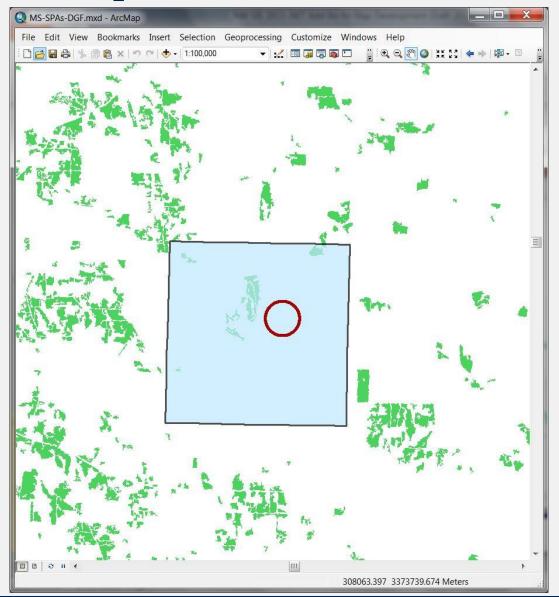
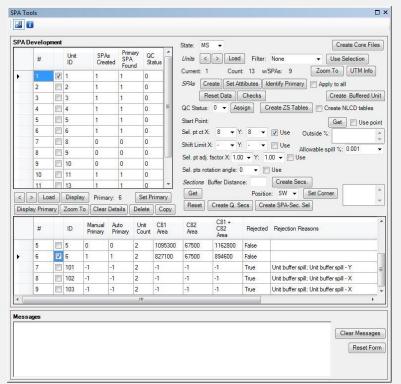
Species Protection Area Development with .NET

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Species Protection Area Tools – Primary Area

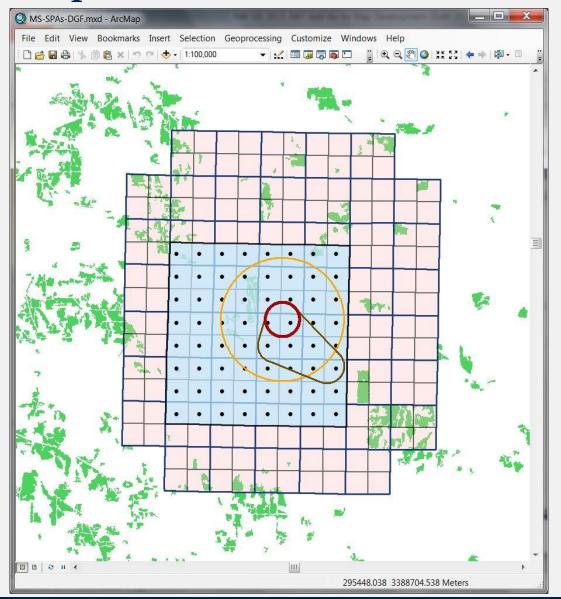


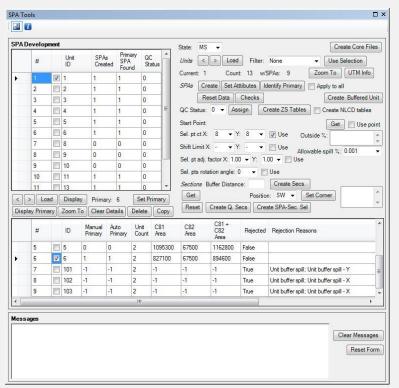


Goal: define protection areas for species habitat locations according to rules that vary from state to state. Example:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Critical Habitat (CH) locations for Dusky Gopher Frog in Mississippi
- Polygon of defined maximum size positioned such that
 - number of overlapping CH locations is maximized
 - area of agricultural land cover is minimized
- Polygons based on aggregation of selected quarter sections

Species Protection Area Tools – Area Construction

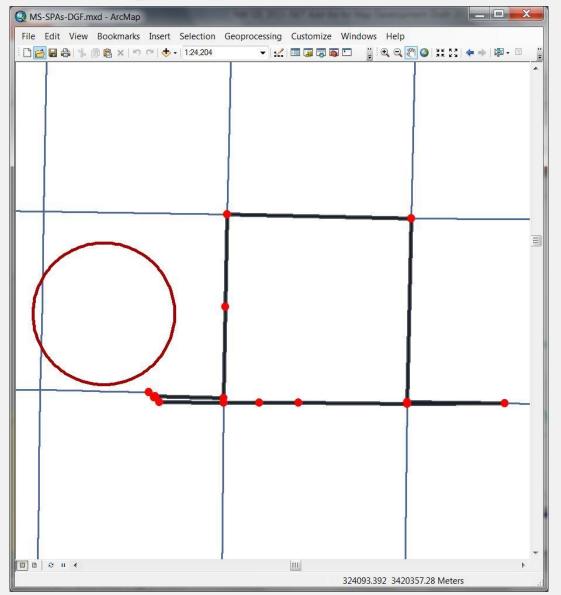


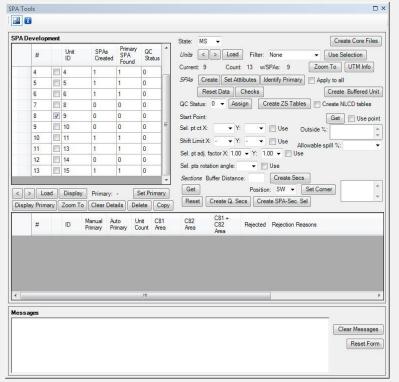


Key datasets:

- Public Land Survey Sections
- Derived quarter sections
- Critical Habitat locations
- Buffered Critical Habitat locations
- Selection points
- 2006 National Land Cover Data (NLCD)

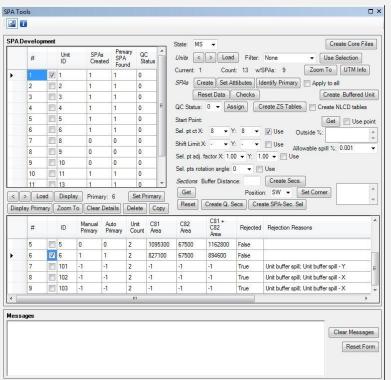
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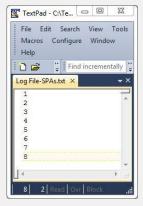




- Quarter section creation problem due to inability to automatically find corners
- Manually define corners and pass to procedure

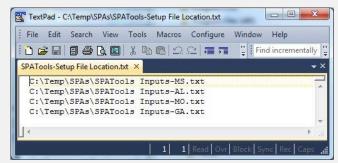
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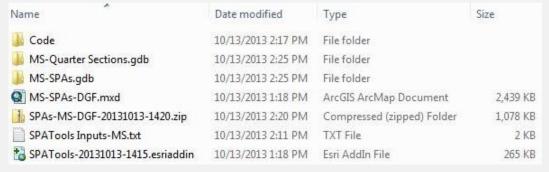
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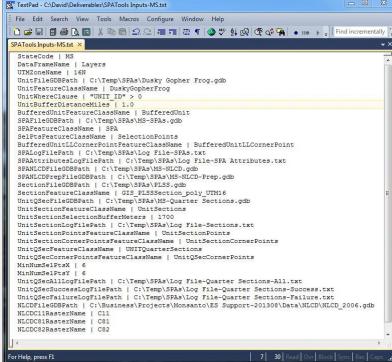
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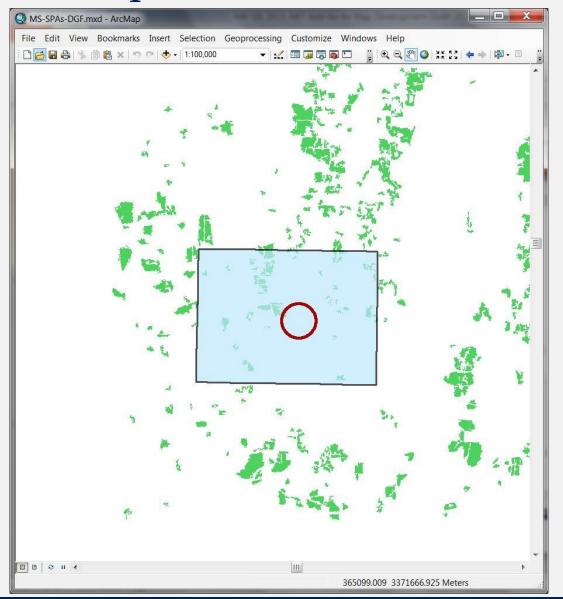
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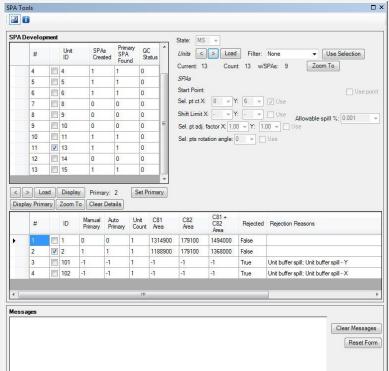
Deliverables





Species Protection Area Tools – Deliverable





- Read-only version of tools (functionality hidden as required)
- Tools appearance is a low priority
- Main priority is output data