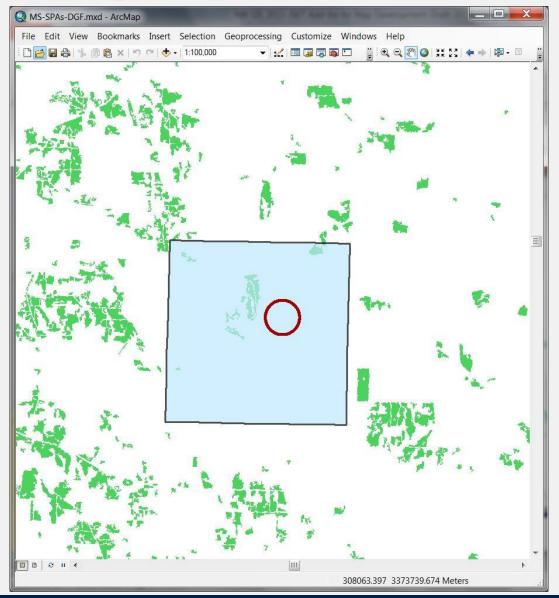
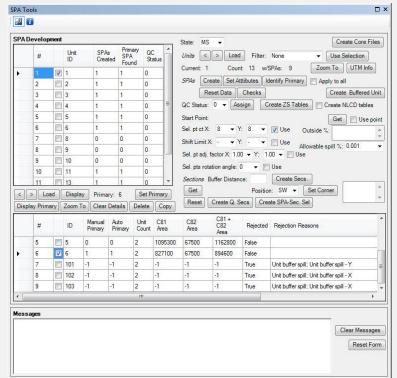
# Species Protection Area Development with .NET

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## Species Protection Area Tools – Primary Area

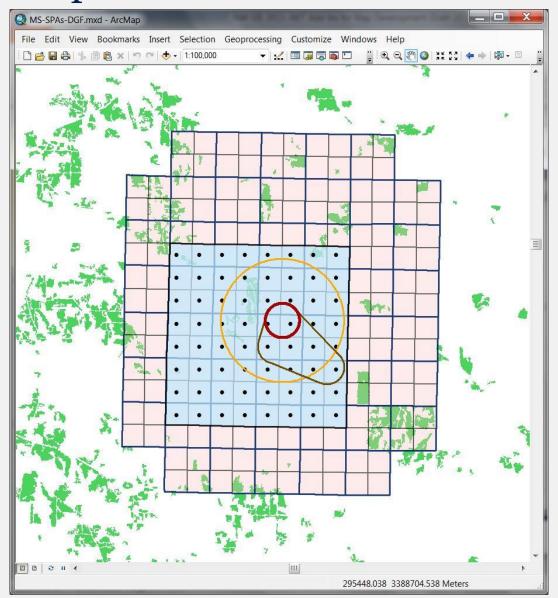


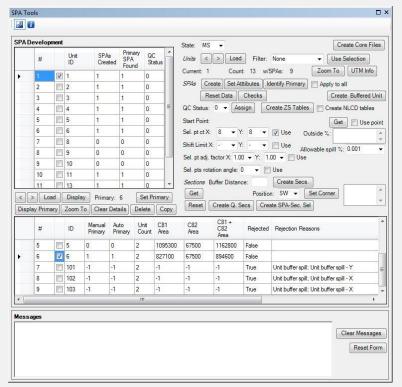


Goal: define protection areas for species habitat locations according to rules that vary from state to state Example:

- US FWS Critical Habitat (CH) locations
- Polygon based on aggregation of selected quarter sections
- Positioning rules:
  - Maximize number of overlapping CH locations
  - Minimize area of agricultural land cover

### Species Protection Area Tools – Area Construction

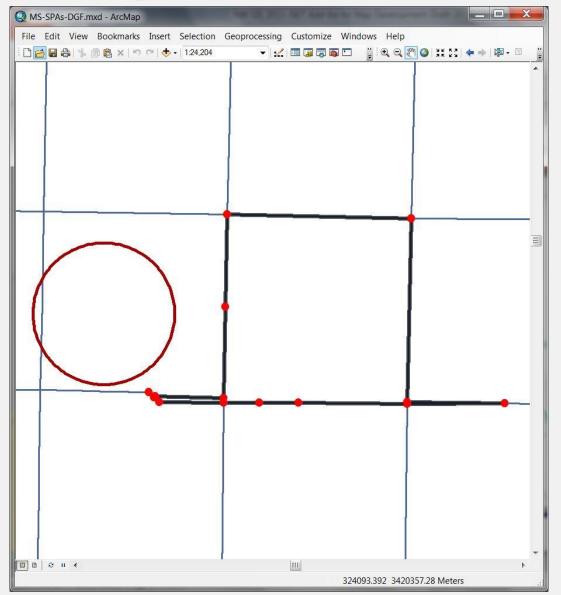


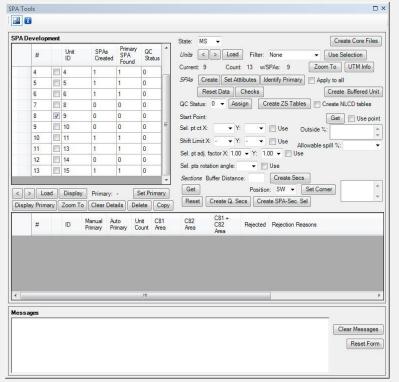


#### Key datasets:

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

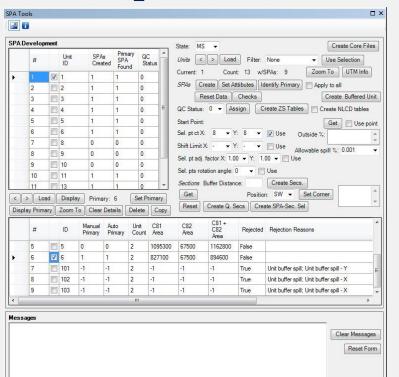
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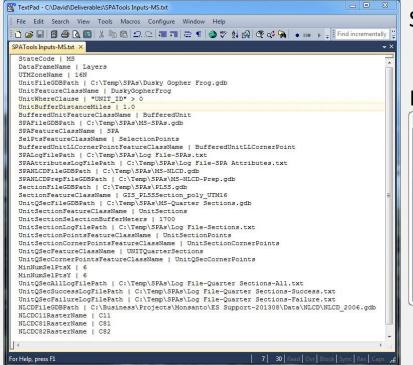




- Quarter section creation problem due to inability to automatically find corners
- Manually define corners and pass to procedure

# Species Protection Area Tools – Operation



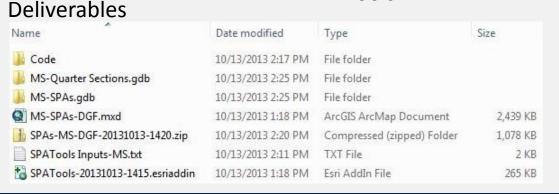


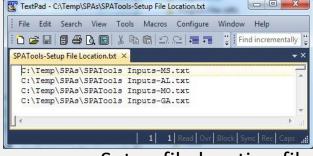
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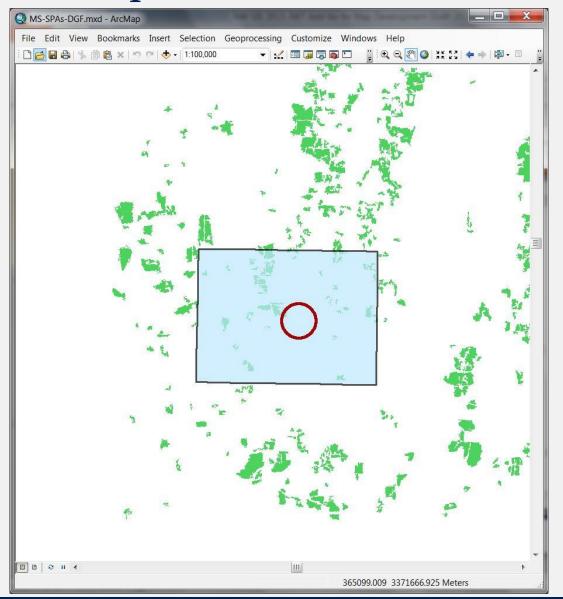
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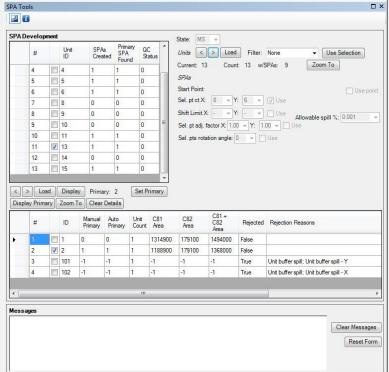




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## Species Protection Area Tools – Deliverable





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