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# GEOSPATIAL DECISION SUPPORT FOR SHALE GAS SITE DEVELOPMENT

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# IPAS:

“Infrastructure Placement Analysis System”

- LINGO - Low Impact Natural Gas and Oil
- DOE funded
  - NETL (National Energy Technology Laboratory)
- Integrates current technologies and practices to minimize adverse environmental impacts
- UofA
  - Chemical Engineering
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- Argonne National Lab
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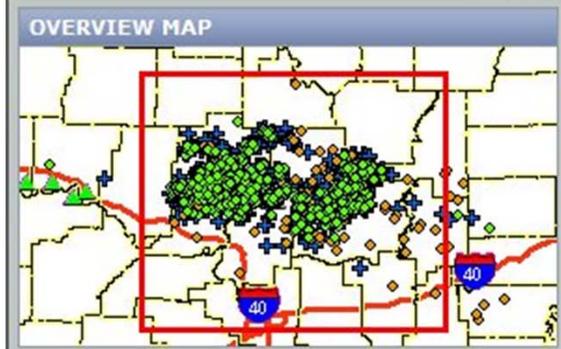
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- “Closed” web-based decision support system
  - Drillers and regulators share:
    - Geographic view of proposed infrastructure
    - Environmental and sensitive area data
    - Models of potential impacts
  - Increases communication efficiency
    - Speeds permitting
  - Increases transparency between regulators and drillers/producers
  - Clarifies uncertainty associated with geographic data

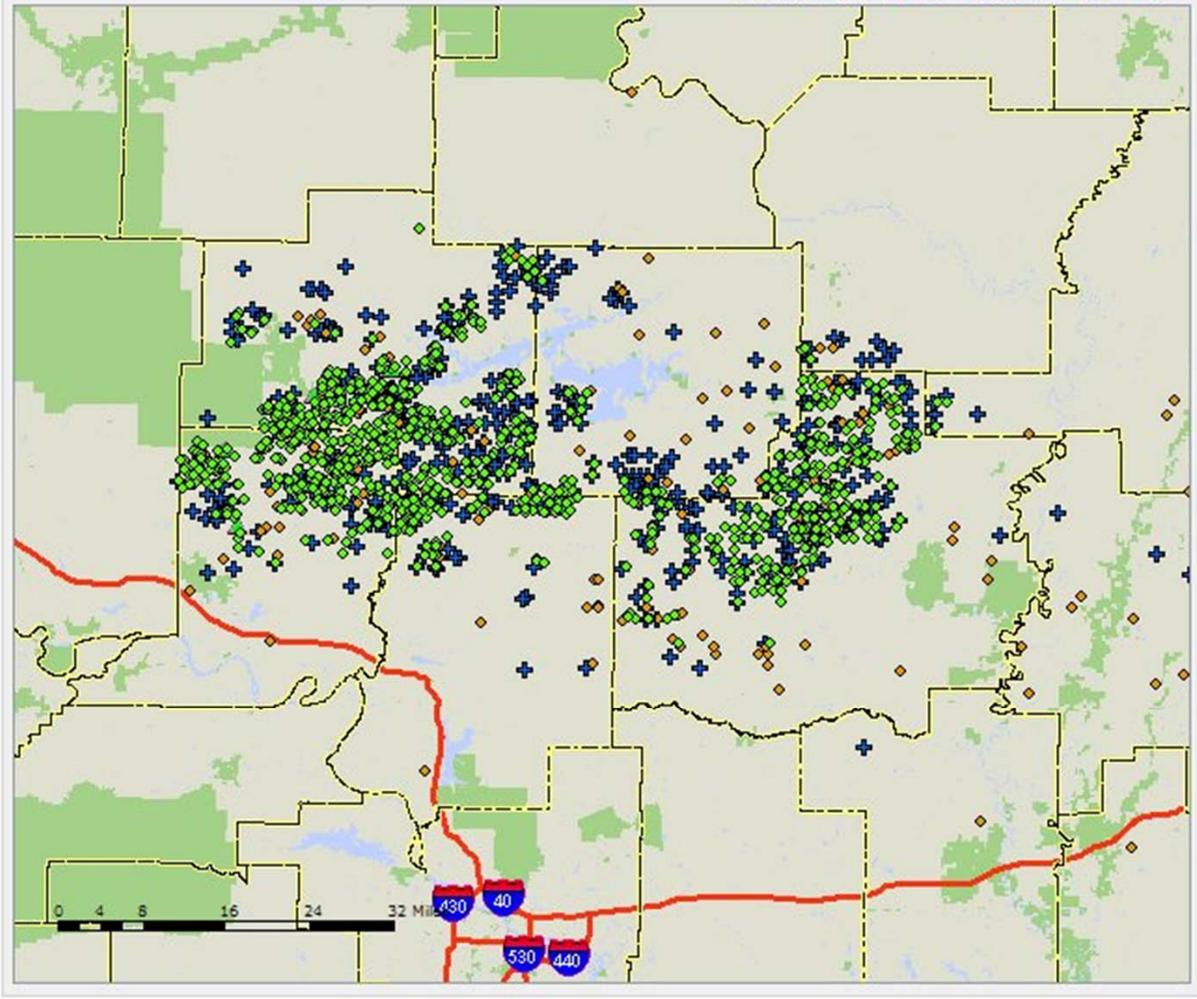
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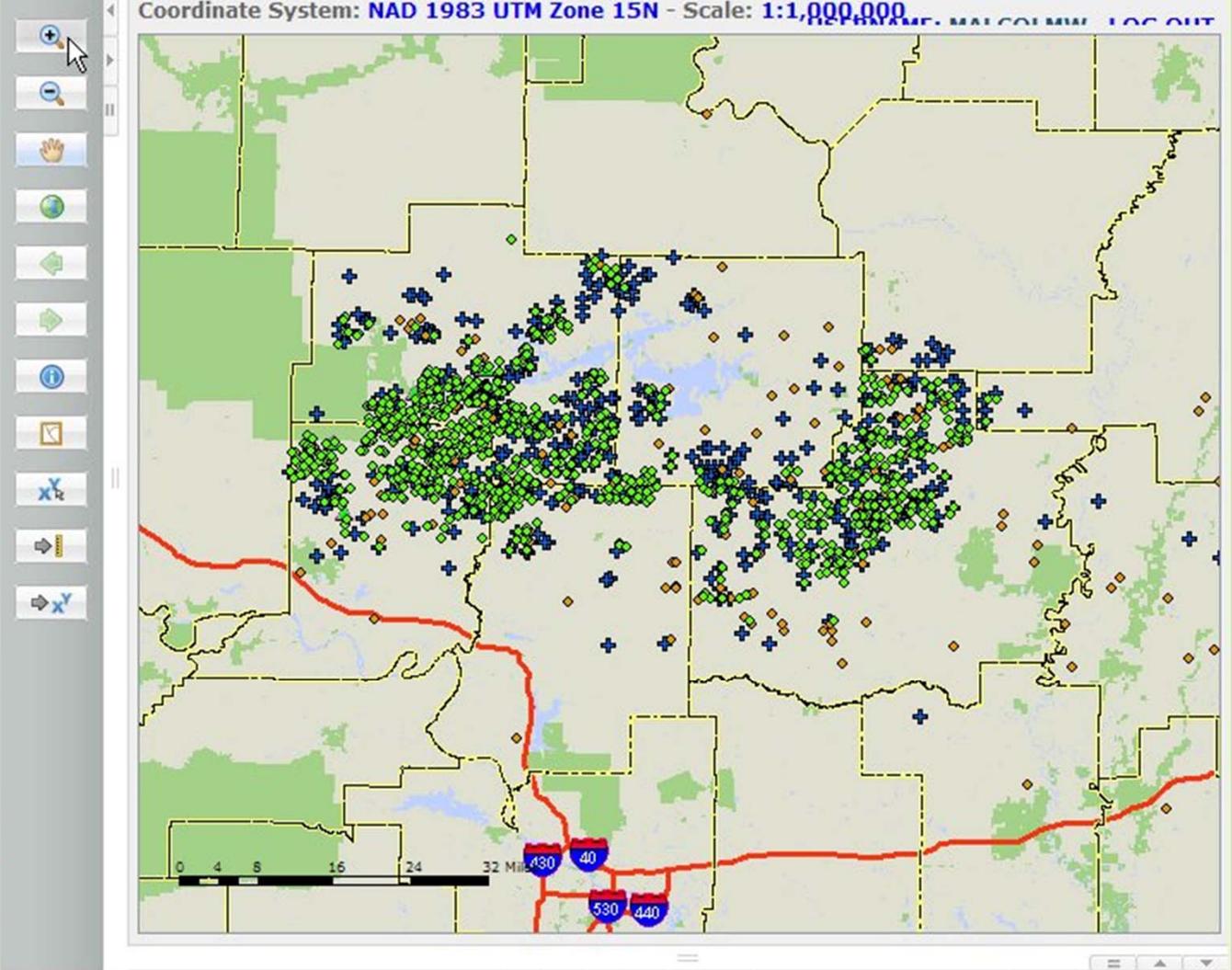
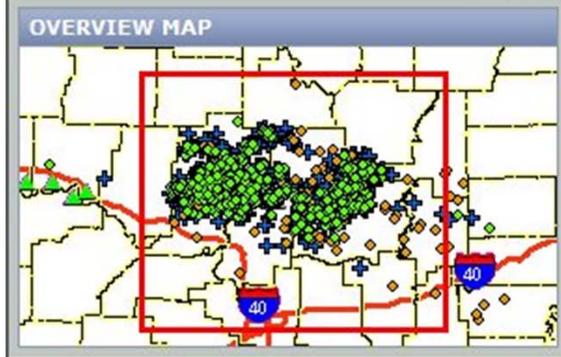
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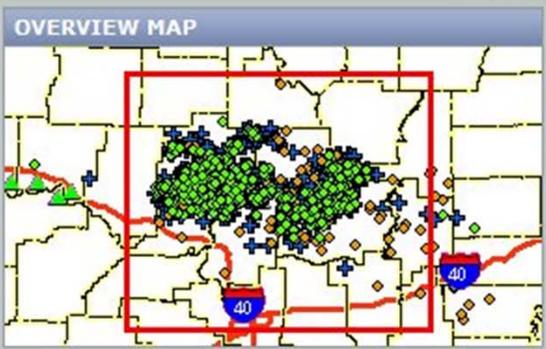
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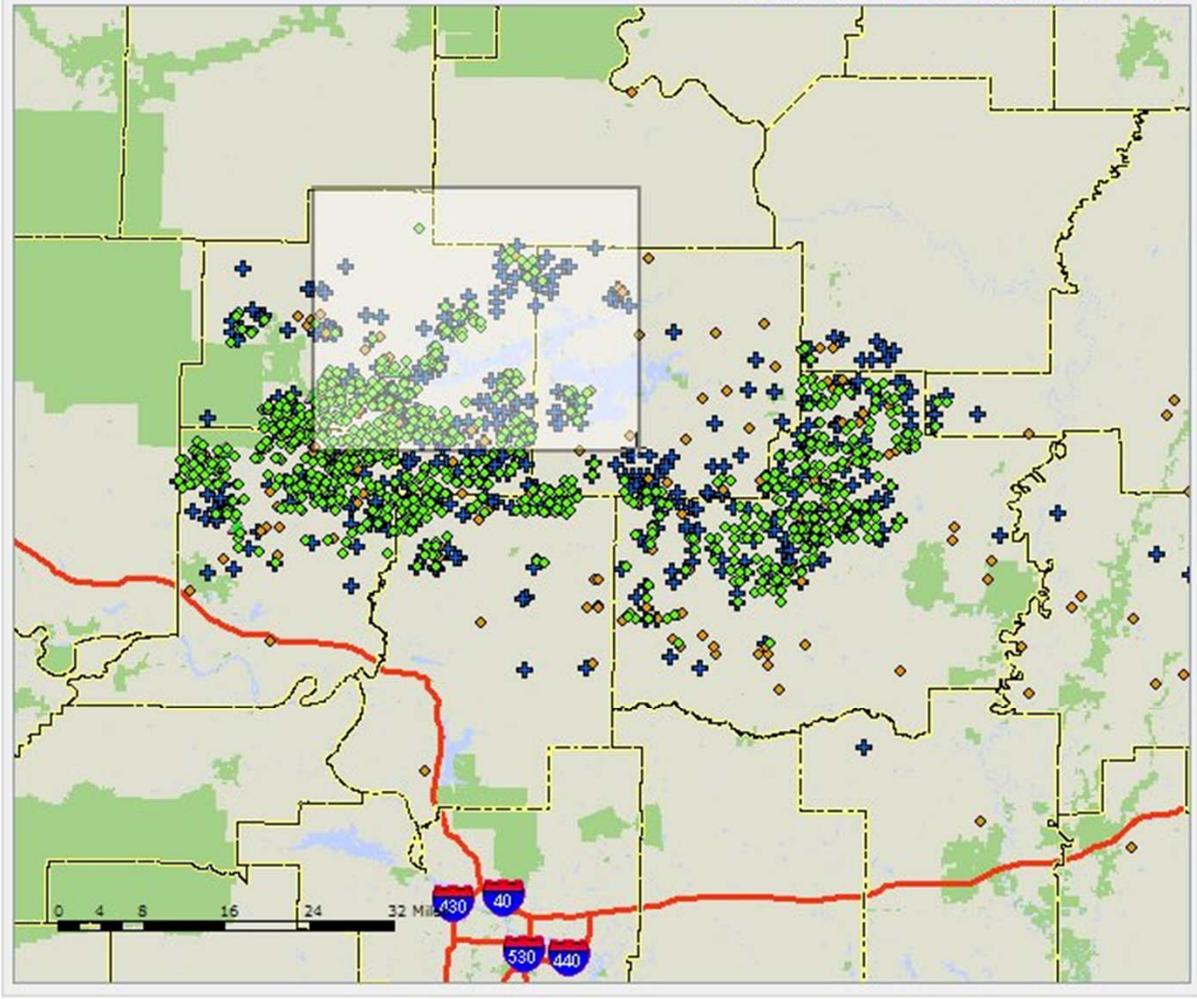
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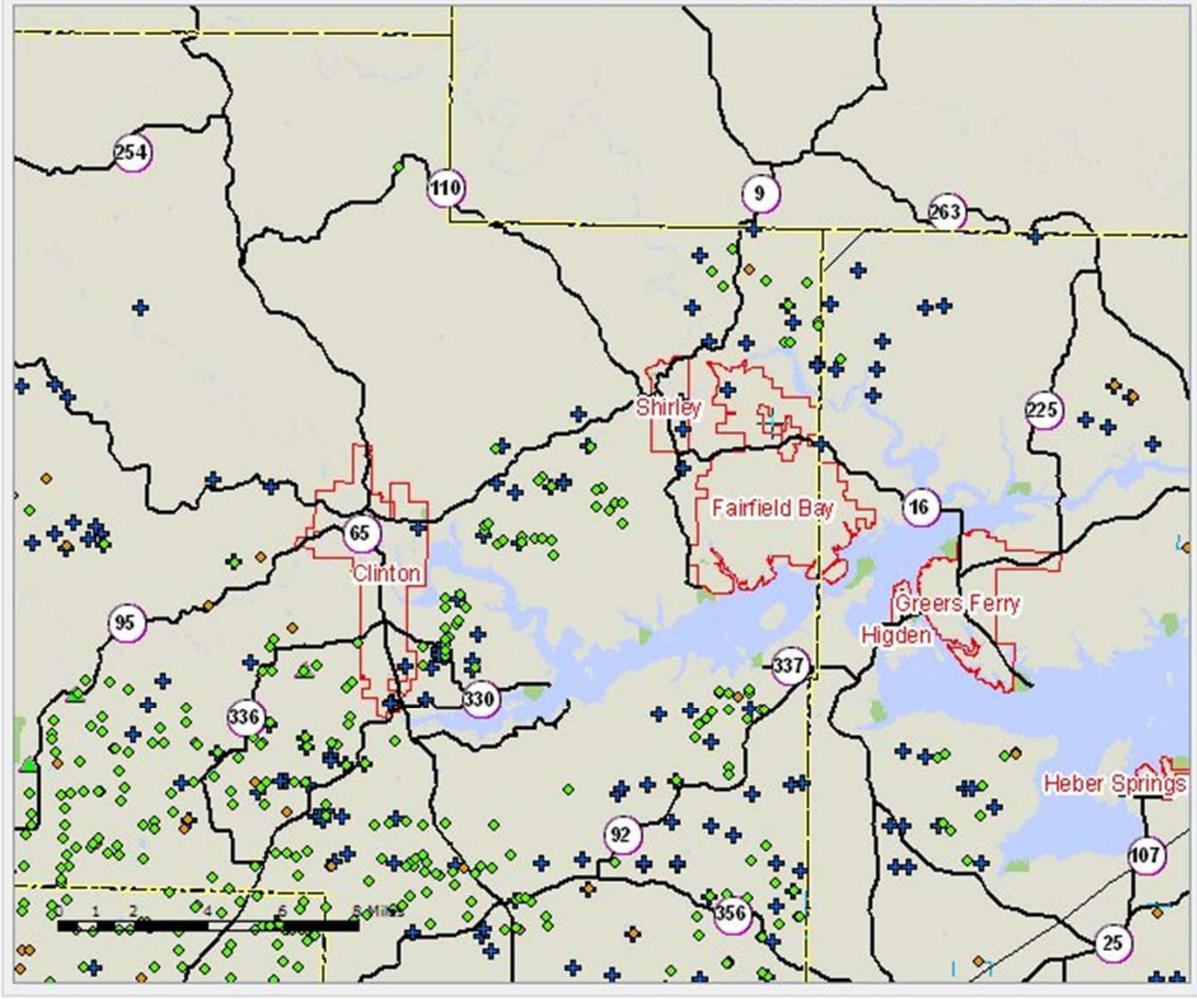
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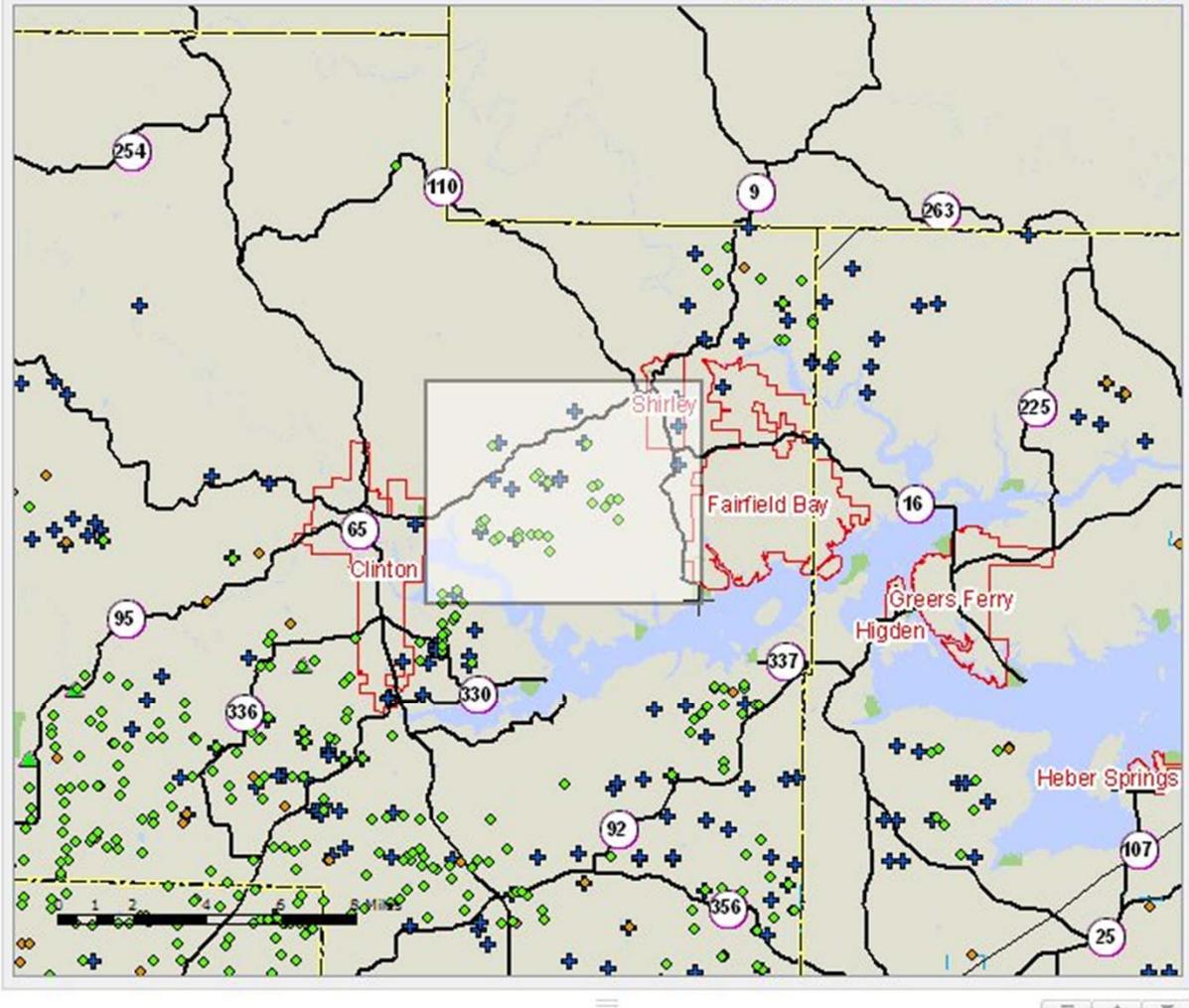
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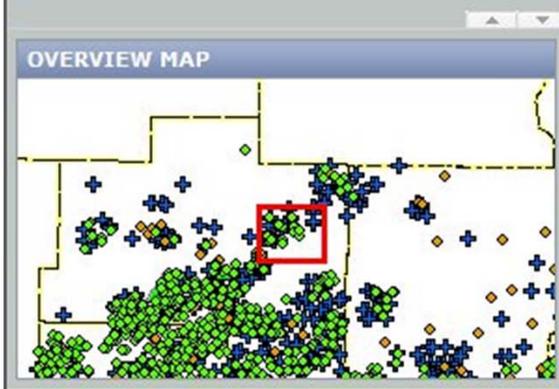
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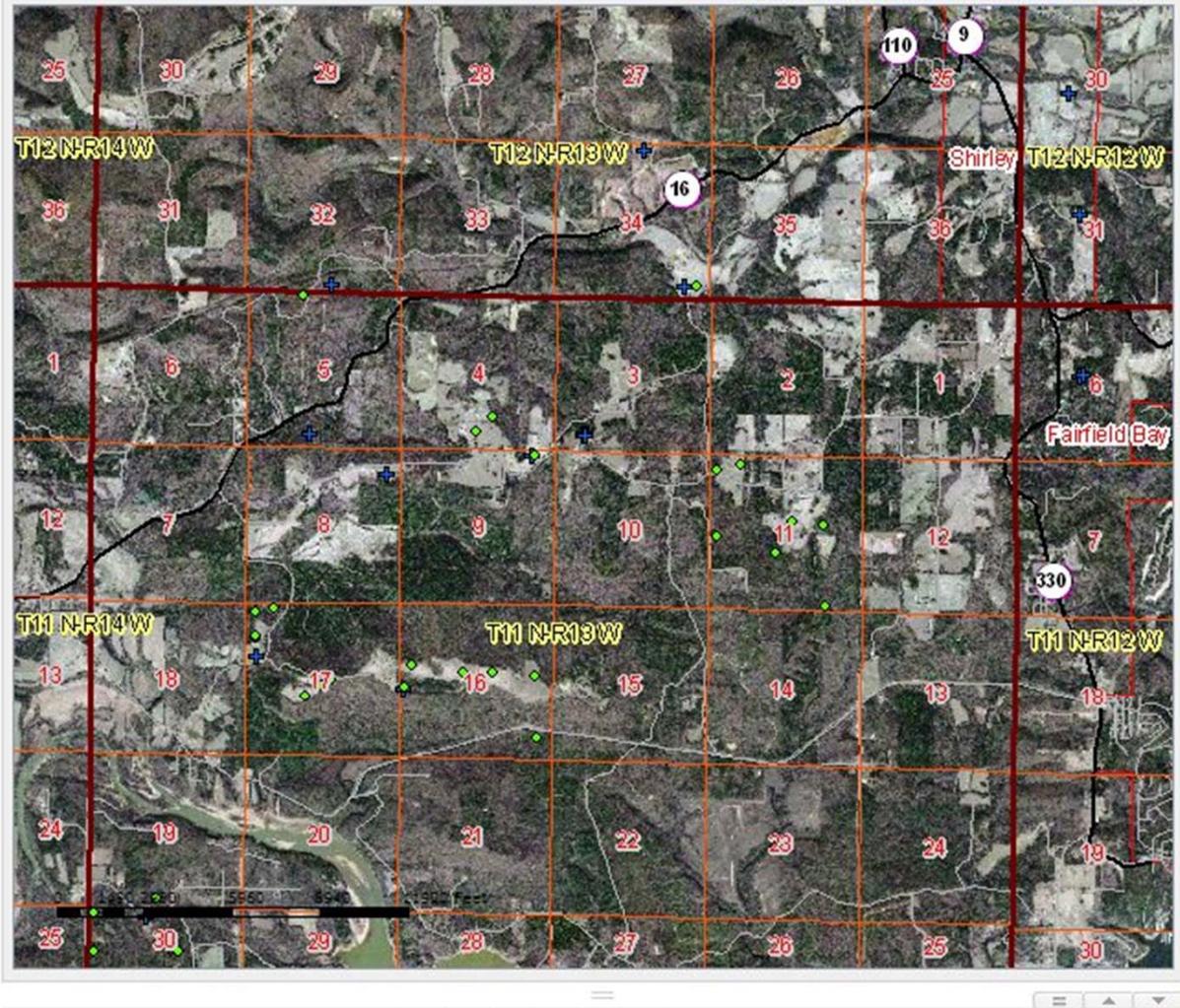
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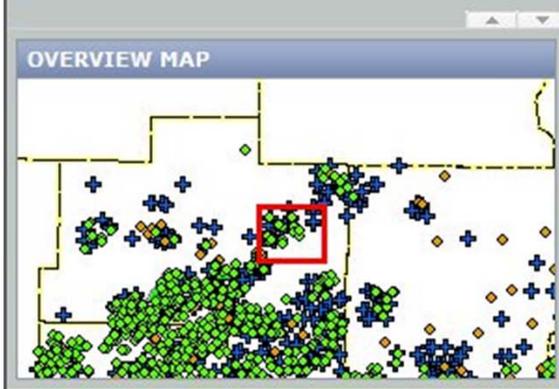
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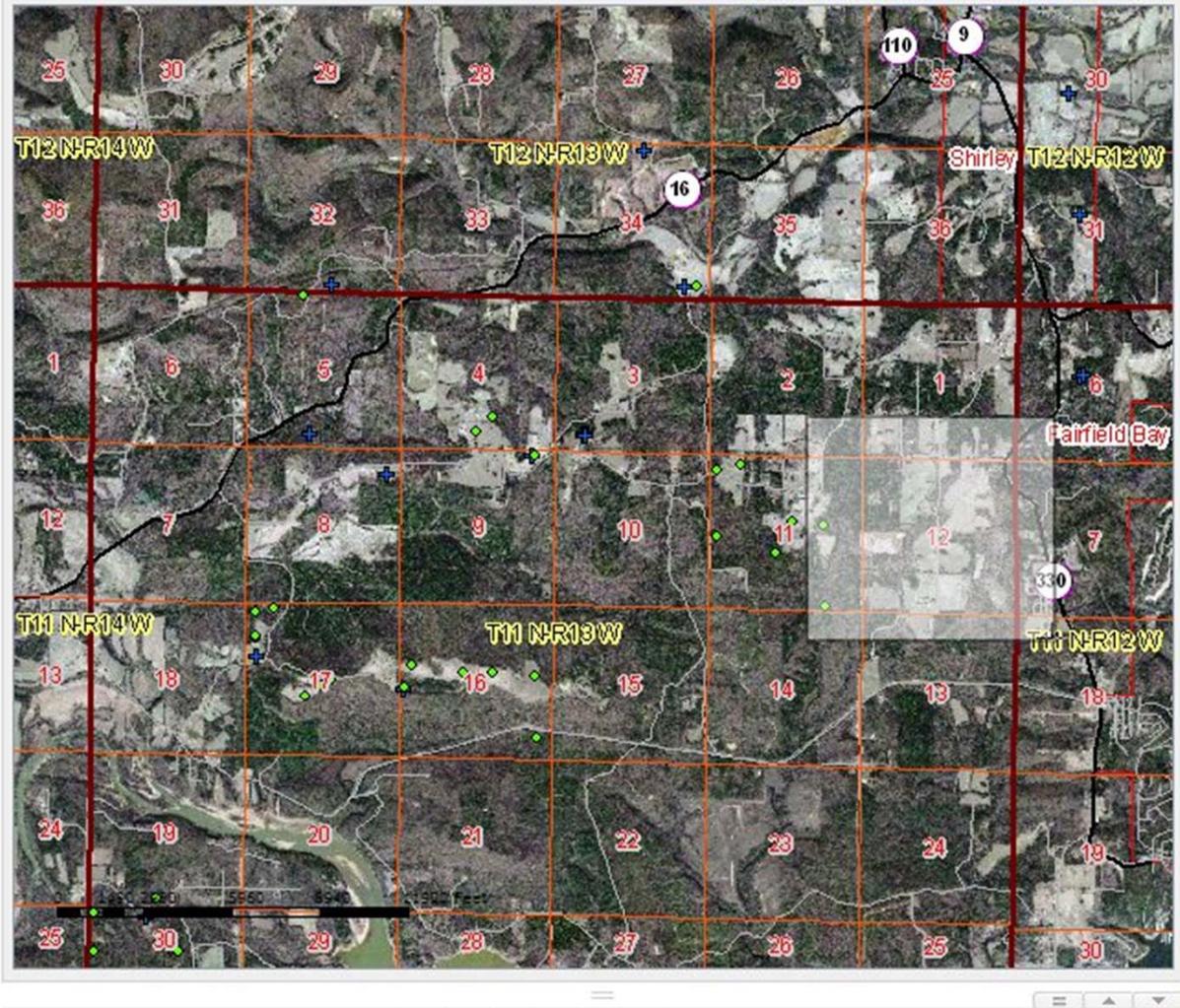
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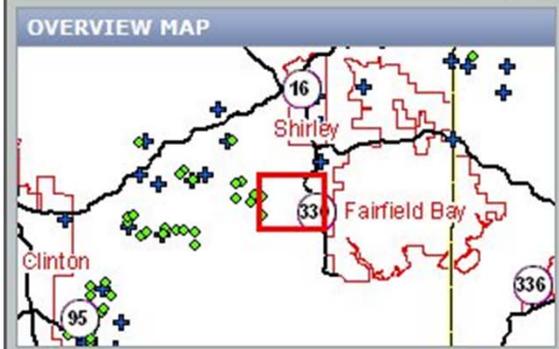
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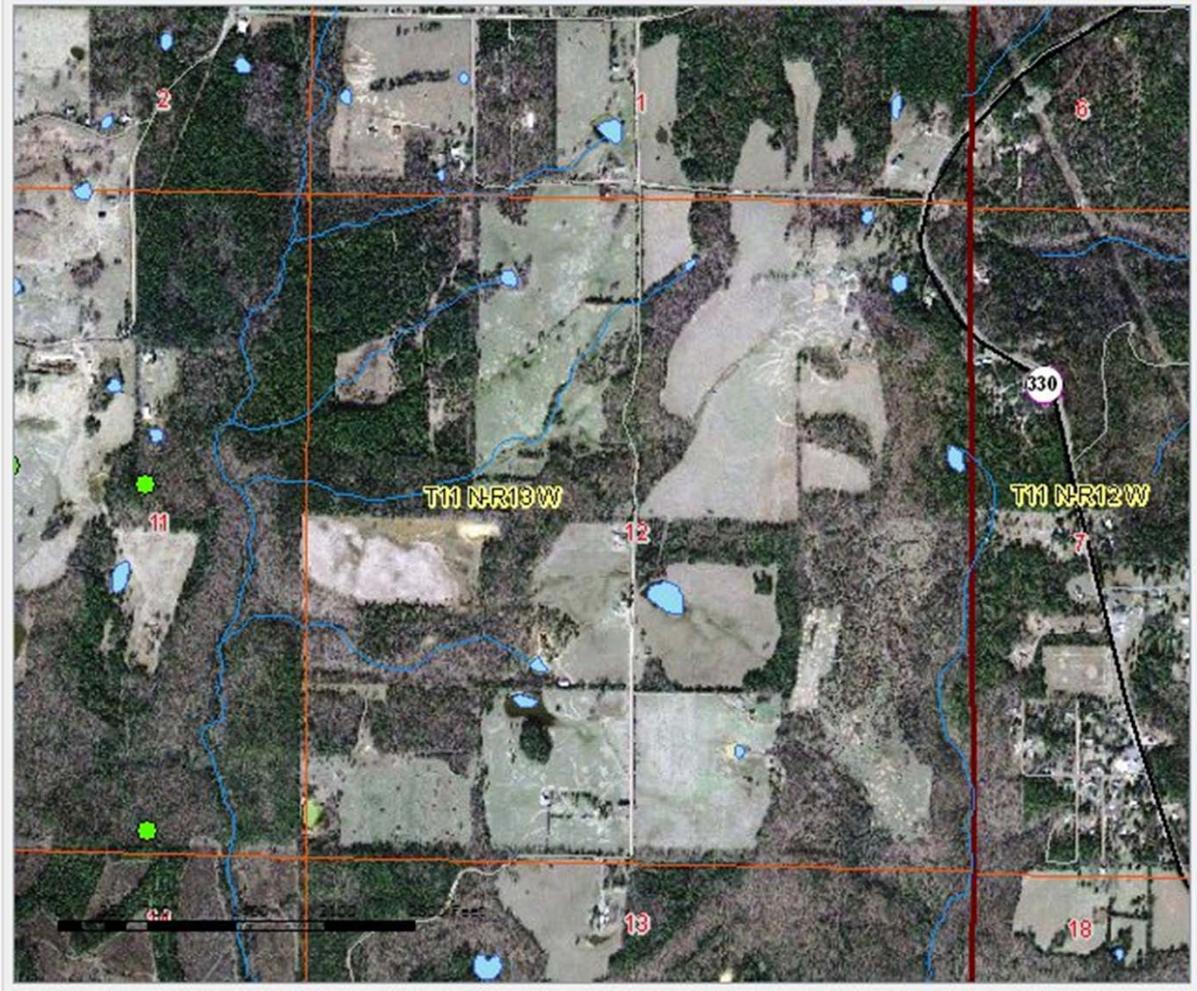
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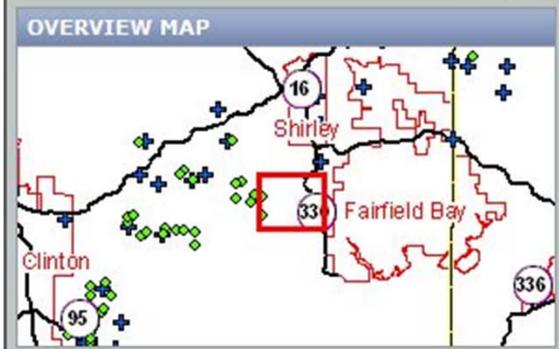
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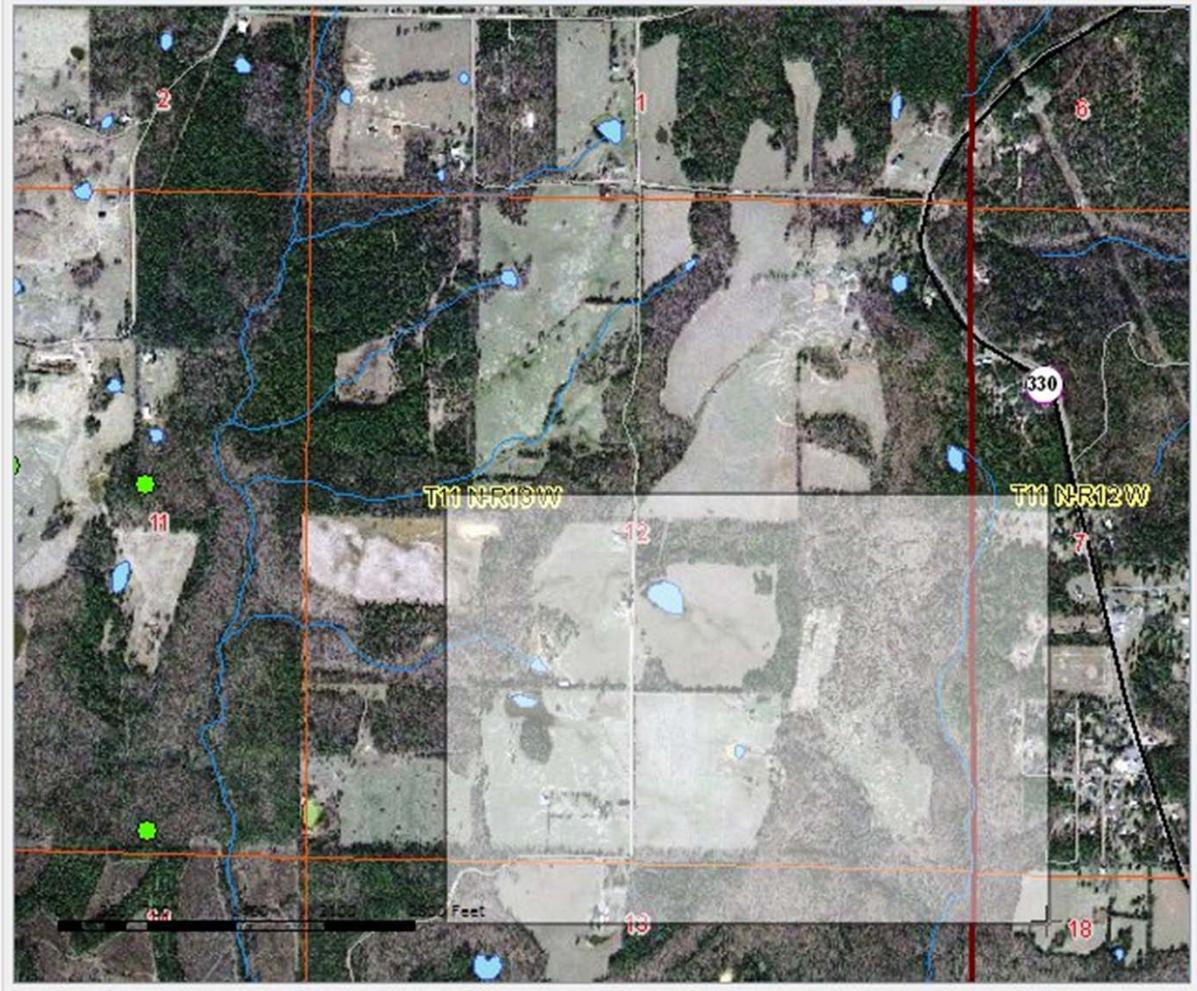
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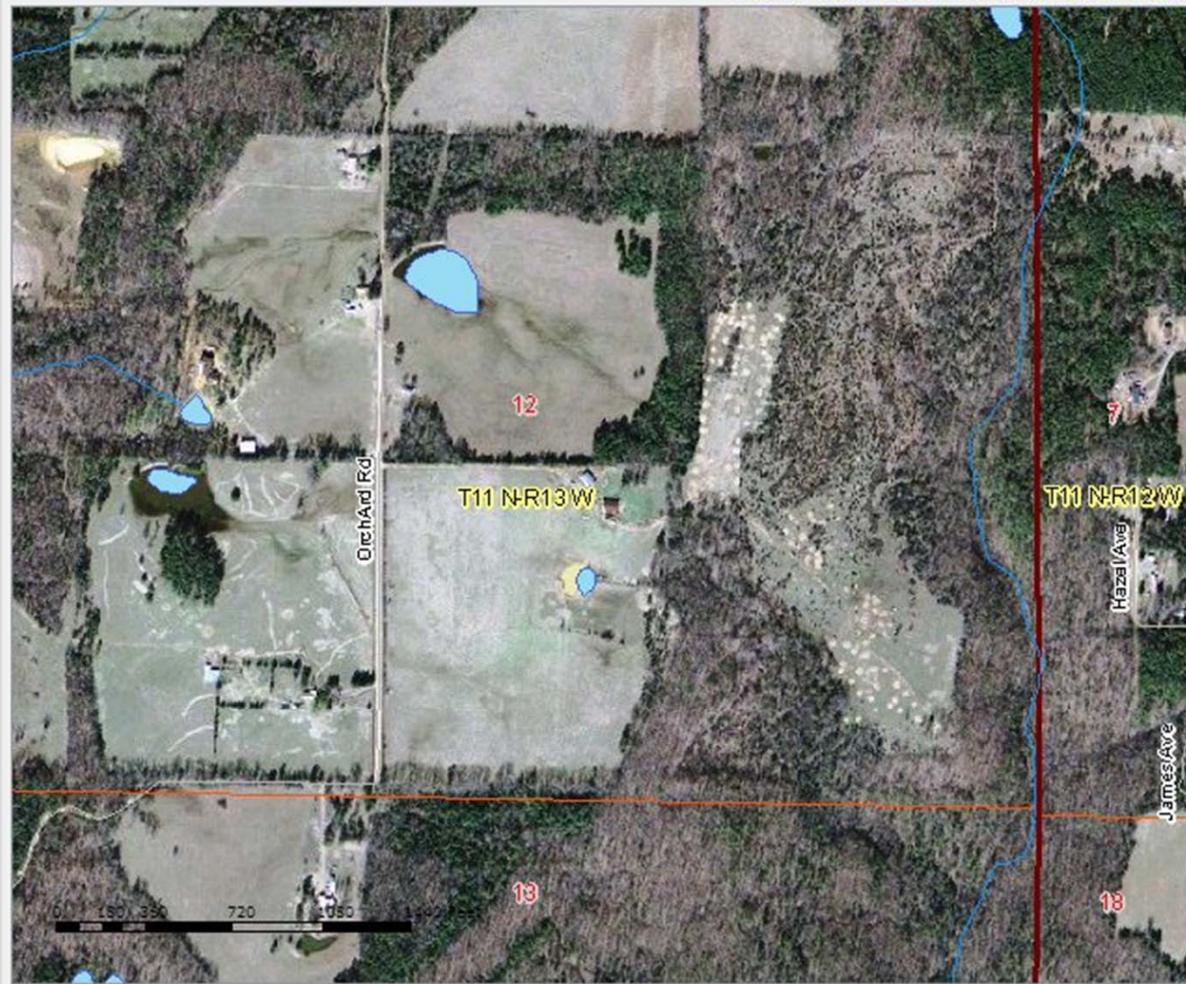
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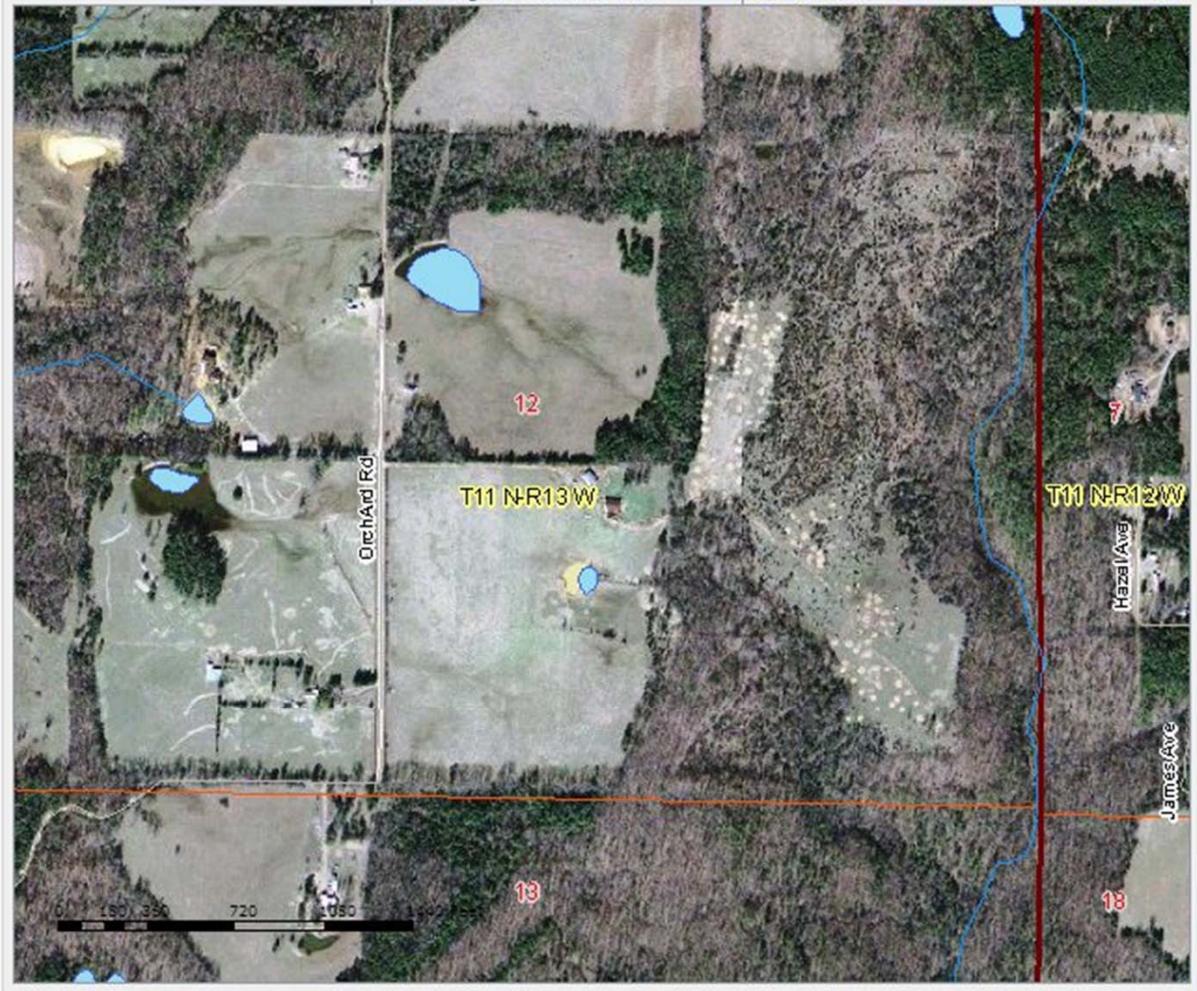
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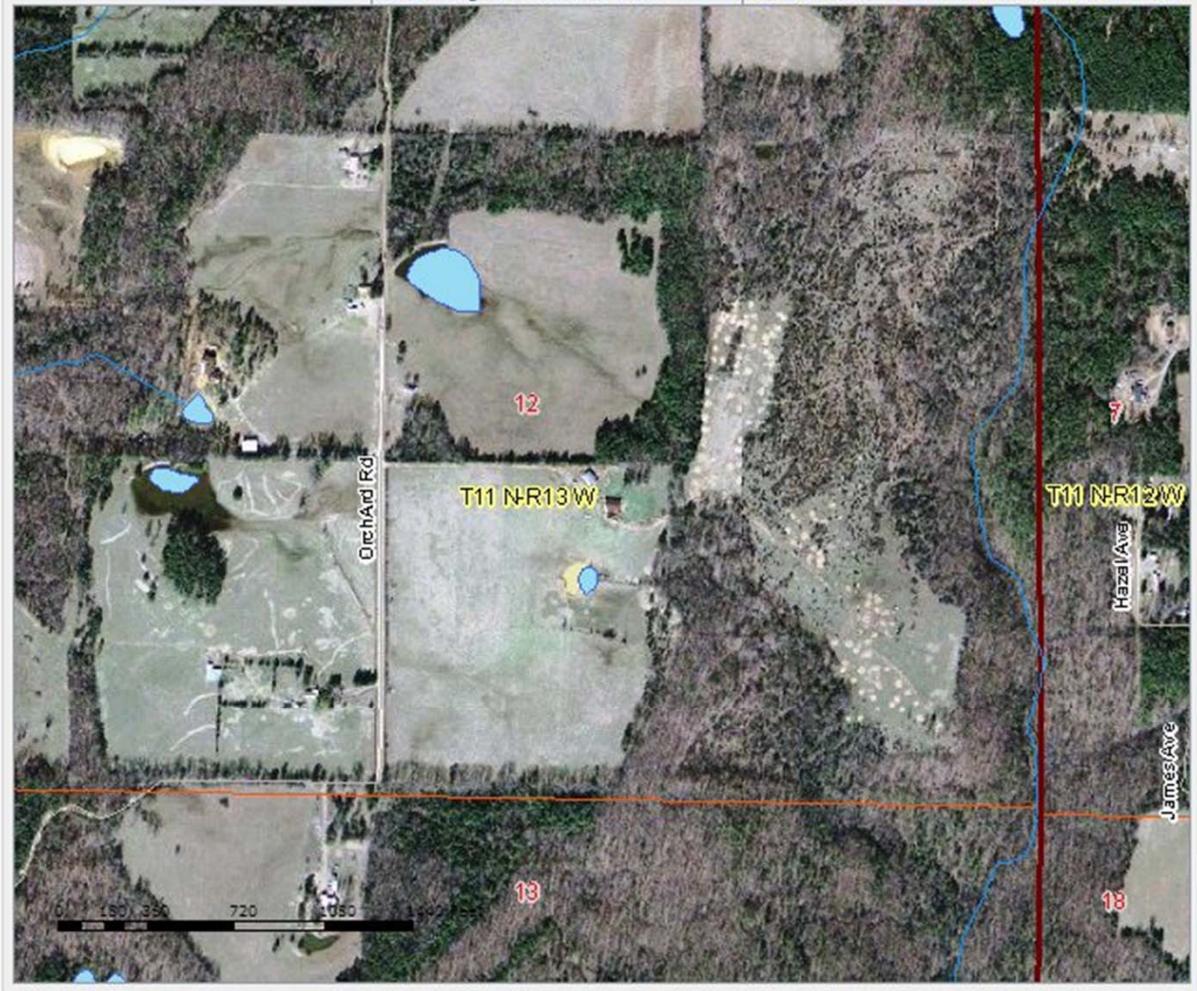
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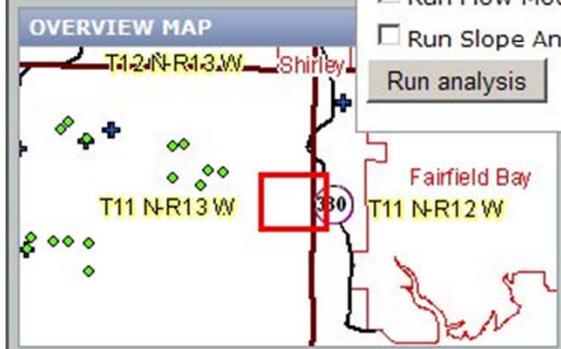
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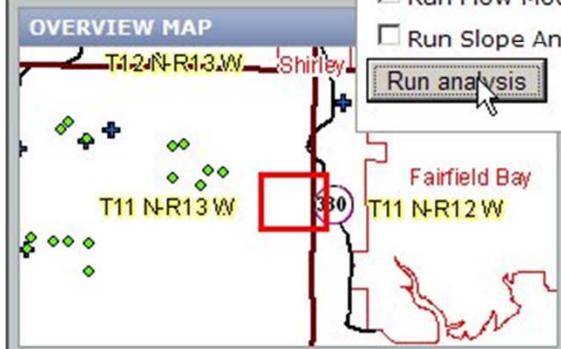
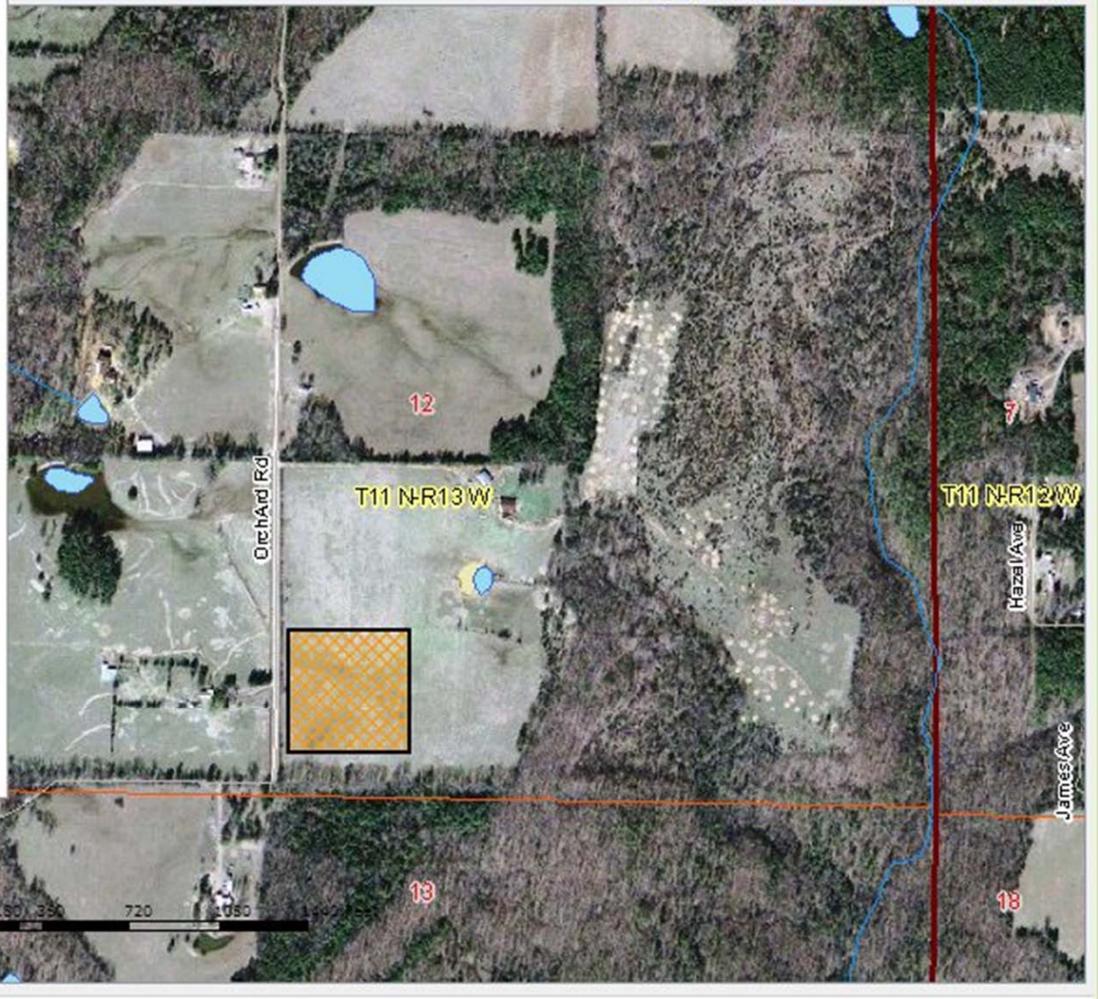
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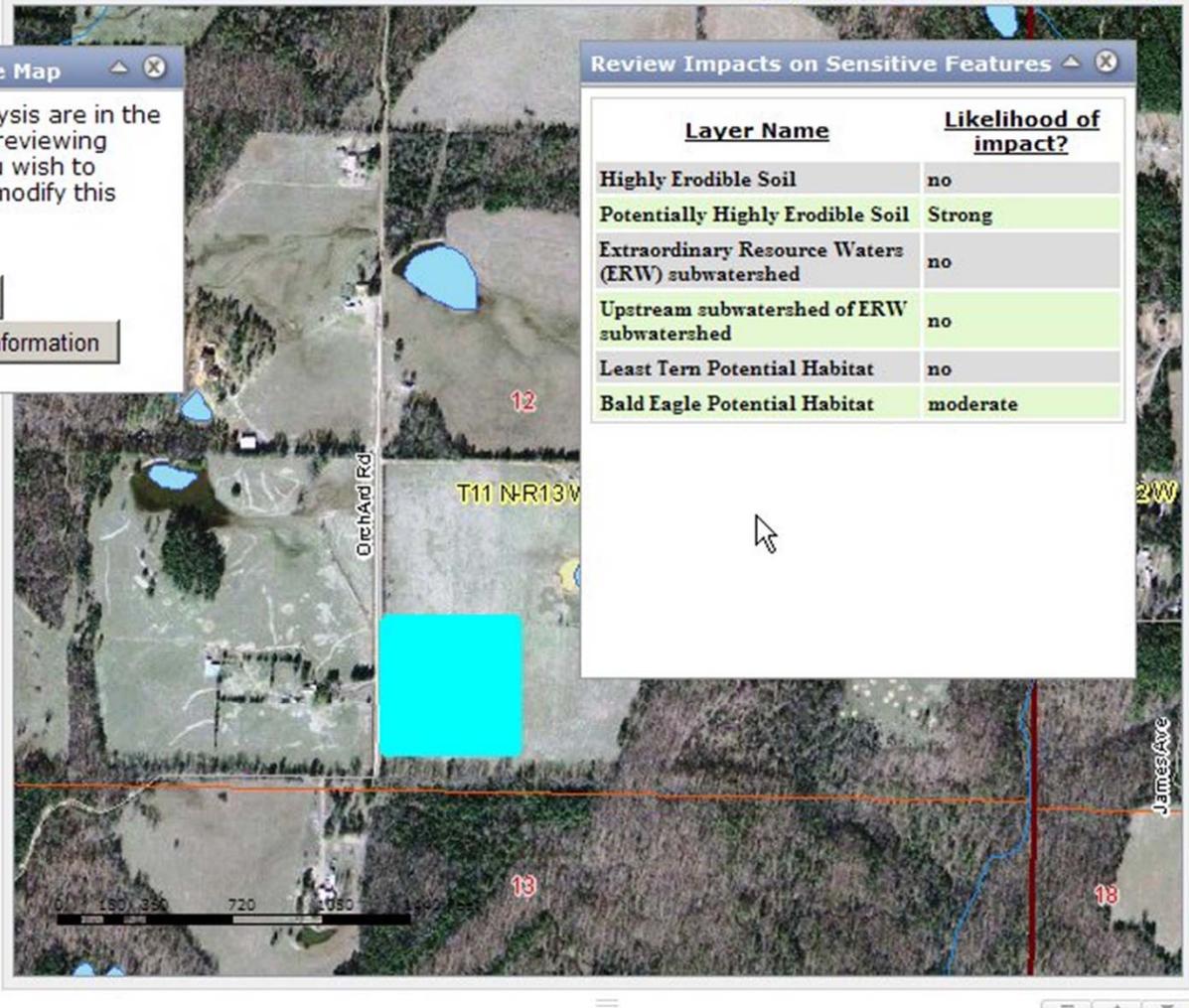
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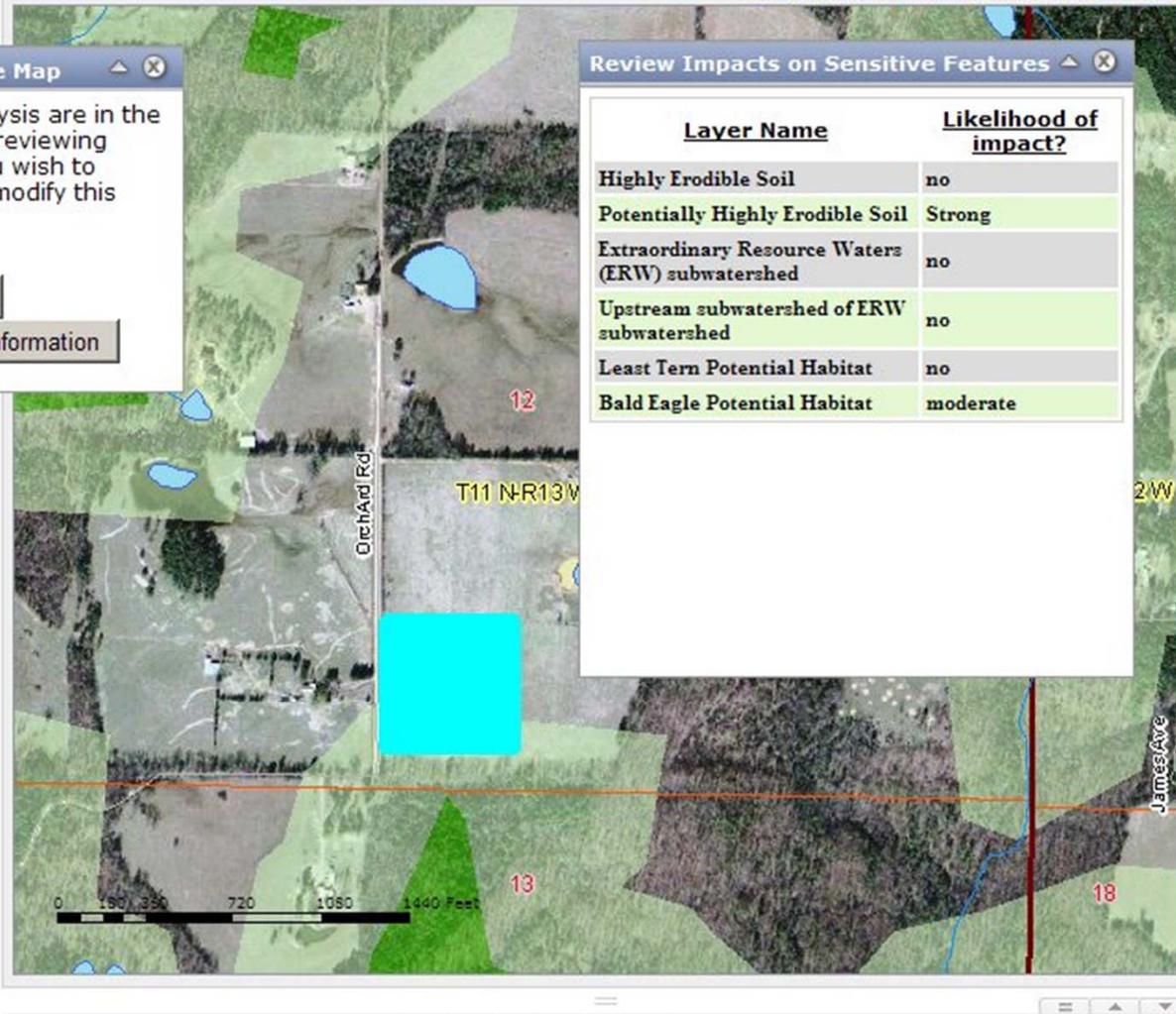
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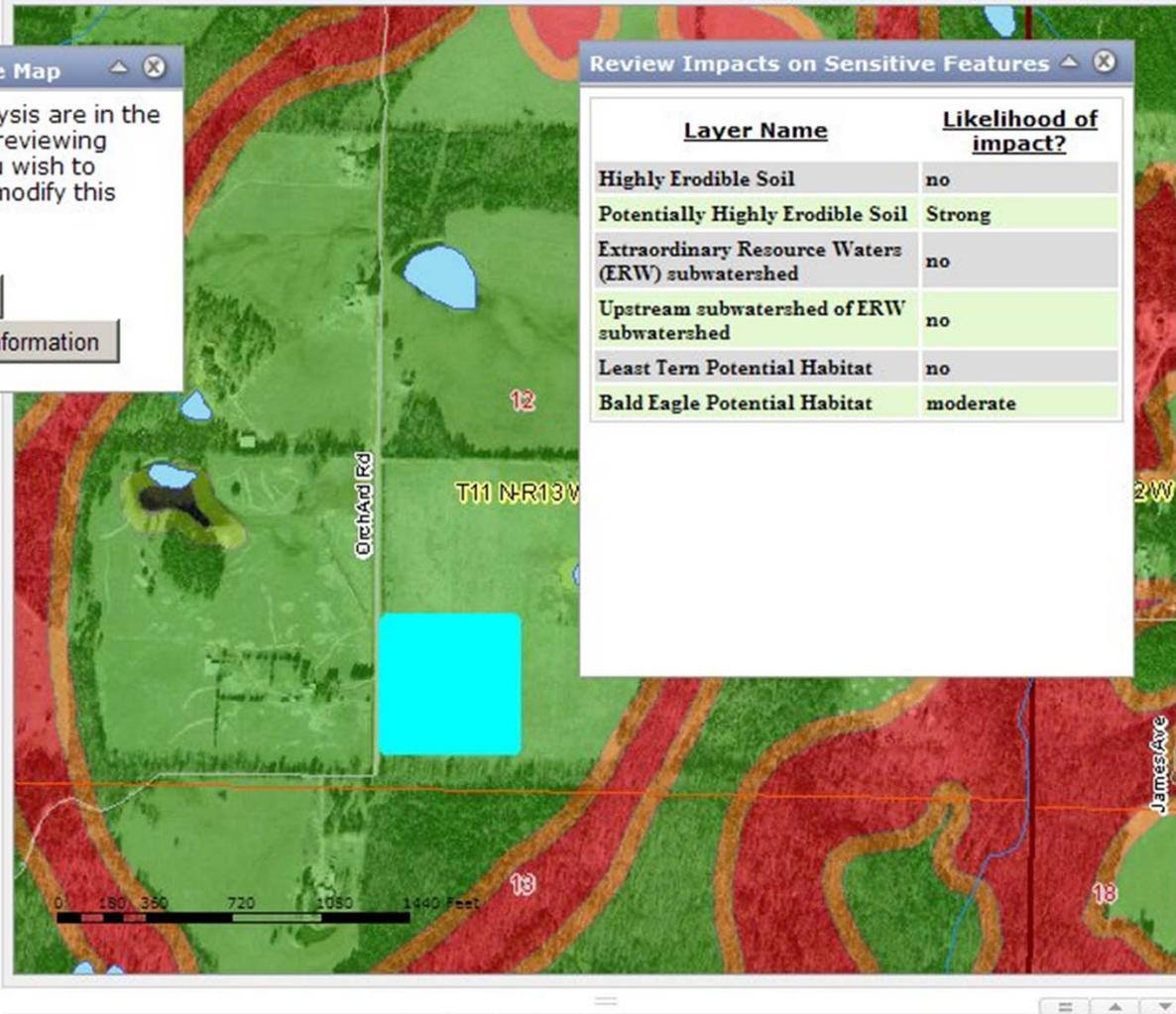
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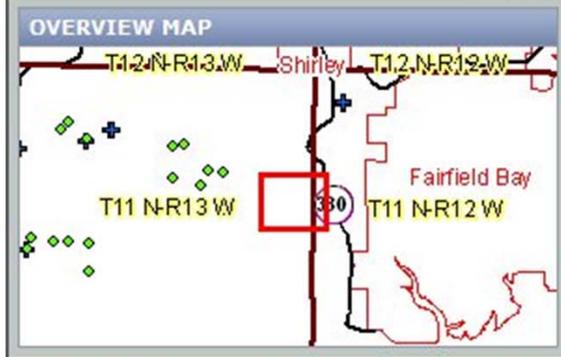
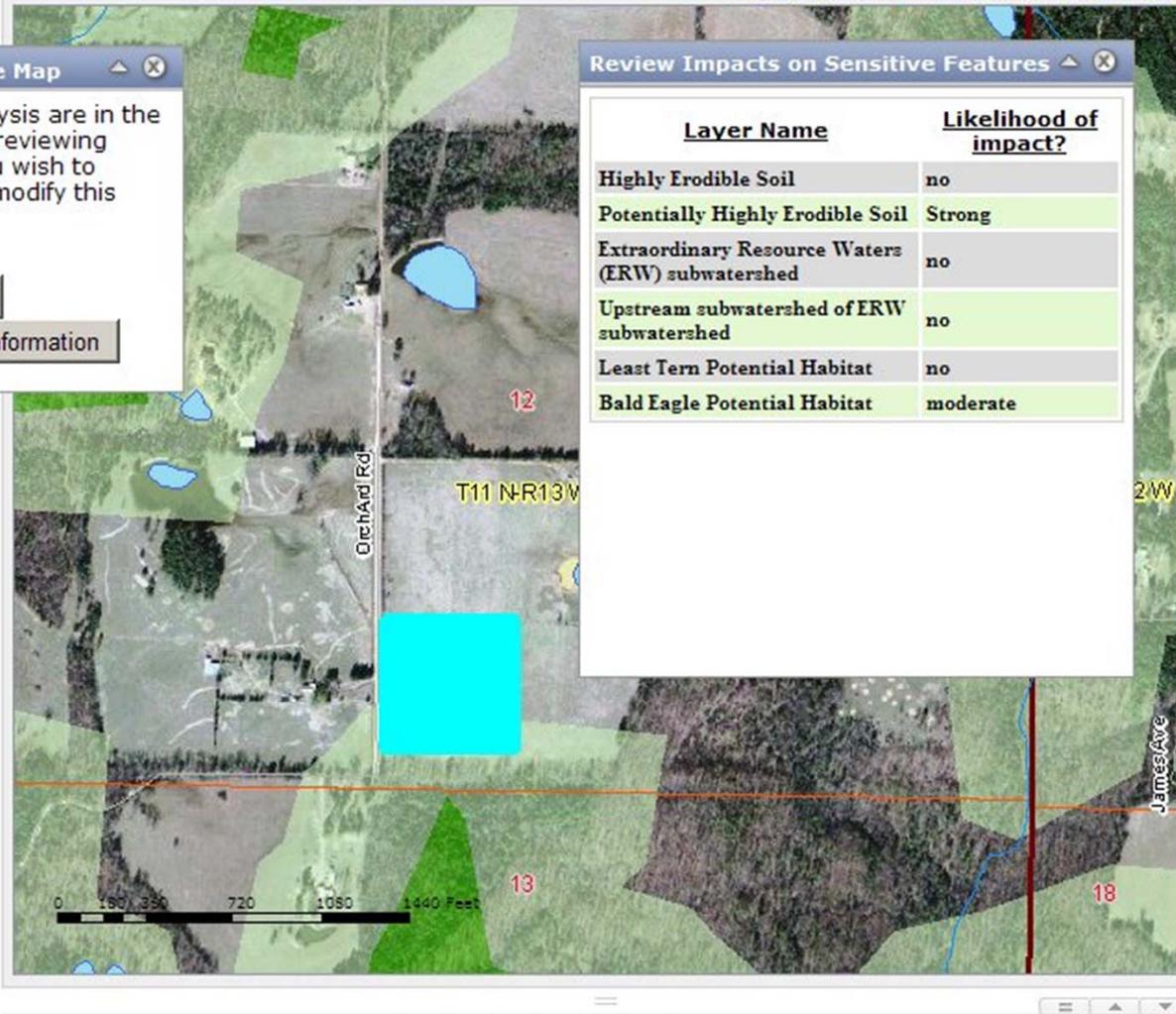
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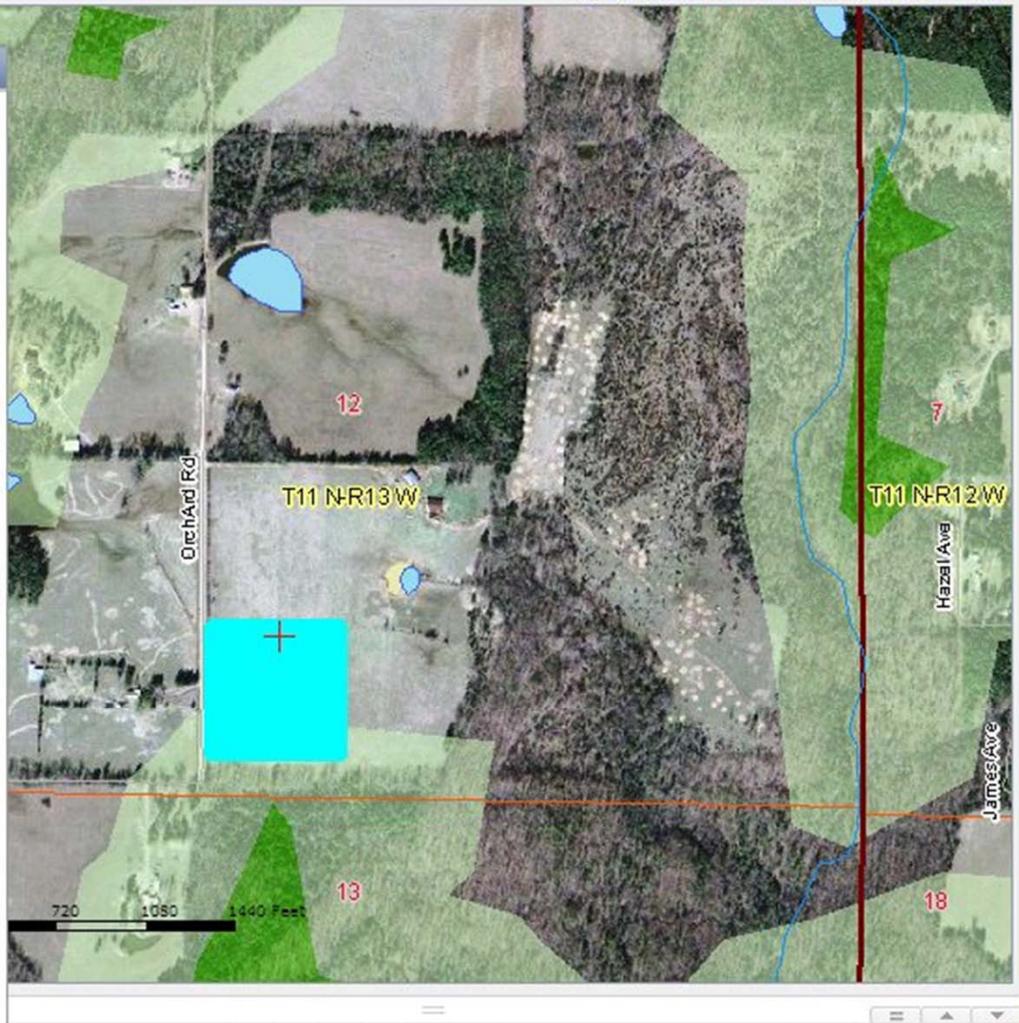
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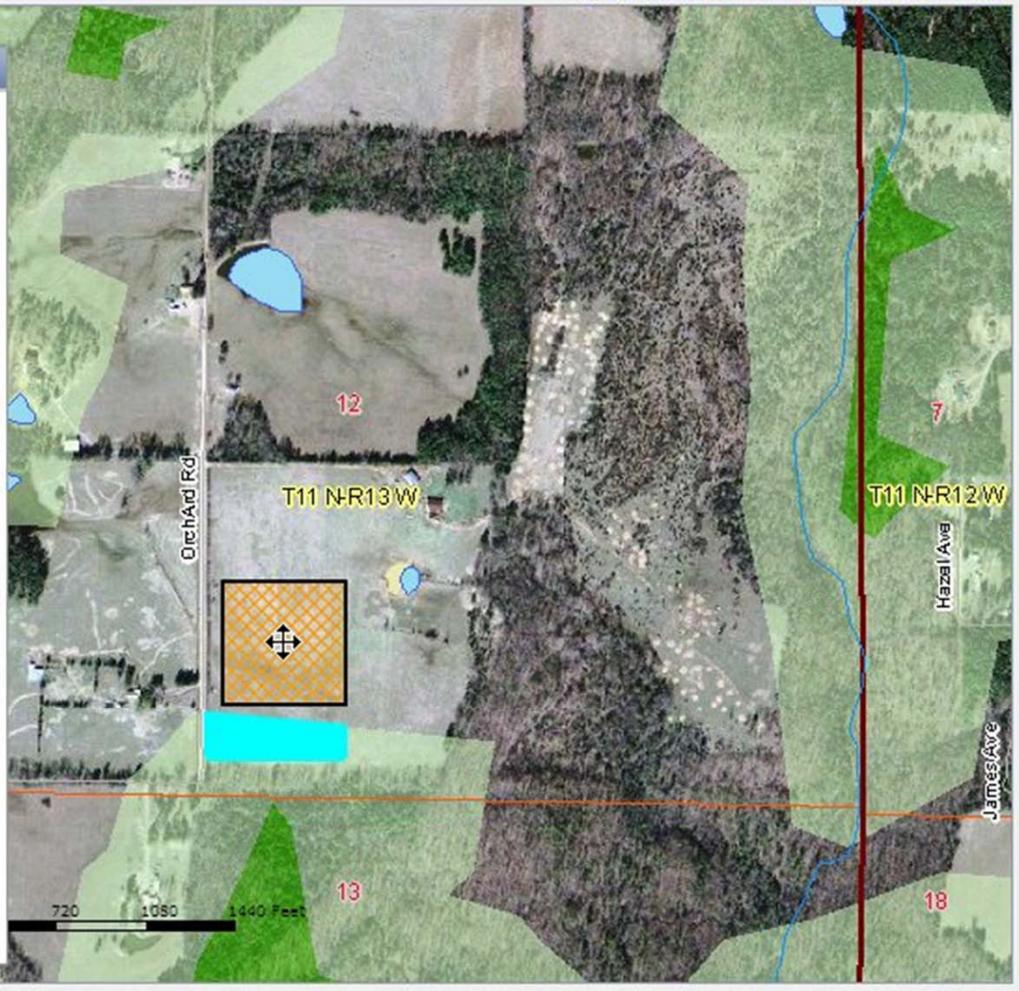
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Run analysis



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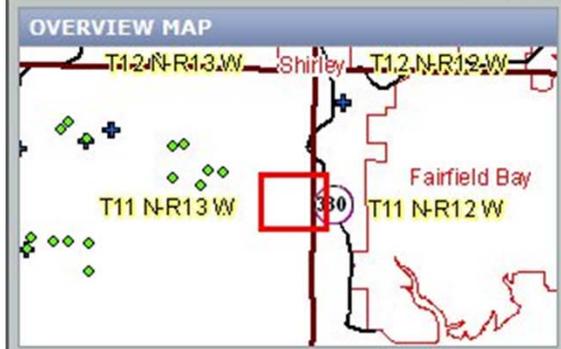
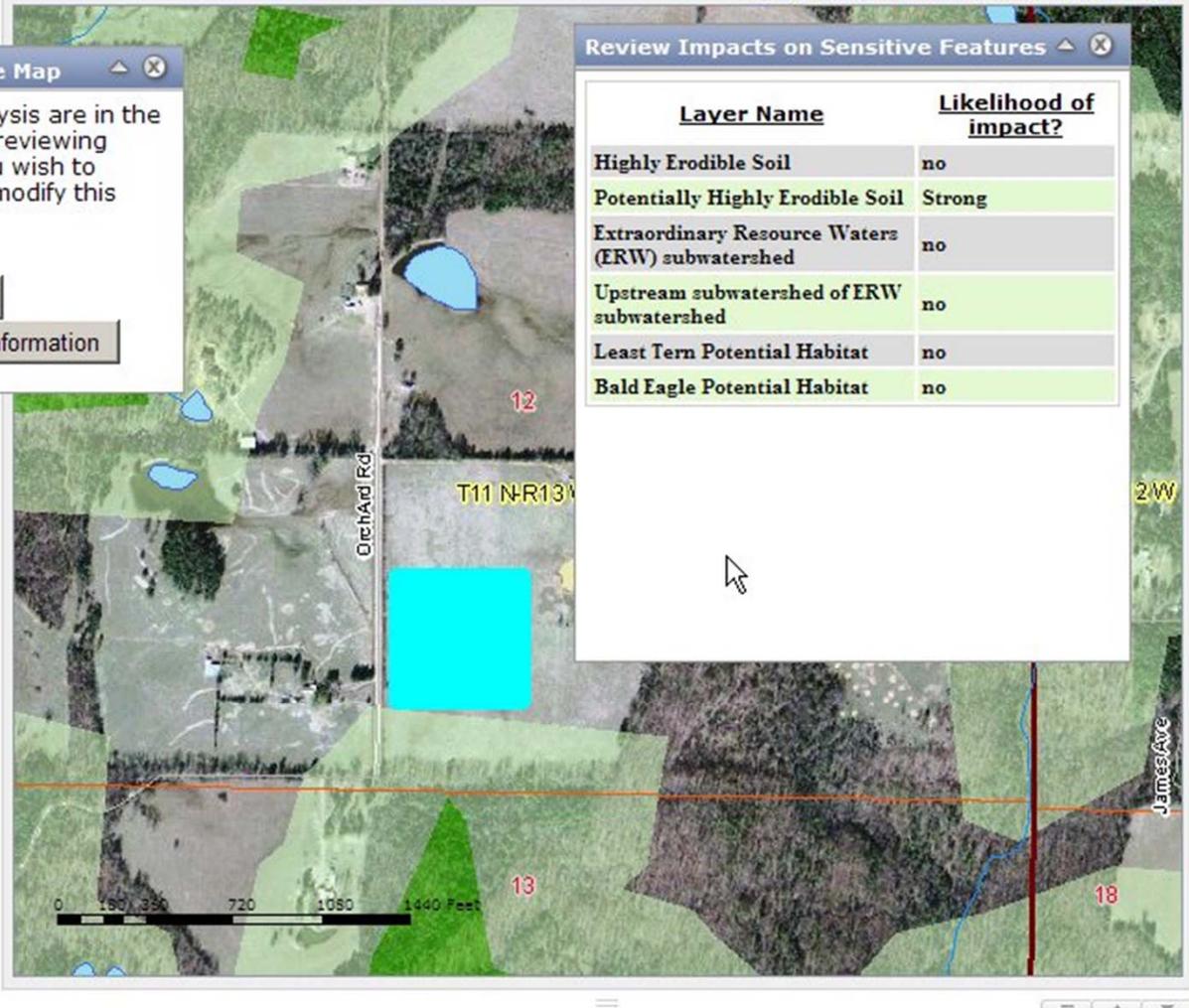
Redraw Feature

Run another Analysis

Accept Feature, Add Information

**Review Impacts on Sensitive Features**

Layer Name	Likelihood of impact?
Highly Erodible Soil	no
Potentially Highly Erodible Soil	Strong
Extraordinary Resource Waters (ERW) subwatershed	no
Upstream subwatershed of ERW subwatershed	no
Least Tern Potential Habitat	no
Bald Eagle Potential Habitat	no



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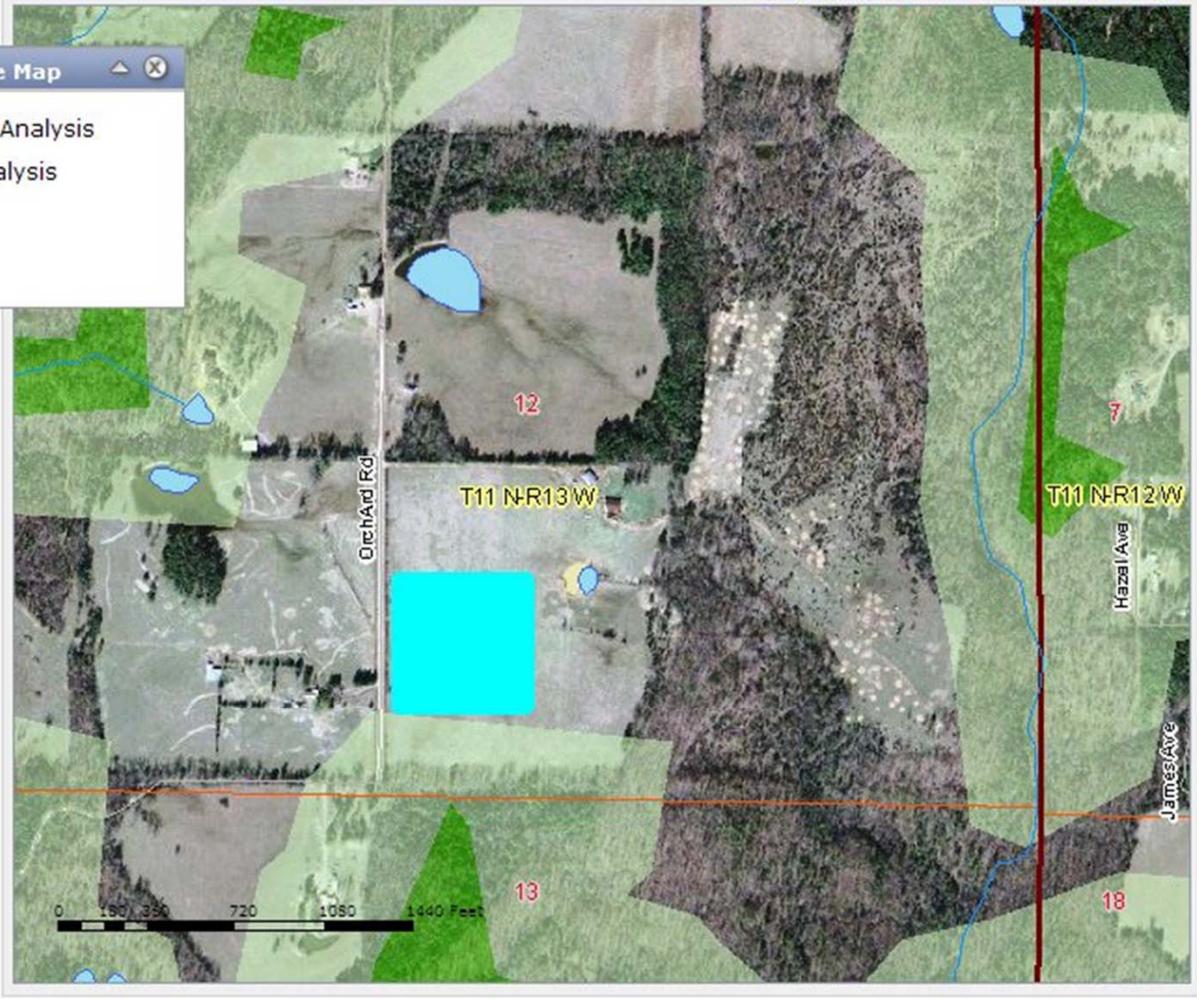
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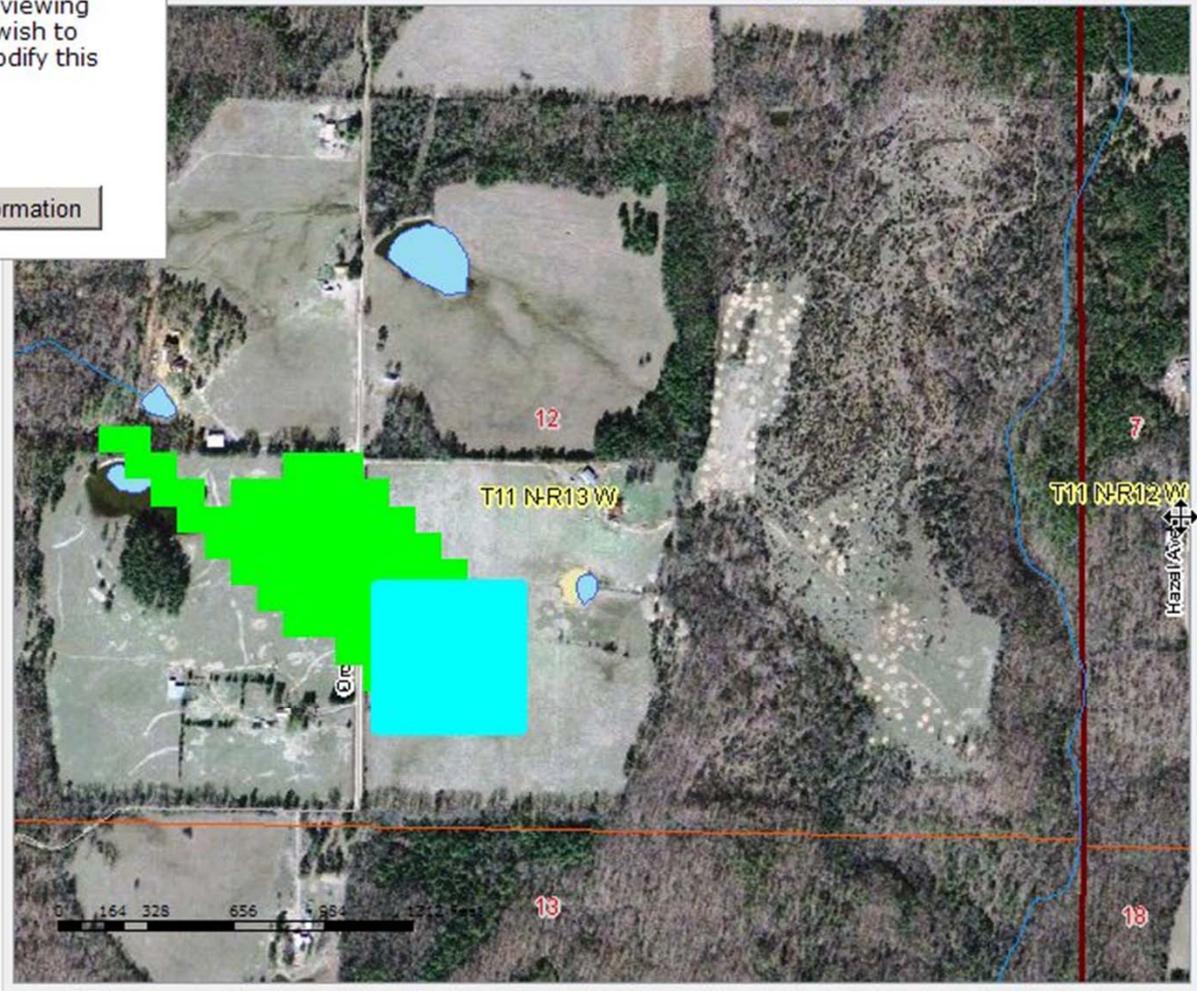
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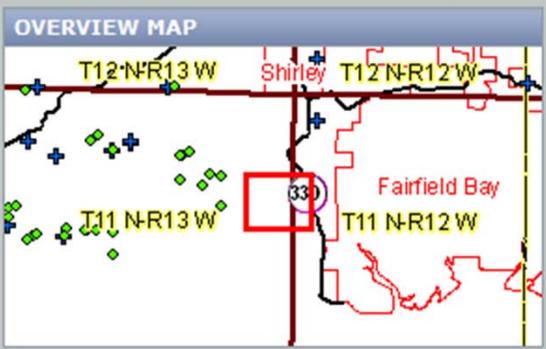
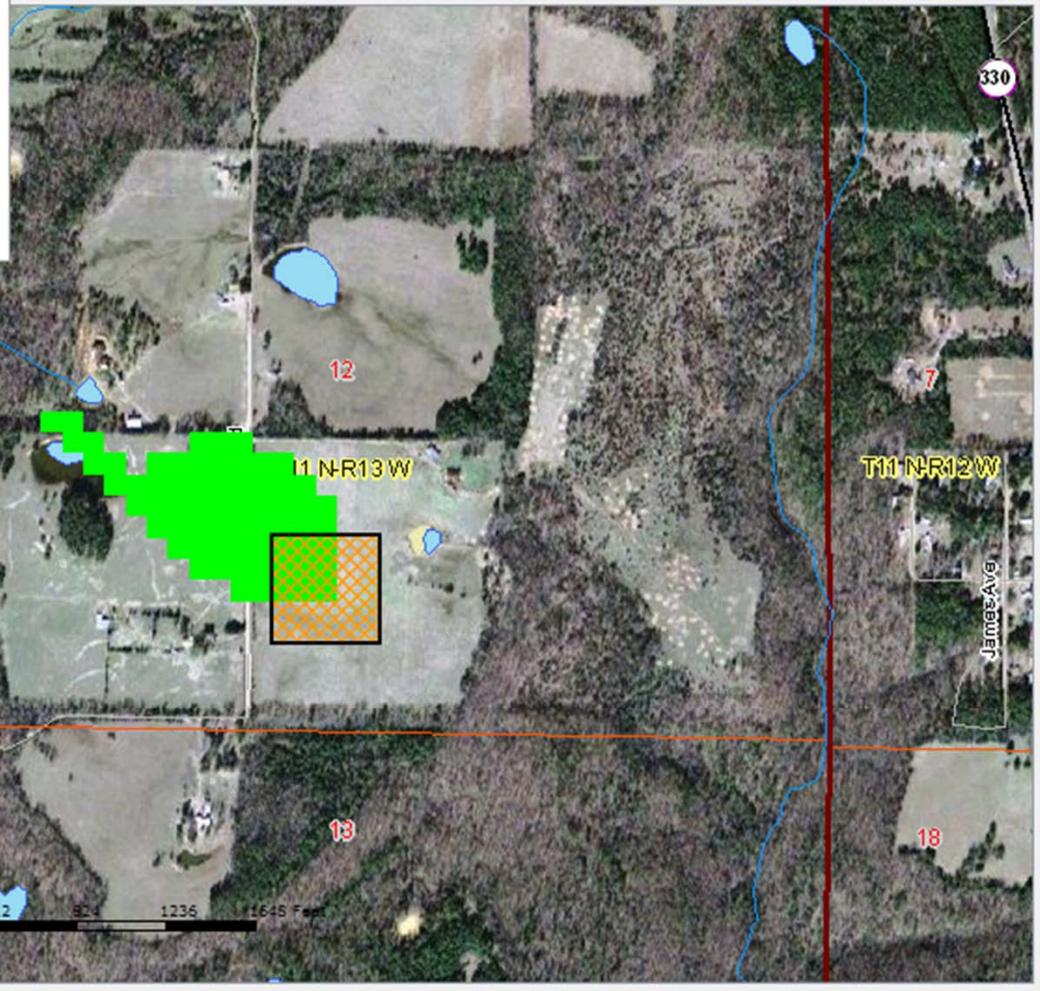
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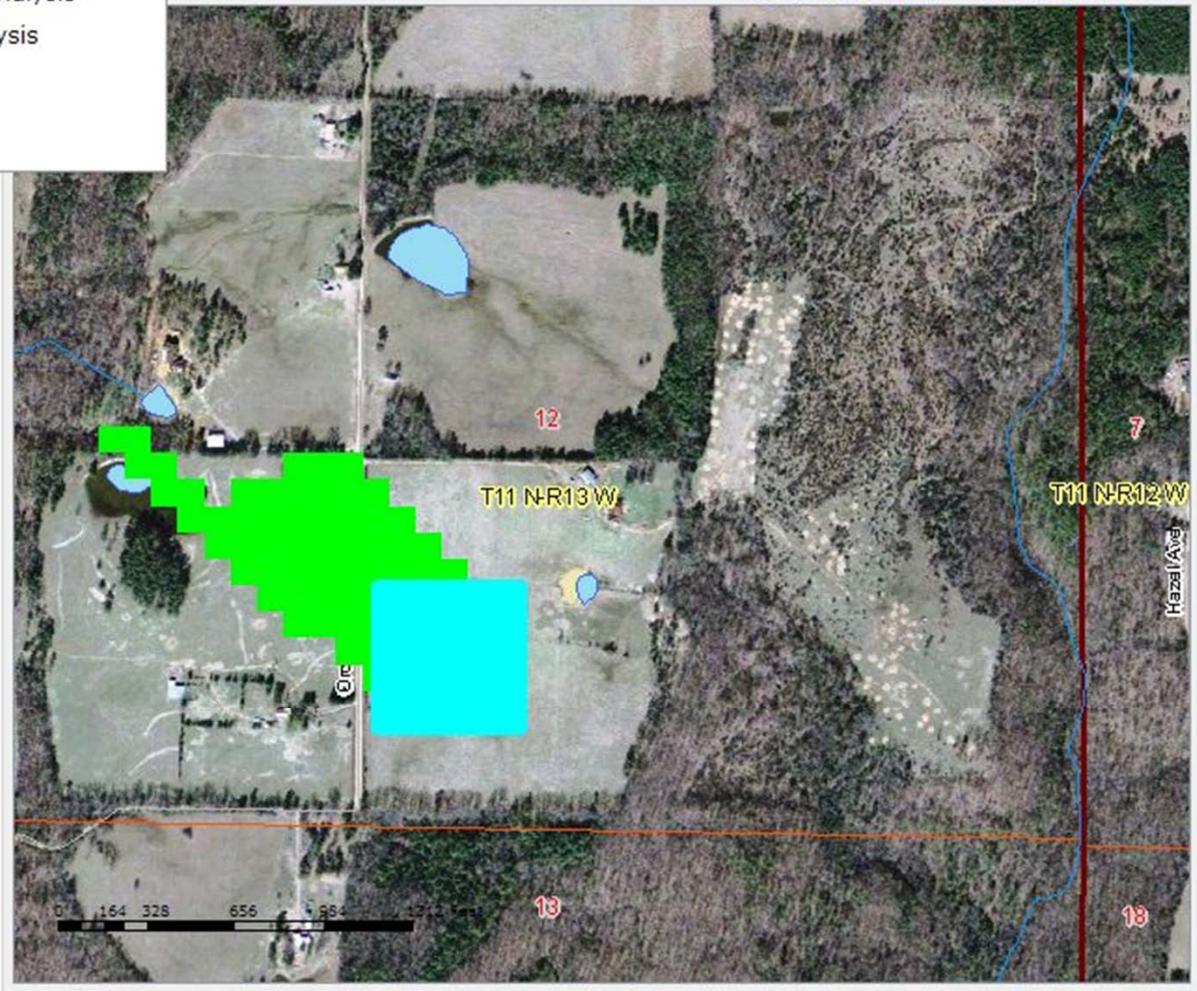
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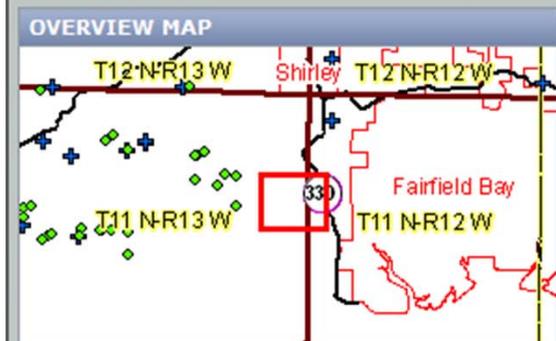
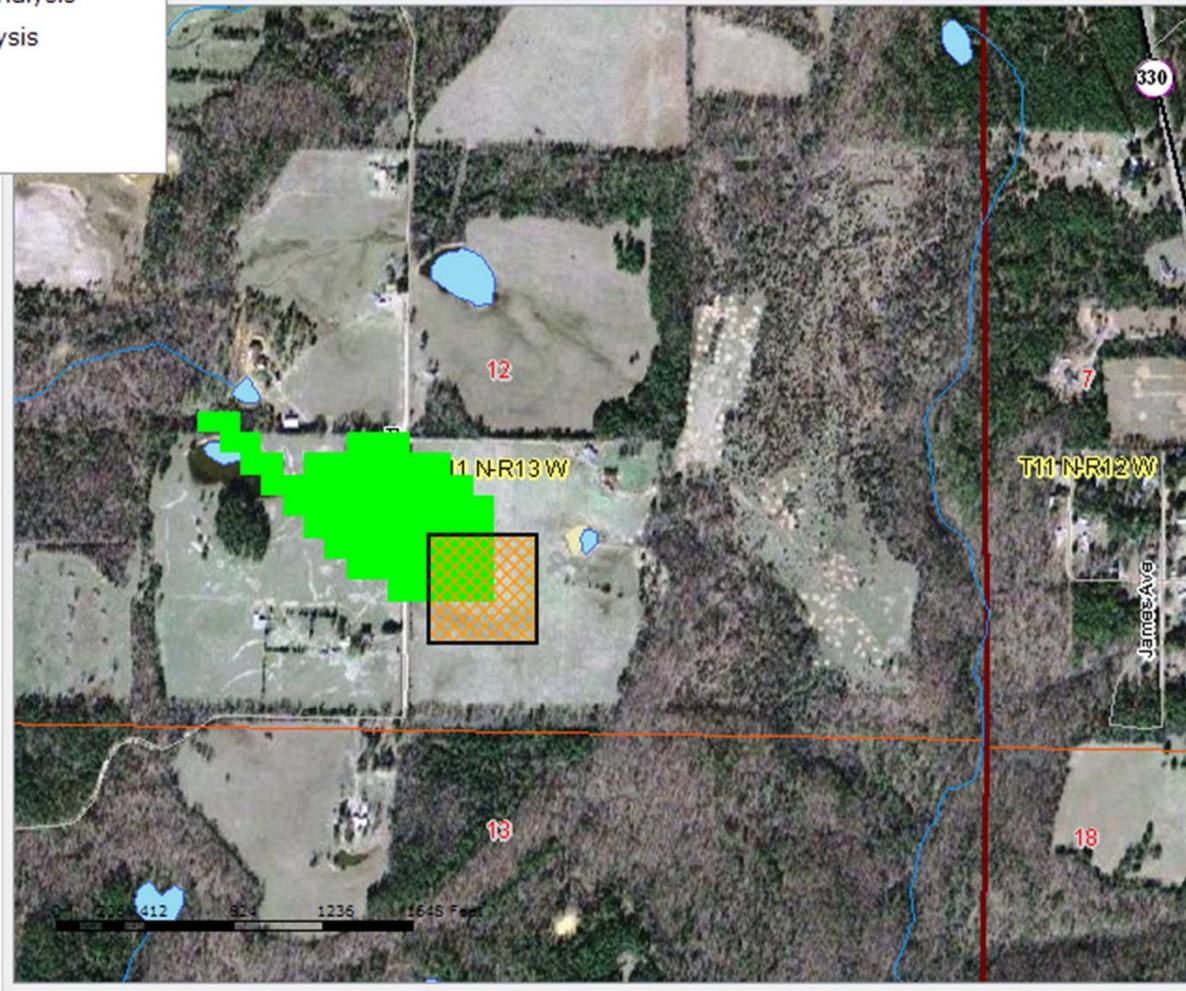
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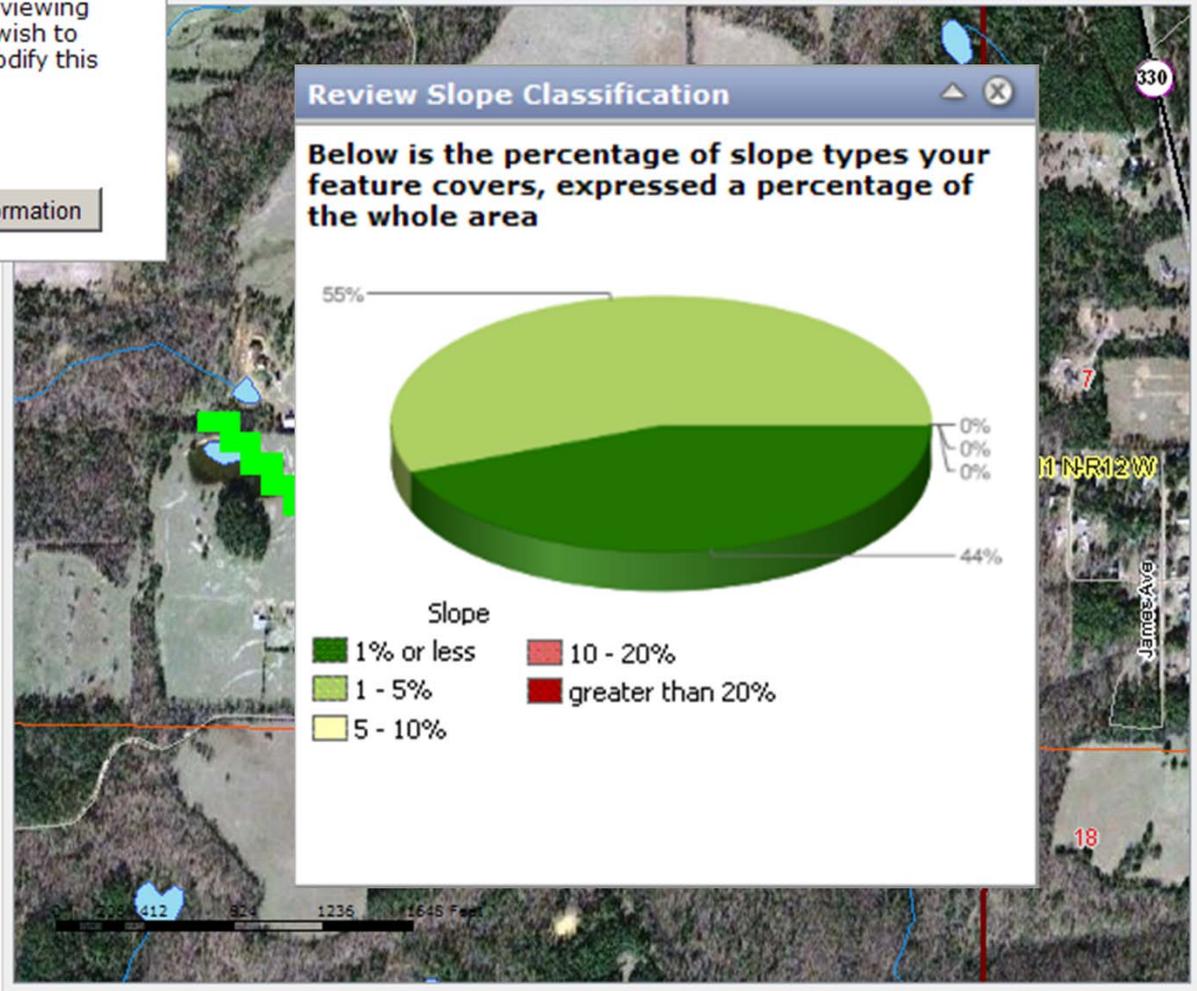
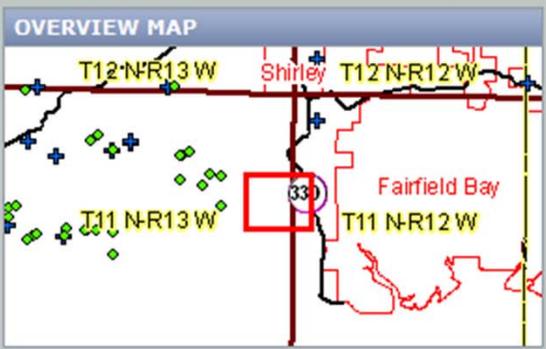
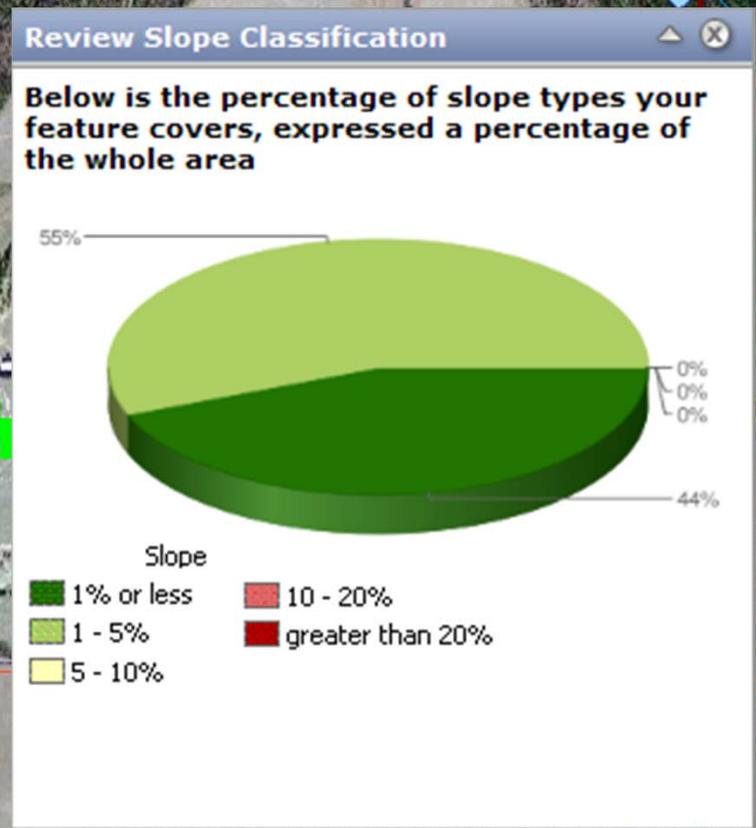
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Accept Feature, Add Information



# Fayetteville Shale Natural Gas: Infrastructure System

## Place a Feature on the Map

Attributes Comments

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Well Number:

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Will this well be using an oil based drilling mud?  
 Yes  No

Nearest Town:

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Section - Township - Range:

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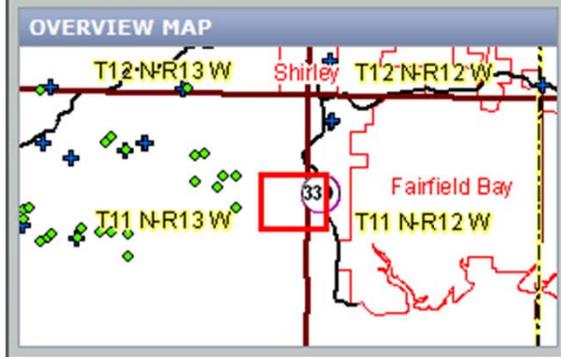
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## Natural Gas Analysis



# Fayetteville Shale Natural Gas: Infrastructure System

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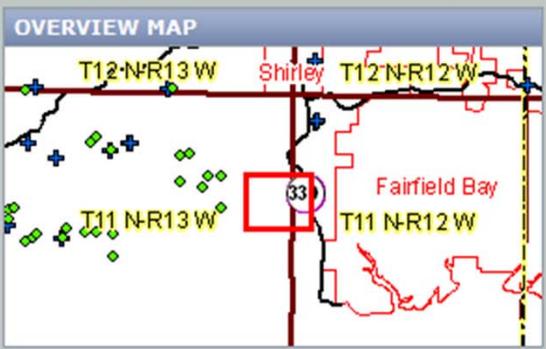
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# Analysis



# Fayetteville Shale Natural Gas: Infrastructure System

## Place a Feature on the Map

Attributes Comments

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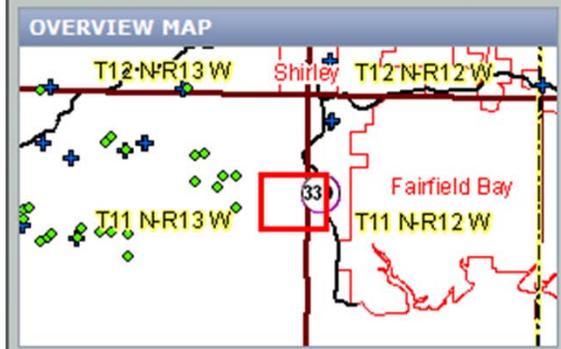
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# Analysis

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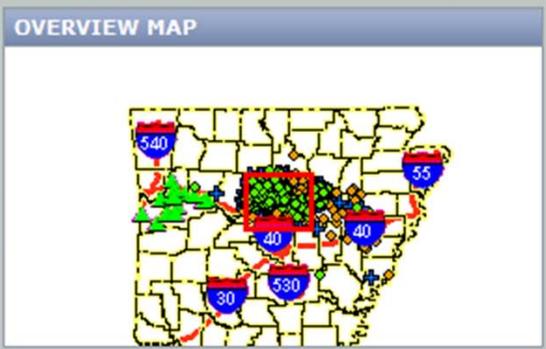
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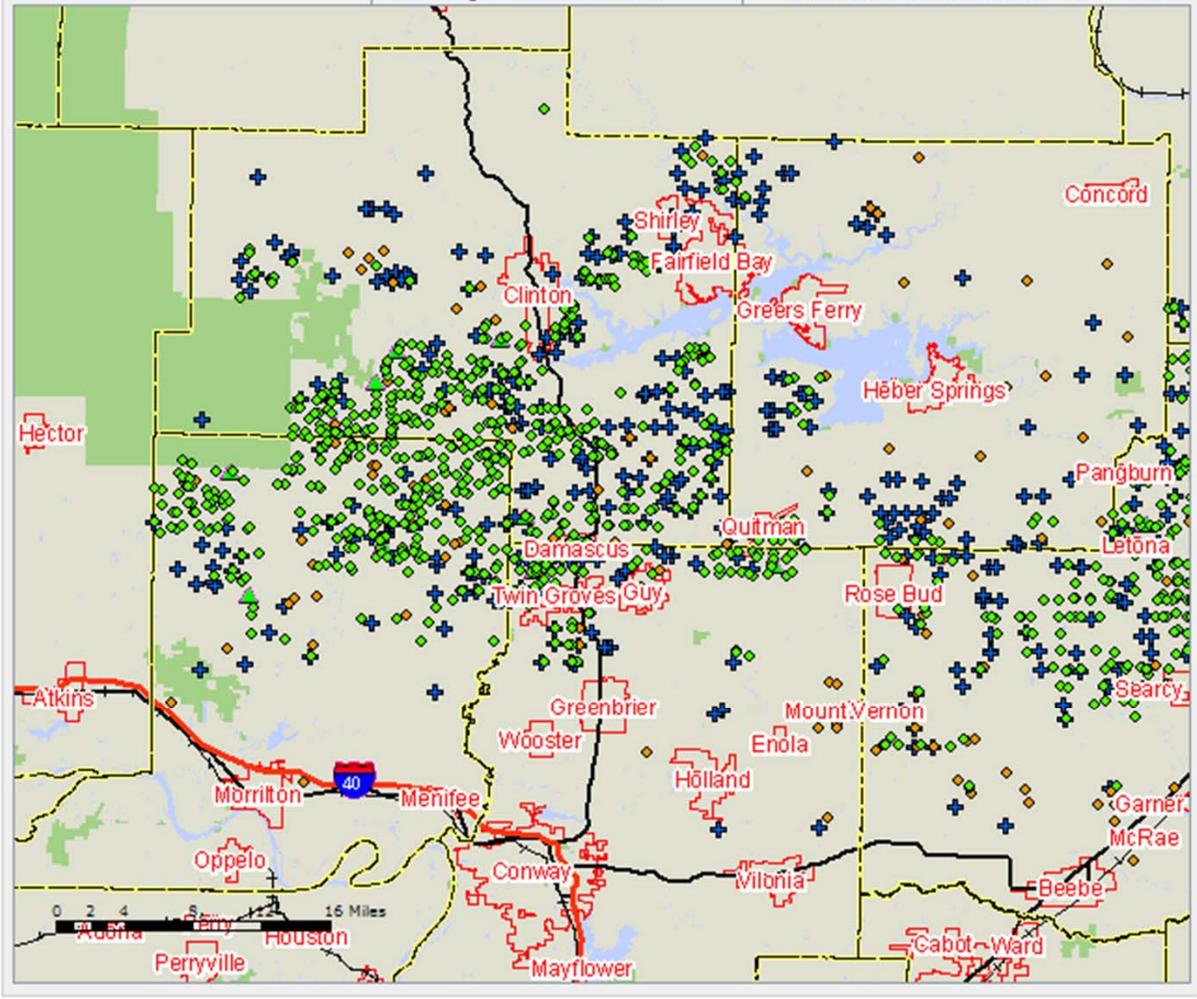
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**Review drafts**

Below are a list of drafted features that you can update, and ask regulators to review.

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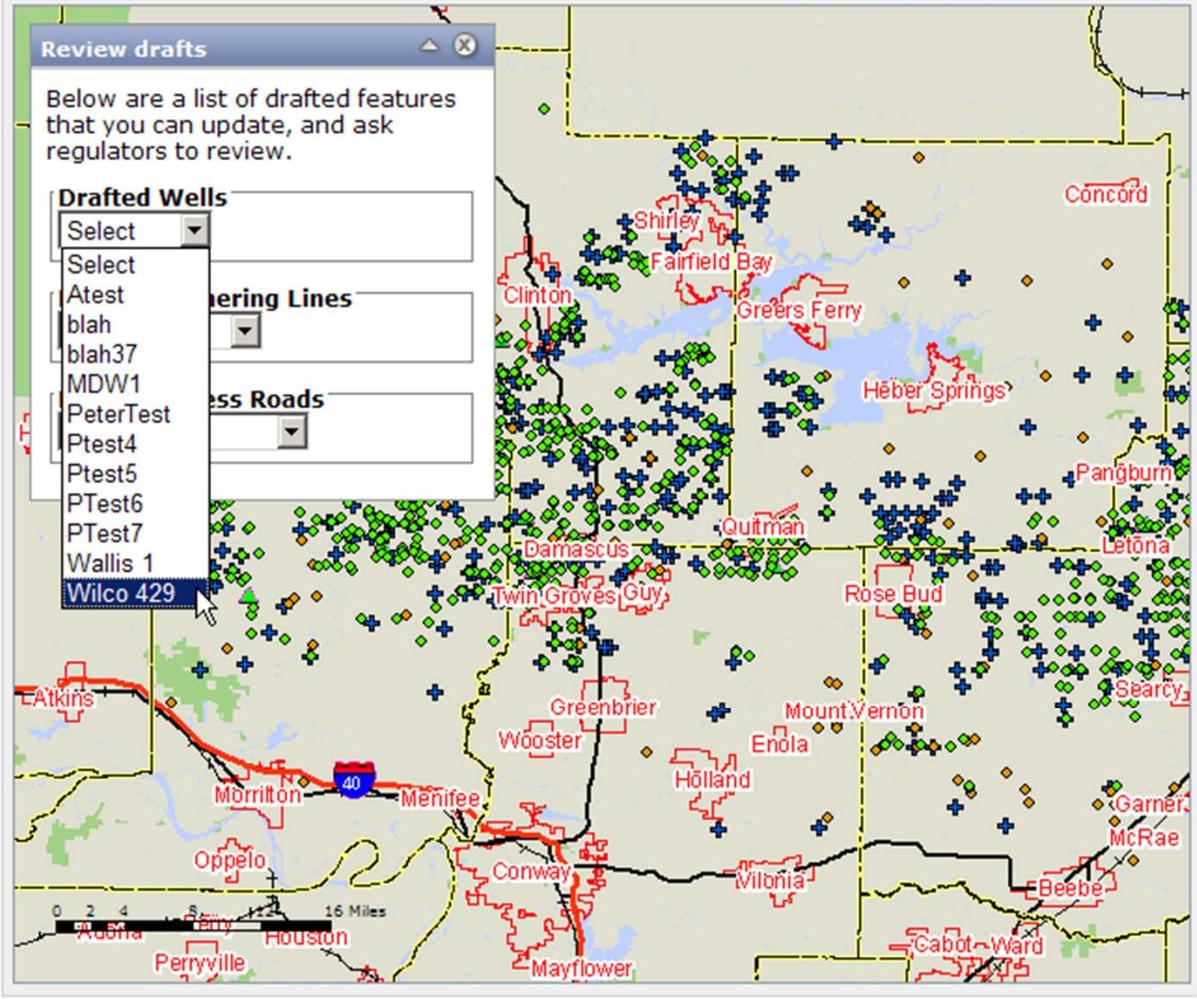
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**Powering Lines**

- Select

**Access Roads**

- Select



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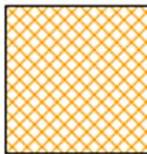
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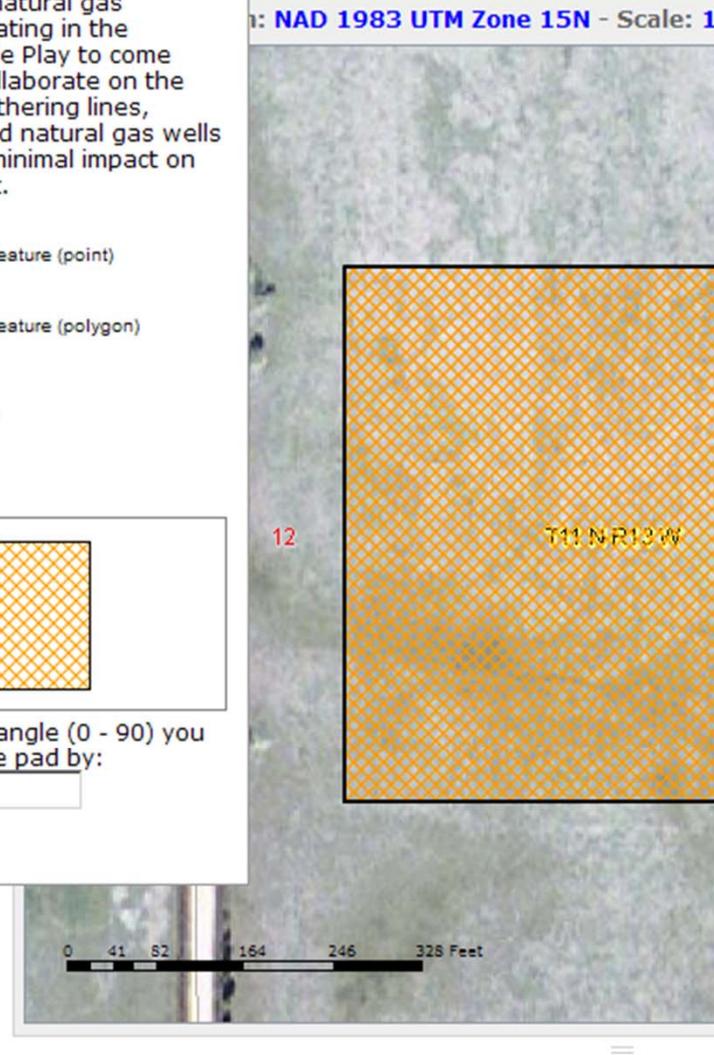
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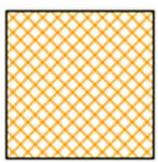
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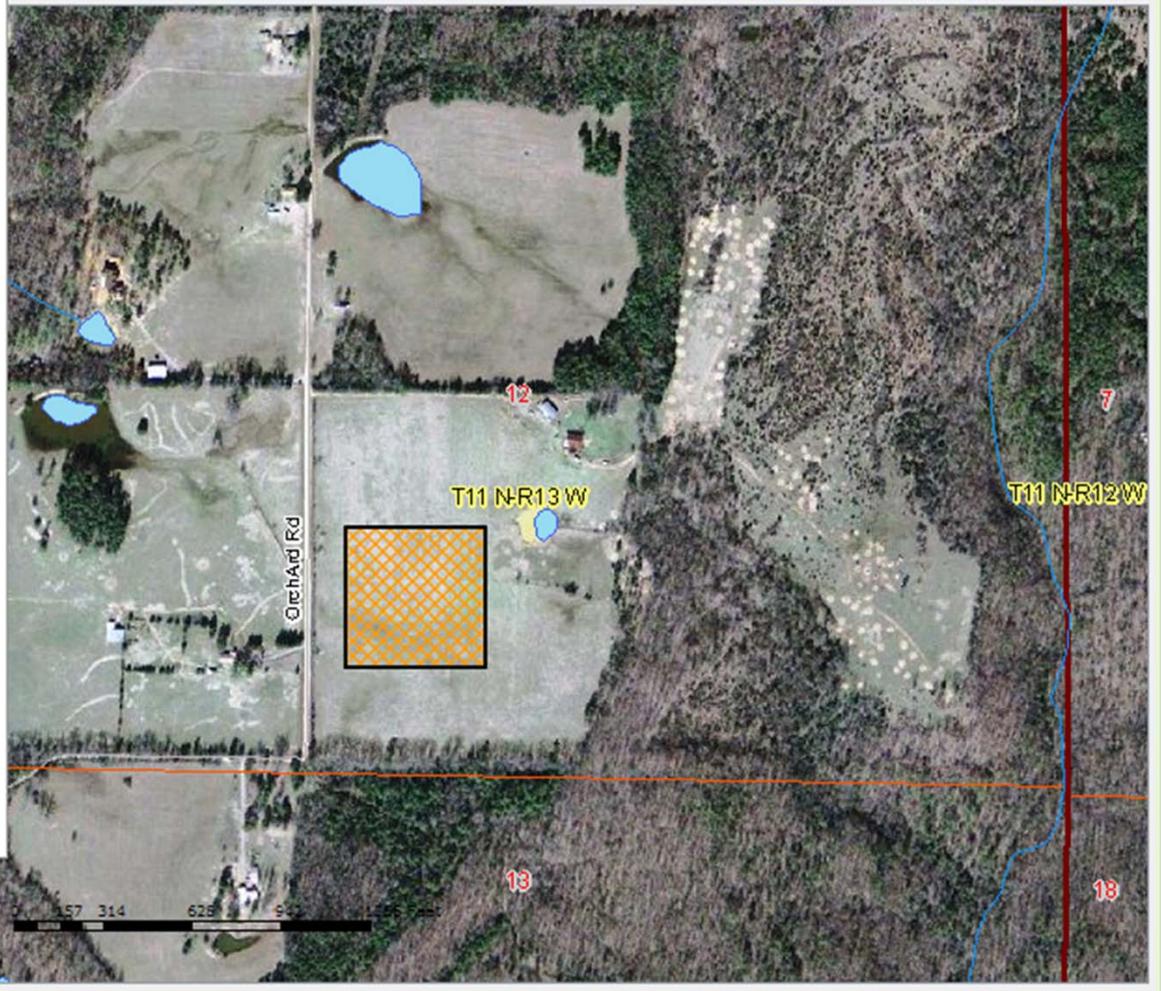
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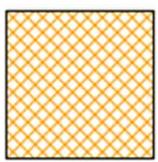
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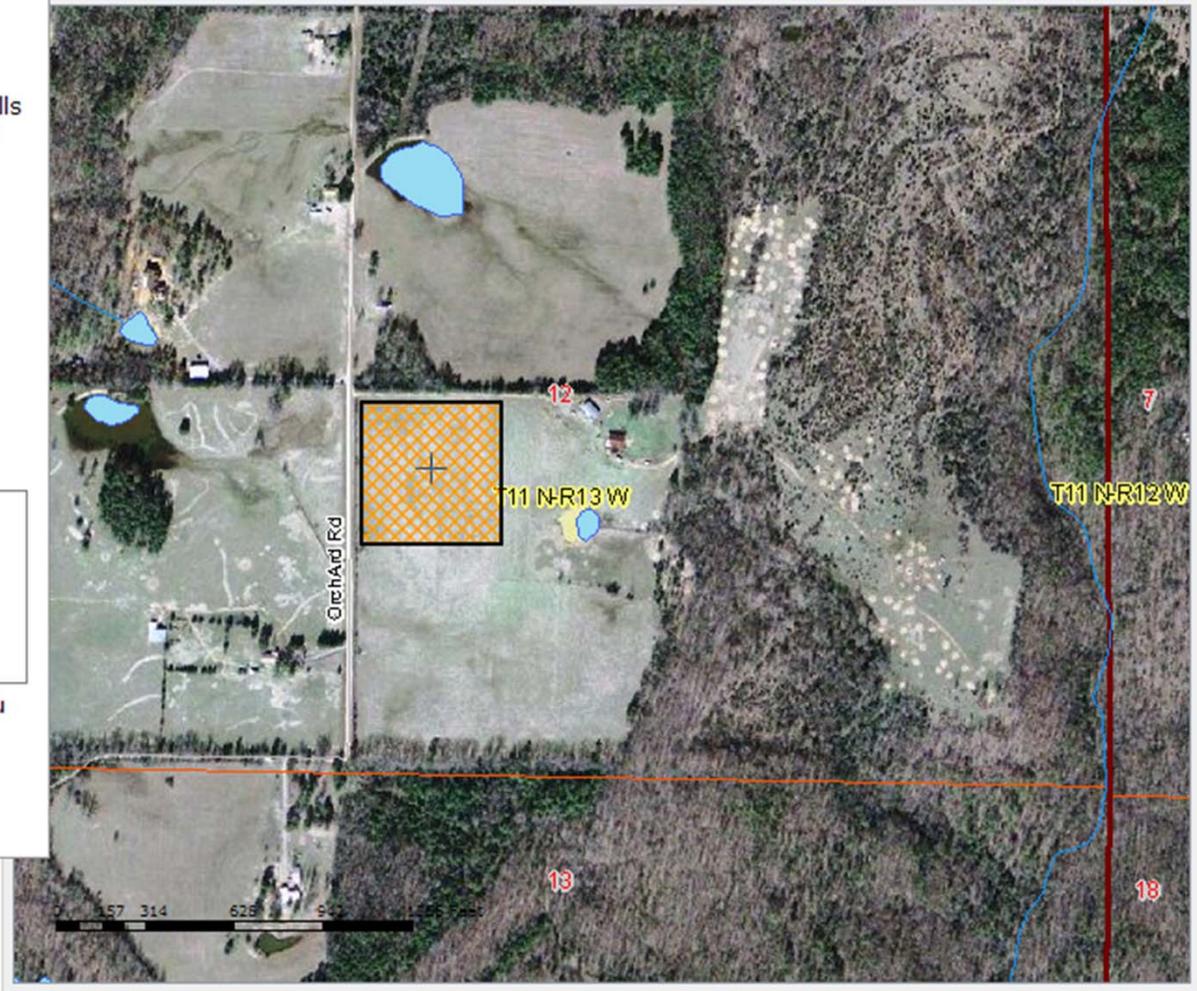
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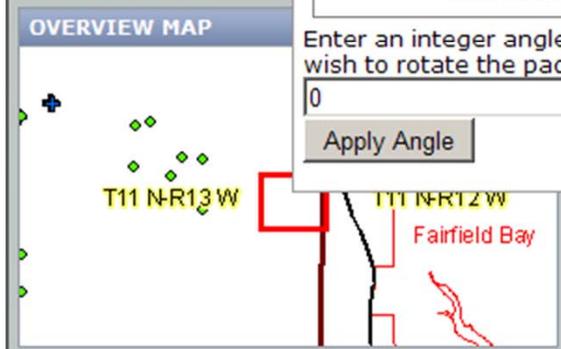
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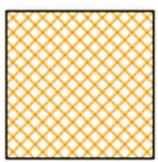
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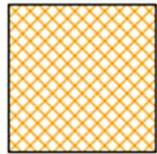
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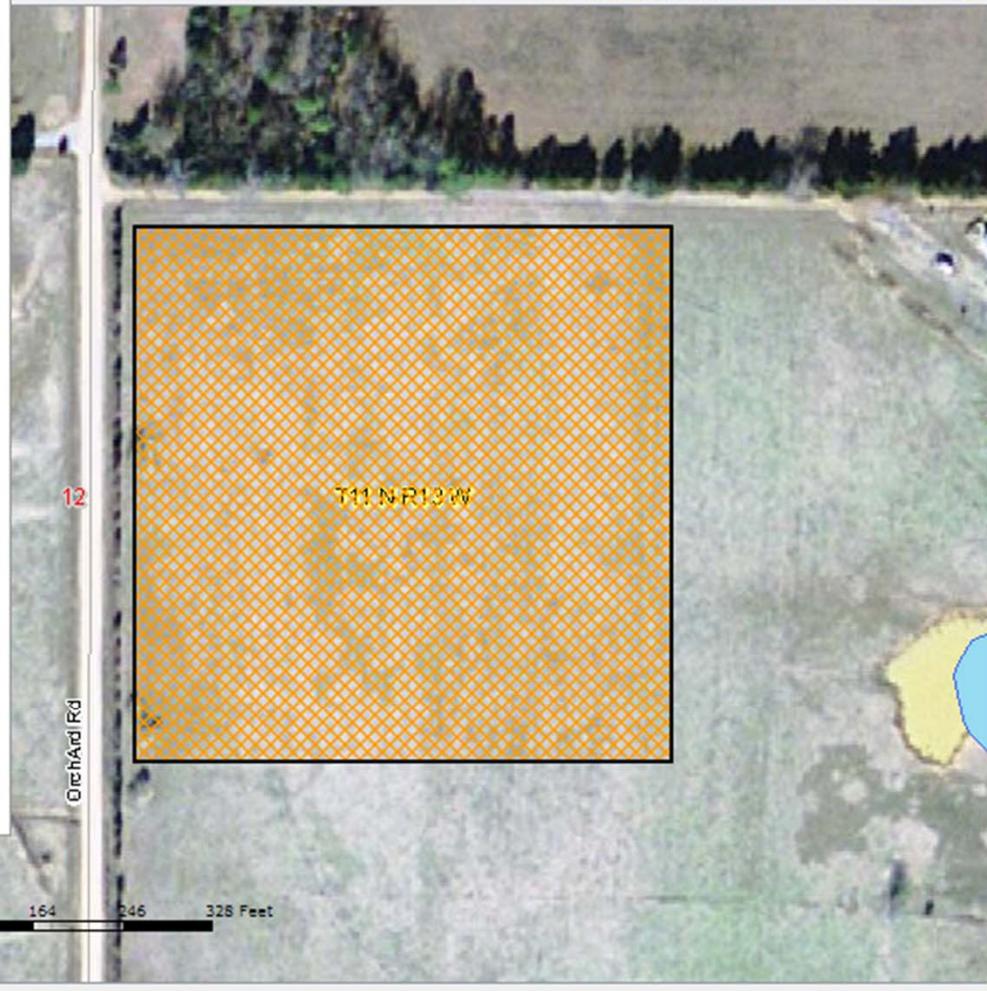
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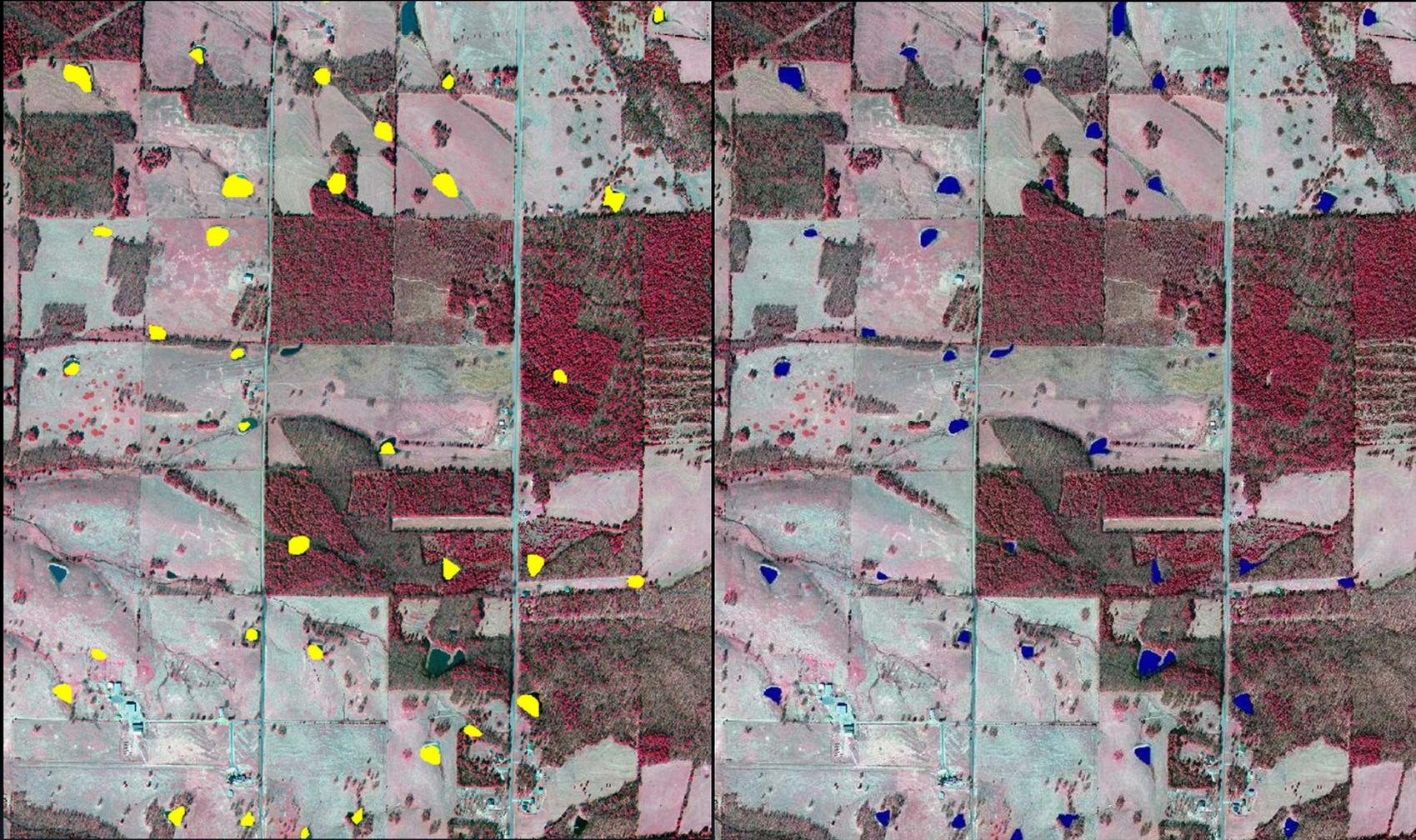
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# New Directions...

- Water modeling in the Fayetteville Shale Play
  - Mauro DiLuzio, Texas A&M
    - SWAT model
  - DOE (NETL) funding
  - Focus on surface water
    - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
  - Improved understanding of available water
    - Faster permitting with peace of mind



NHD high-resolution water layer. Water is shown as yellow-filled polygons.

Water extracted from the color-infrared imagery using the segmentation /classification process. Water is shown as blue-filled polygons.

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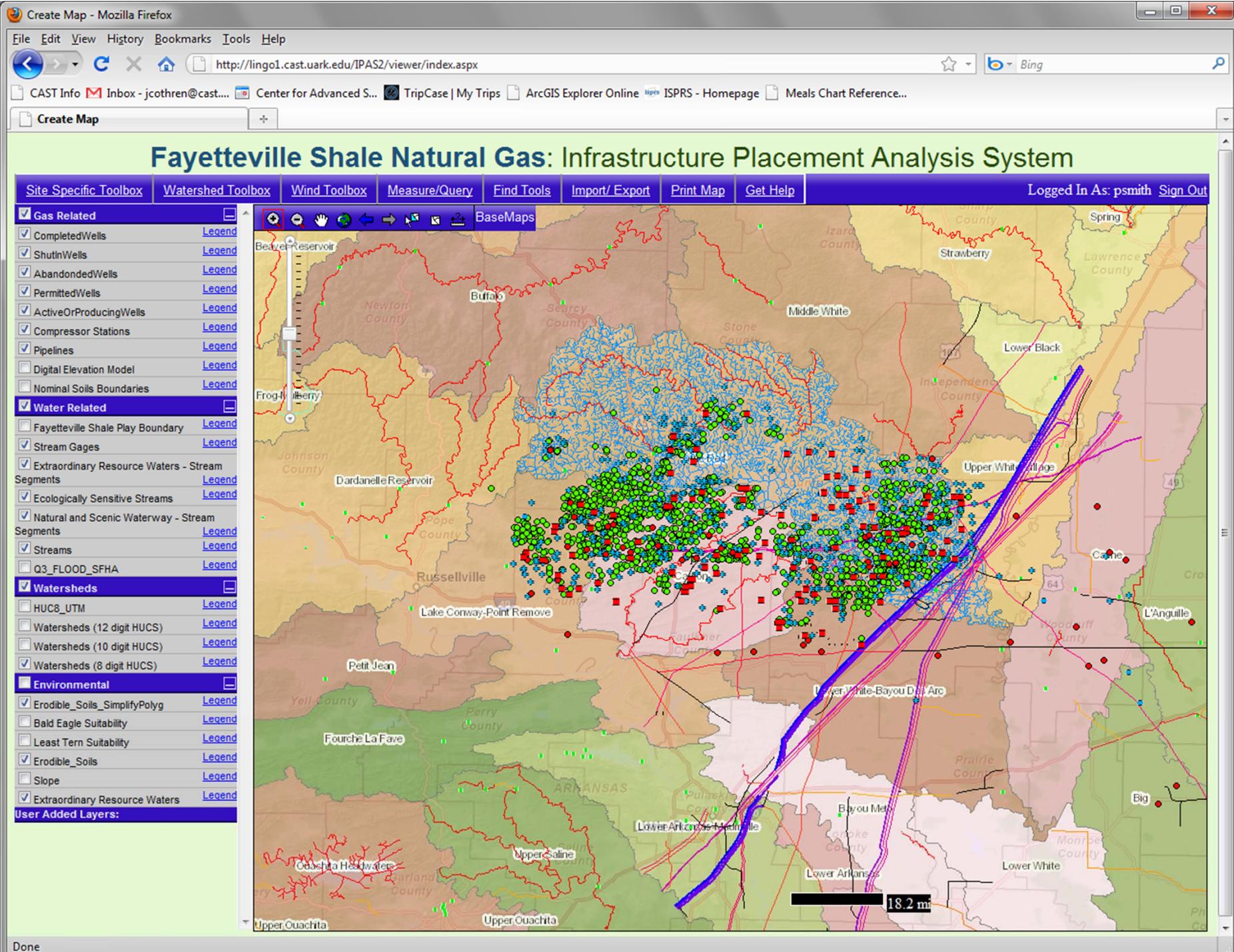
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BaseMaps

**Site Specific Toolbox**

- Hide
- Place a feature
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# New Directions...

- Public informational sites
- Haynesville Shale
  - Funded through HARC/EFD
  - Challenges of multi-state regulations and data

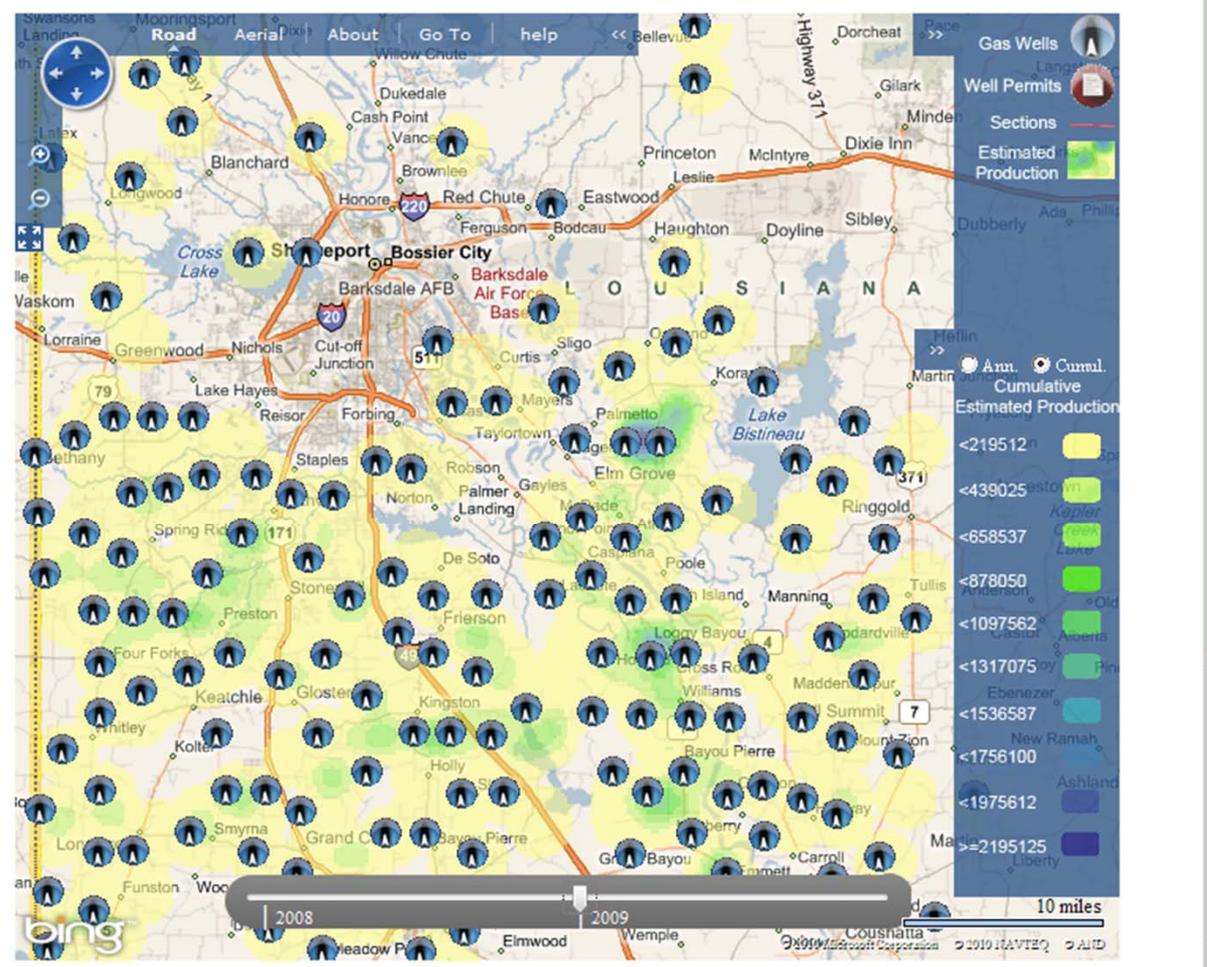
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