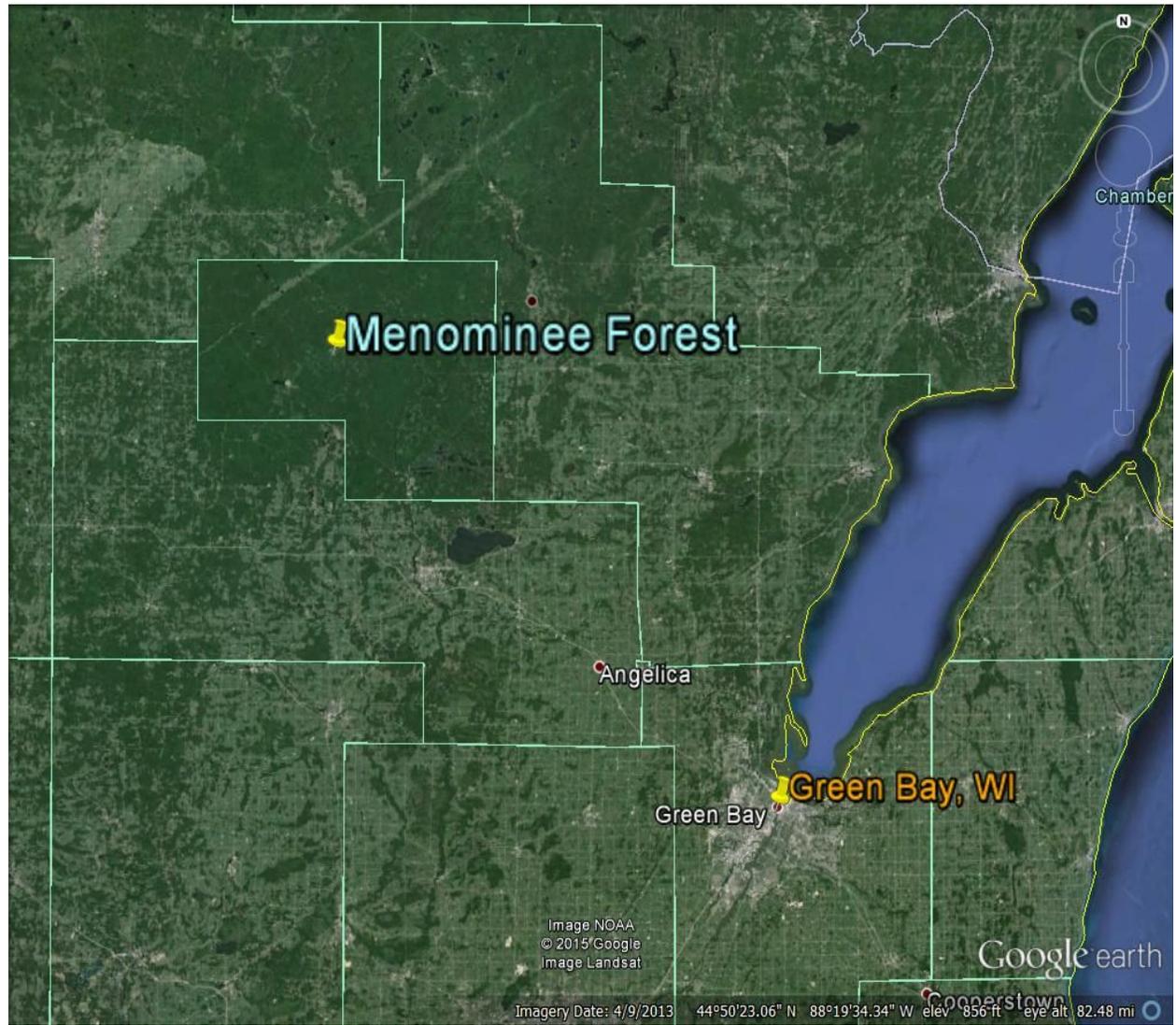
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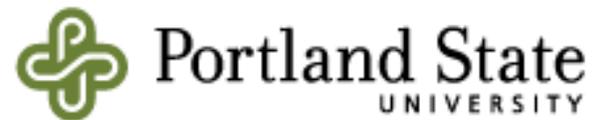
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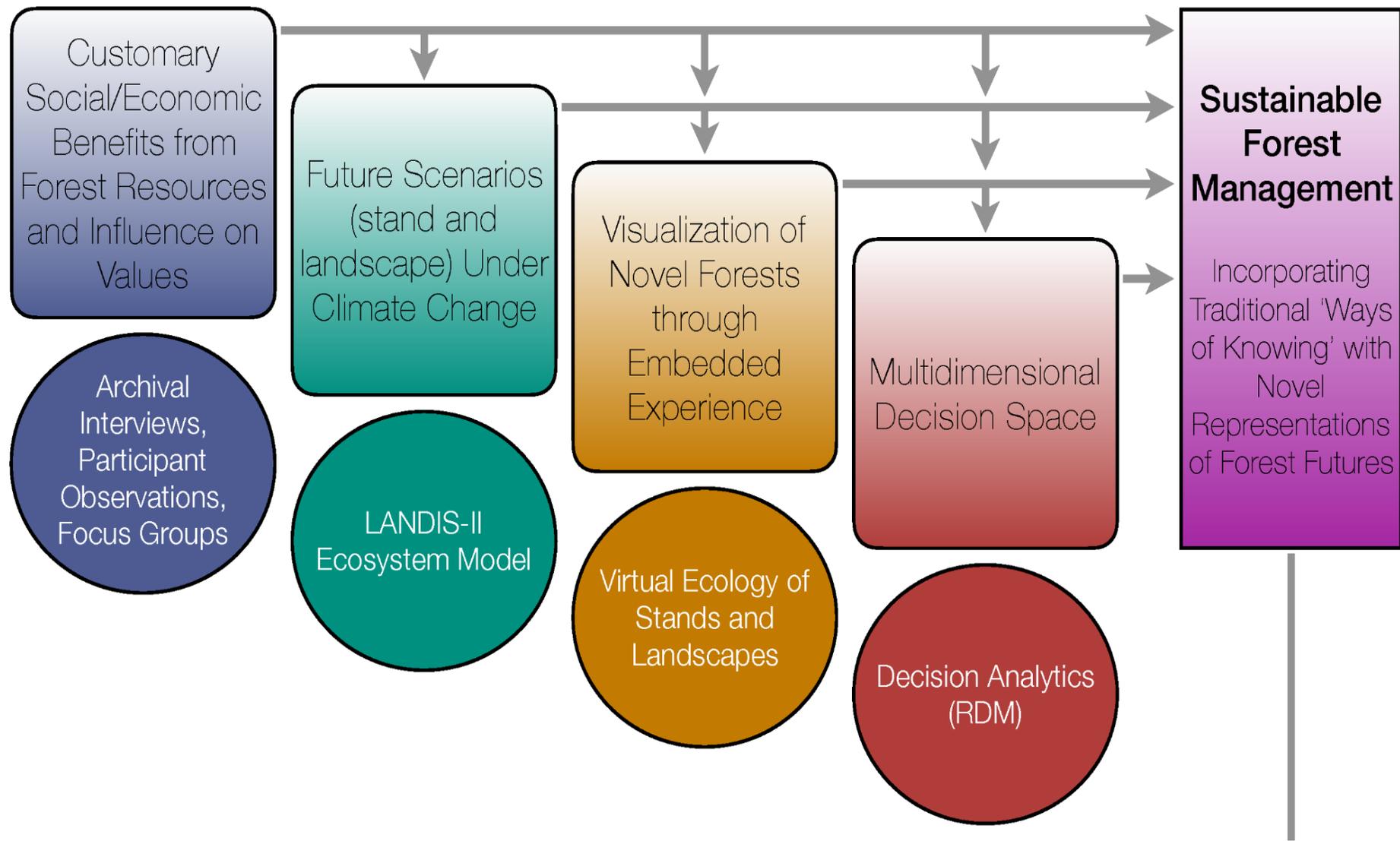
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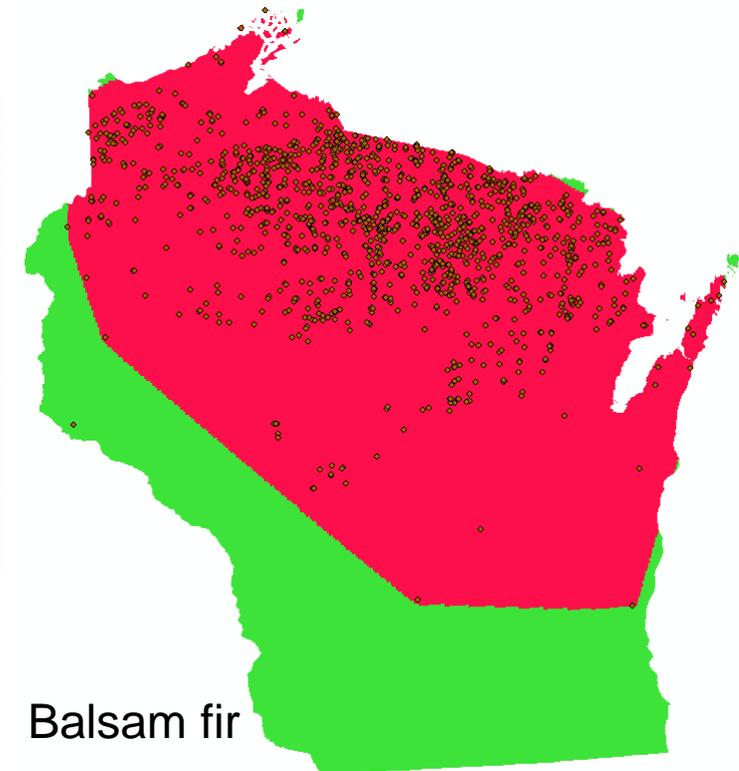
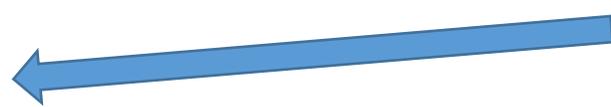
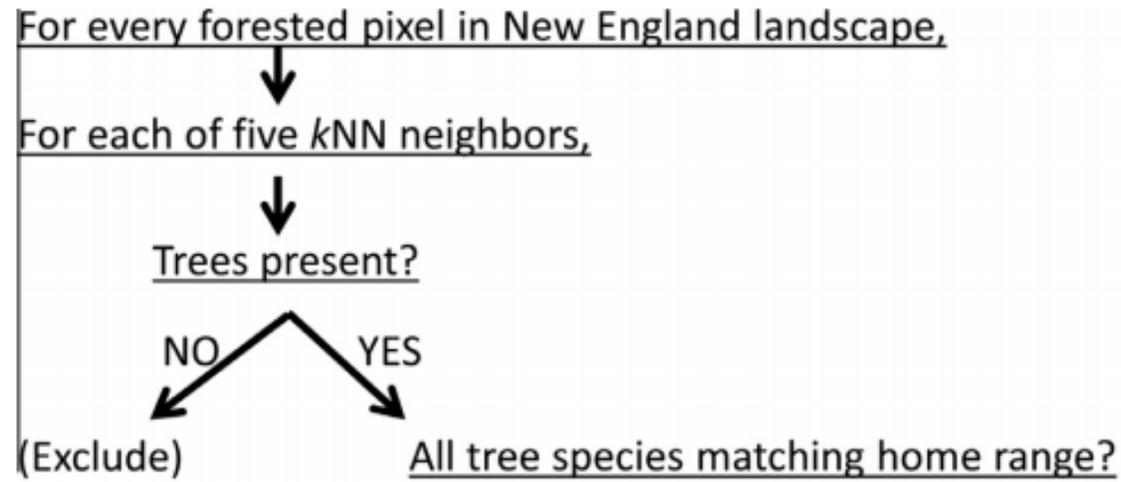
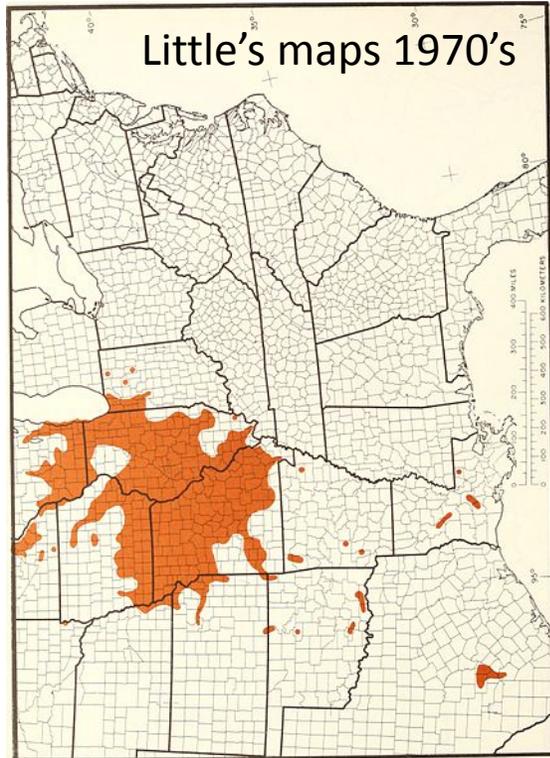


# An imputed forest composition map for New England screened by species range boundaries

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For every forested pixel in New England landscape,



find the kNN neighbors,



are they present?



YES

All tree species matching current range according to FIA?

~~All tree species matching home range?~~

NO

YES

(Exclude)

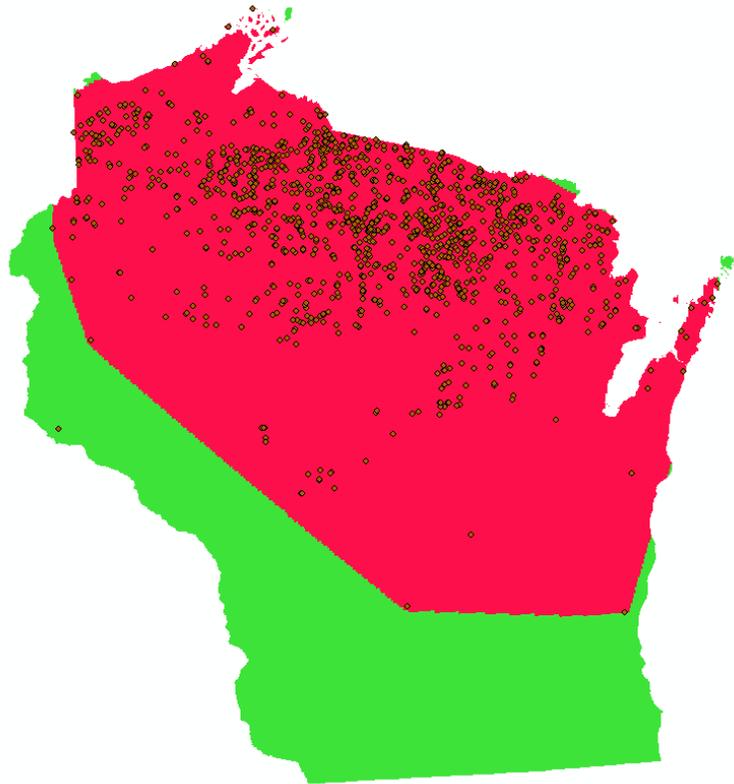
Any kNN candidates remaining?

NO

YES

Replace with geographically closest correctly matched pixel.

Select closest geographic source plot from pixel.



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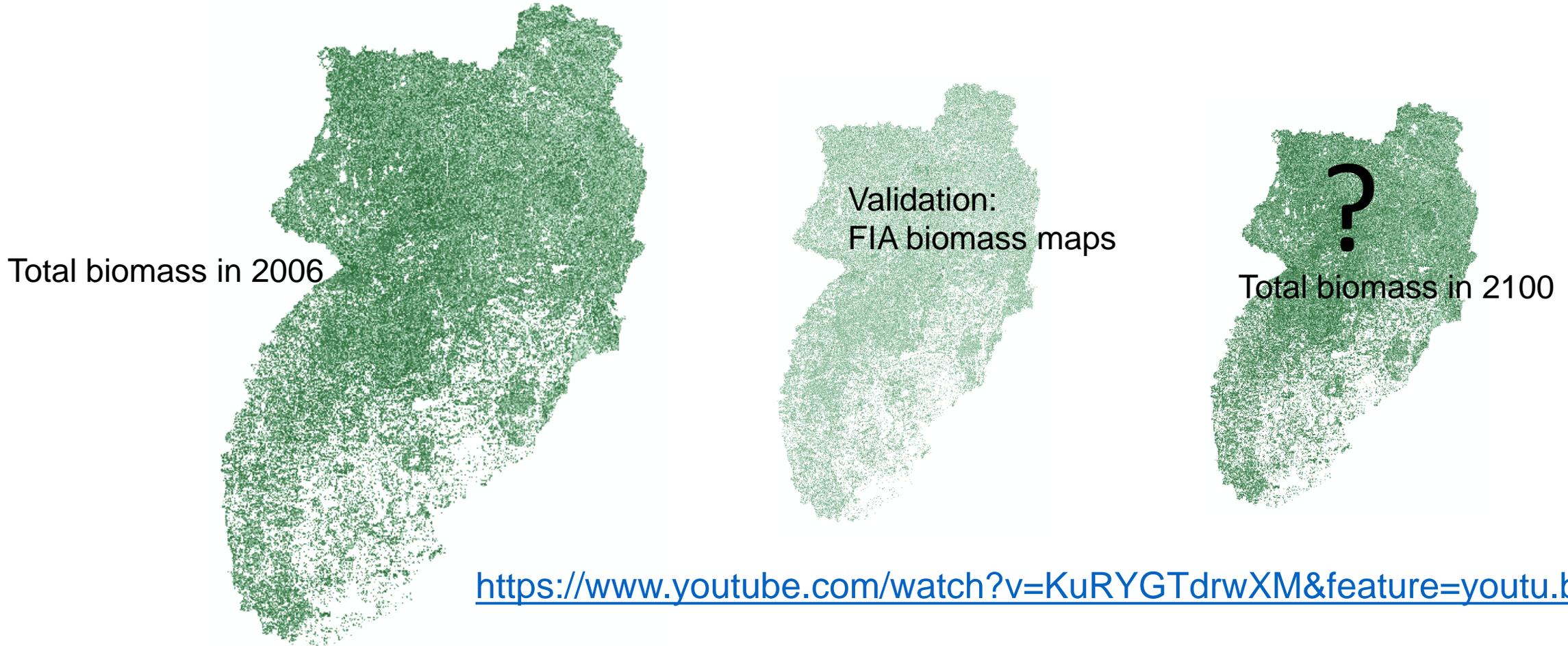
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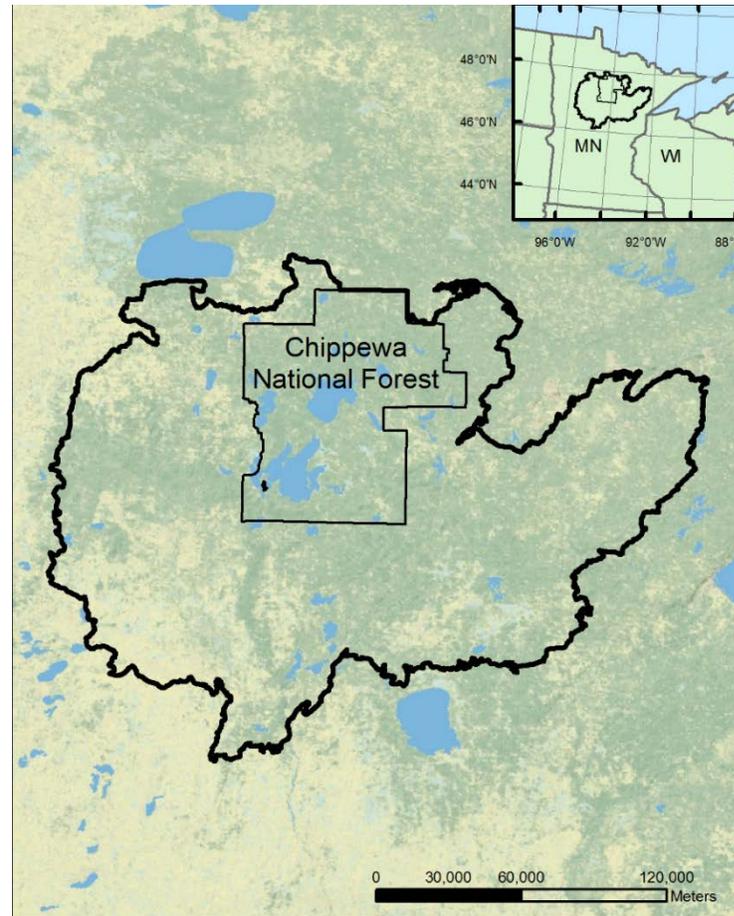
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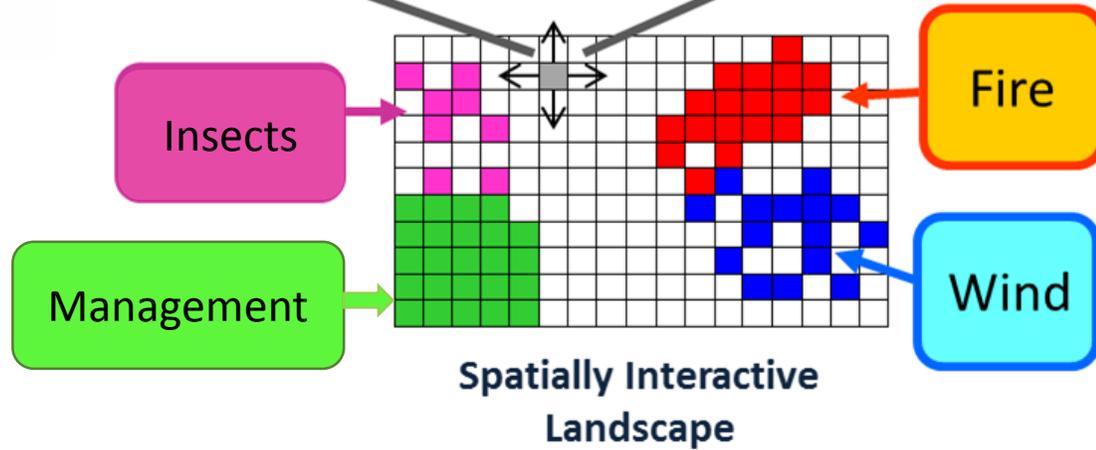
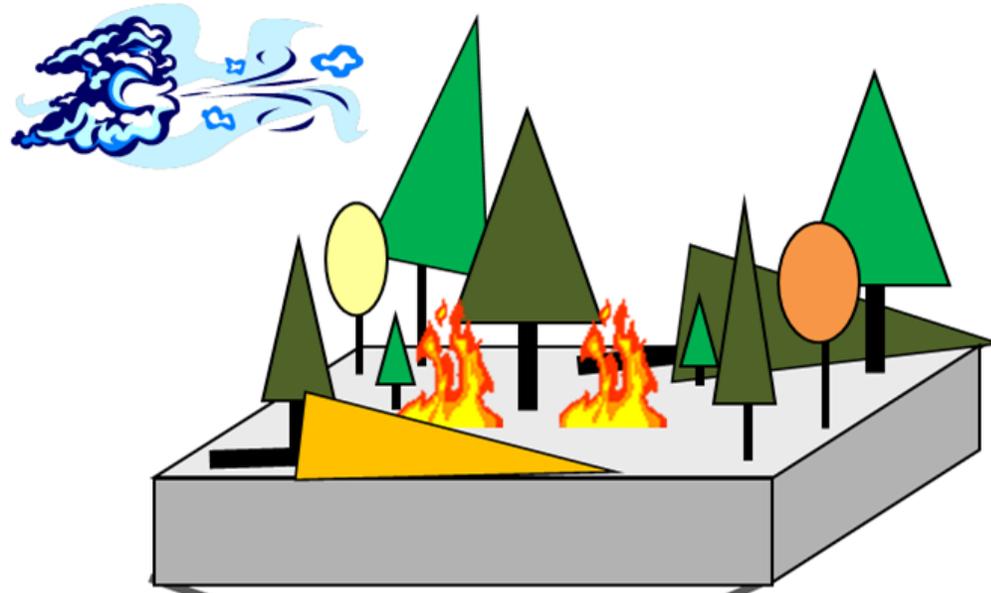
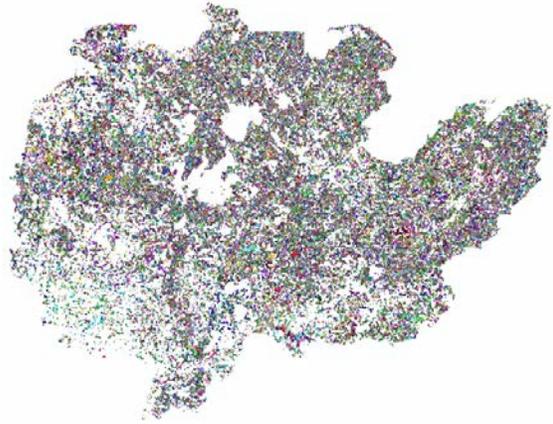
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# Integrating Climate Science Into Forest Management Decision-Making

Co-PIs: Robert Scheller, Eric Gustafson, Melissa Lucash, and Brian Sturtevant



Map derived from  
FIA data

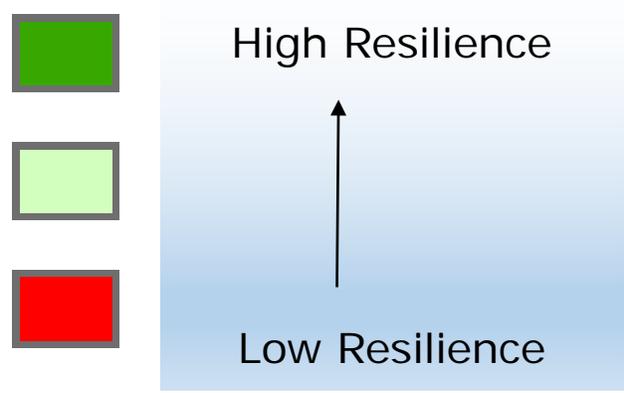
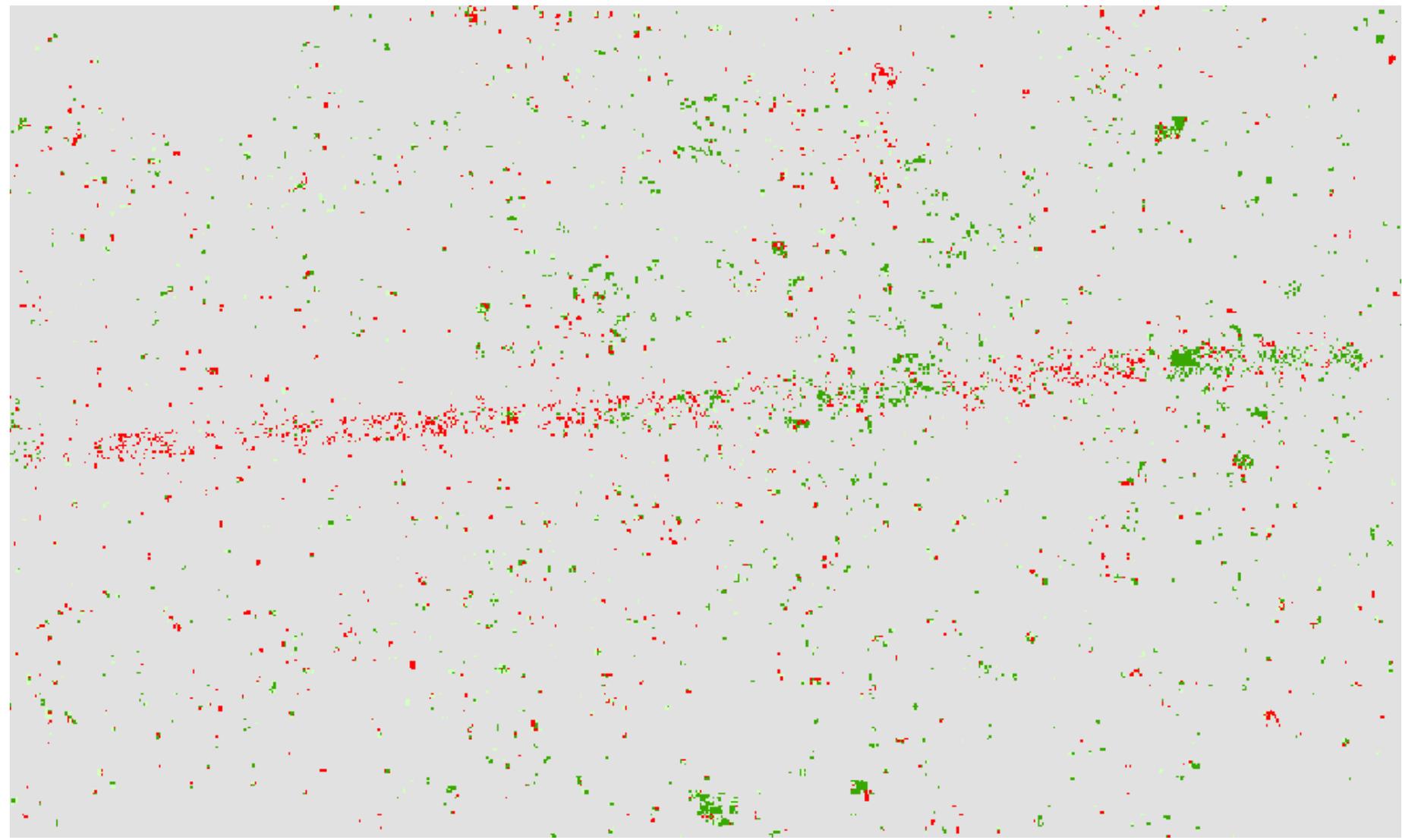
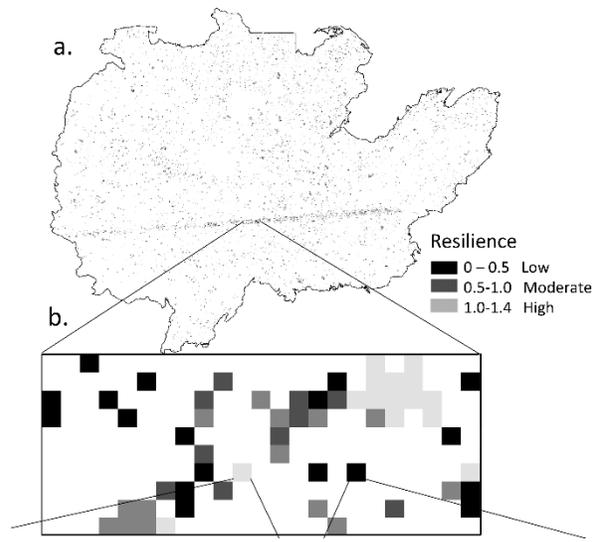


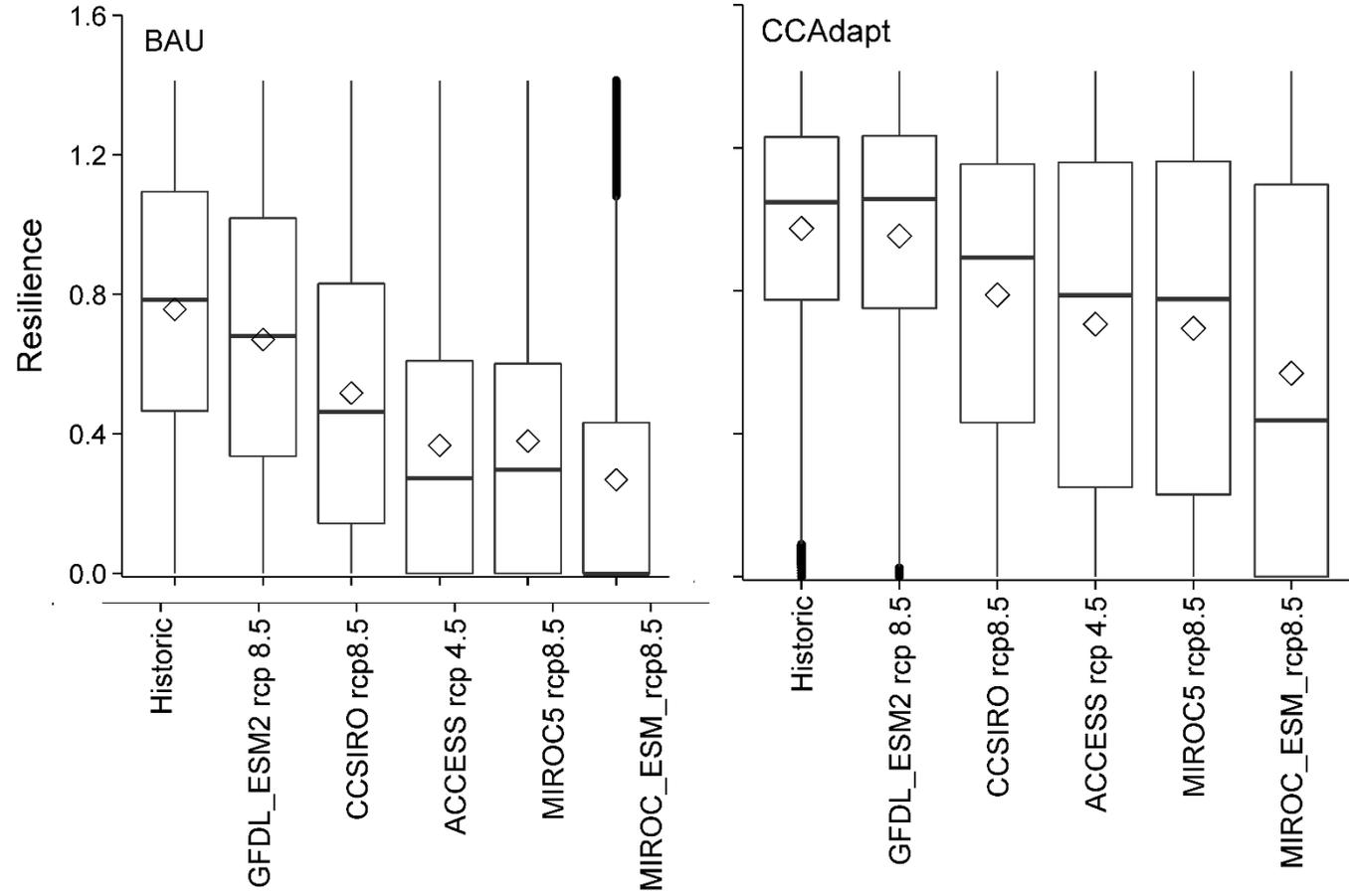
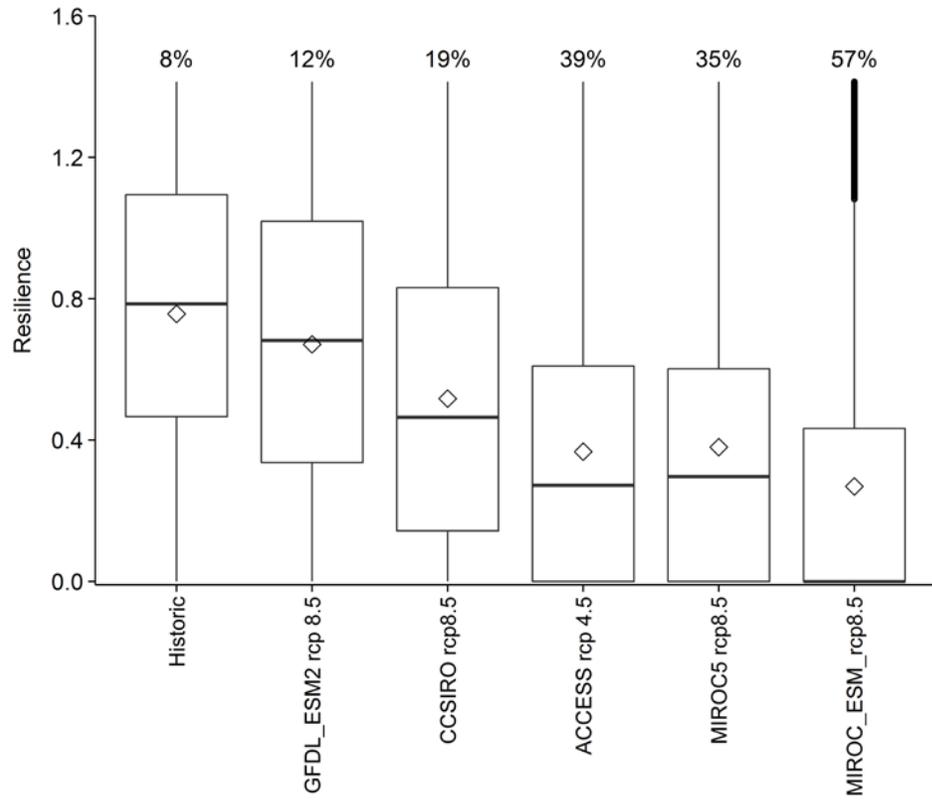
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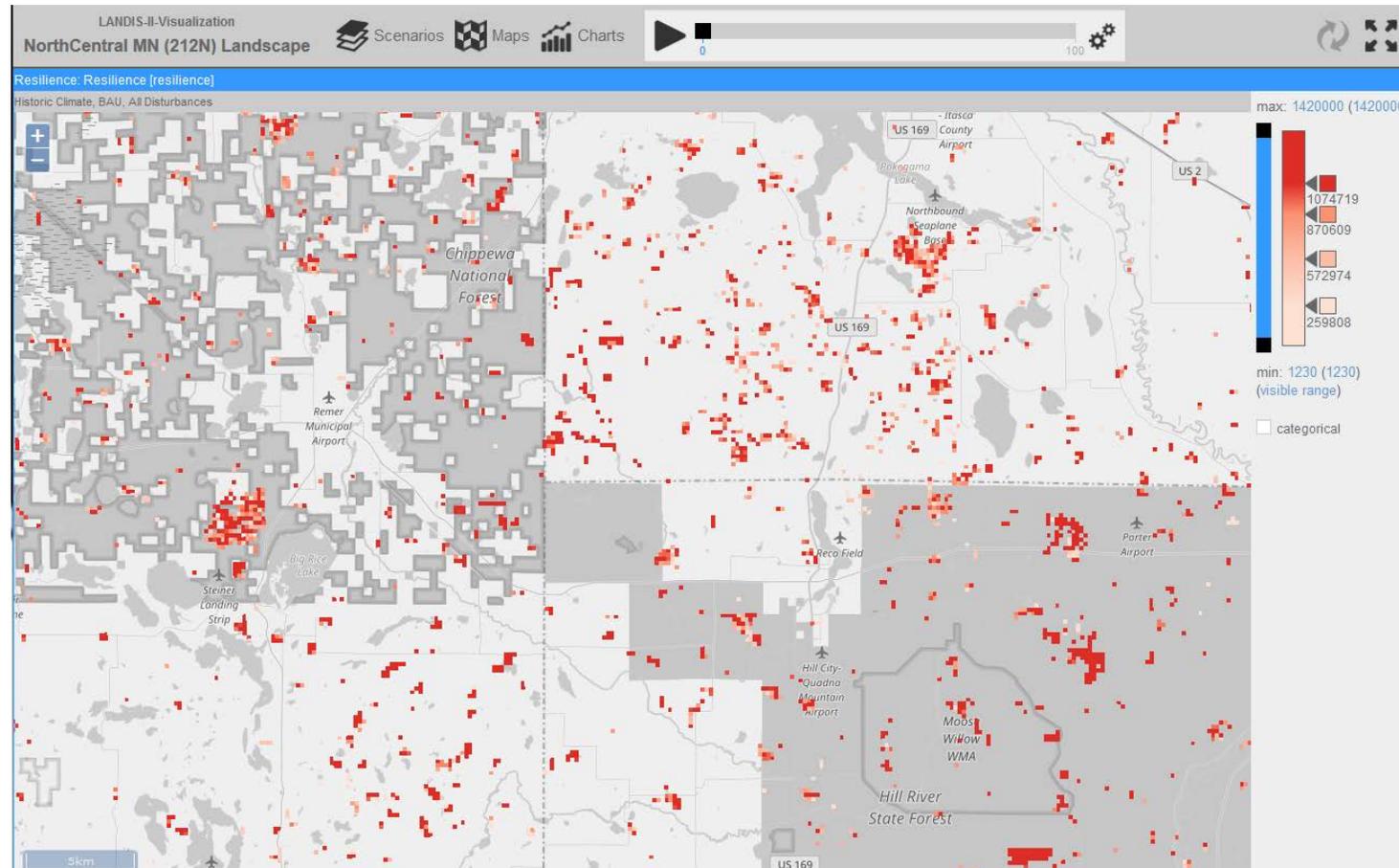
## Spatial resilience of forested landscapes under climate change and management

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# LandViz



<https://landis-visualization.research.pdx.edu/Stockholm/>

# Next steps for using FIA data?

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# Next new project?

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