Bee Abundance Web Tool

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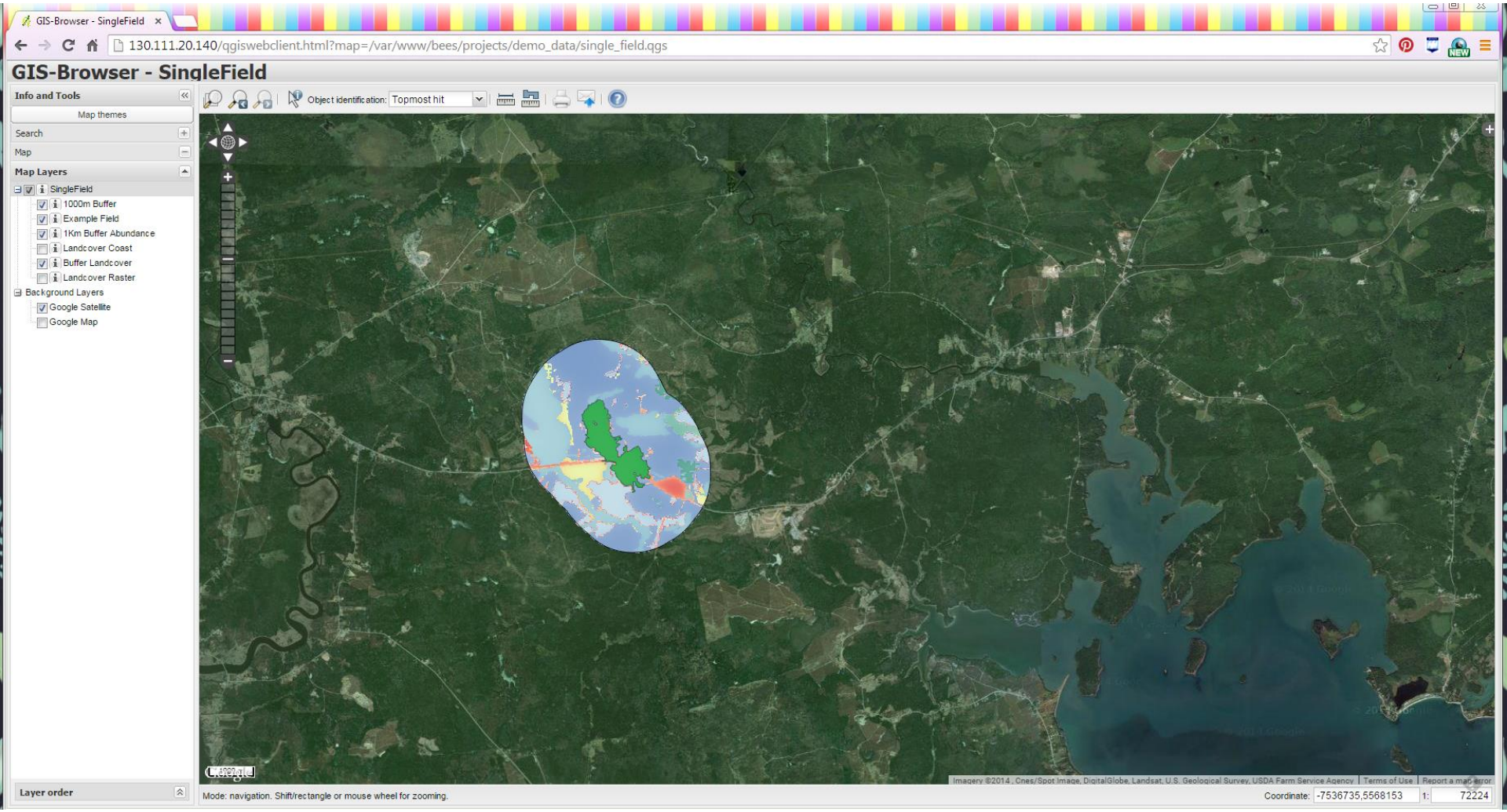
What is this web tool?

- A map-based guide to show blueberry growers the predicted wild bee abundance around wild blueberry fields
  - Predicted wild bee abundance: estimate of how many wild bees are in a given space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- It's cool!
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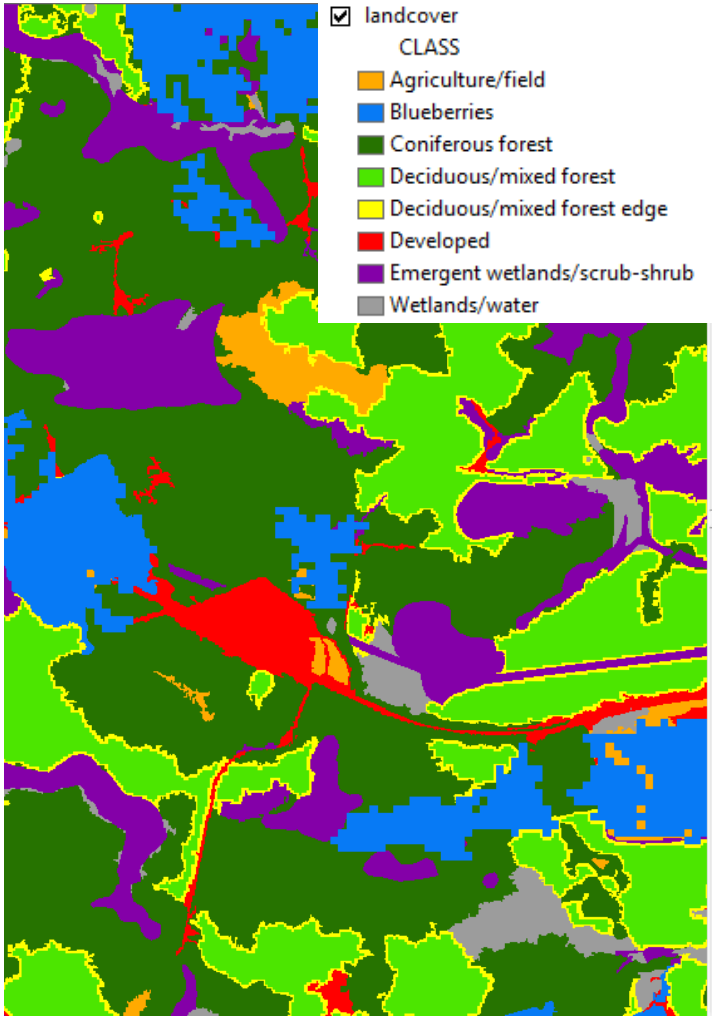

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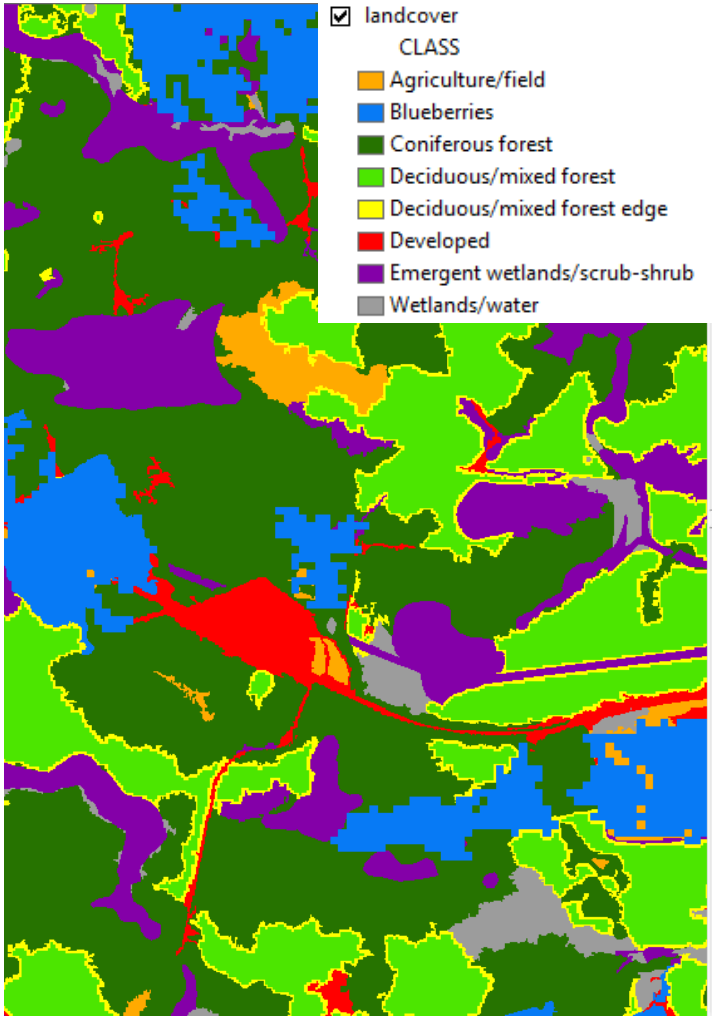

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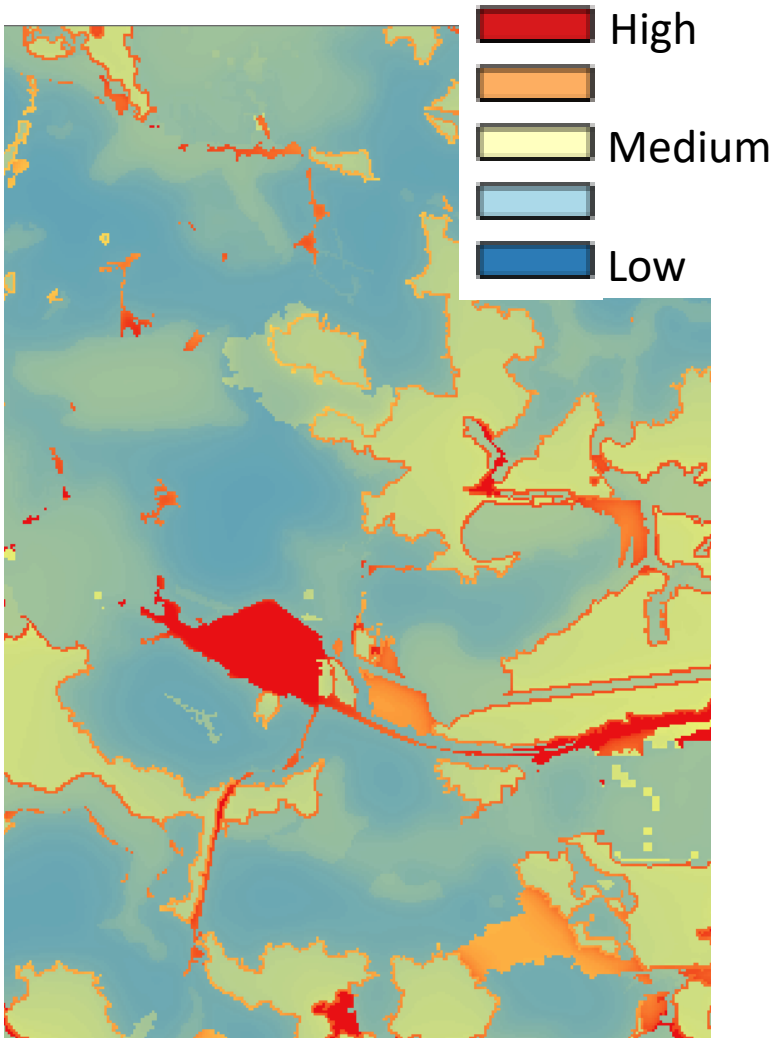

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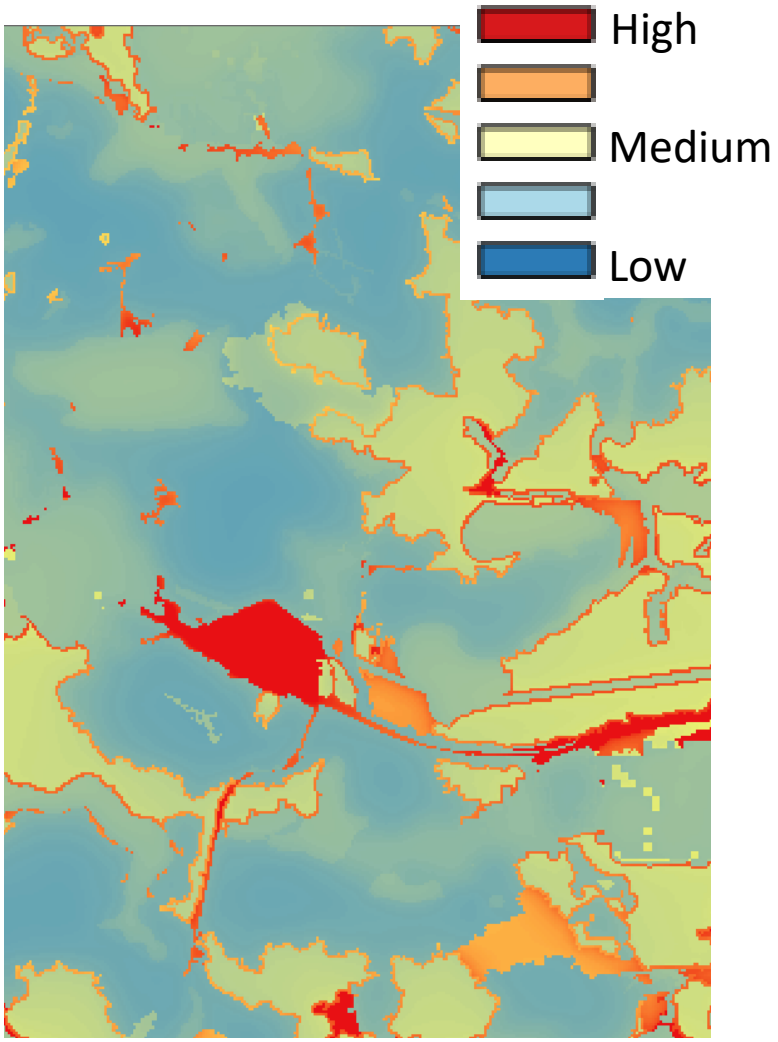

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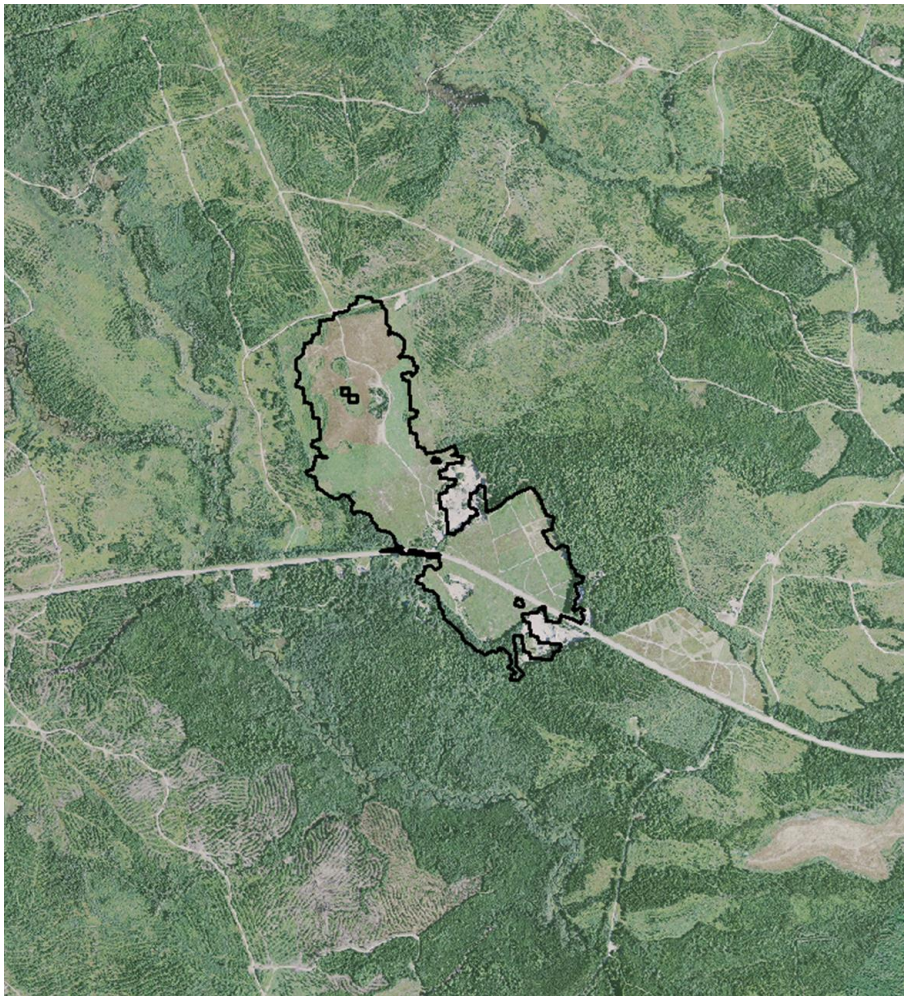

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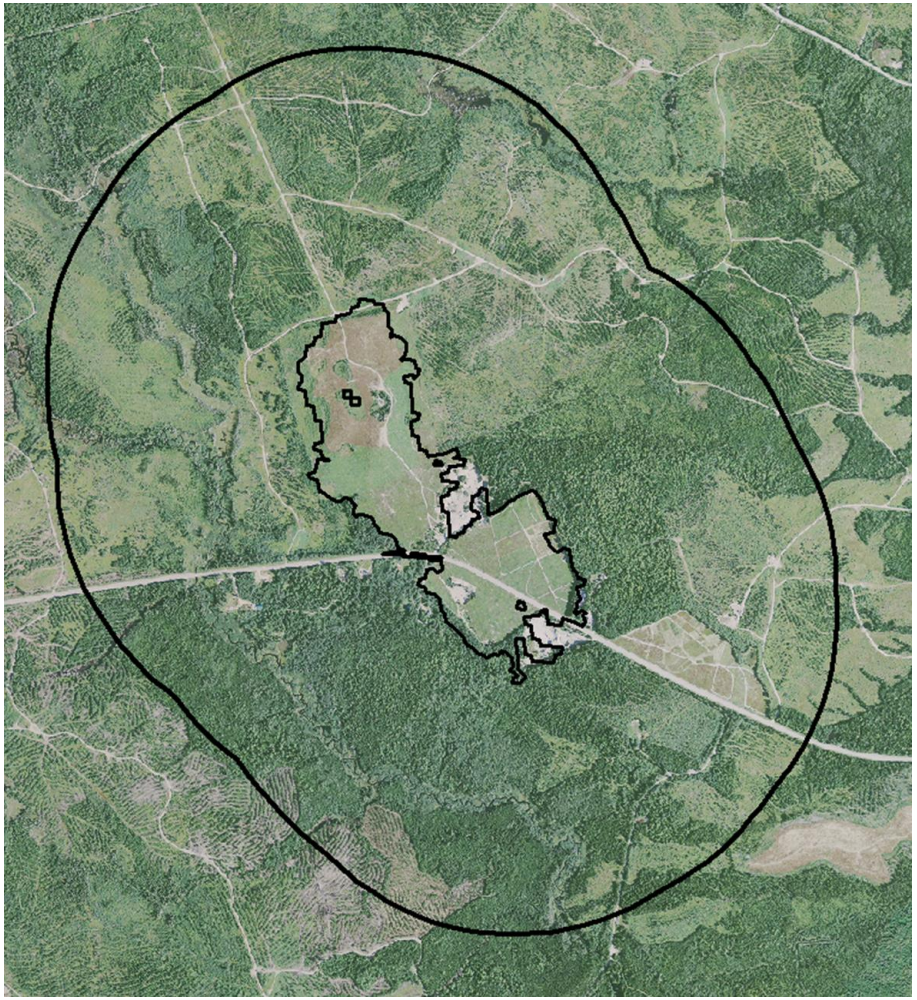

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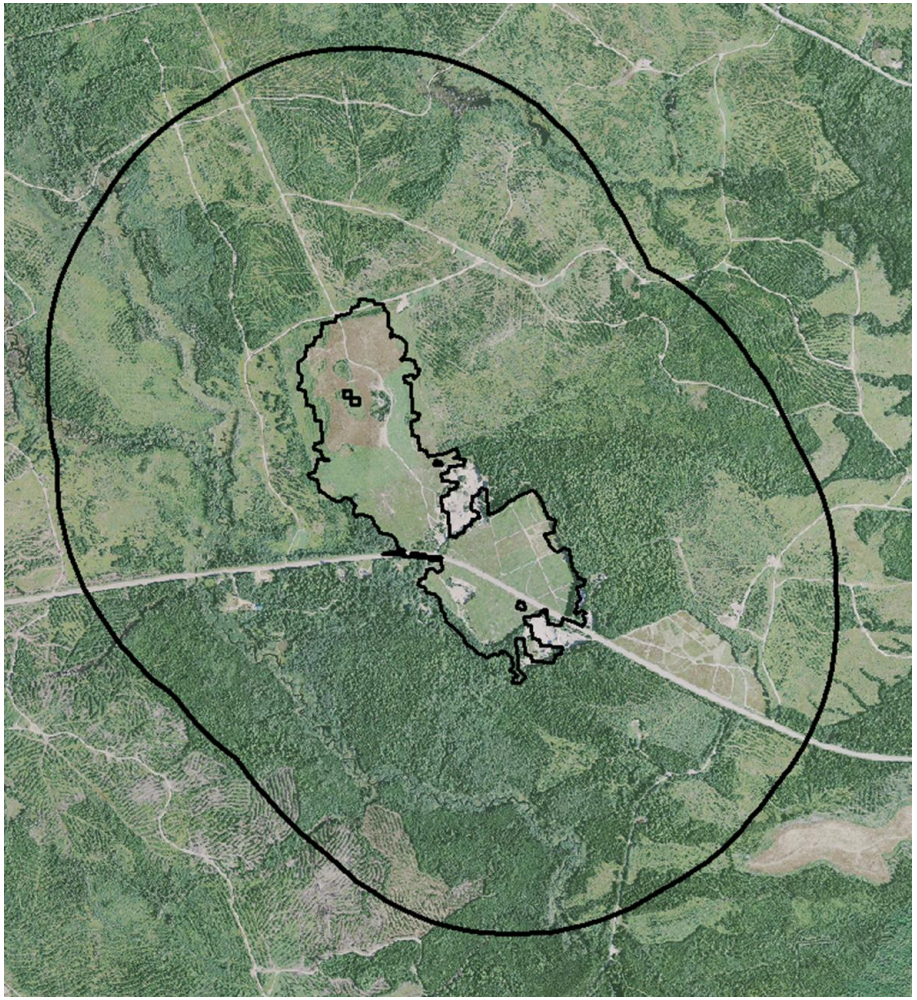

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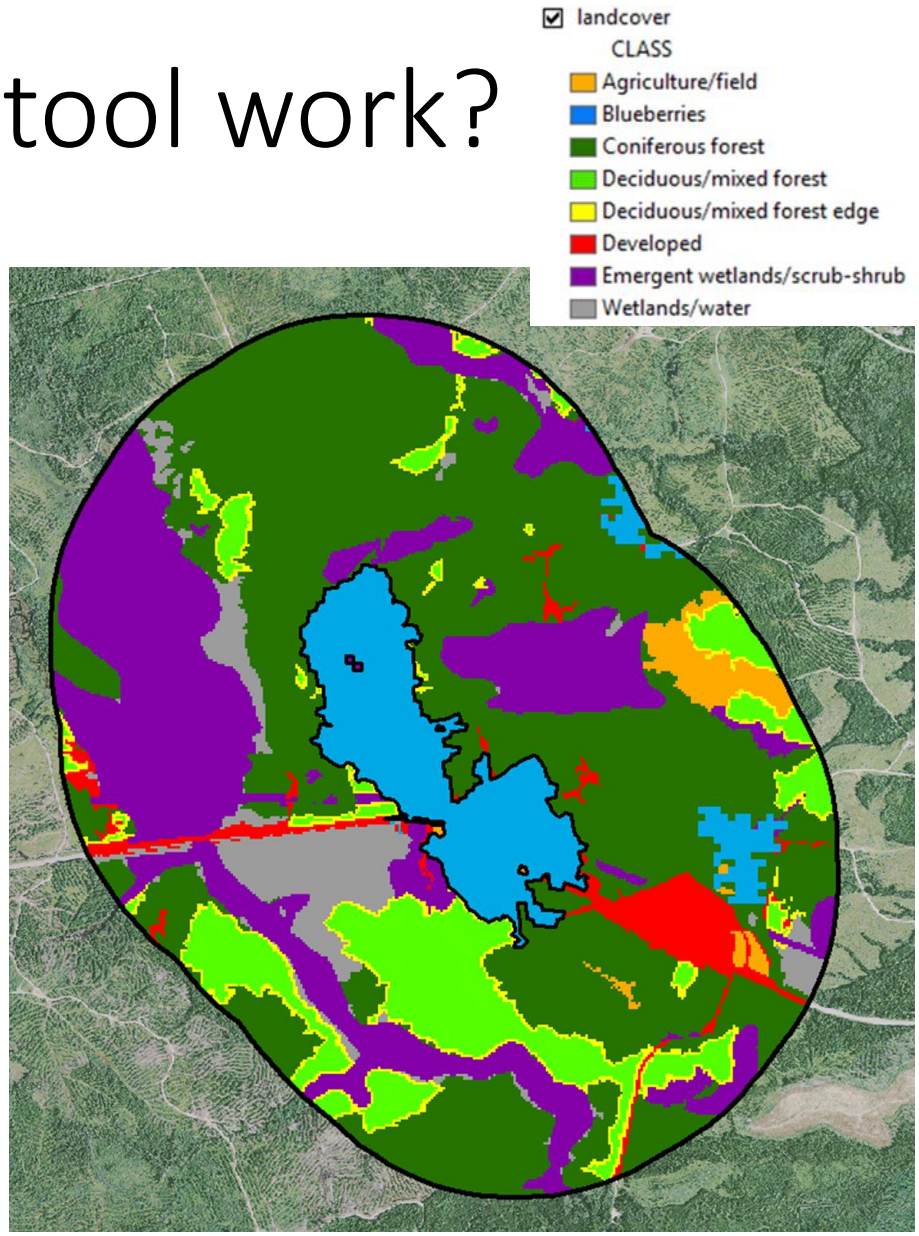

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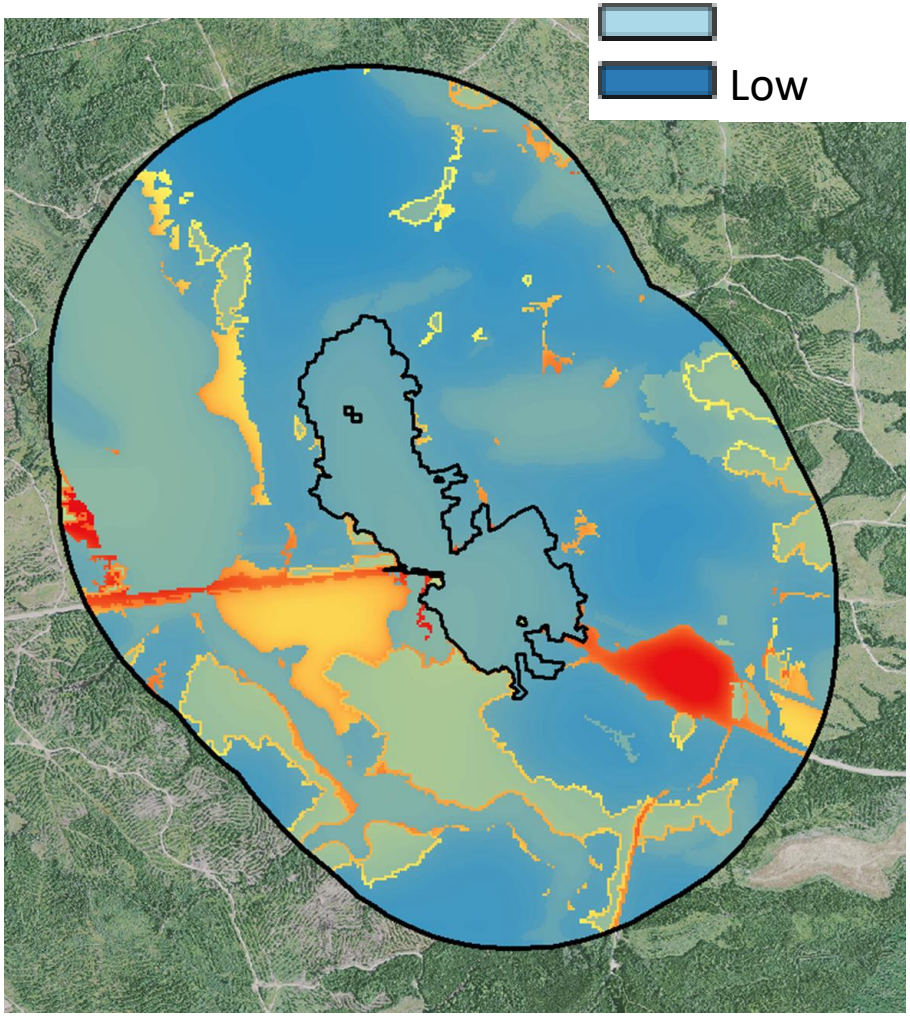

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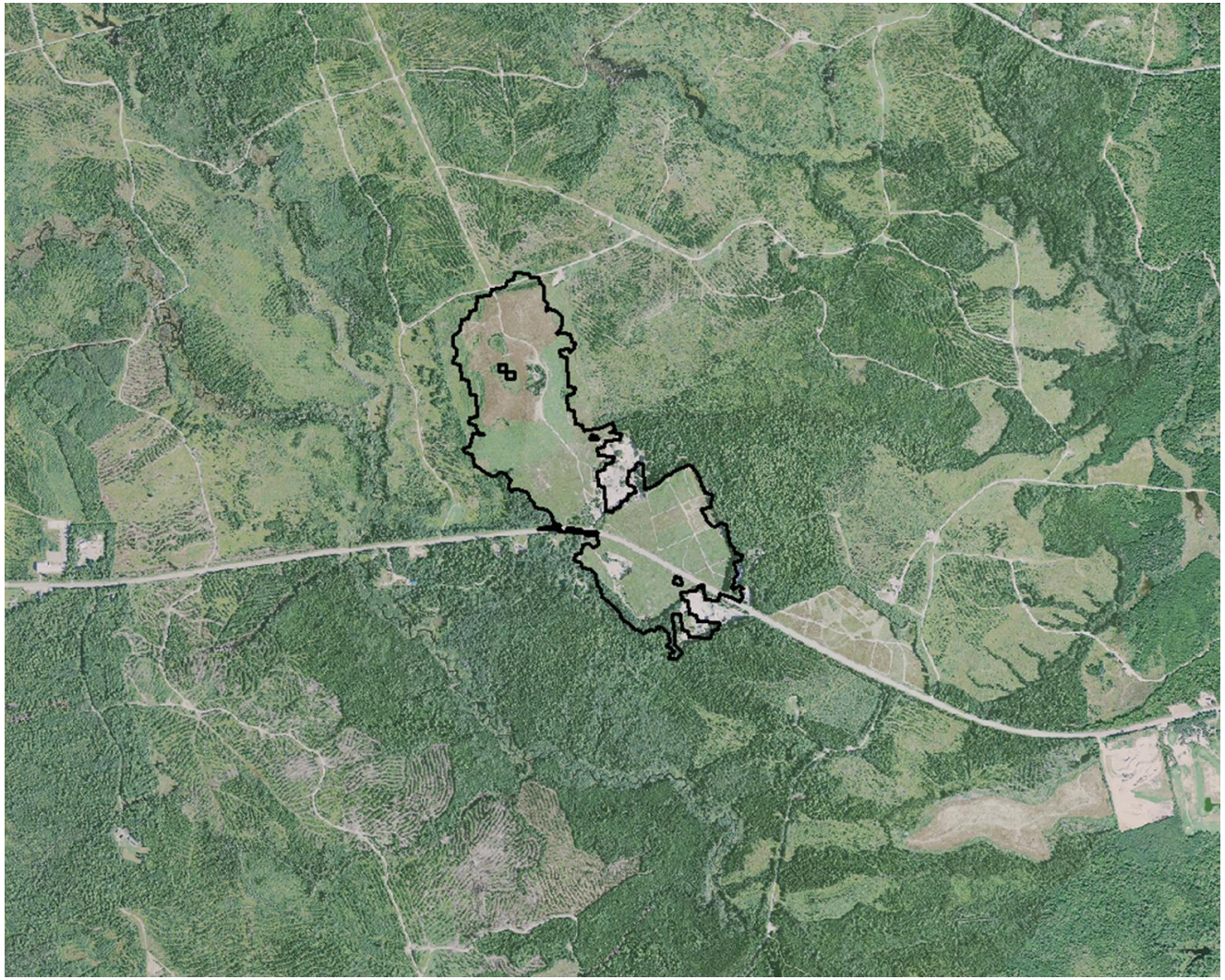
Q: Would additional visual navigational aids help?

Q: Would growers prefer to use an address locator (street address, lat/long coordinates) to find their fields?



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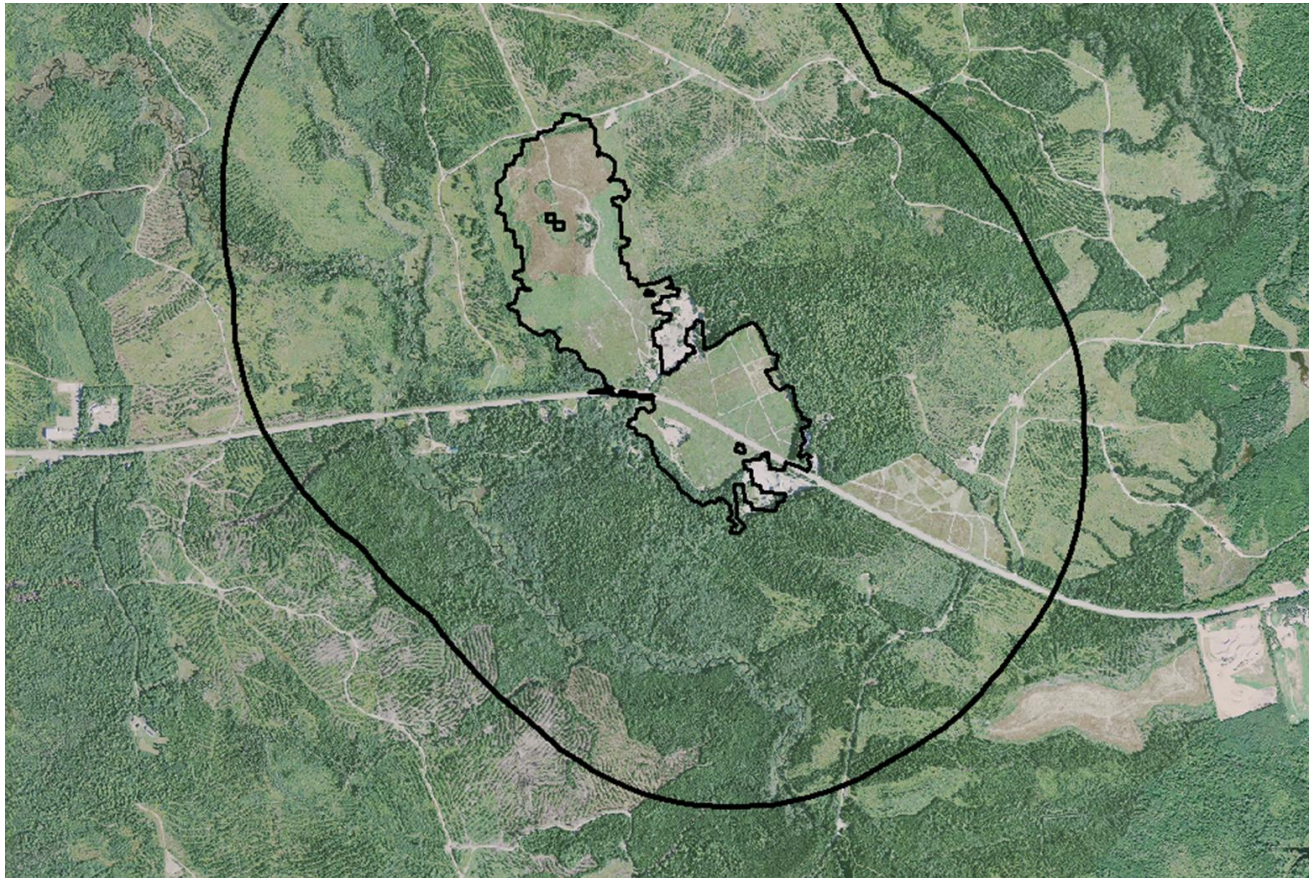
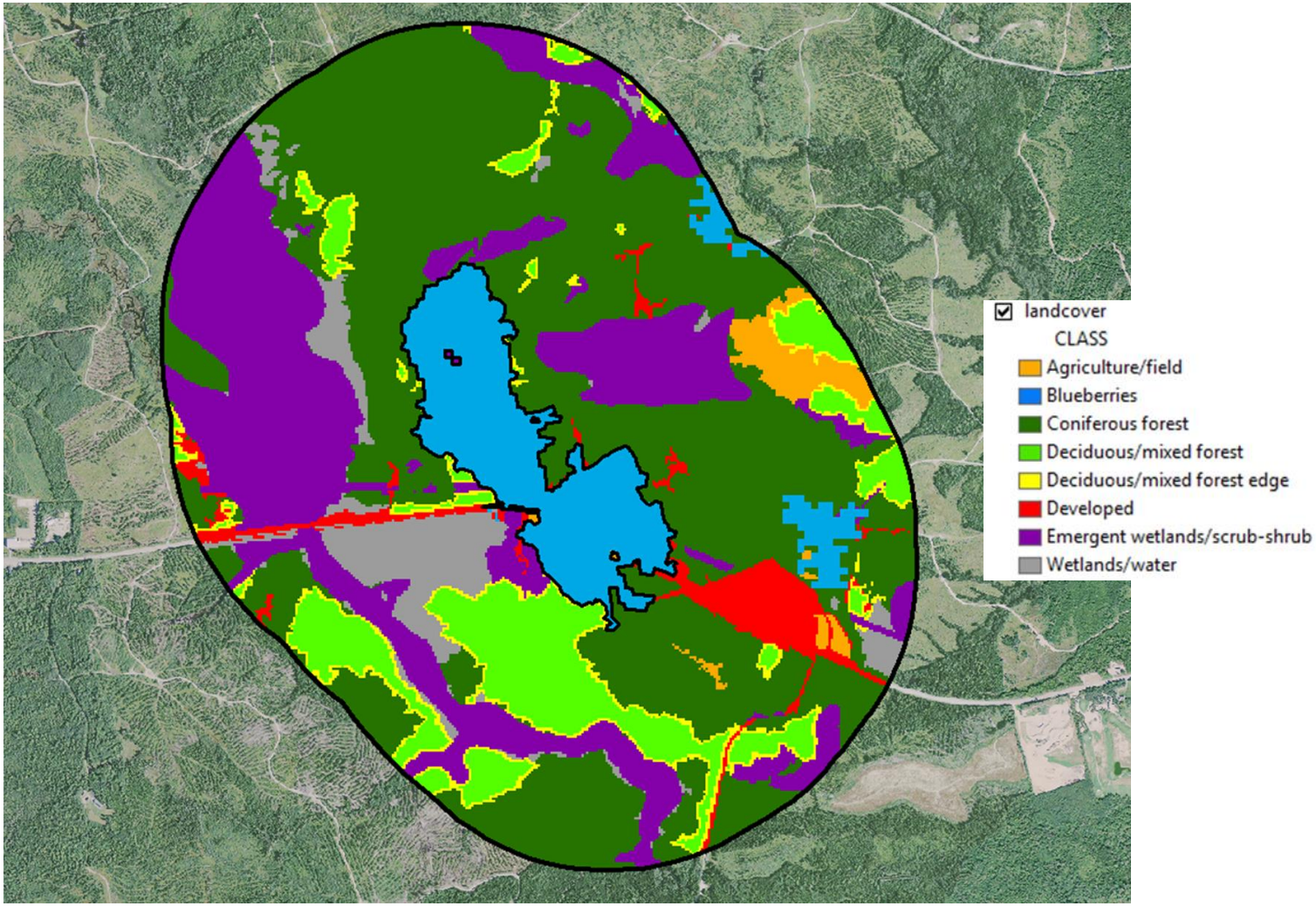
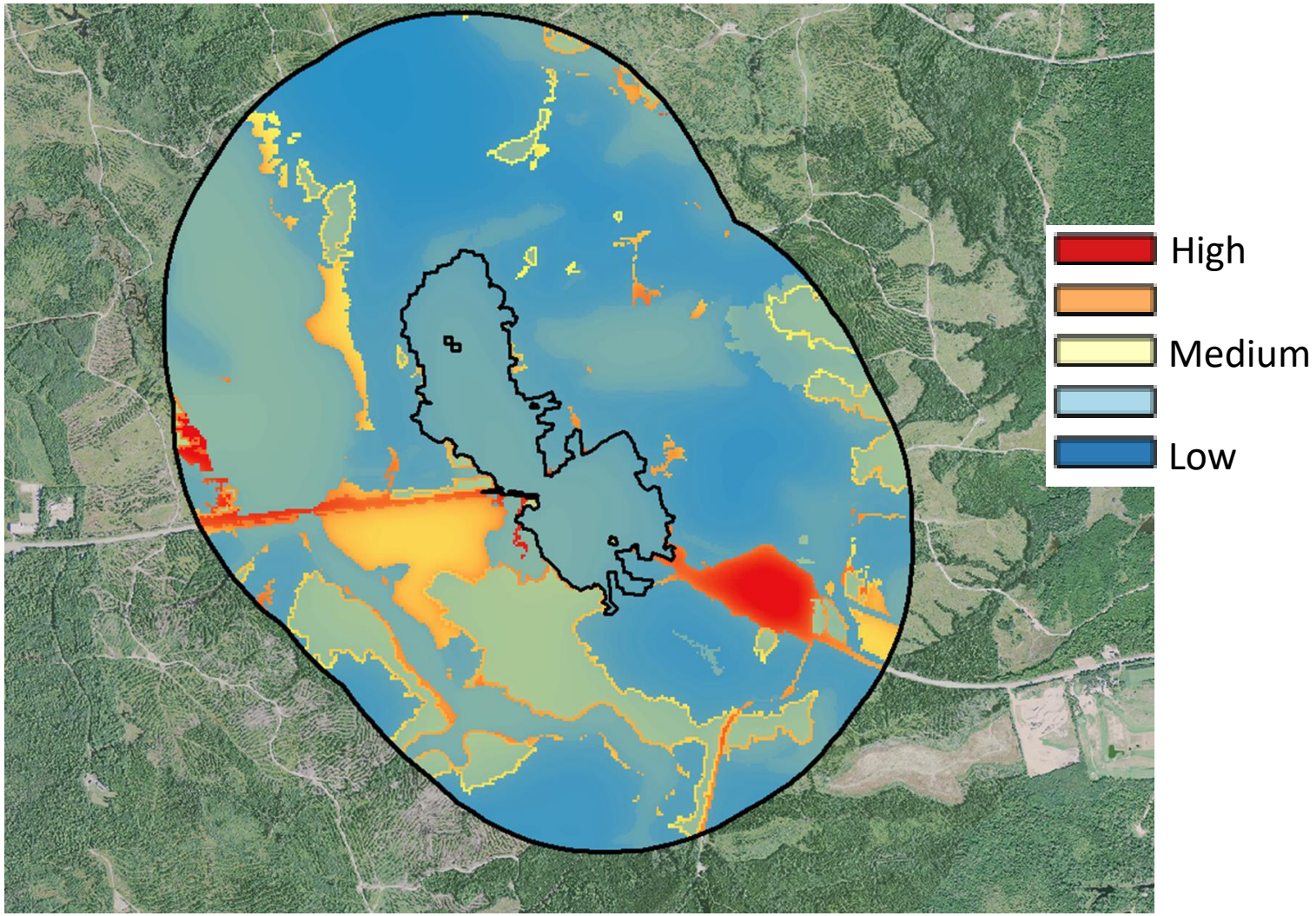
Q: How should I provide clarifying information about these buffers?



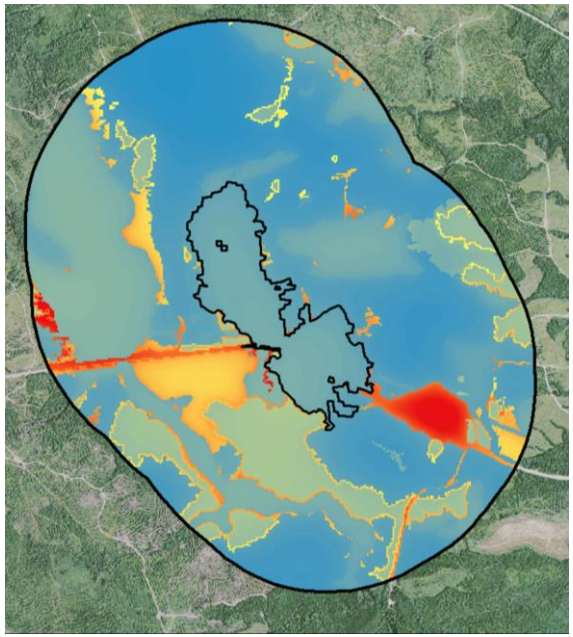
Q: How can I clearly describe land cover classes (forest, agriculture, wetlands, etc.)?



Q: How should I label the bee abundance classes? Are these classes too vague?



Q: What should the color scheme be for the bee abundance map?



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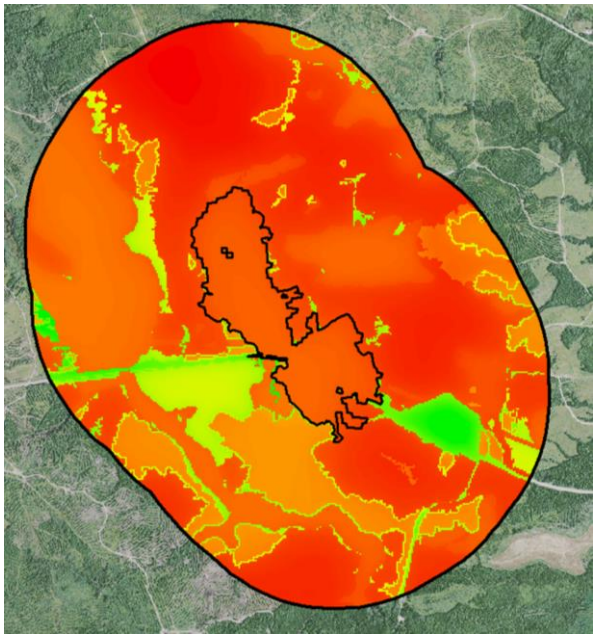

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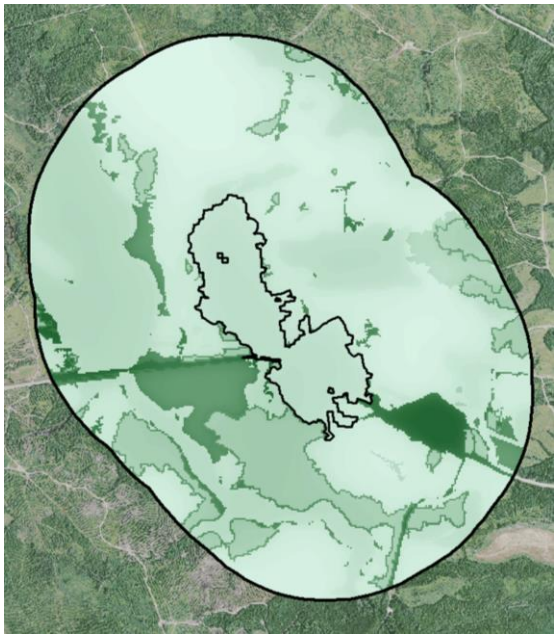

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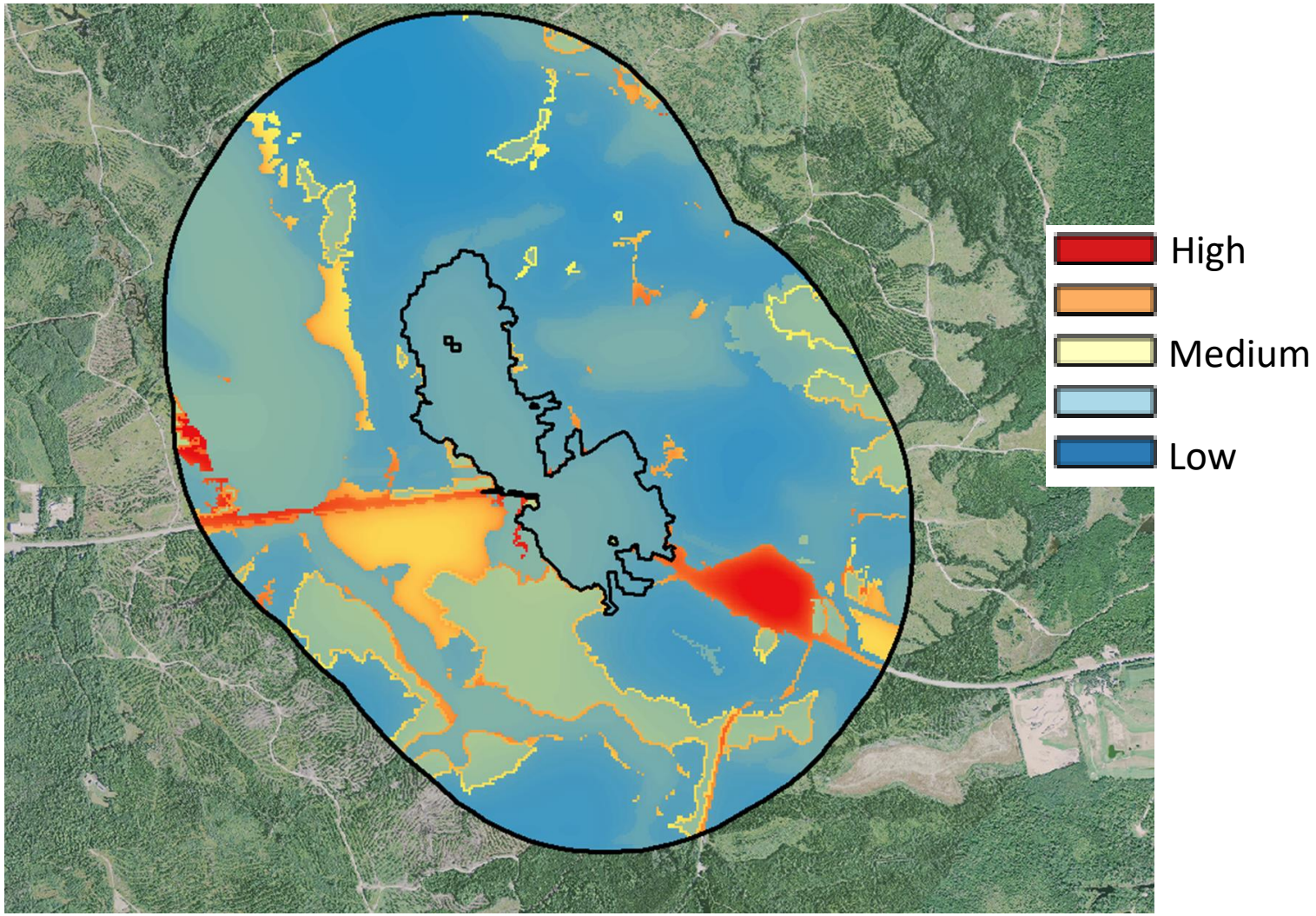

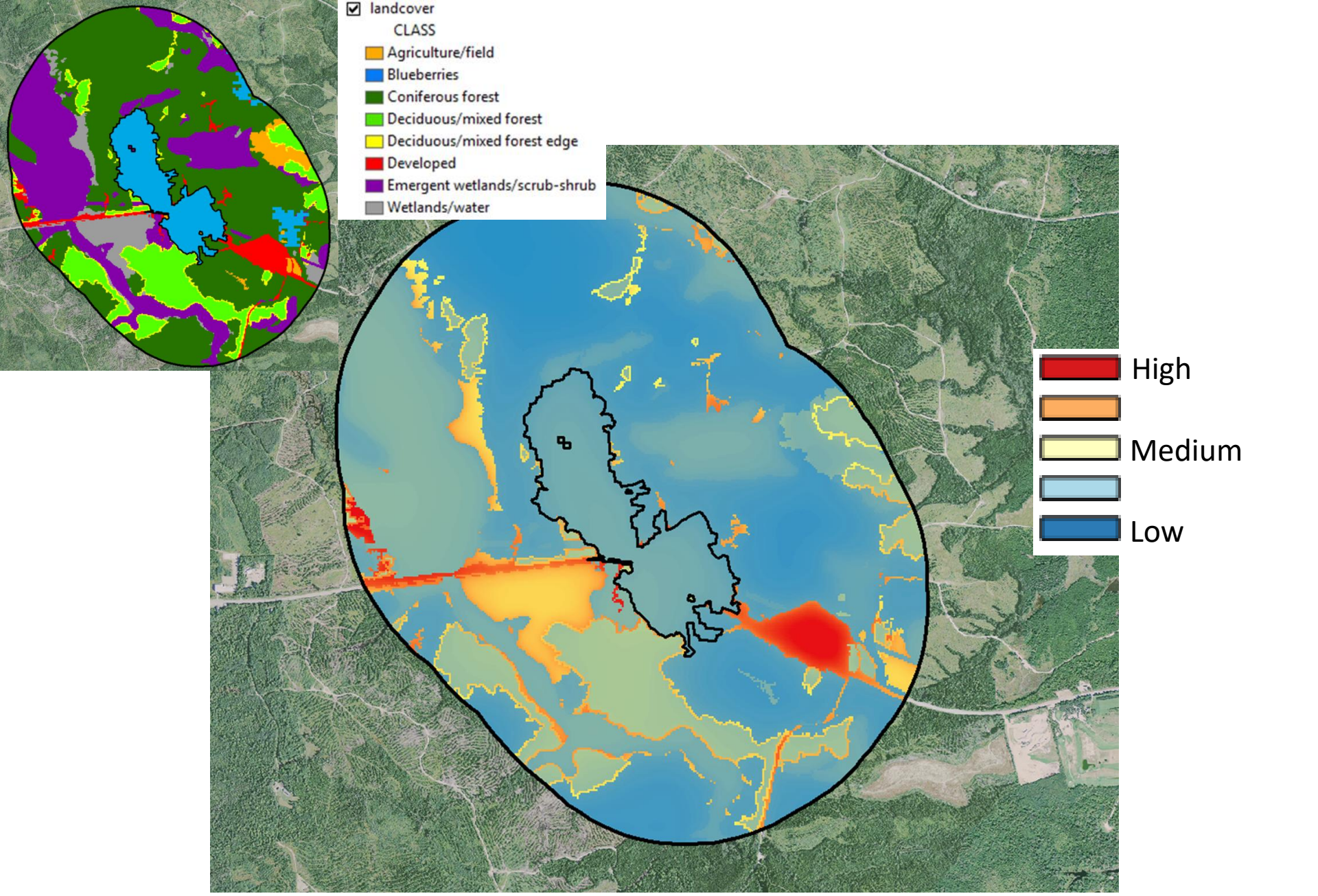
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Agriculture/field
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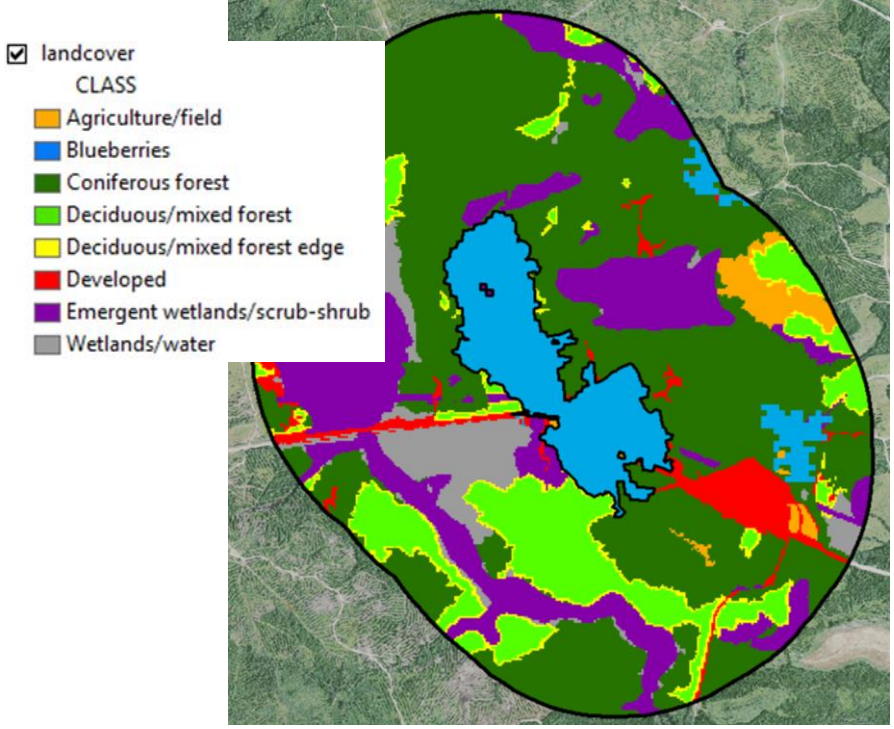

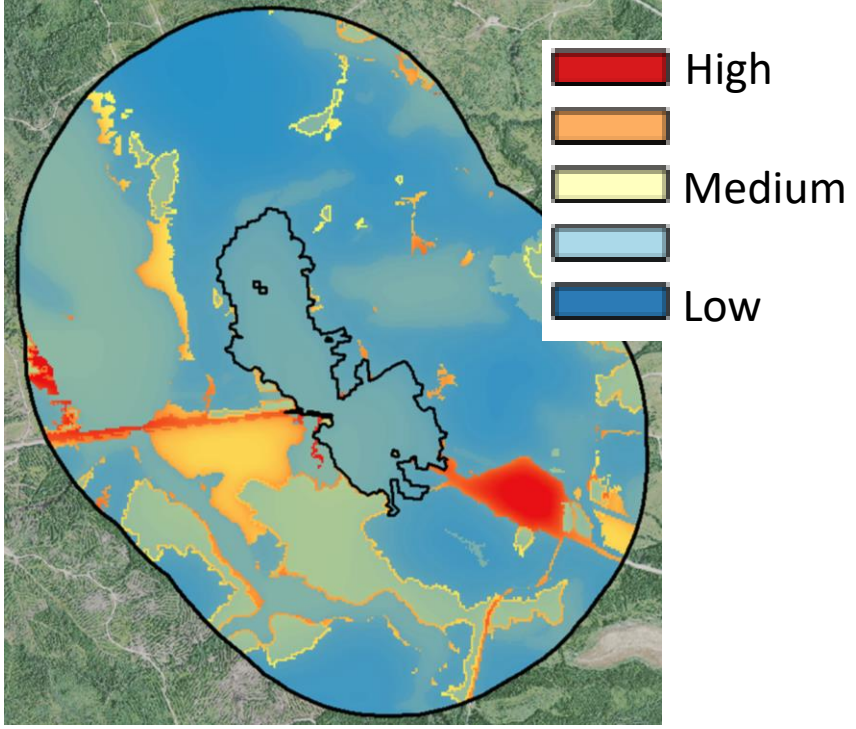

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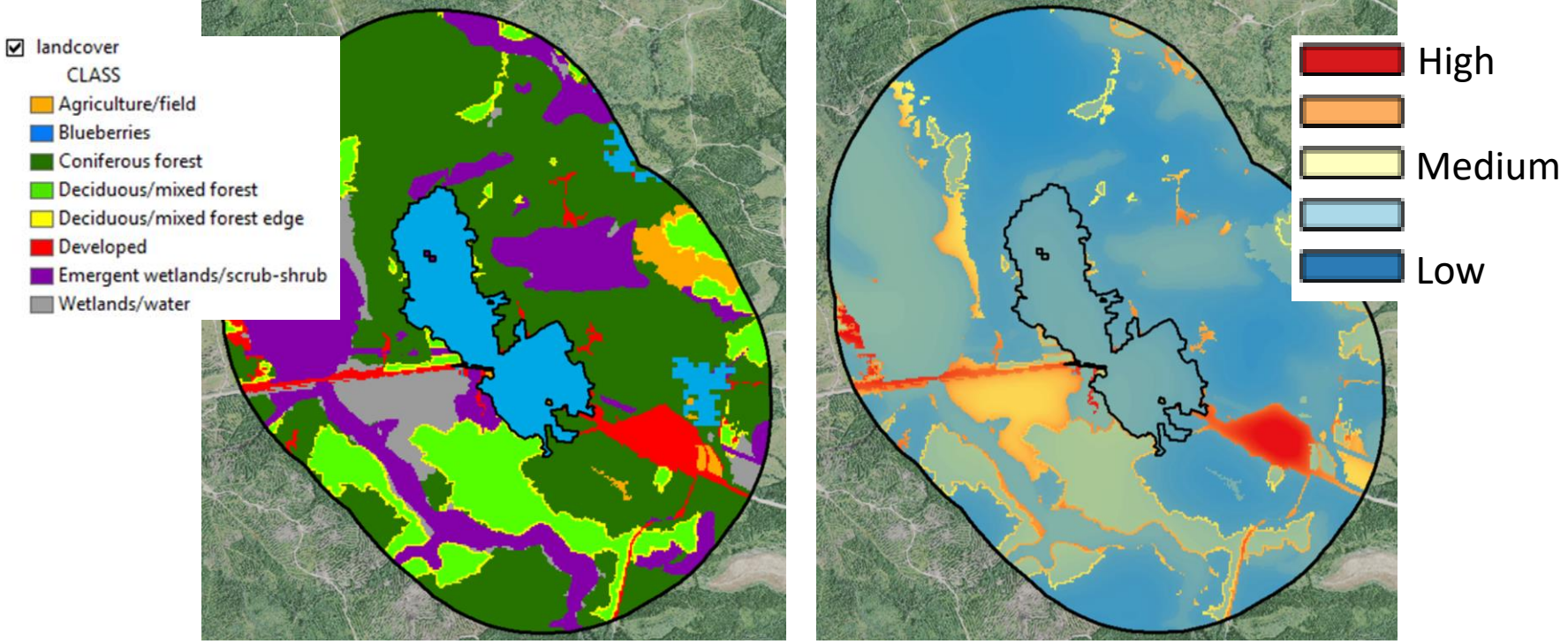

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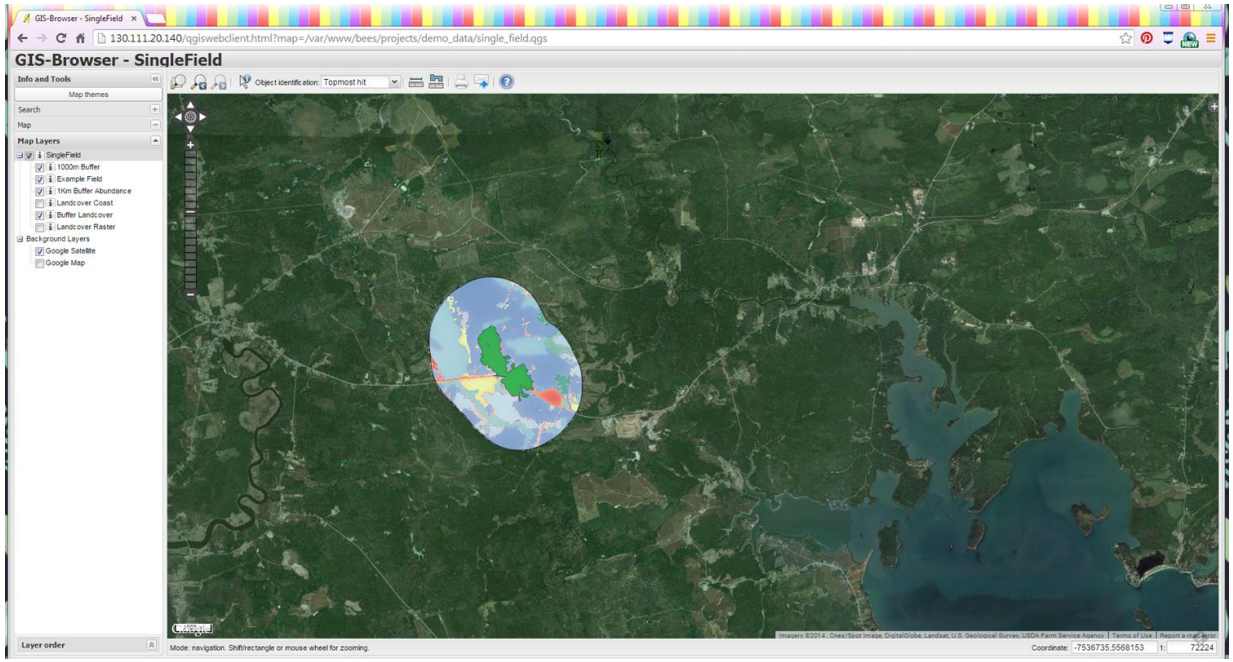

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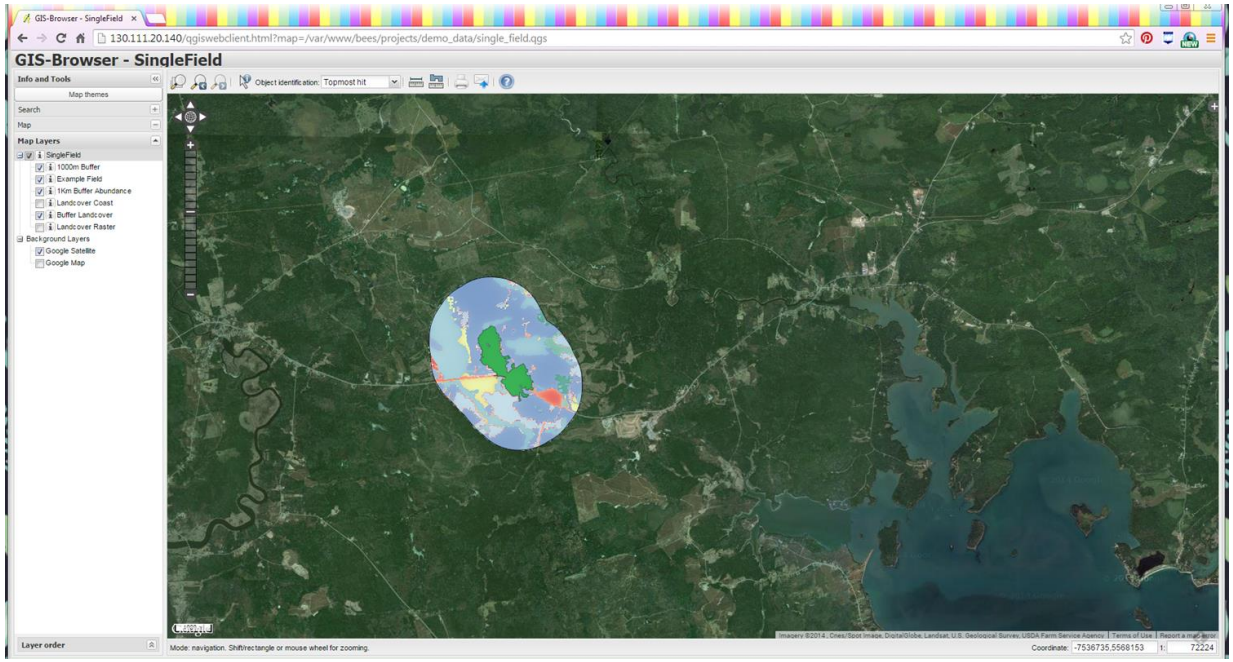

Where does the tool go from here?

- Wider application for growers across the state, with other crops
- Additional data:
  - Time of growing season each land cover type is best
  - Flowers and nesting available to different-sized bees
- Dynamic tool—subject to change