

# Evapotranspiration from Landsat's Thermal Imager



*Landsat "8" – launched Feb. 2013*

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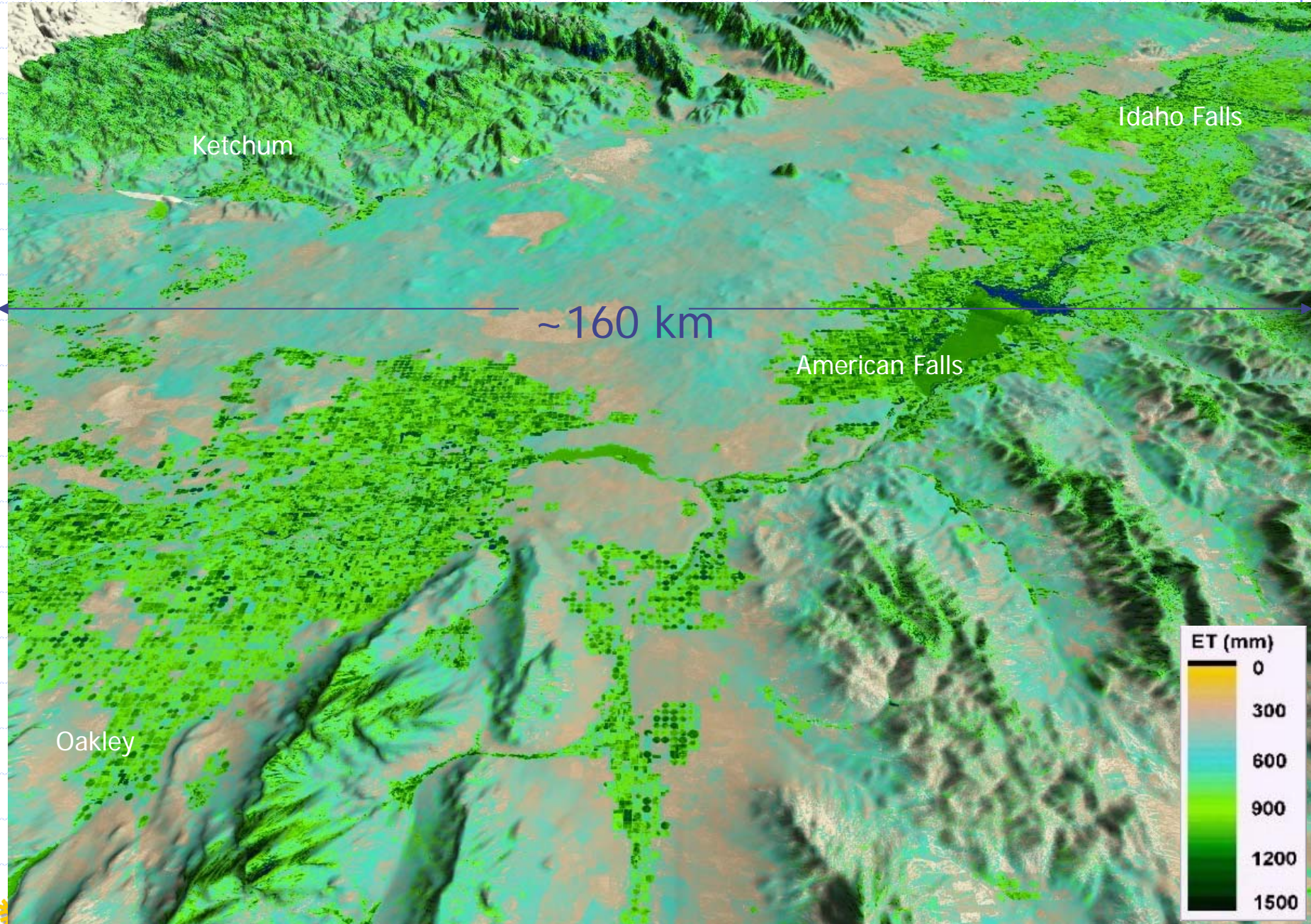
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**University of Idaho**  
A LEGACY OF LEADING



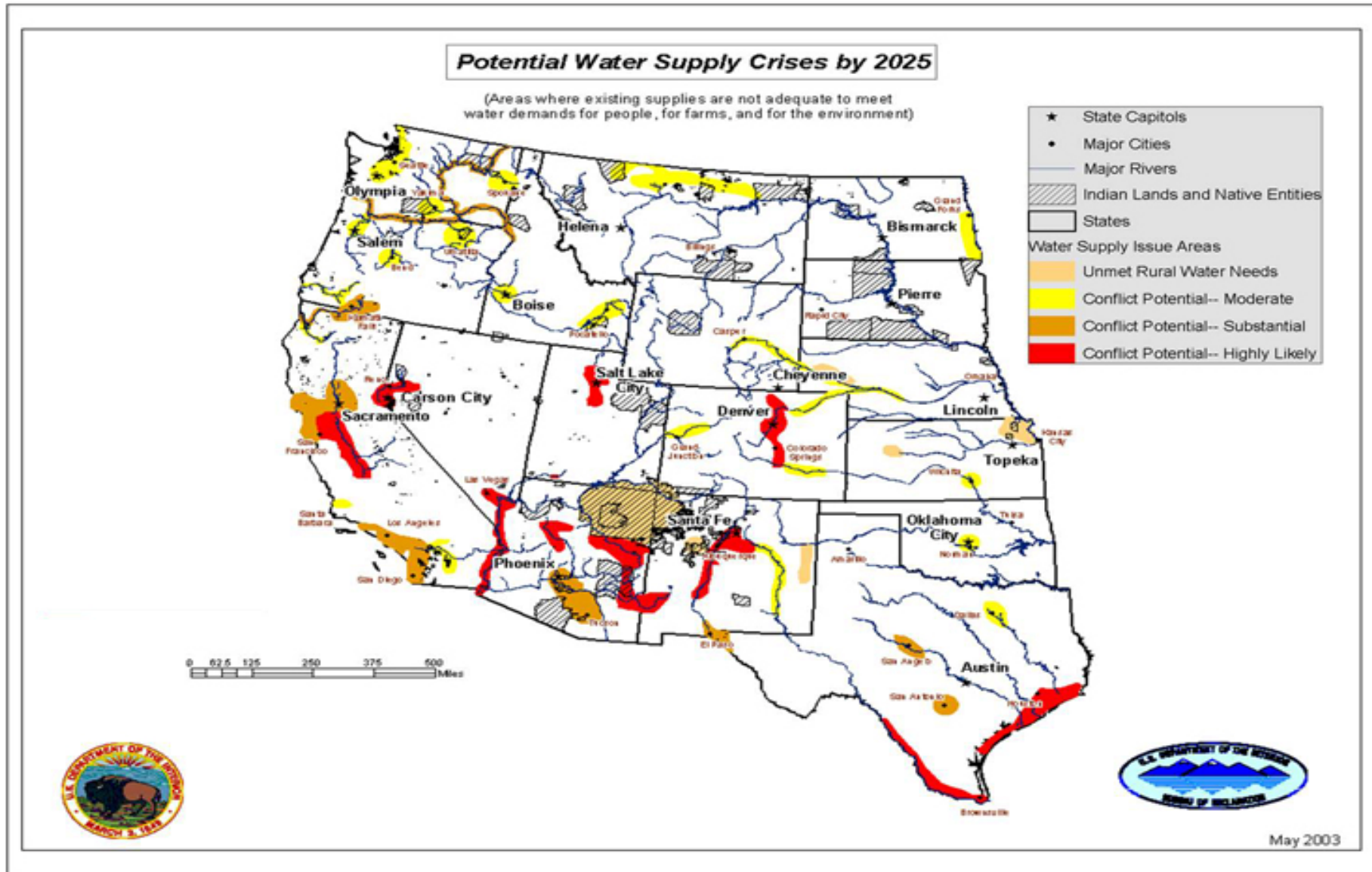
Does ET vary in Space? (Yes!) -- Monthly and Seasonal ET at 30 m resolution for the Eastern Snake Plain of Idaho

April – October, 2006 ET





# Potential Water Conflicts in the West



# Operational ET “mapping” using a surface energy balance – METRIC

## ◆ Mapping EvapoTranspiration with high Resolution and Internalized Calibration

Allen et al. and partners  
University of Idaho, *Kimberly*  
– *development began in 2000*  
– *rooted in Dutch **SEBAL** model*

### Development Partners

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# METRIC Applications in Idaho

**Water Planning**

**Aquifer Depletion**

Hydrologic Modeling

Endangered Species

Agricultural Water Use

**Legal Finding-of-Fact**

**Water Rights Buy-Back**

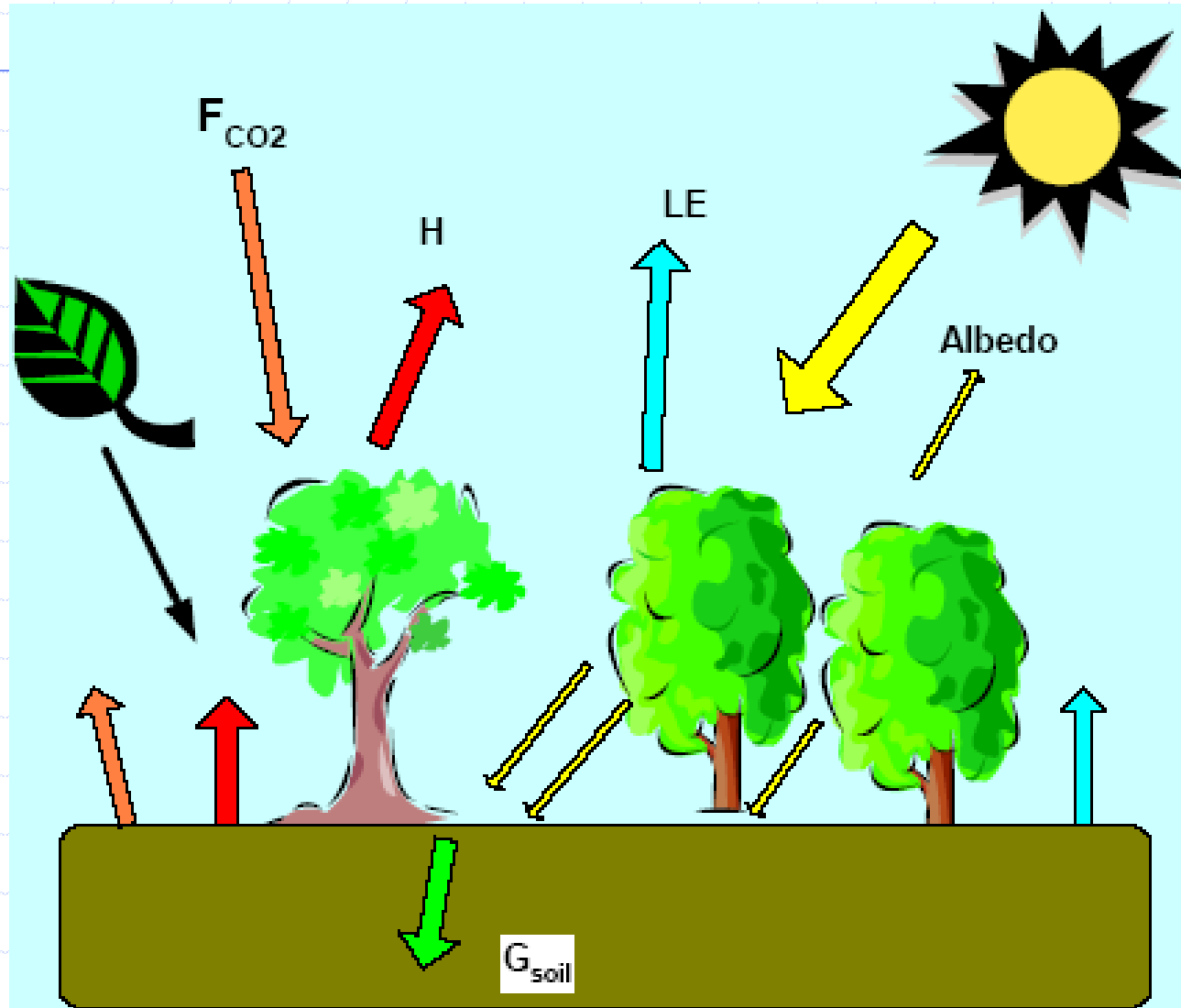
Water Rights Compliance

**In-Season Water Demand**

Tribal Water Rights Negotiations

# Why Energy Balance?

ET is governed by Energy Availability and Aerodynamics



radiation  
ation  
workshop March 12, 2010

9/4/2015



# Definitions

## ◆ Energy Balance

- Remember: ET is the part of irrigation water that changes from liquid to water vapor
- Liquid to vapor conversion requires energy
- We 'look' for the energy used to produce the evaporation
- This is shown by the temperature of the surface

# Why use an “Energy balance”?

- ◆ ET is calculated as a “residual” of the energy balance

$R_n$  (radiation from sun and sky)

$H$  (heat to air)

ET

$$ET = R_n - G - H$$

**Basic Truth:**

Evaporation  
consumes  
Energy

$G$  (heat to ground)



# Sensible Heat Flux (H)

## – METRIC model

Advantage:

$r_{ah}$  'floats' above the surface and is 'free' of  $z_{oh}$  and some limitations of a single source approach

Advantage:

$dT$  is inverse calibrated (simulated) (free of  $T_{rad}$  vs.  $T_{aero}$  vs.  $T_{air}$ )

$$H = (\rho \times c_p \times dT) / r_{ah}$$

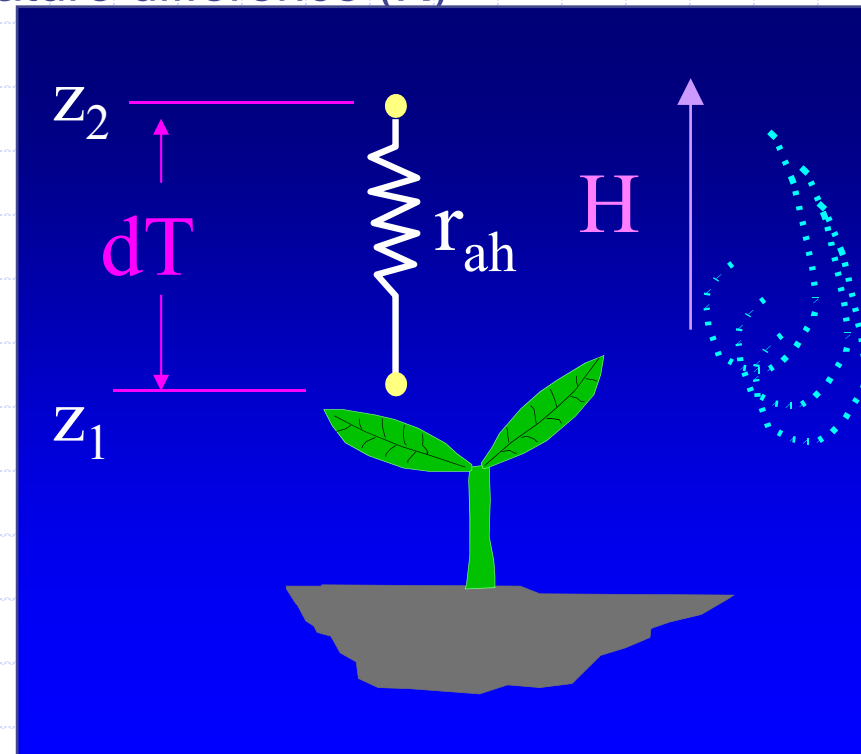
$dT$  = "floating" near surface temperature difference (K)

$r_{ah}$  = the aerodynamic resistance from  $z_1$  to  $z_2$

$$r_{ah} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right) - \Psi_{h(z_2)} + \Psi_{h(z_1)}}{u_* \times k}$$

$U_*$  = friction velocity

$k$  = von karmon constant (0.41)



# Near Surface Temperature Difference (dT)

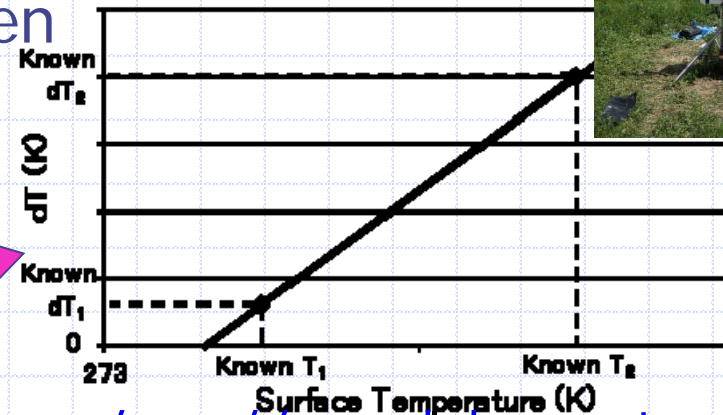
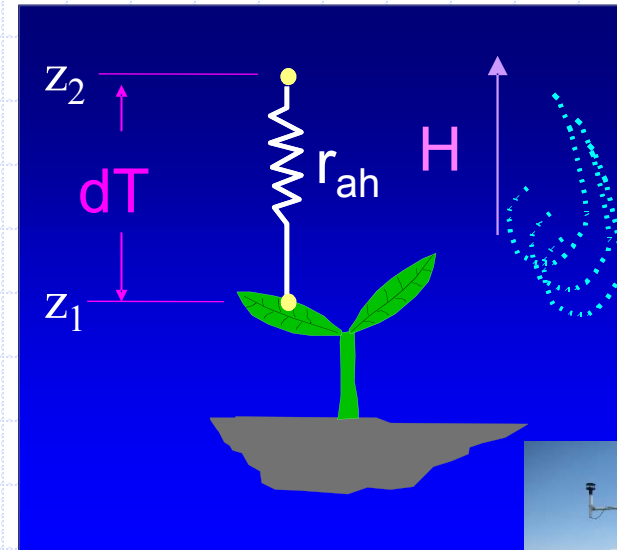
◆ The advantage of the METRIC-CIMEC approach:

- $T_{\text{air}}$  is unknown and unnneeded
- a linear relationship between  $T_s$  and dT is assumed:

$$dT = b + aT_s$$

Bastiaanssen 'breakthrough'

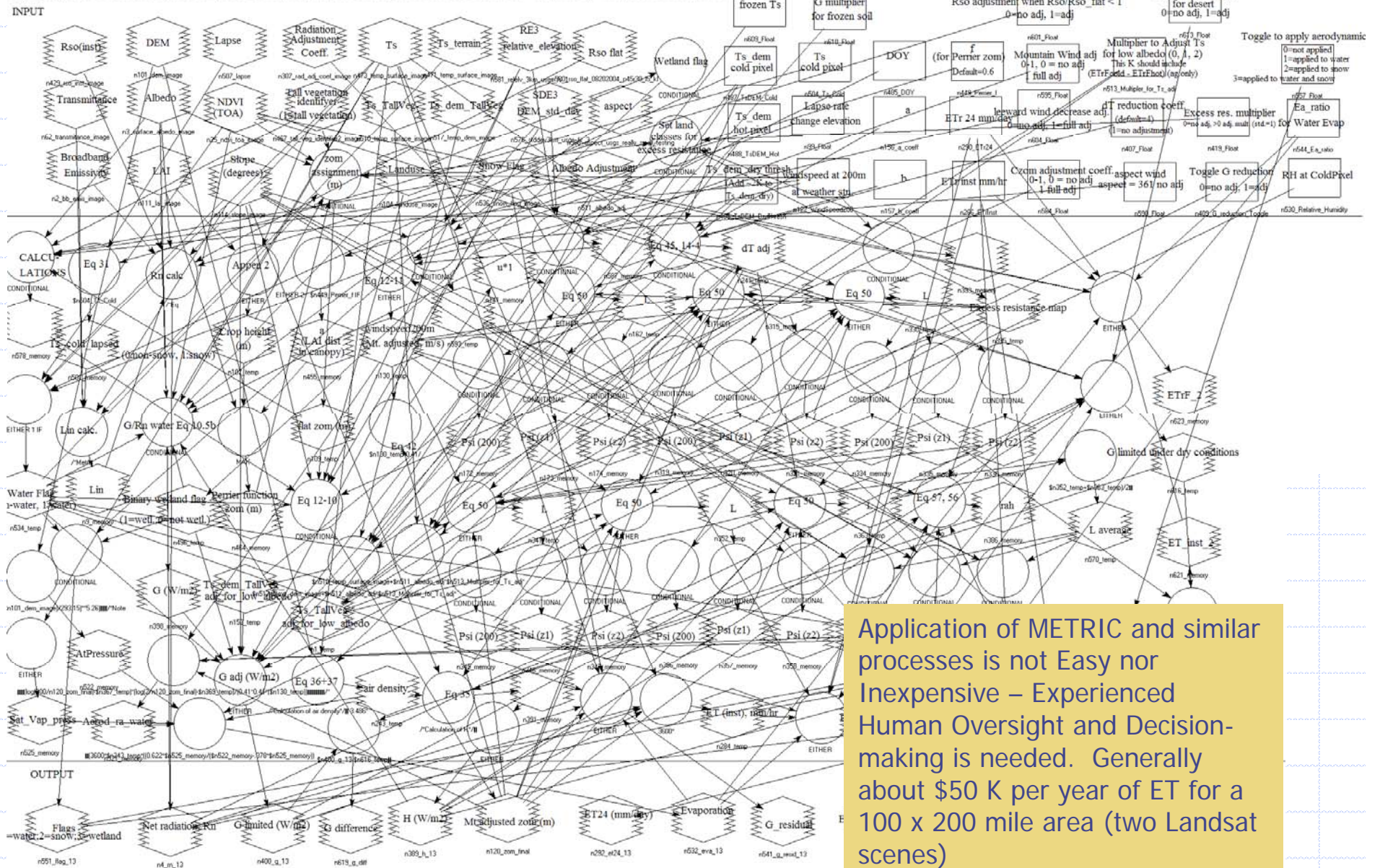
◆  $T_s$  is used only as an index and can have large bias and does not need to represent aerodynamic surface temperature





# METRIC<sup>tm</sup>-ERDAS submodel for sensible heat and ETrF

402, Main energy balance model for METRIC: Sensible heat flux, Net radiation, Ground heat flux, Reference ET fraction and ET. Last change: Sept 2011, RTrezza for frozen soil and G-red. in desert  
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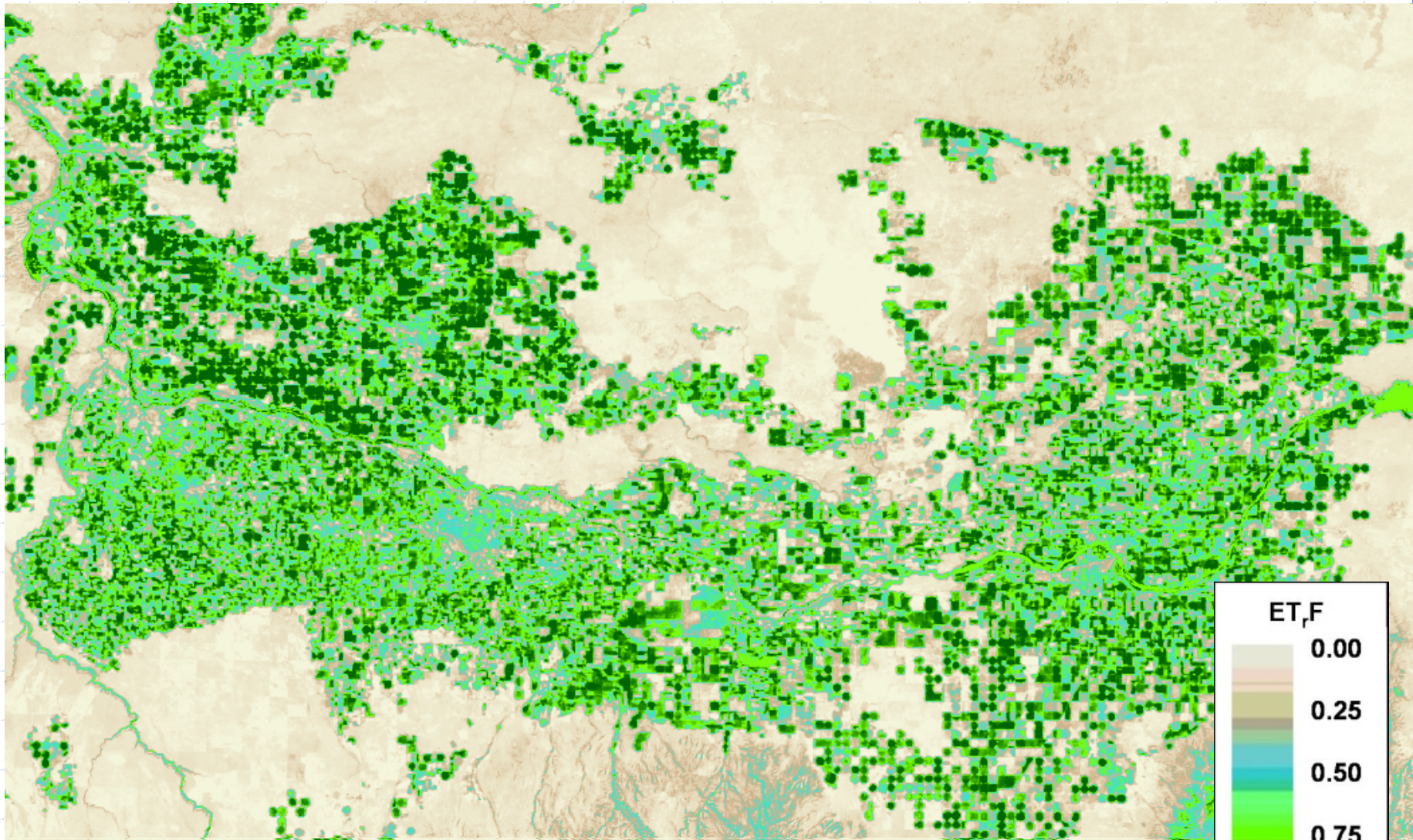


Application of METRIC and similar processes is not Easy nor Inexpensive – Experienced Human Oversight and Decision-making is needed. Generally about \$50 K per year of ET for a 100 x 200 mile area (two Landsat scenes)



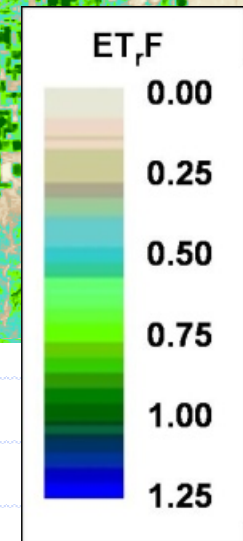


# Time Series of Relative ET near Twin Falls, ID



8/22/2000

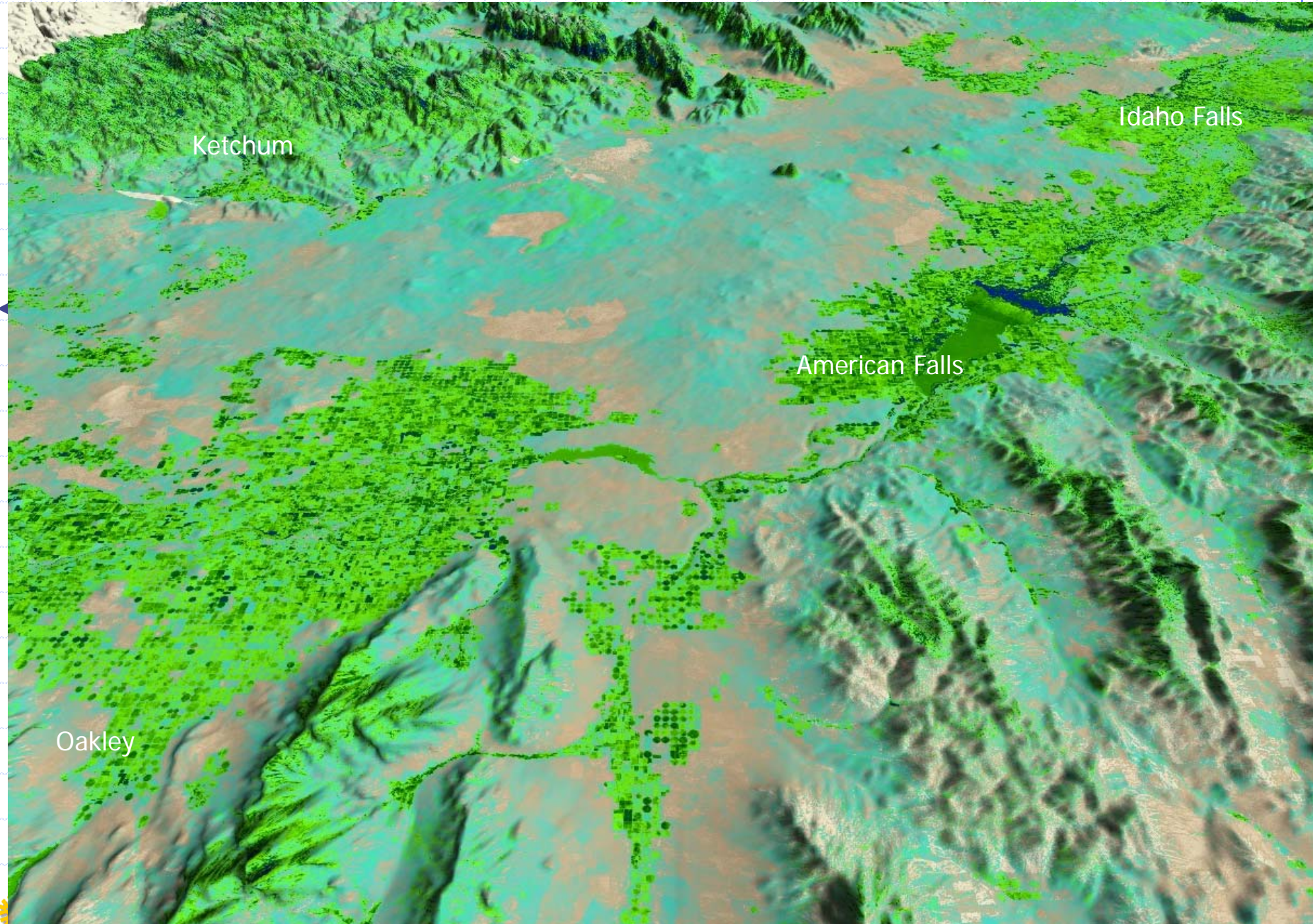
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# Our Product: Monthly and Seasonal ET at 30 m resolution

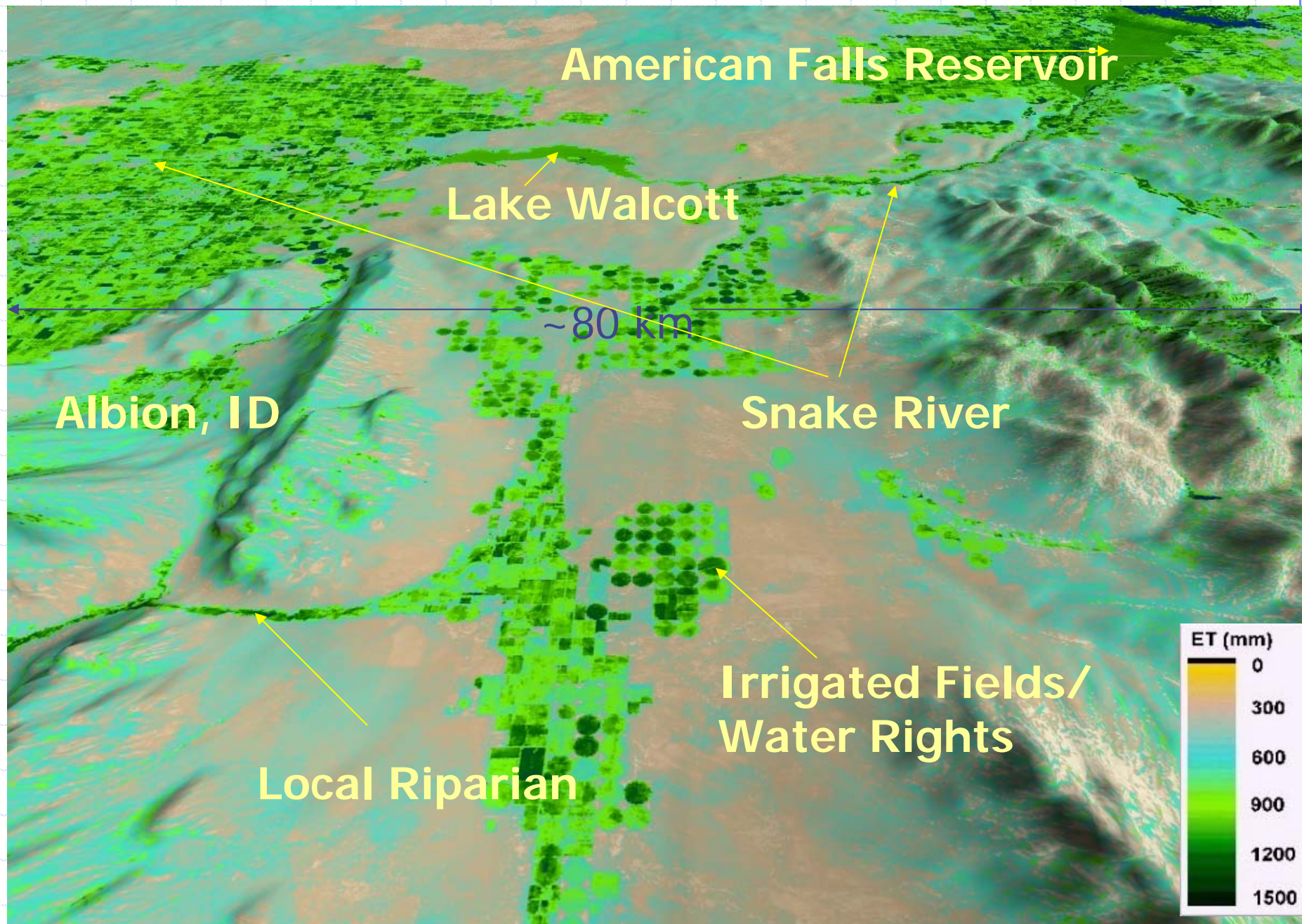
*April – October,  
2006 ET – SE Idaho*





# ET features at 30 m resolution

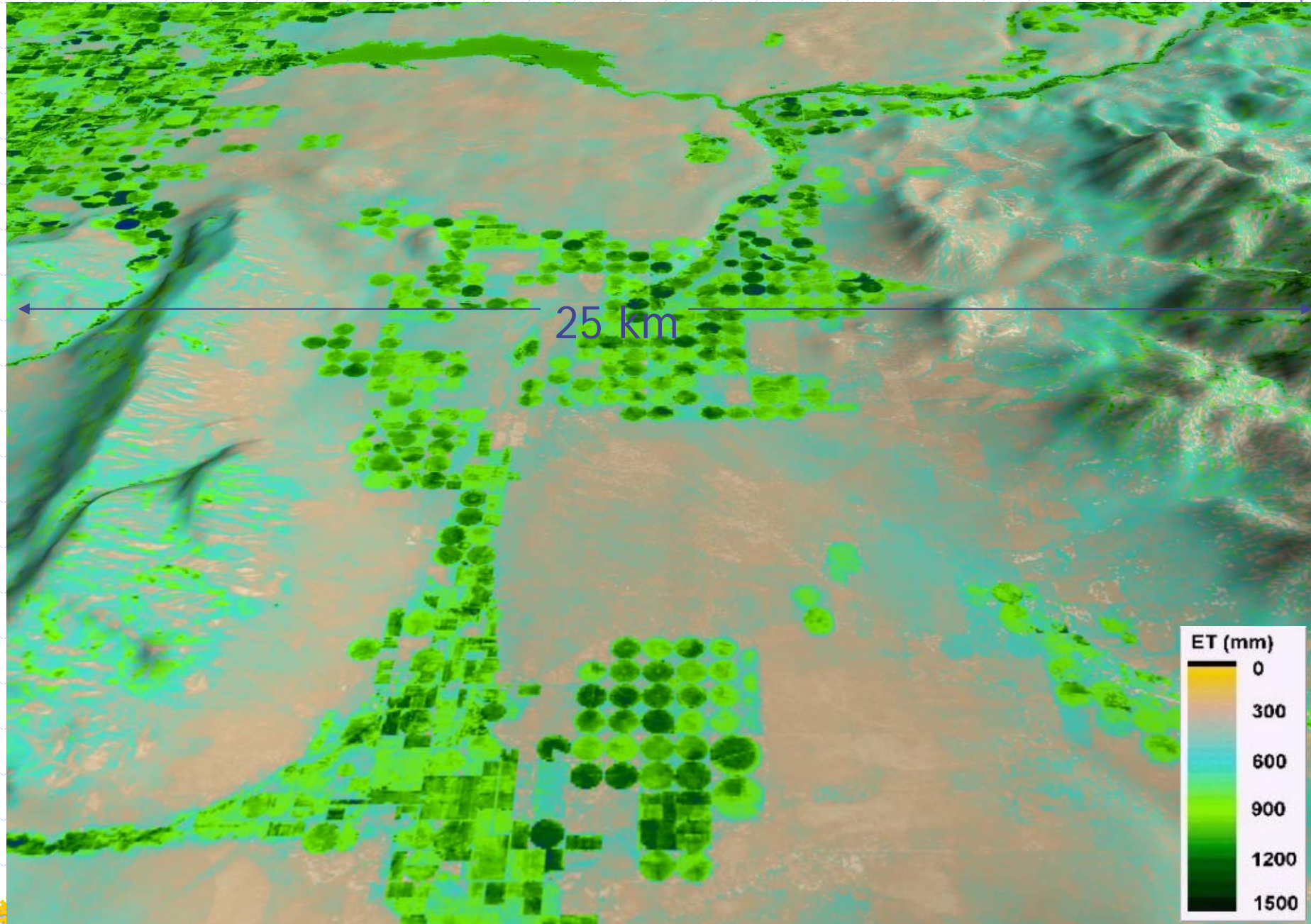
April – October, 2006 ET from METRIC-Landsat





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April – October, 2006 ET from  
METRIC-Landsat





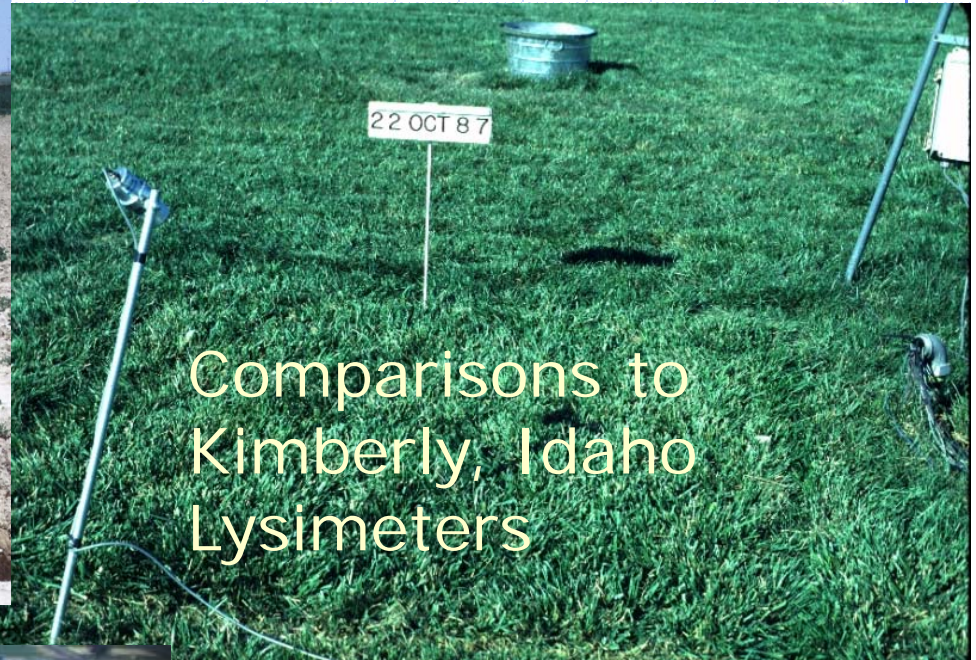
# Accuracy

# Weighing Lysimeter System at Kimberly, Idaho

*Dr. James L. Wright, USDA-ARS*





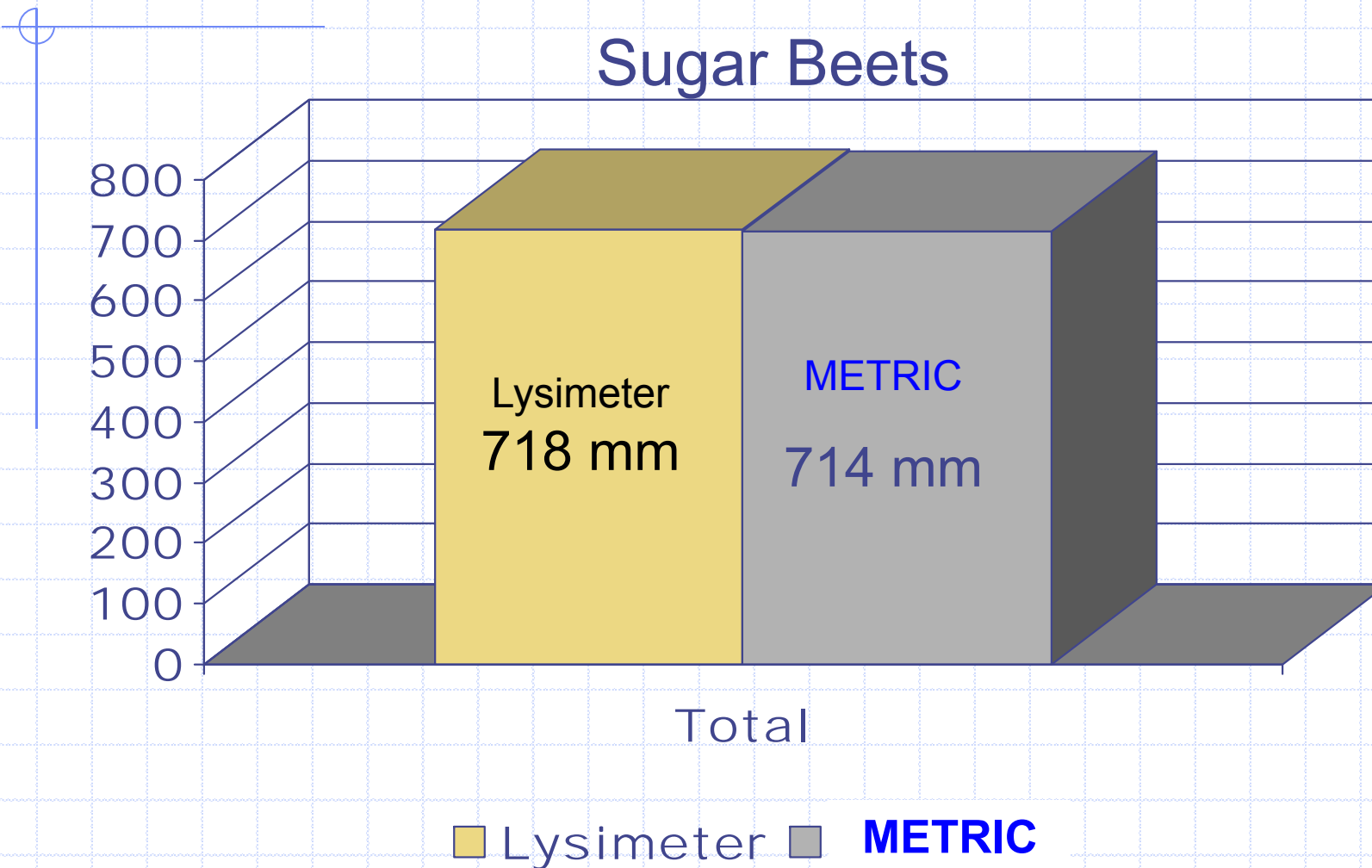


Comparisons to  
Kimberly, Idaho  
Lysimeters



# Comparison of Seasonal ET by METRIC<sup>tm</sup> with Lysimeter

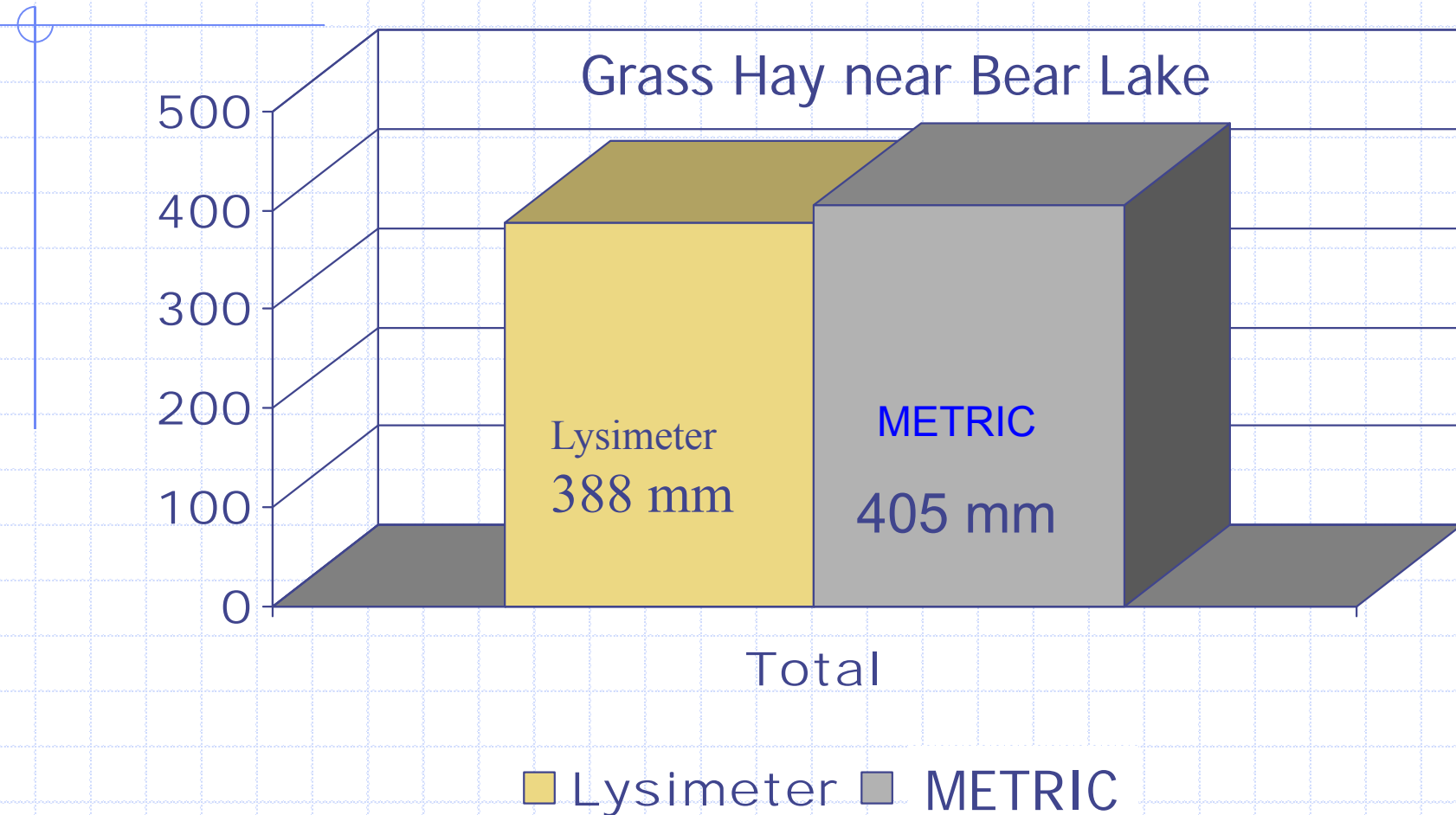
ET (mm) - April-Sept., Kimberly, 1989



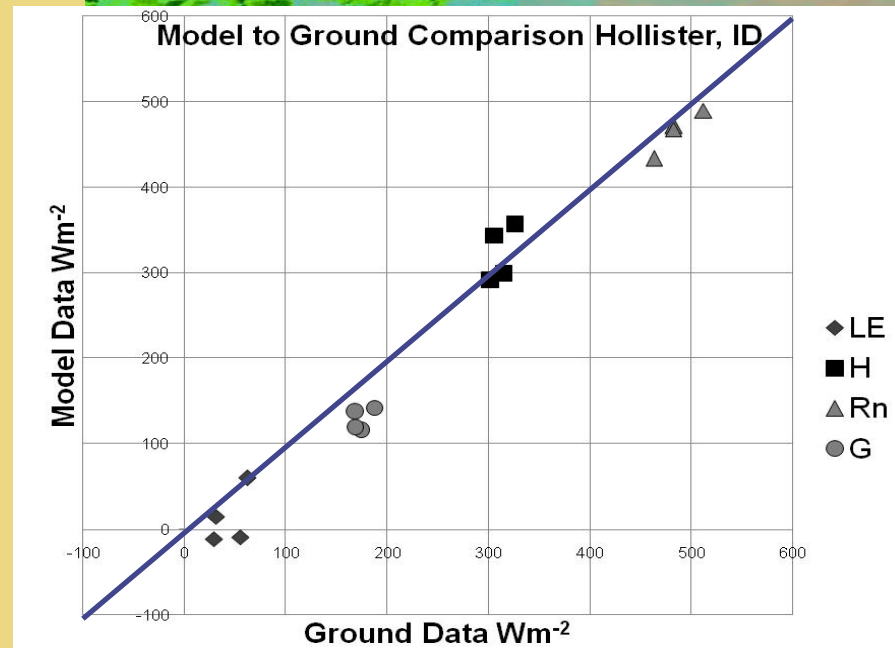


# Comparison of Seasonal ET by METRIC<sub>2000</sub> with Lysimeter

ET (mm) - July-Oct., *Montpelier, ID 1985*



# Idaho NSF EPSCoR Flux Sites – Desert Systems



Four Landsat Dates during 2010 – Sagebrush

Hydroclimate

April – September ET from METRIC

➤ Comparison of satellite-based surface energy balance (UI METRIC model) with Eddy Covariance to improve modeling for natural systems



# South Tower w/ Scintillometer Receiver

Idaho NSF  
EPSCoR  
Island  
Park Flux  
Site

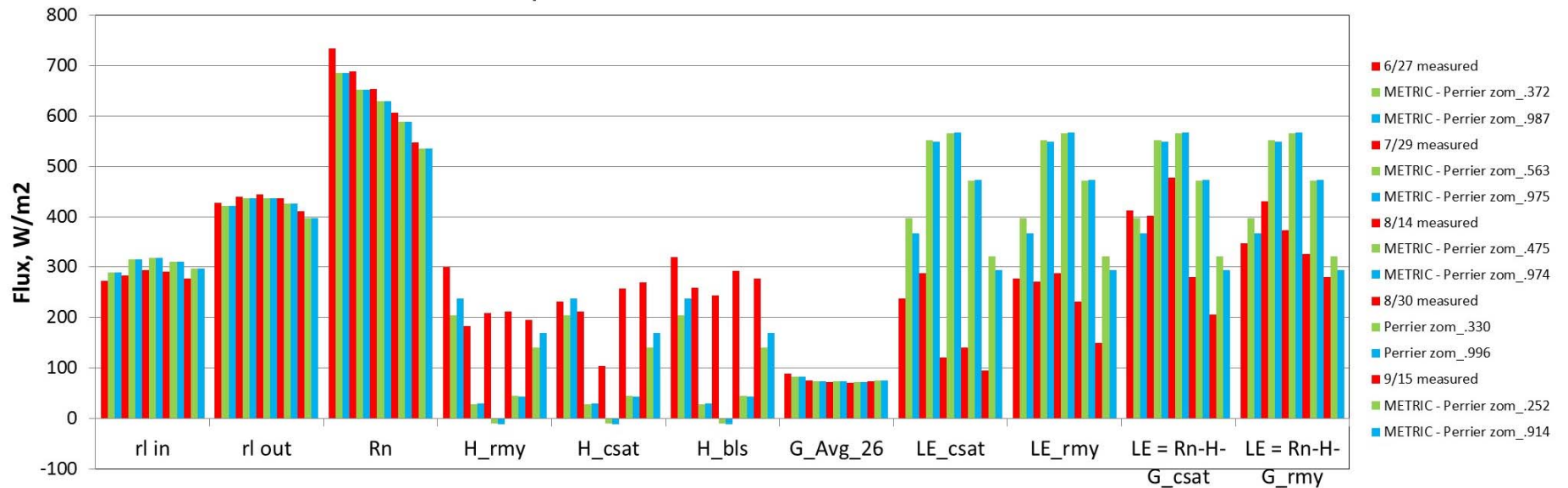
*1600 m path*



# North Tower w/ Scintillometer Transmitter



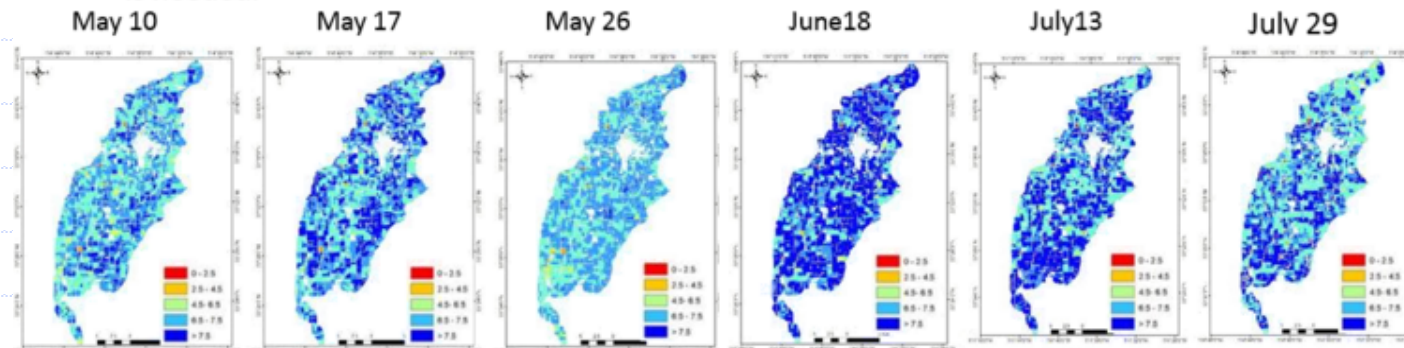
All Components -- Island Park Fluxes vs. METRIC 2011



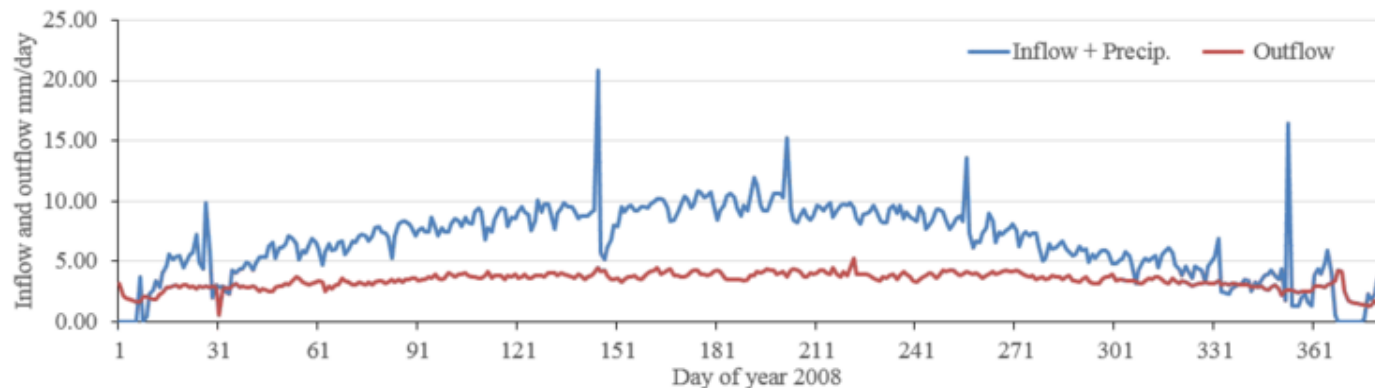
# “Blind” Intercomparison of Leading ET models – 2014 – SE California

## Requested/Expected Results from Modelers

1. Estimates of surface energy balance fluxes (if any) and daily actual ET during satellite overpass dates in terms of individual images. Including description of extrapolation method from instantaneous to daily values of ET.
2. Estimates of total daily actual ET for the entire area for the entire year of 2008. only tabulated value is needed.



Comparison of actual daily ET (mm/day) during summer of 2008 based on TSEB model



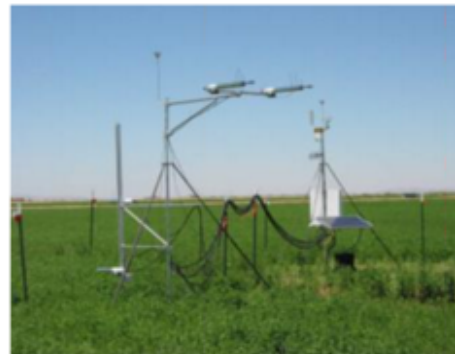


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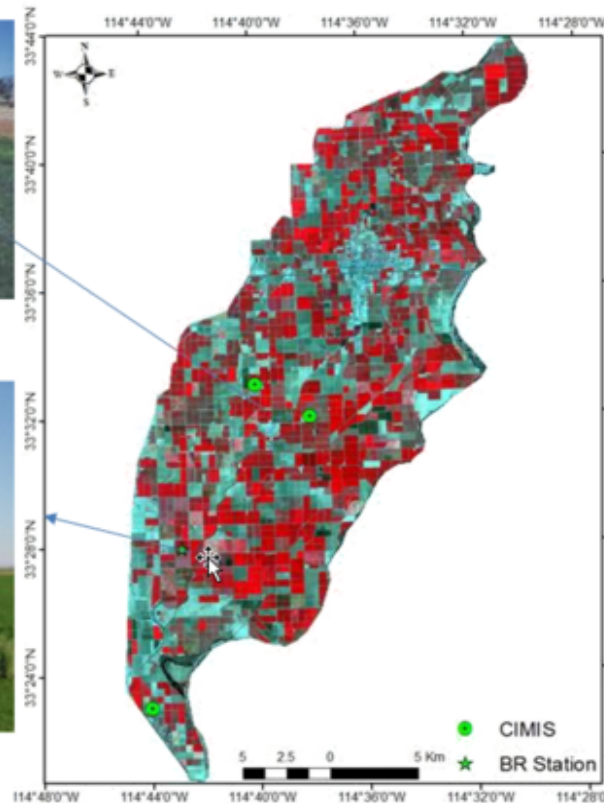
## Site 1: Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID)



CIMIS Weather Station , Blythe NE # 135



Full surface energy balance flux measurements based on Bowen Ratio Station



False color RGB , NIR-Red-Green Landsat 5 image during DOY 131, May 10, 2008

### List of Landsat 5 scenes used

No.	Date (2008)	DOY (2008)	Path	Raw
1	19-Jan	19	38	37
2	11-Feb	42	39	37
3	27-Feb	58	39	37
4	07-Mar	67	38	37
5	23-Mar	83	38	37
6	08-Apr	99	38	37
7	24-Apr	115	38	37
8	10-May	131	38	37
9	17-May	138	39	37
10	26-May	147	38	37
11	11-Jun	163	38	37
12	18-Jun	170	39	37
13	13-Jul	195	38	37
14	29-Jul	211	38	37
15	05-Aug	218	39	37
16	21-Aug	234	39	37
17	15-Sep	259	38	37
18	01-Oct	275	38	37
19	17-Oct	291	38	37
20	09-Nov	314	39	37
21	18-Nov	323	38	37

# “Blind” Intercomparison of Leading ET models

Summary  
Individual  
– vs. Group

	RMSE	BIAS
Measured		
SSEBop	1.5	-0.2
SEBS	2.7	-2.5
METRIC	0.9	-0.1
ReSET	1.3	-0.8
PT-JPL		
DisALEXI	2.1	-1.7

## Seasonal Water Balance

Water balance Component	Depth (mm/year)	DisALEXI	ReSET	METRIC	SSEBop	SEBS	P-T
Precipitation	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
Inflow Main Canal	2479	2479	2479	2479	2479	2479	2479
Total Inflow	2550	2550	2550	2550	2550	2550	2550
Canal Spills	284	284	284	284	284	284	284
Drainage	998	998	998	998	998	998	998
<b>ET</b>	<b>(1000)</b>		<b>956</b>	<b>1223</b>	<b>952</b>	X	
Total Outflow	(2282)		2238	2505	2234	X	
Inflow- Outflow	(268)		312 (-12.2%)	34 <b>(-1.8%)</b>	316 (-12.4%)	X	



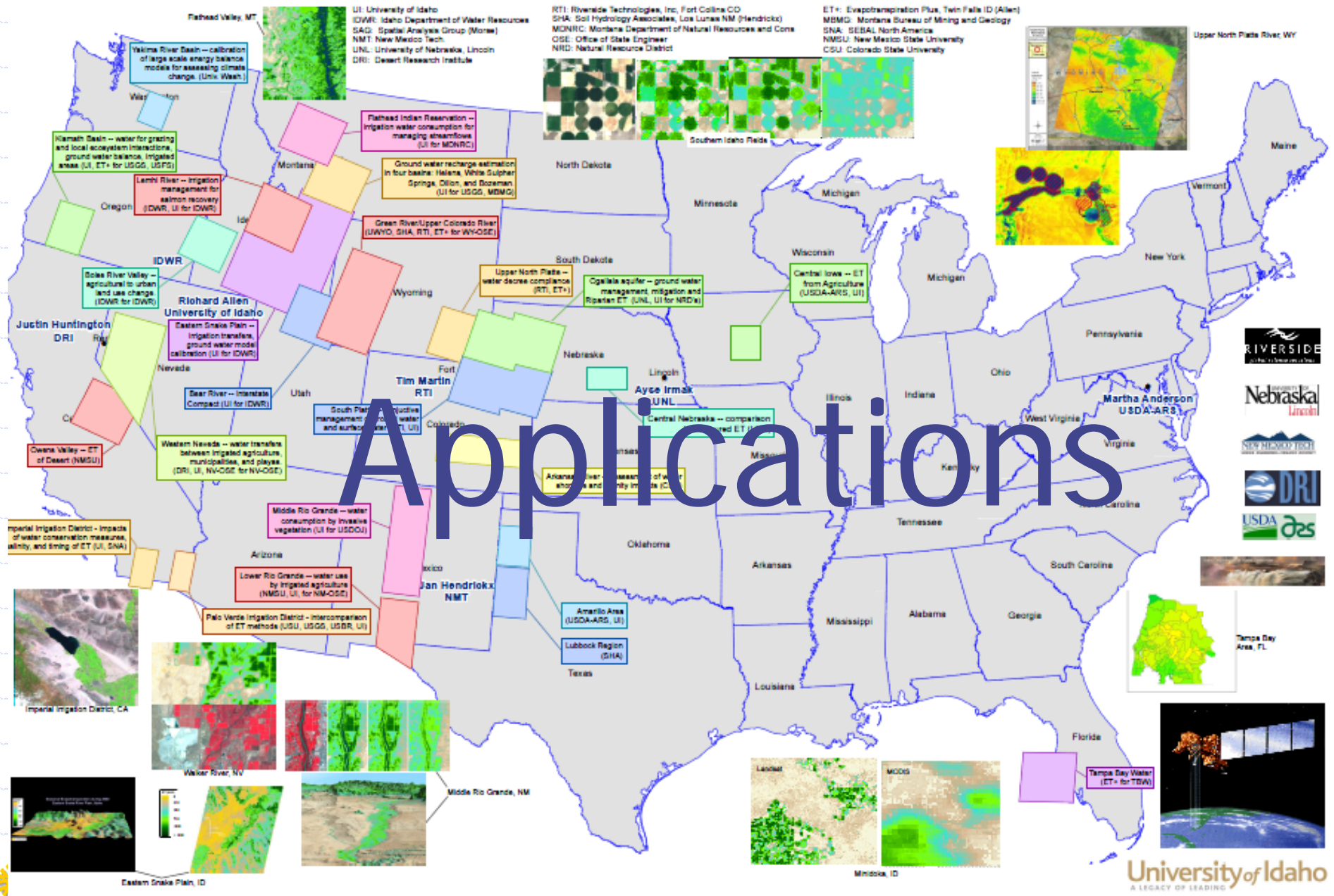
*Accuracy of METRIC was < % for both individual field and entire district*

# ET Investigations involving METRIC/Landsat -- Applications for Water Management

## University of Idaho and Associates/Partners

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# Applications





# Idaho

Snake River Plain and Aquifer  
Yellow "dots" are ground-  
water wells  
( $> 4000$ )

"Junior" Irrigators from Aquifer ~1960

"Senior" Aquiculture  
from Springs ~1950

Junior consumption from Aquifer  
"Injures" Senior River and Spring Rights

"Senior" Irrigators from River ~1900

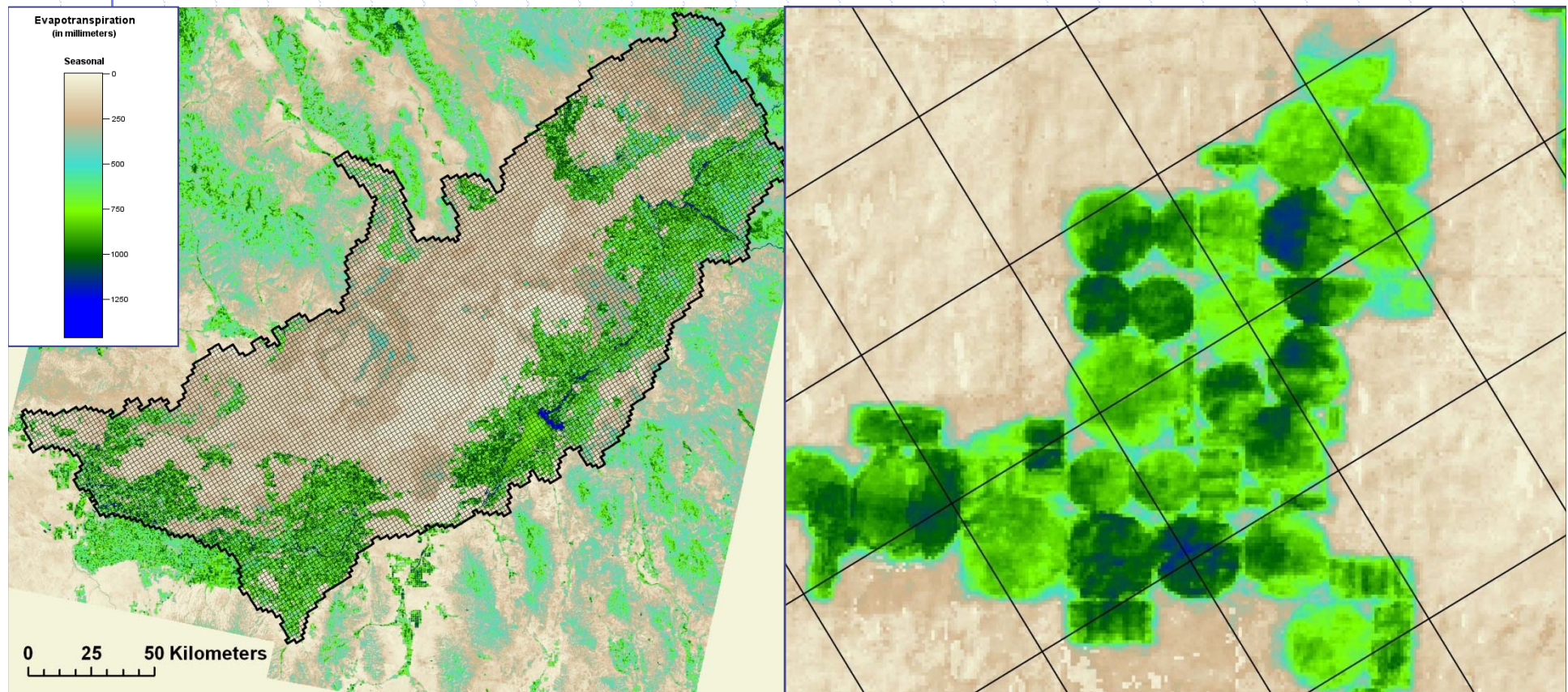


# Idaho

## Hydrologic Modeling

### Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Model

Developing METRIC ET data from 1986 to present.  
ET is used to calculate a water balance for each model grid cell.





# Idaho

## Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Model

### METRIC ET data:

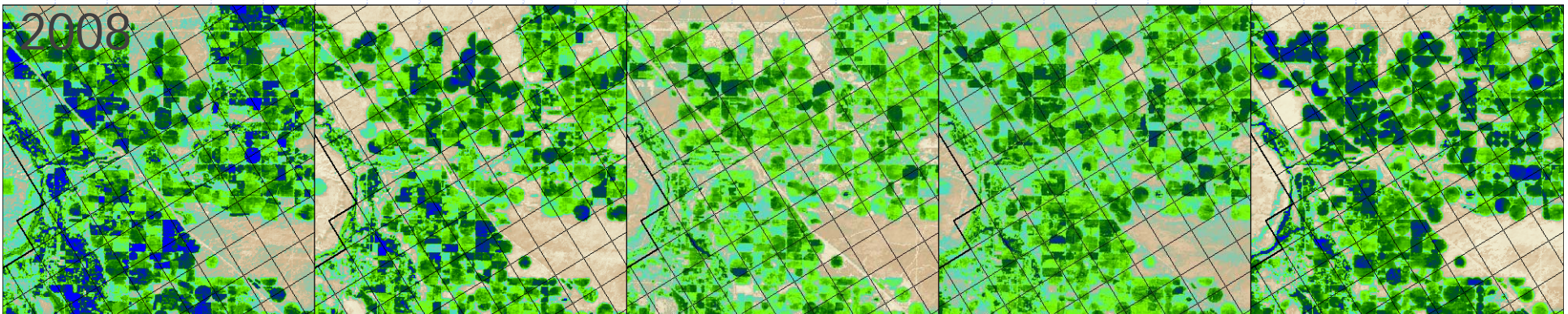
- ◆ More accurately calibrate the groundwater model
- ◆ Improve accuracy of depletions and recharge estimates
- ◆ Shows long term trends and annual variation in ET

1996

2000

2002

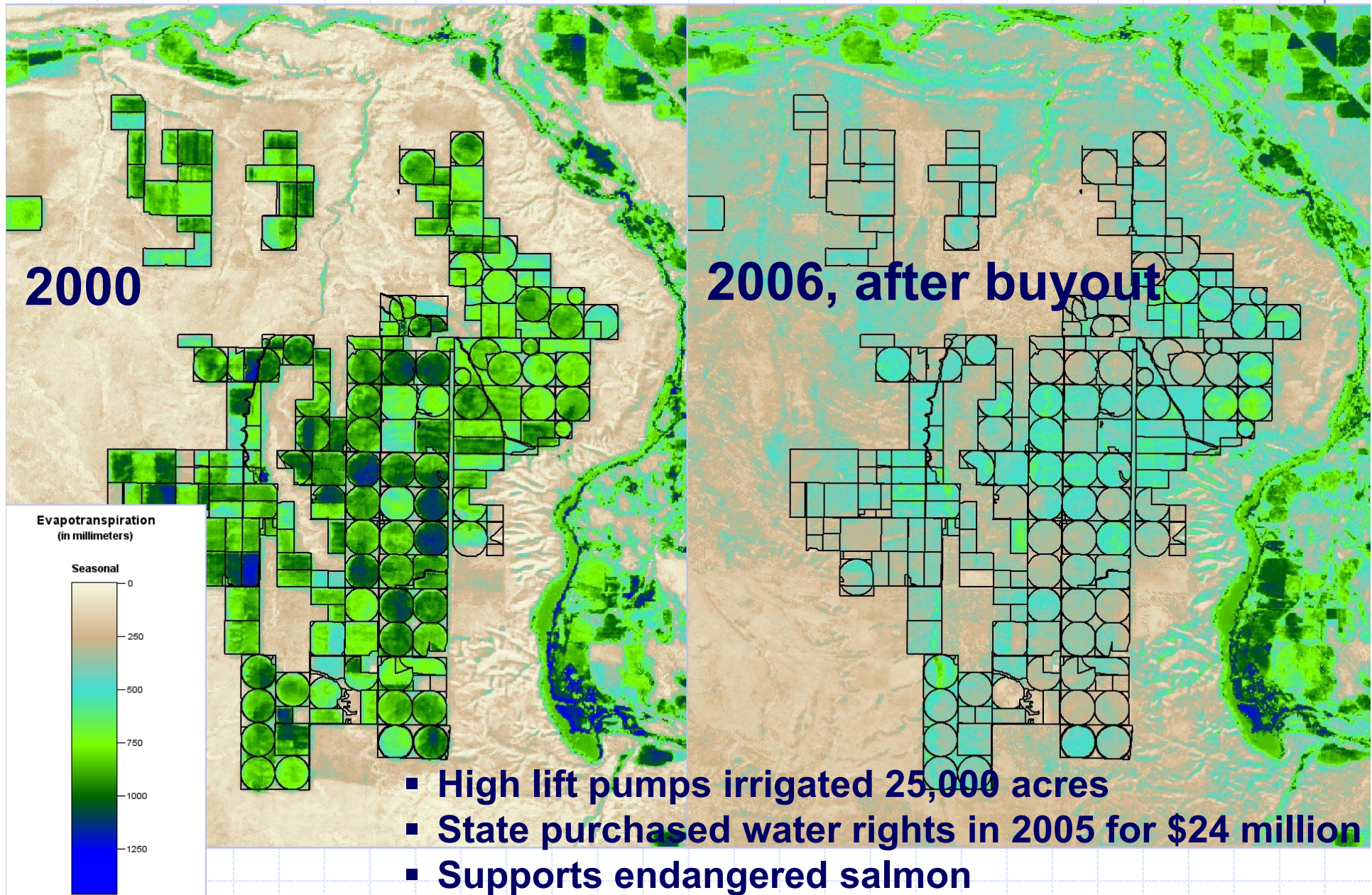
2006





# Idaho

## Bell Rapids Irrigation Project, Idaho: Seasonal ET





# Idaho Clear Springs Foods Water Call

Idaho *Business News*

## Water curtailment ordered in Magic Valley

POSTED: 11:13 MDT Thursday, July 23, 2009

by IBR Staff

Idaho Department of Water Resources Interim Director Gary Spackman on July 22 issued a **curtailment order** to about 250 holders of 315 junior water rights in south central Idaho's Magic Valley. The curtailment order is part of a continuing response to a water delivery call made in 2005 by senior water right holder Clear Springs Foods.

## State goes ahead with first large-scale well closure of more than 300 water rights in M.V.

7/31/2009

### Water districts have limited options, could file a stay

By Nate Poppino

Times-News writer

The Idaho Department of Water Resources will go forward this morning with a plan to shut off more than 300 water rights irrigating just less than 9,000 acres of Magic Valley farmland, the first wide-scale well curtailment to actually be carried out by the state.



Idaho

Clear Springs Foods, Inc.

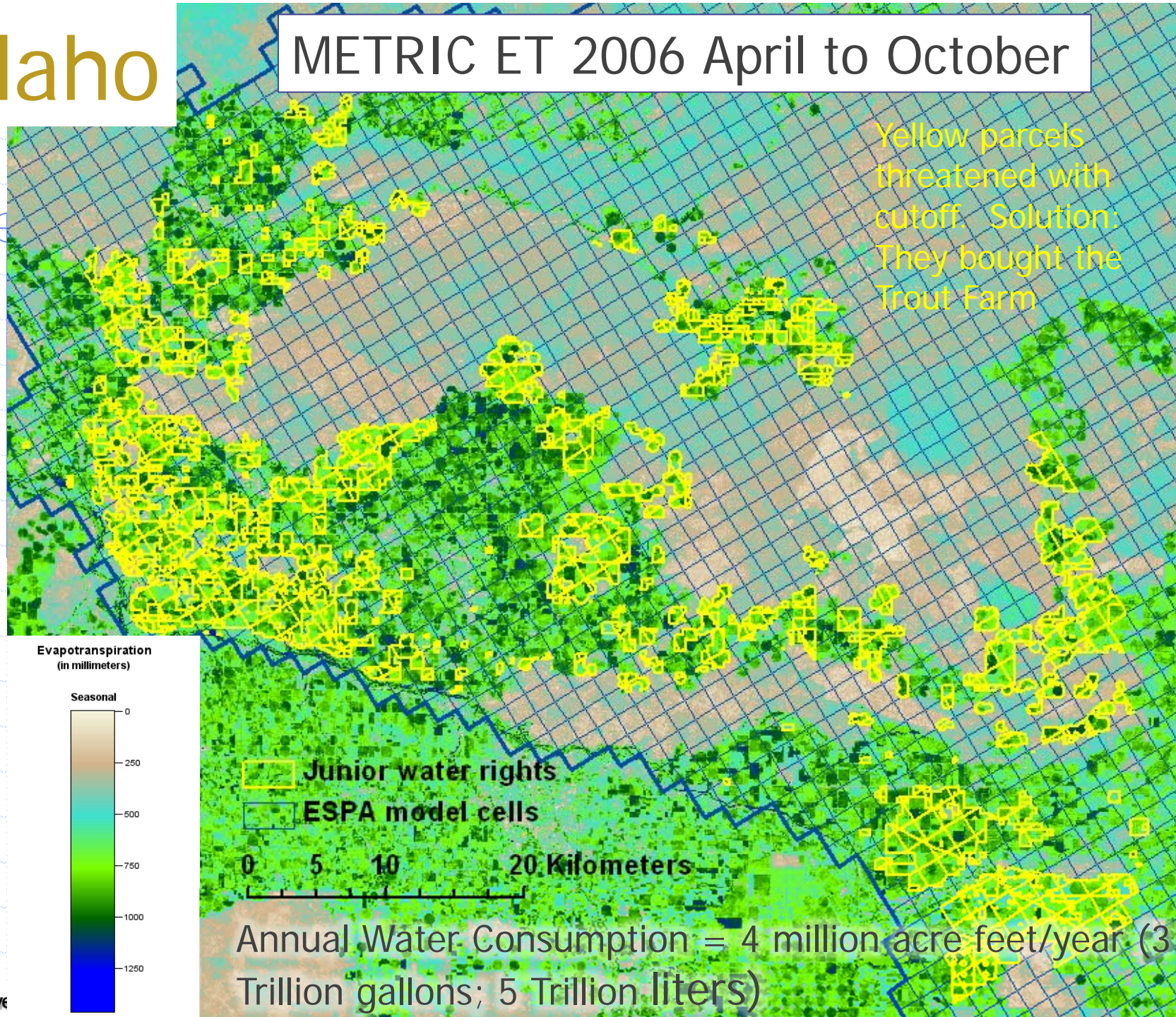




# Idaho

## METRIC ET 2006 April to October

Yellow parcels  
threatened with  
cutoff. Solution:  
They bought the  
Trout Farm

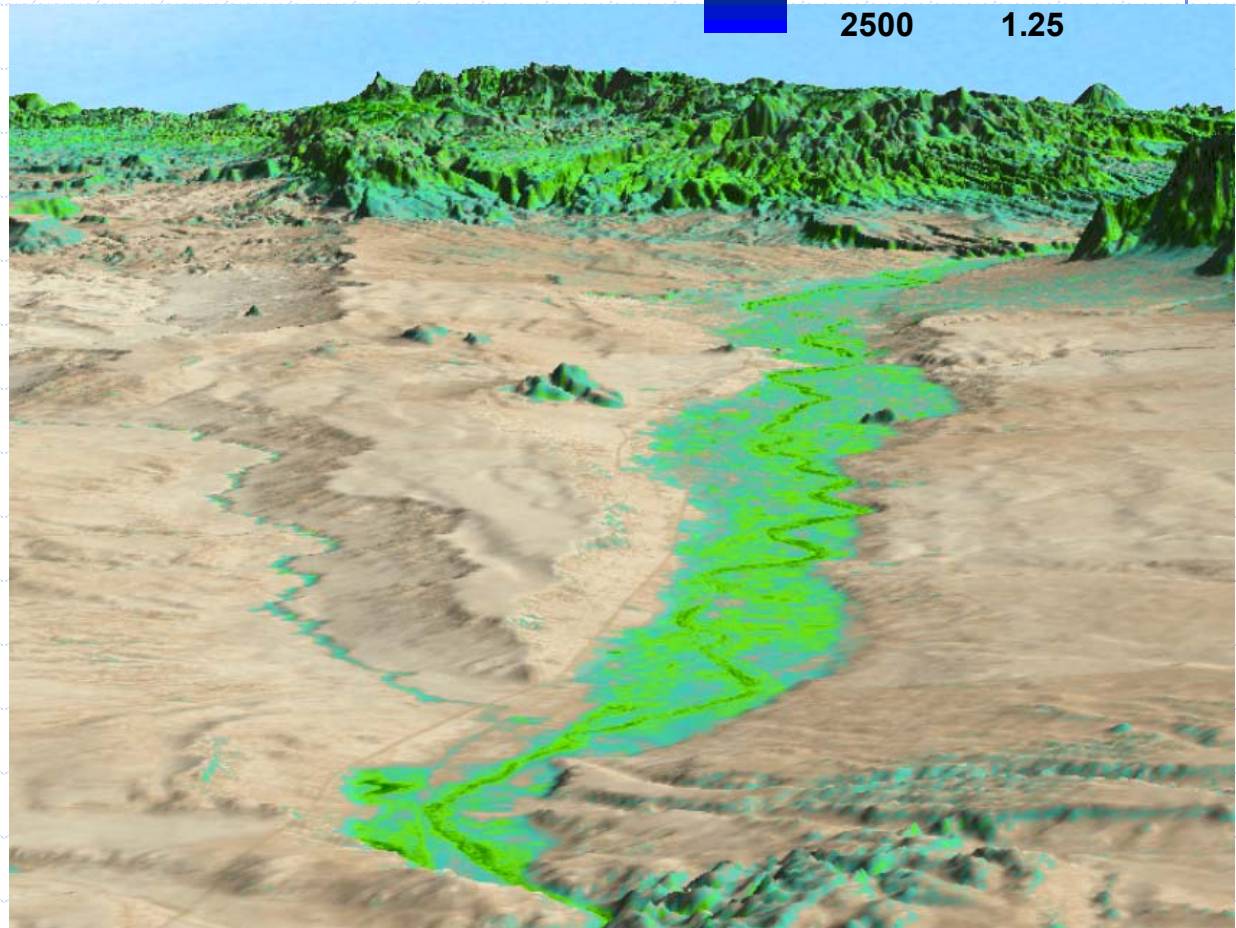
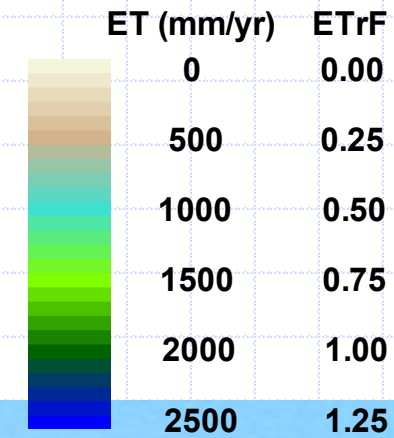




# New Mexico

## Rio Grande of New Mexico

- Pueblo (*native American*) water rights dating to Coronado in 1500's
- Invasion of salt cedar
- Does increased pecan production increase ET from irrigated agriculture?

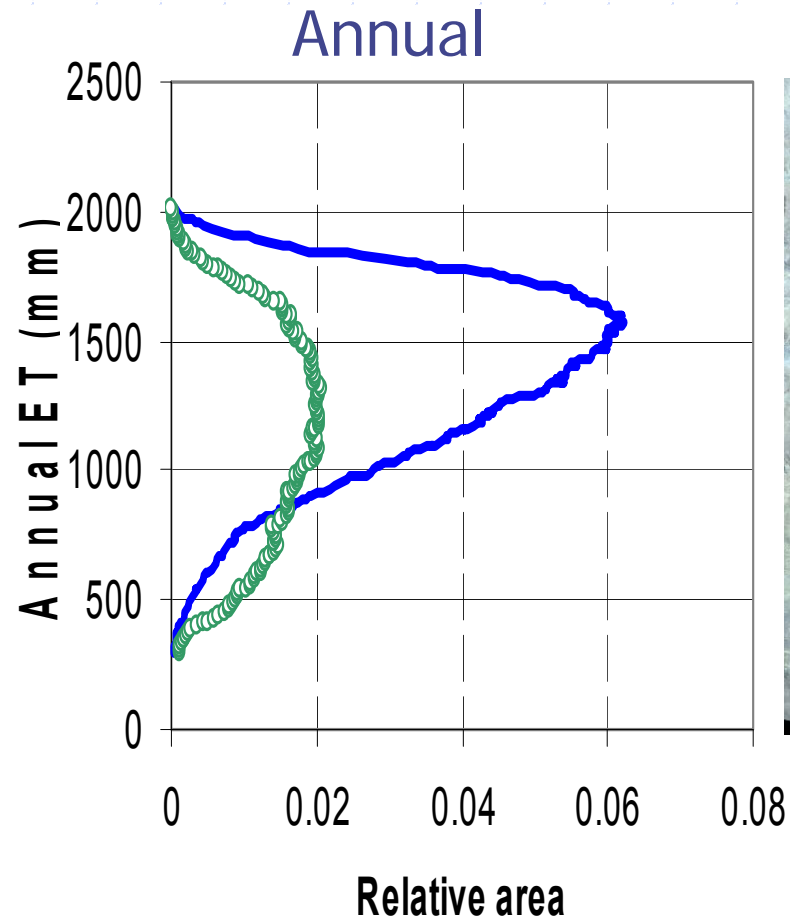
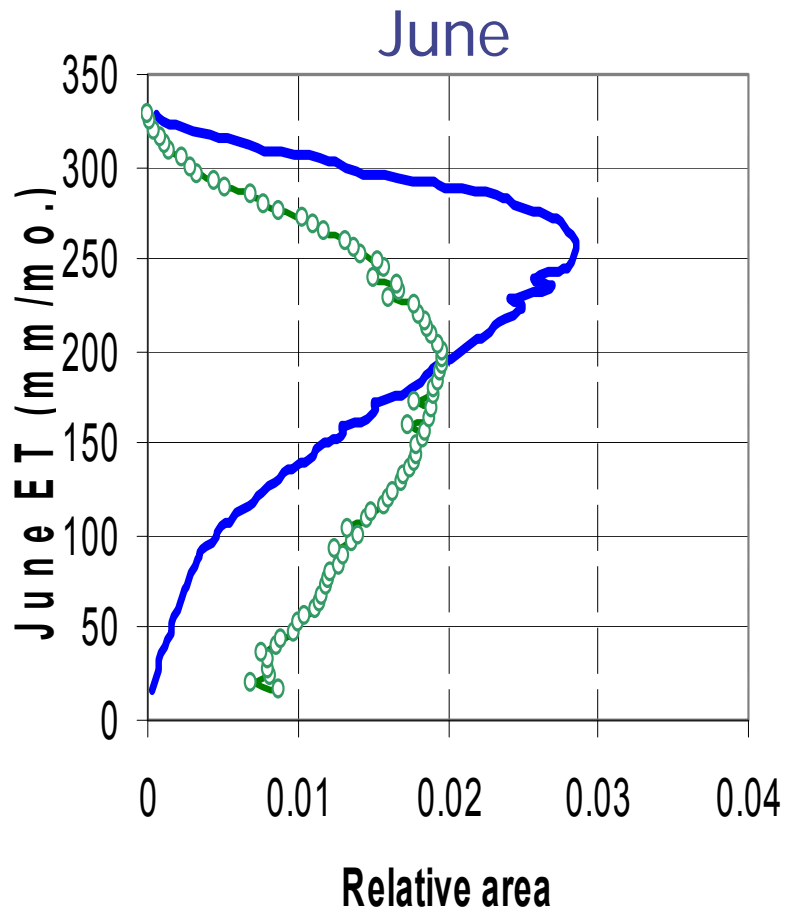




# New Mexico

## Frequency Distribution of ET

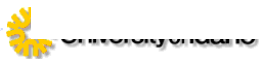
15,000 acres of cottonwood and salt cedar



— Cottonwoods — Saltcedar

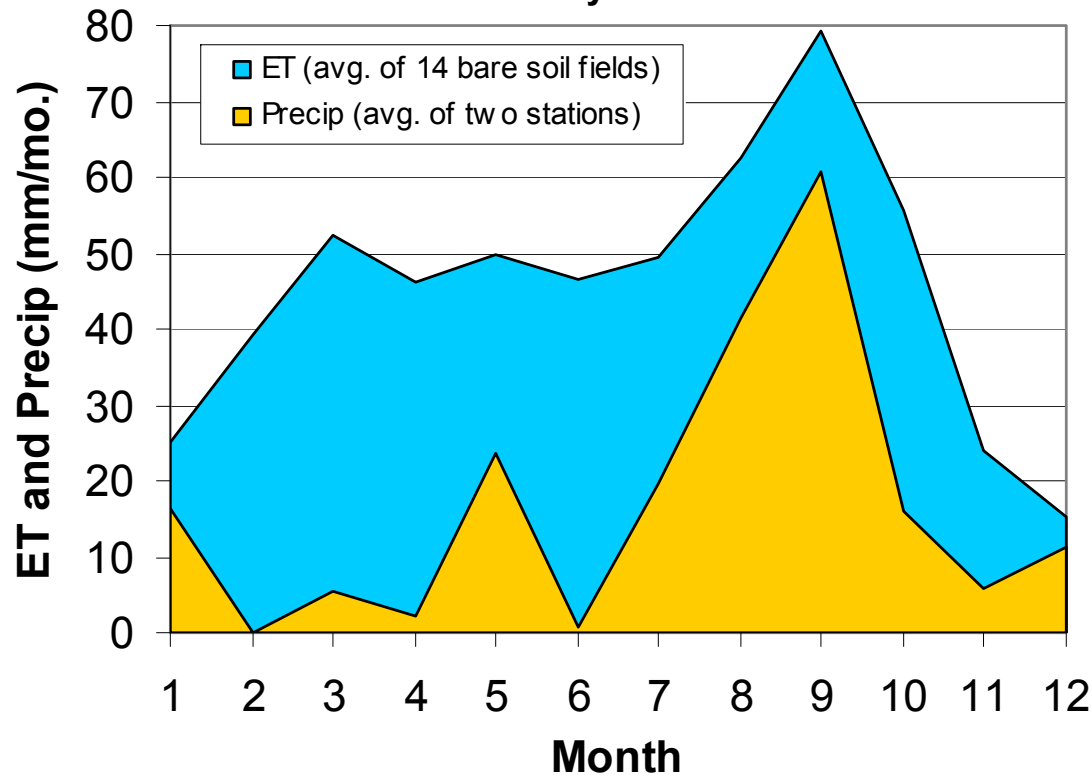
— Cottonwoods — Saltcedar

*Tasumi and Allen, 2006*



With Thermal Imaging, we can see important evaporation from wet soil – for example from high water tables

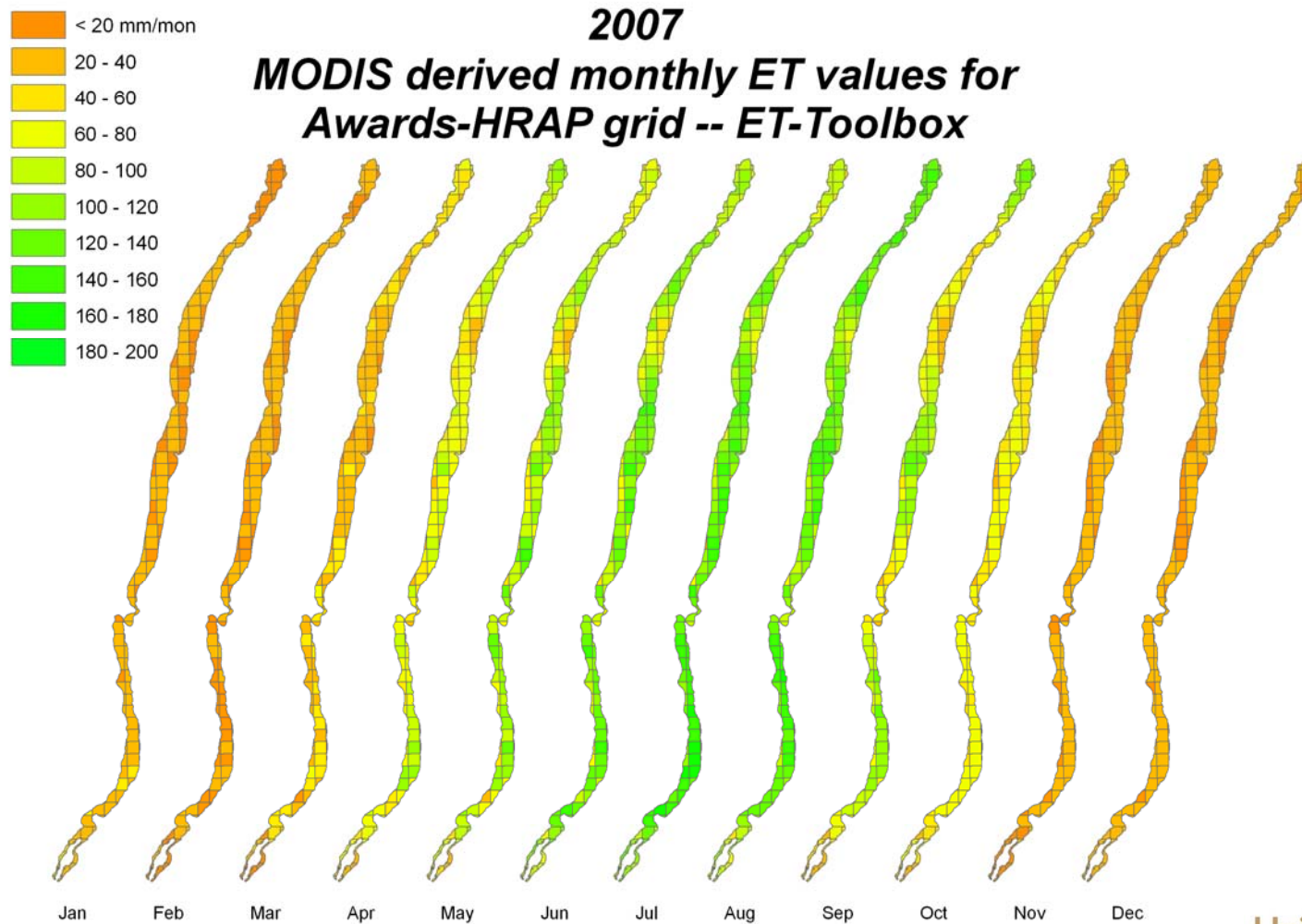
Monthly bare soil ET and precipitation in MRG valley



*Evaporation during 2002 from continuously bare areas along the Middle Rio Grande of NM contrasted with precipitation*



# MODIS based METRIC ET<sub>F</sub> for 26 Image Dates during 2007 Middle Rio Grande Basin, New Mexico



**MODIS does have merit: frequency – A view angle < 20° each 4 days to capture evaporation from wetting events**

# California

## Imperial Valley

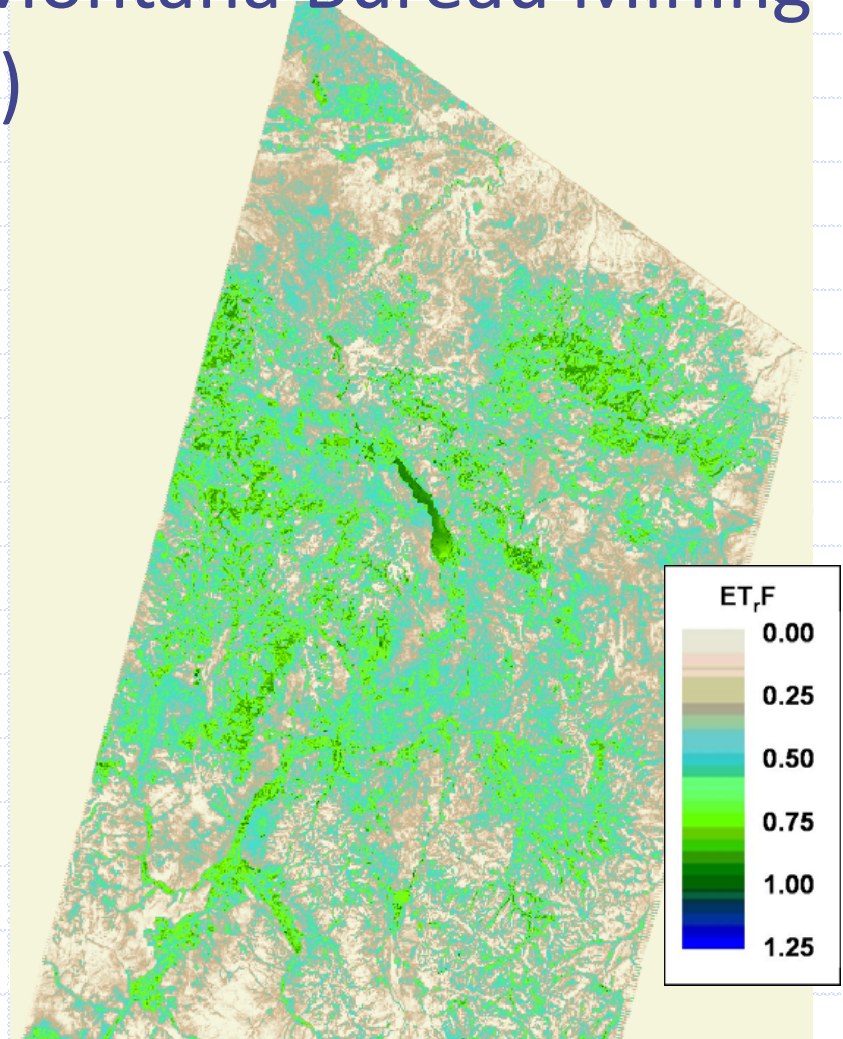
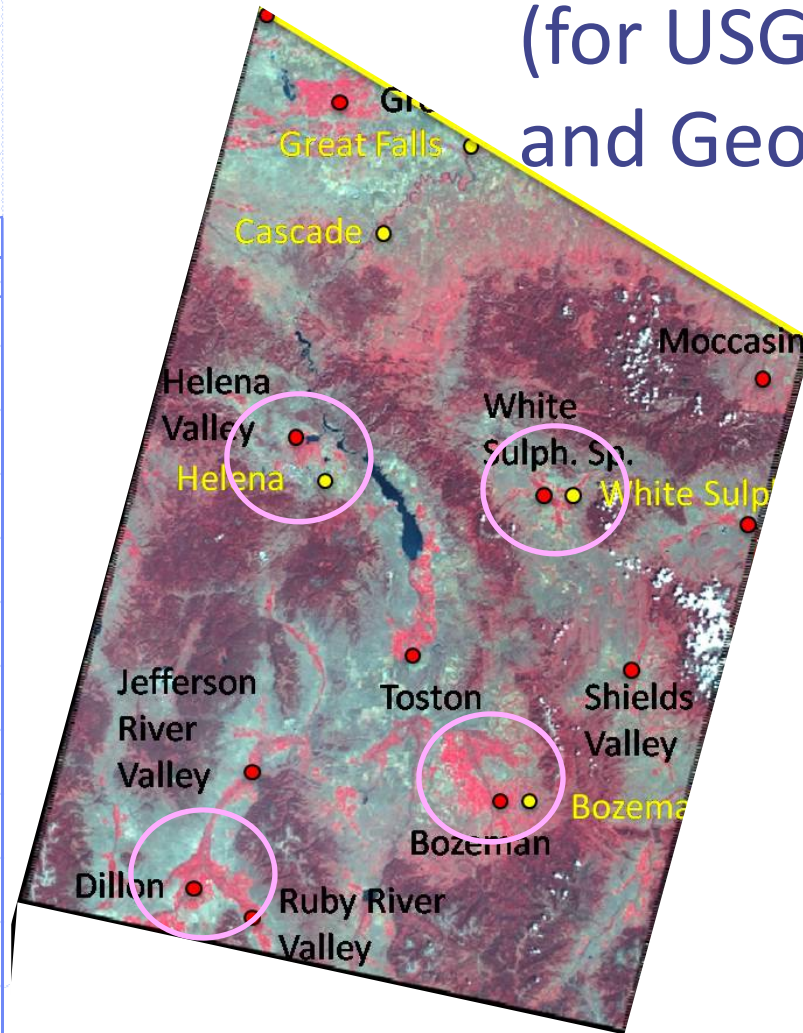
- ~15% of traditional water supply to agriculture will now flow to San Diego/ Los Angeles
- What is the impact on ag. and on the Salton Sea?





# Montana

Ground water recharge and water balance in four basins (for USGS / Montana Bureau Mining and Geology)



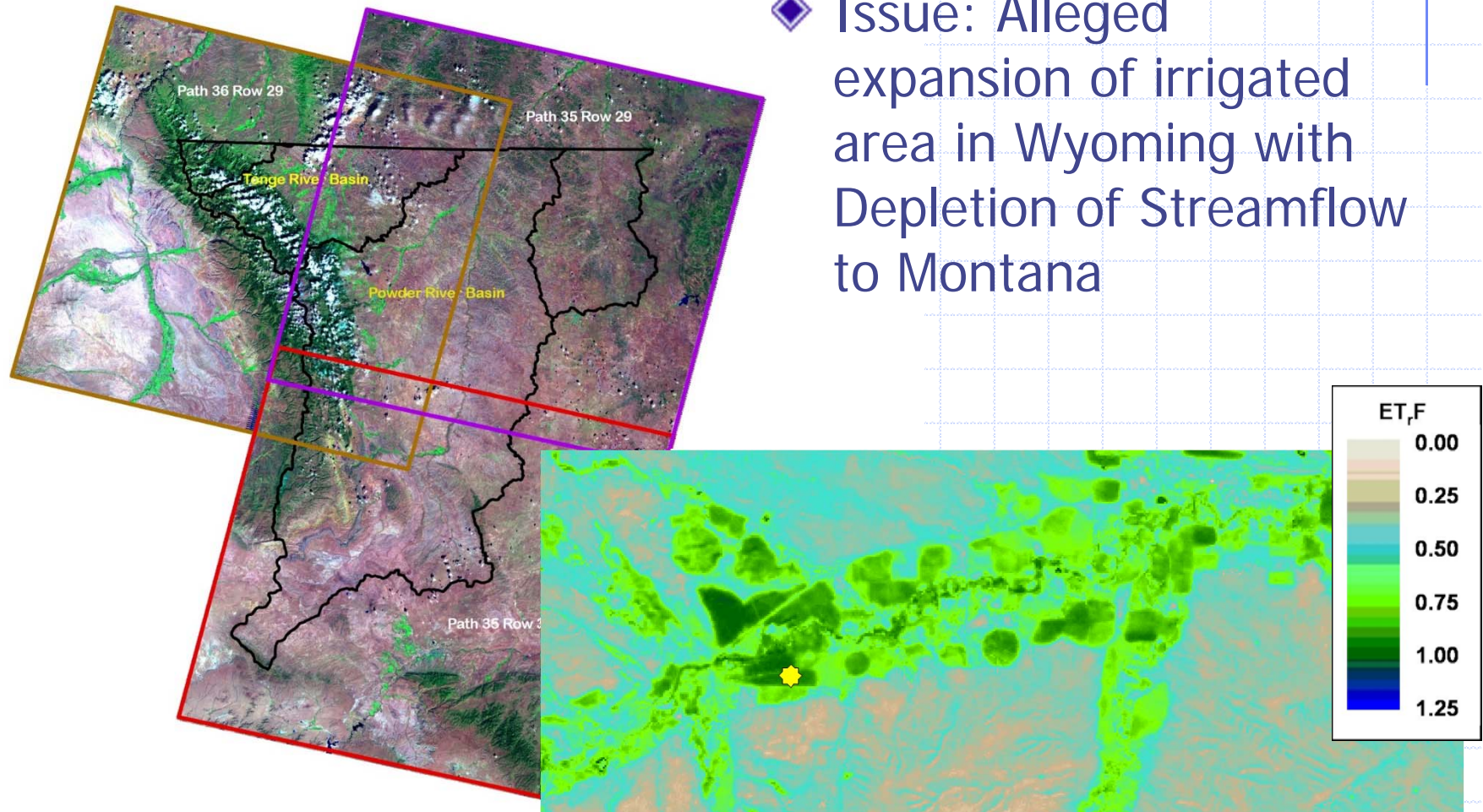
Trezza and Allen, 2008



# Montana

## Montana v. Wyoming US Supreme Court Yellowstone River Basin

- ◆ Issue: Alleged expansion of irrigated area in Wyoming with Depletion of Streamflow to Montana

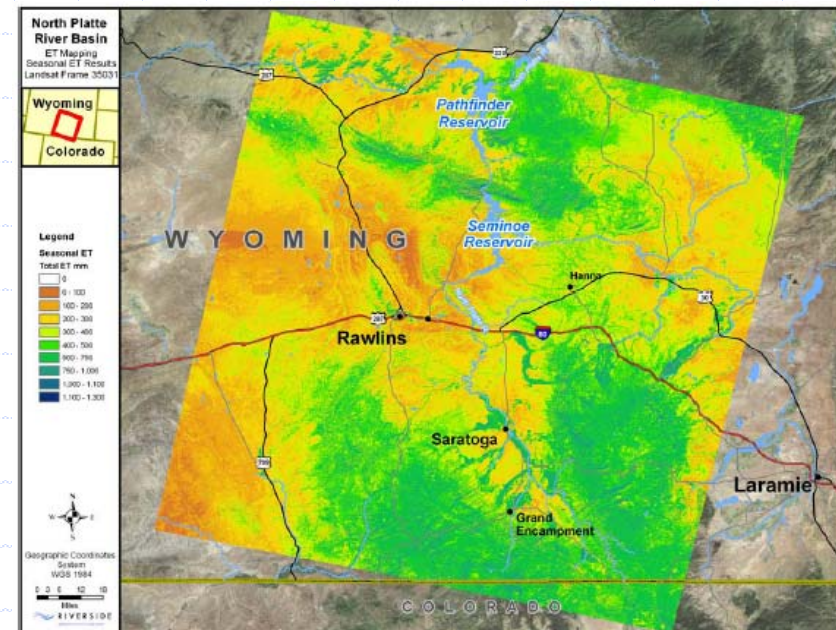
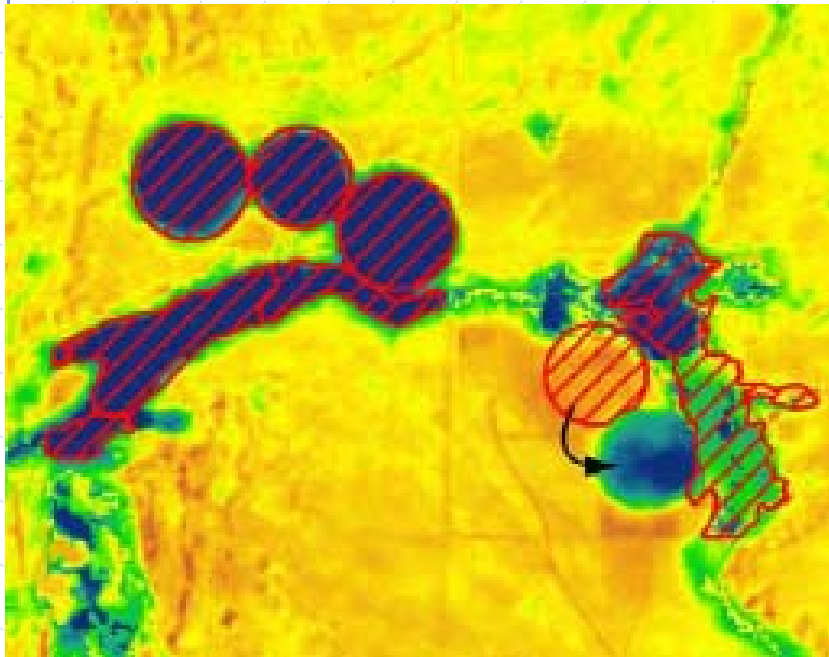




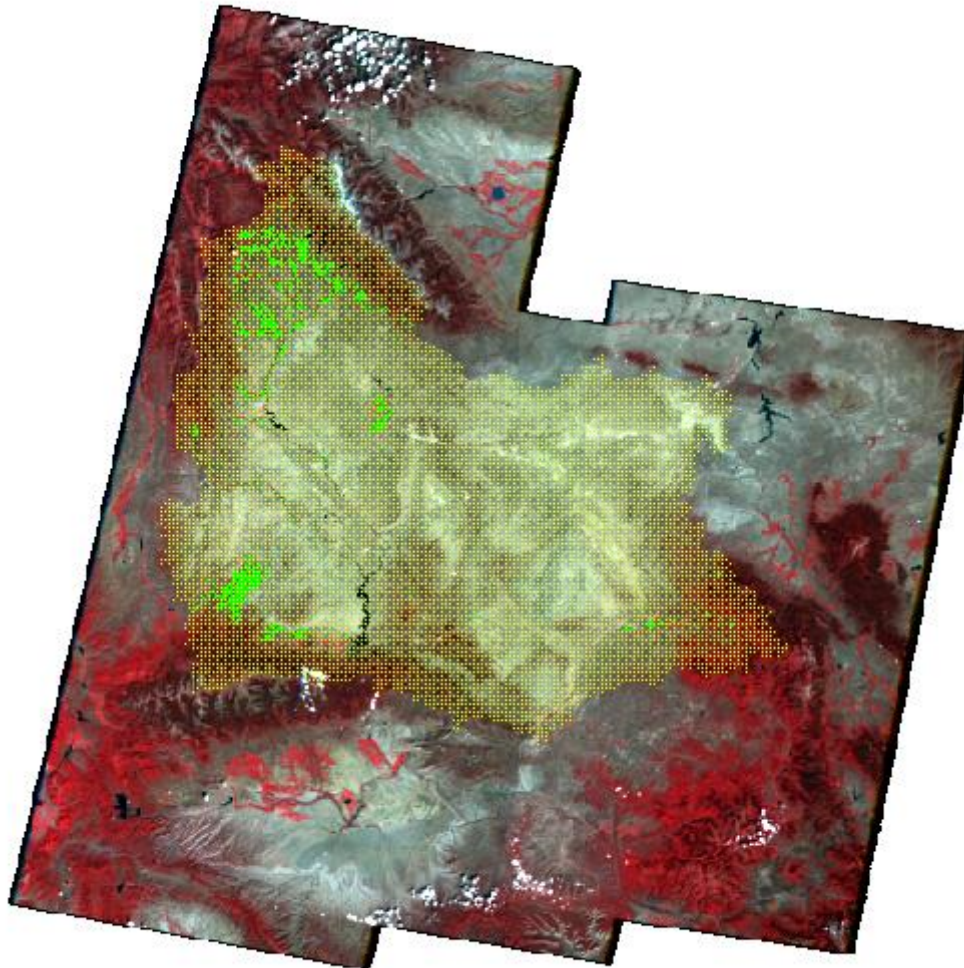
# Wyoming

## ◆ North Platte Water Decree

- Nebraska / Wyoming / Colorado settlement in 2001
- States proportion ET among themselves
- High resolution monitoring is needed due to narrow irrigation corridors along streams



# Wyoming



## Green River Basin

Wyoming must self-monitor depletion of the Green River due to irrigation as part of the Colorado River Basin Compact.

California, Arizona, Nevada have entitlements that must be filled.

High resolution monitoring is needed due to narrow irrigation corridors along streams

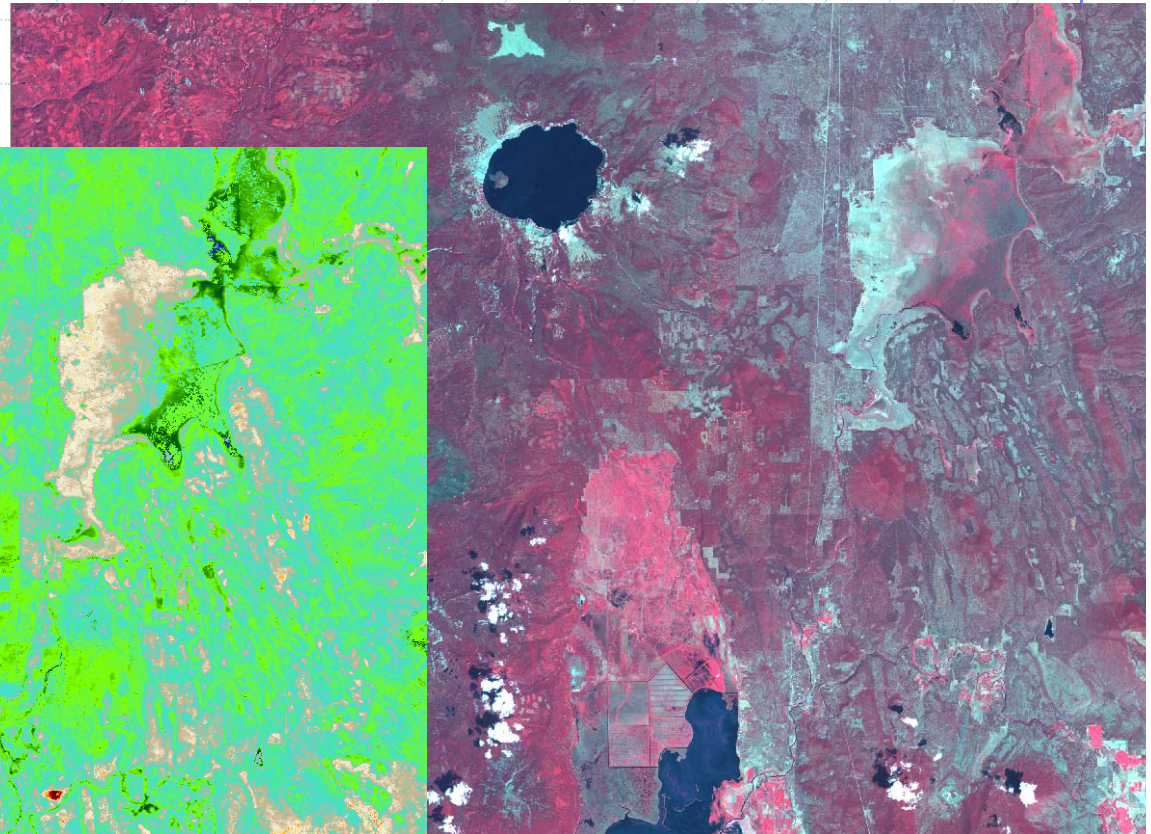
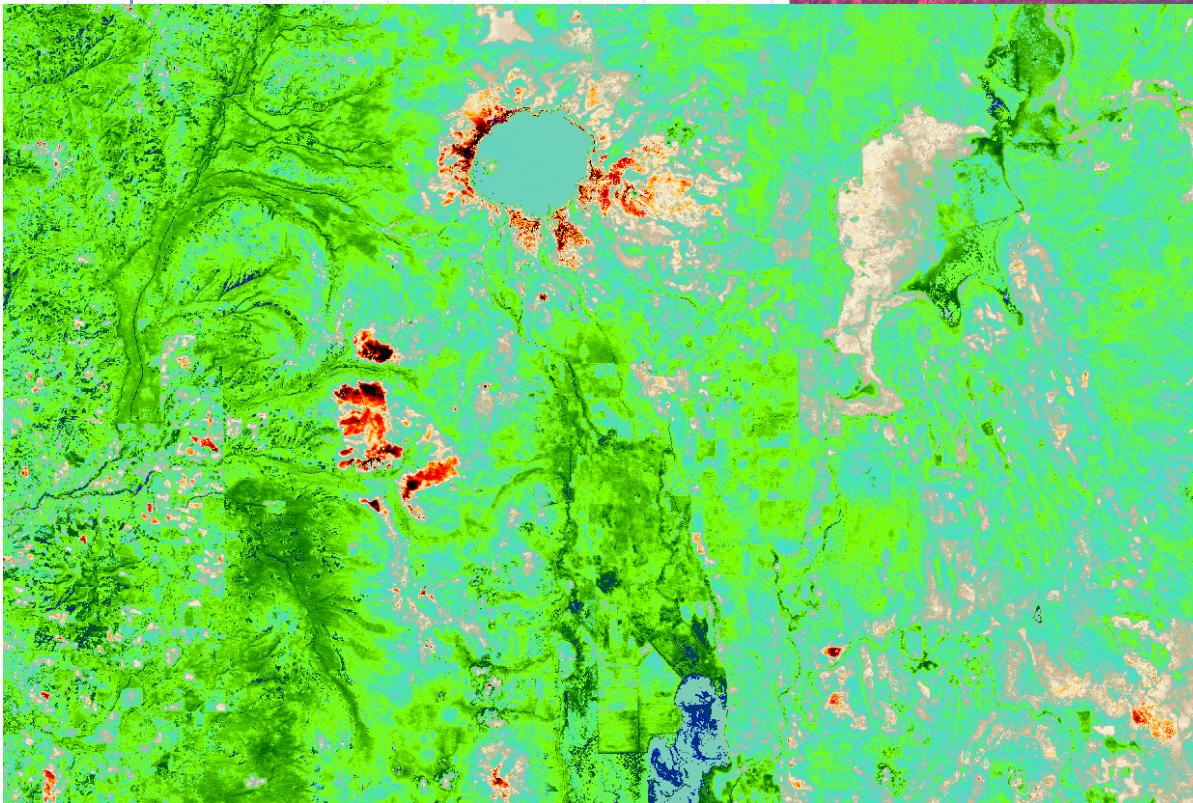
*Allen and Hendrickx, 2013*



# Oregon

- ◆ Retirement of Irrigated areas in Klamath basin for Endangered Species (*USBR, USGS, State of Oregon, local irrigators, Klamath Tribes*)

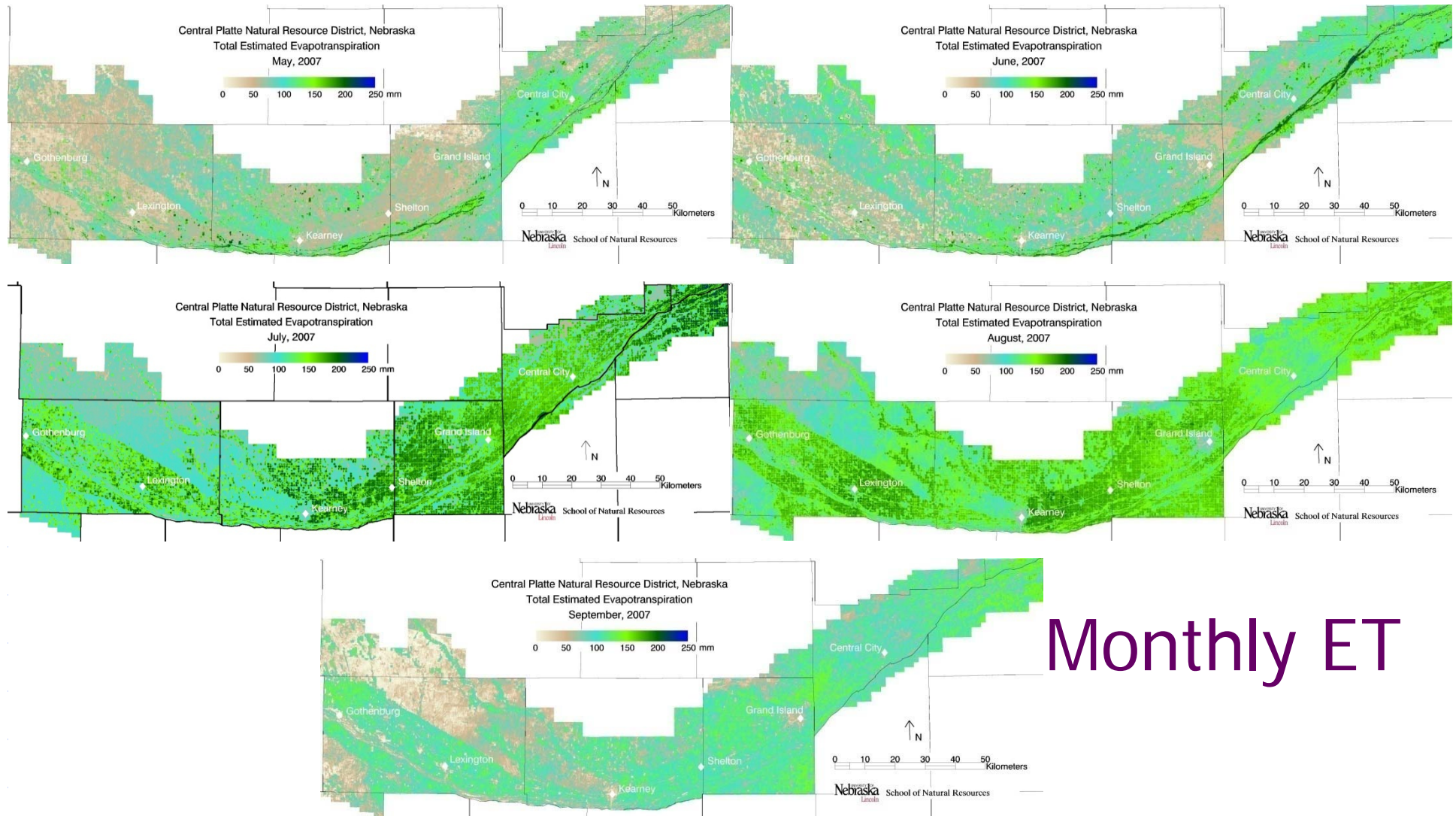
*Near real-time monitoring with METRIC during 2013 and 2014*





# Nebraska

## Central Platte Natural Resource District --- Management of the Ogallala Aquifer



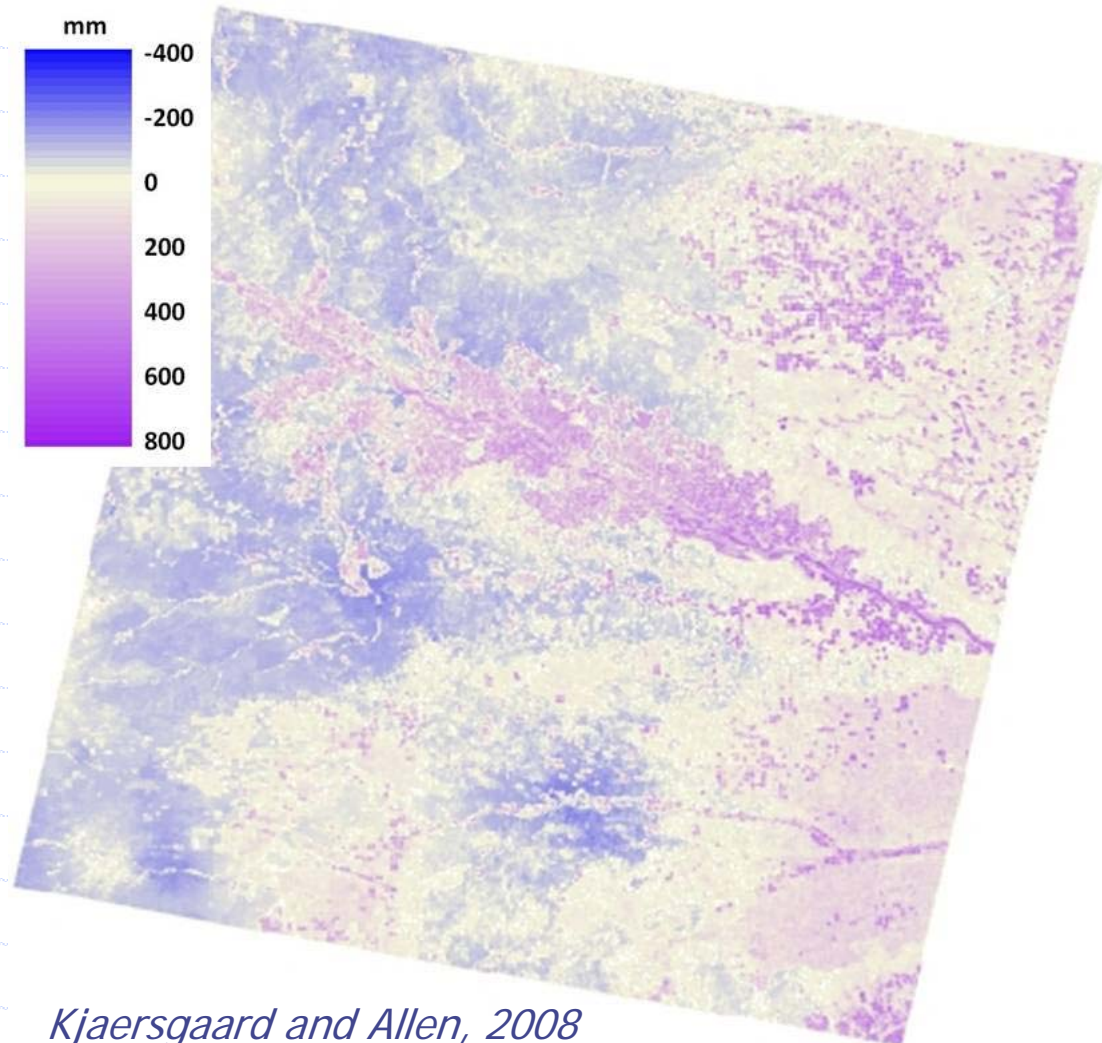
Monthly ET



# Nebraska

*Use ET maps to estimate Recharge  
--- Management of the Ogallala Aquifer*

Evapotranspiration  
minus Precipitation  
for April 1 – October  
31, 1997 for Path 33,  
Row 31  
(Nebraska Panhandle)



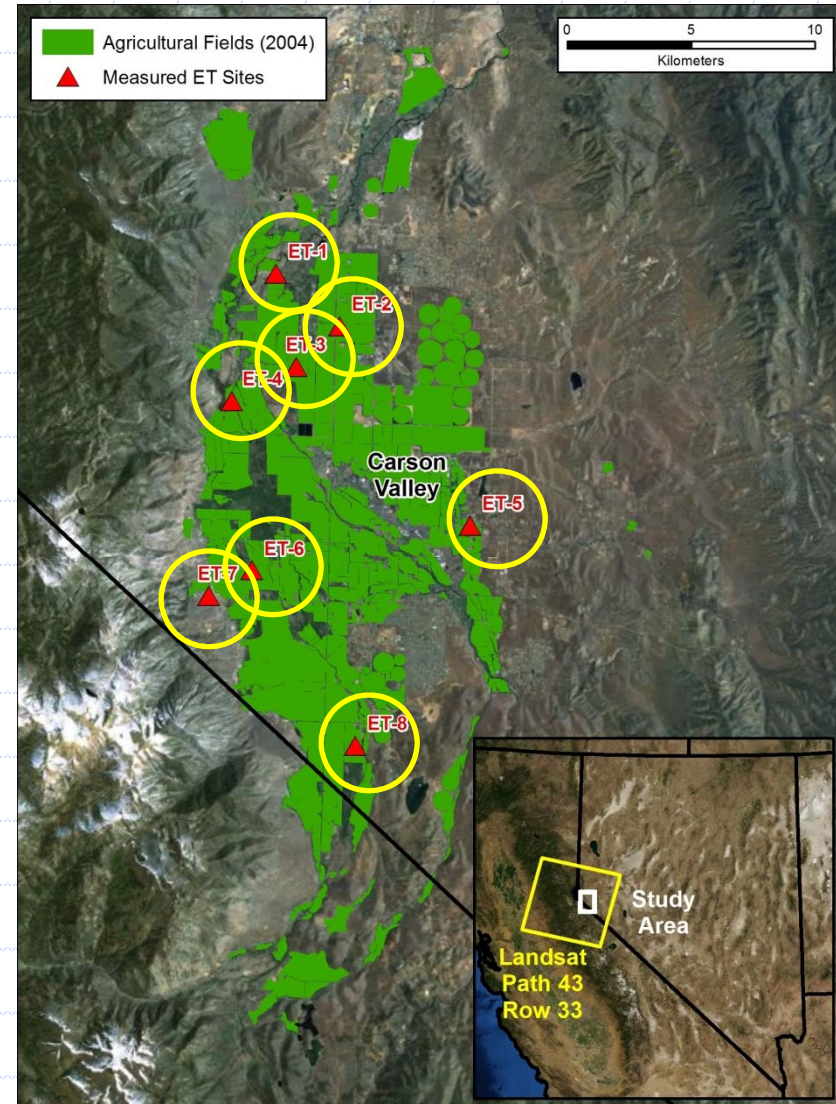
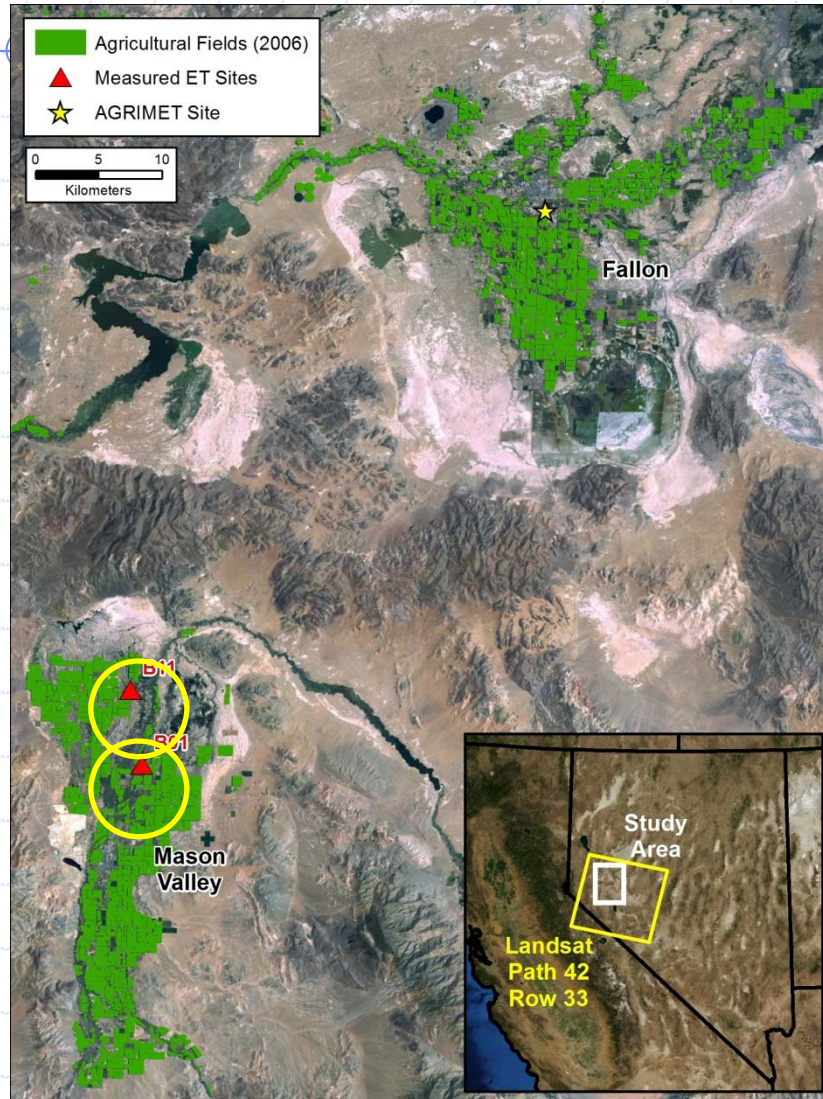
*Kjaersgaard and Allen, 2008*



# Nevada

Dr. Justin Huntington, DRI

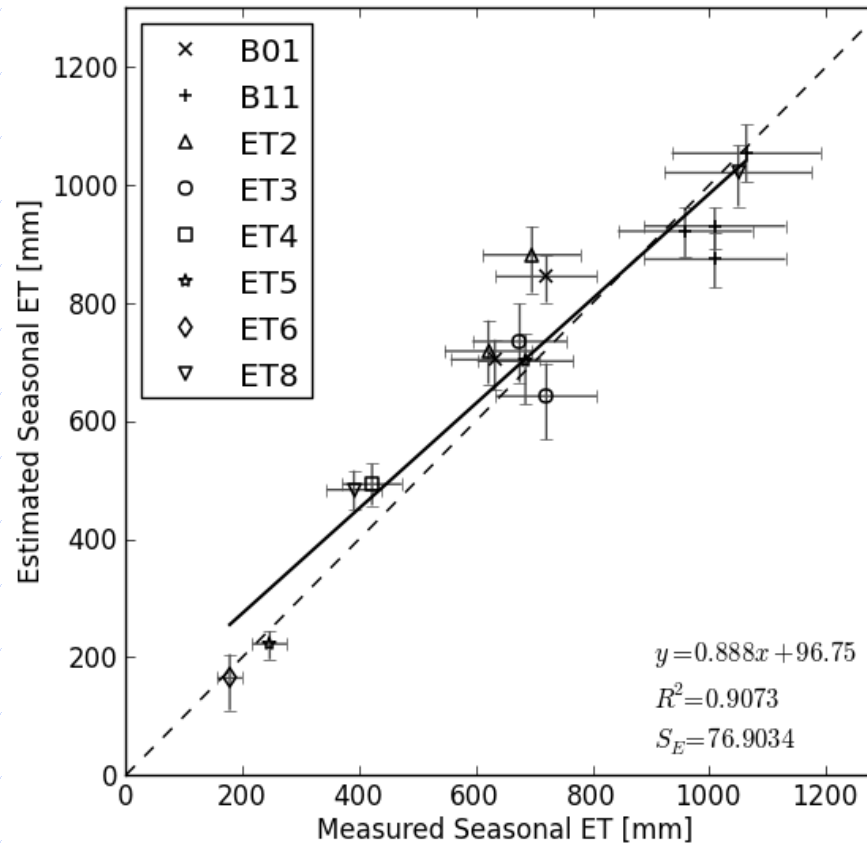
## Blind Comparison of METRIC Seasonal ET to Measured ET – Desert Research Institute





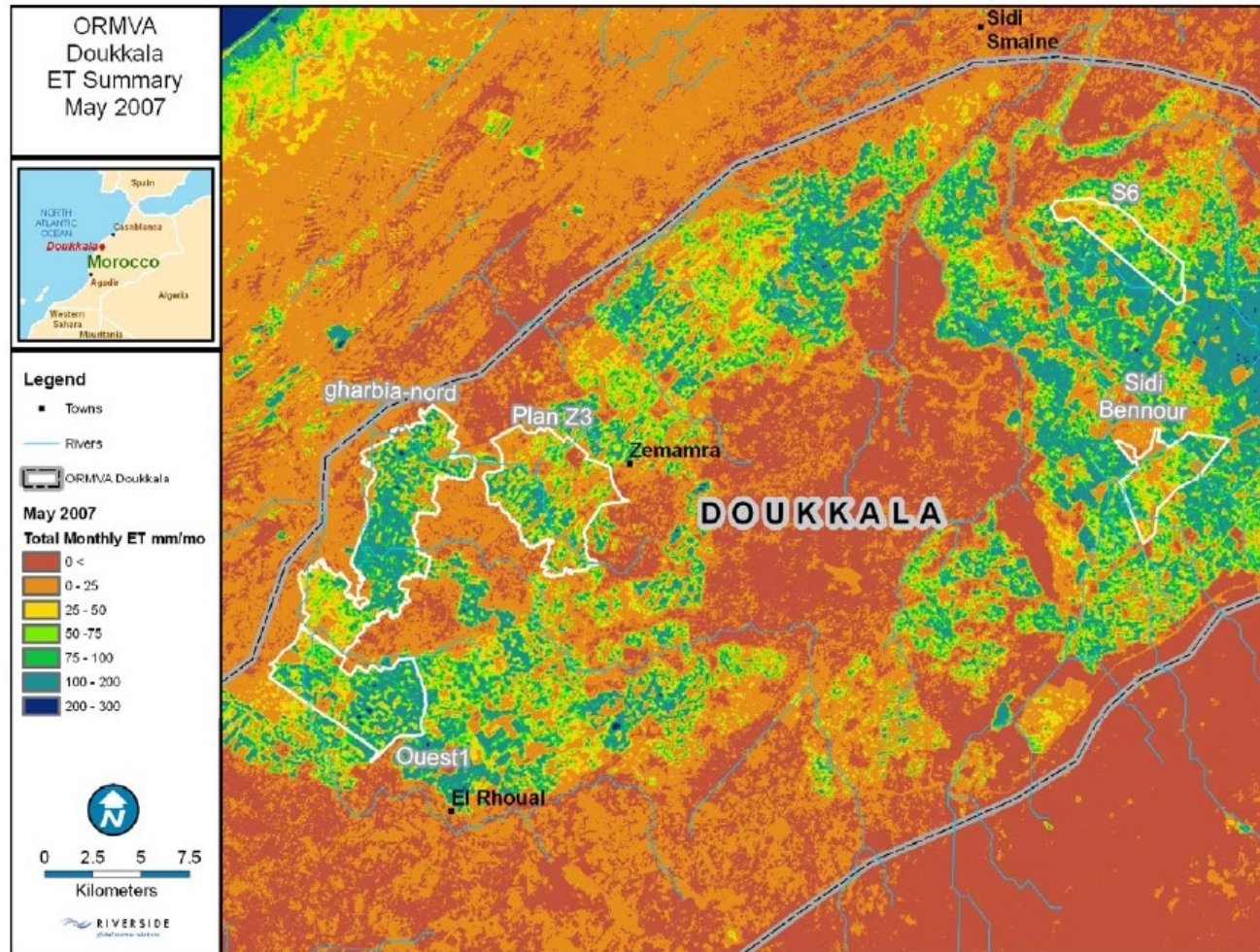
# Nevada

## Blind Comparison of METRIC Seasonal ET to Measured ET



- ◆ Whiskers on X = +/- 12% USGS estimated uncertainty in measured Bowen ratio/eddy ET
- ◆ Whiskers on Y = +/- 95% confidence interval of 100 Monte Carlo METRIC ET estimates

# Morocco



- Poverty reduction program of the World Bank
- Ground-water is overexploited
- ET from satellite can indicate how out-of-balance water use might be
- Better infrastructure may encourage more cash crops
- We can show that conversion to 'drip' isn't going to do it



# 2009 Innovations in American Government Award

“Mapping Evapotranspiration from Satellites”

*Idaho Department of Water Resources  
and University of Idaho*



Harvard  
University's Ash  
Institute



*Tony Morse and Bill Kramber, IDWR*



HARVARD Kennedy School

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for Democratic Governance and Innovation

# Quotes from Harvard's Site Visit Report to IDWR--

- ◆ "Remarkably, METRIC [Landsat] enables Idaho DWR analysts and administrators to measure ET across large expanses of both **space and time.**"
- ◆ "METRIC [Landsat]....is **measurably more accurate, fast, and cost-effective** than the traditional, cumbersome, slow and expensive methods that were commonly used in the last century."
- ◆ "...it would be **practically *impossible* to adjudicate water rights disputes in the future without [Thermal Images].**"
- ◆ "It is measurably effective in that it has distinctive capacities to monitor evapotranspiration and **consumptive water use across both space...and time (..with the help of historic Landsat thermal images)**."

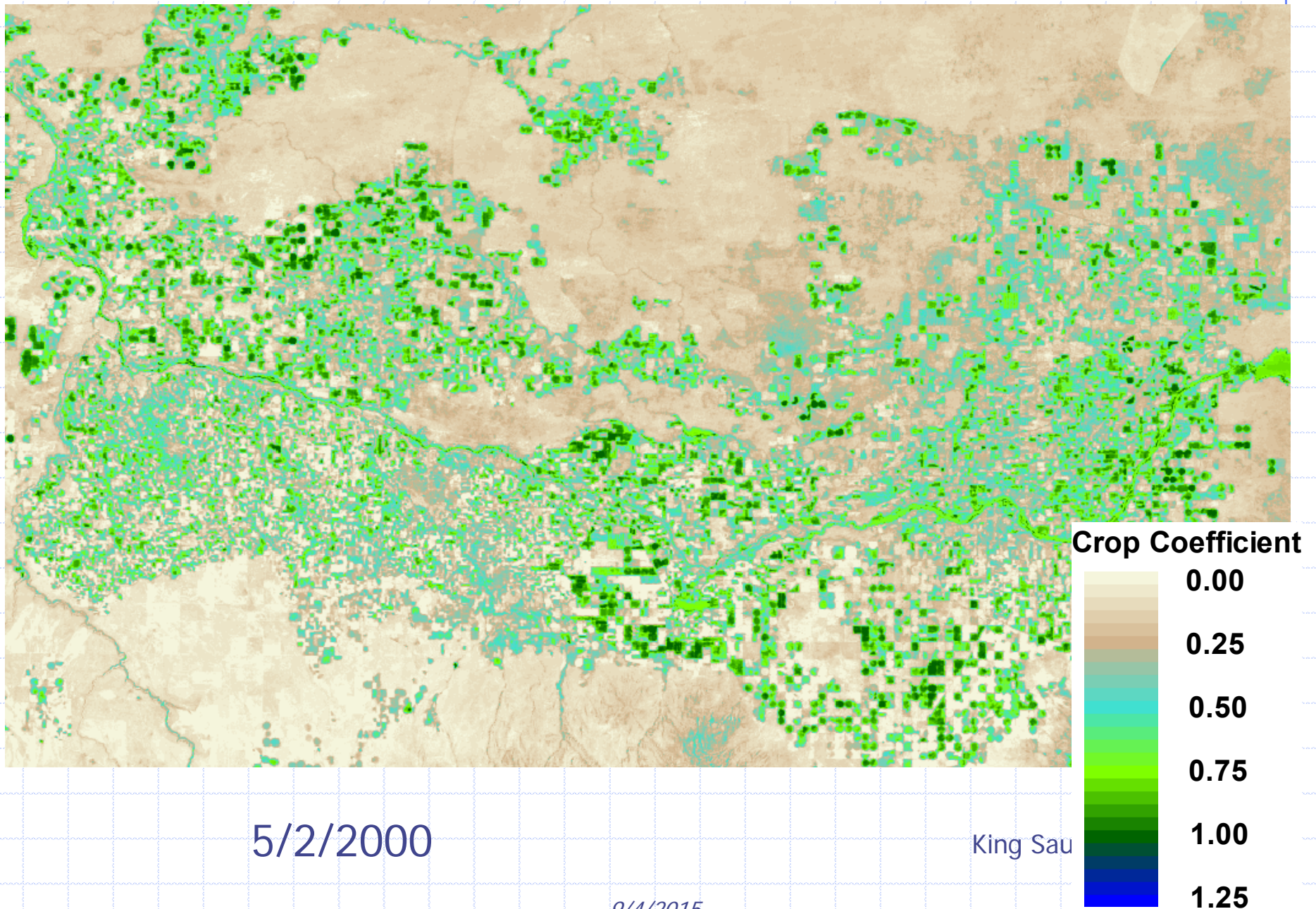


Thank you.

# Extra slides



# Time Series of Crop Coefficients near Twin Falls, ID

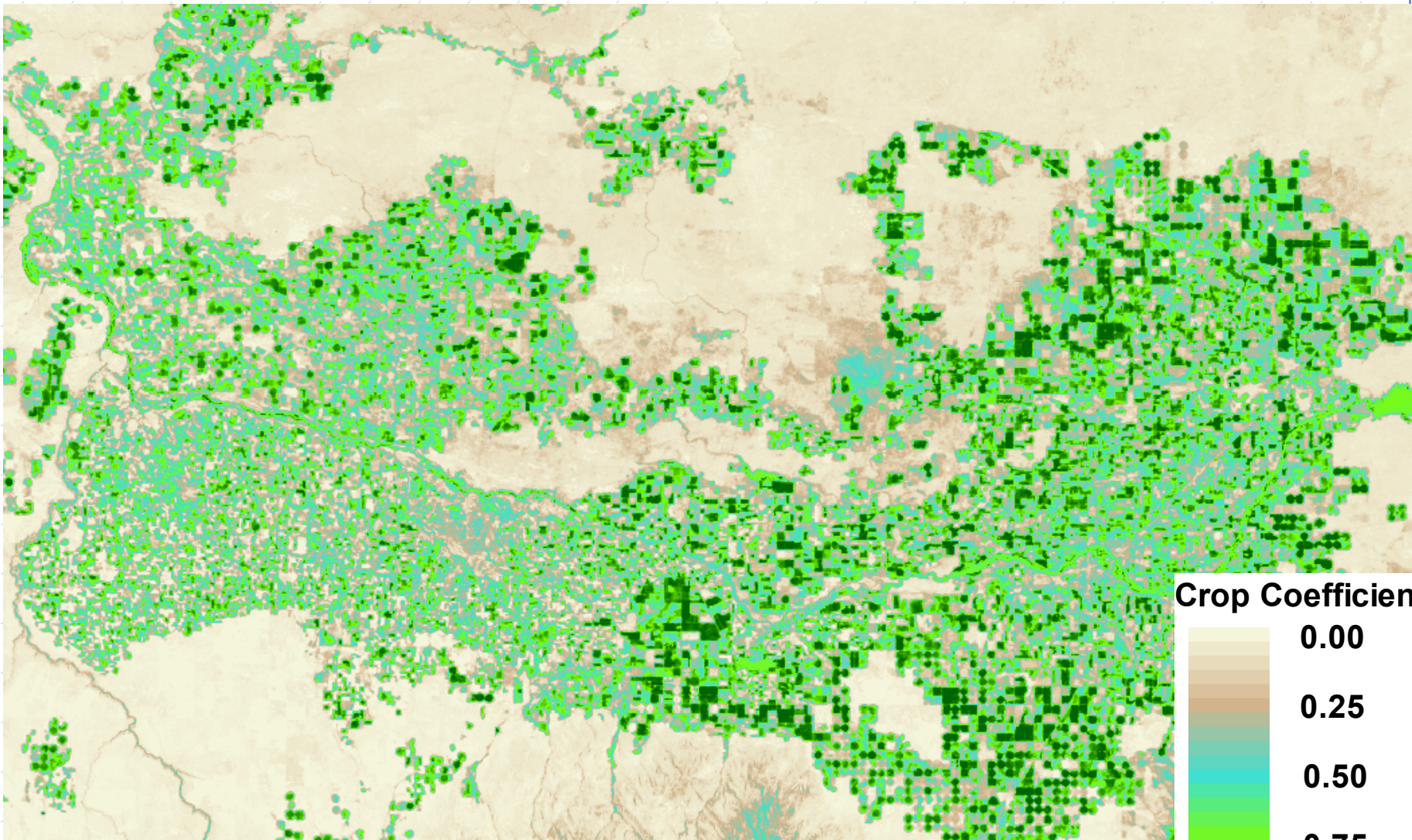


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Crop Coefficient

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0.25

0.50

0.75

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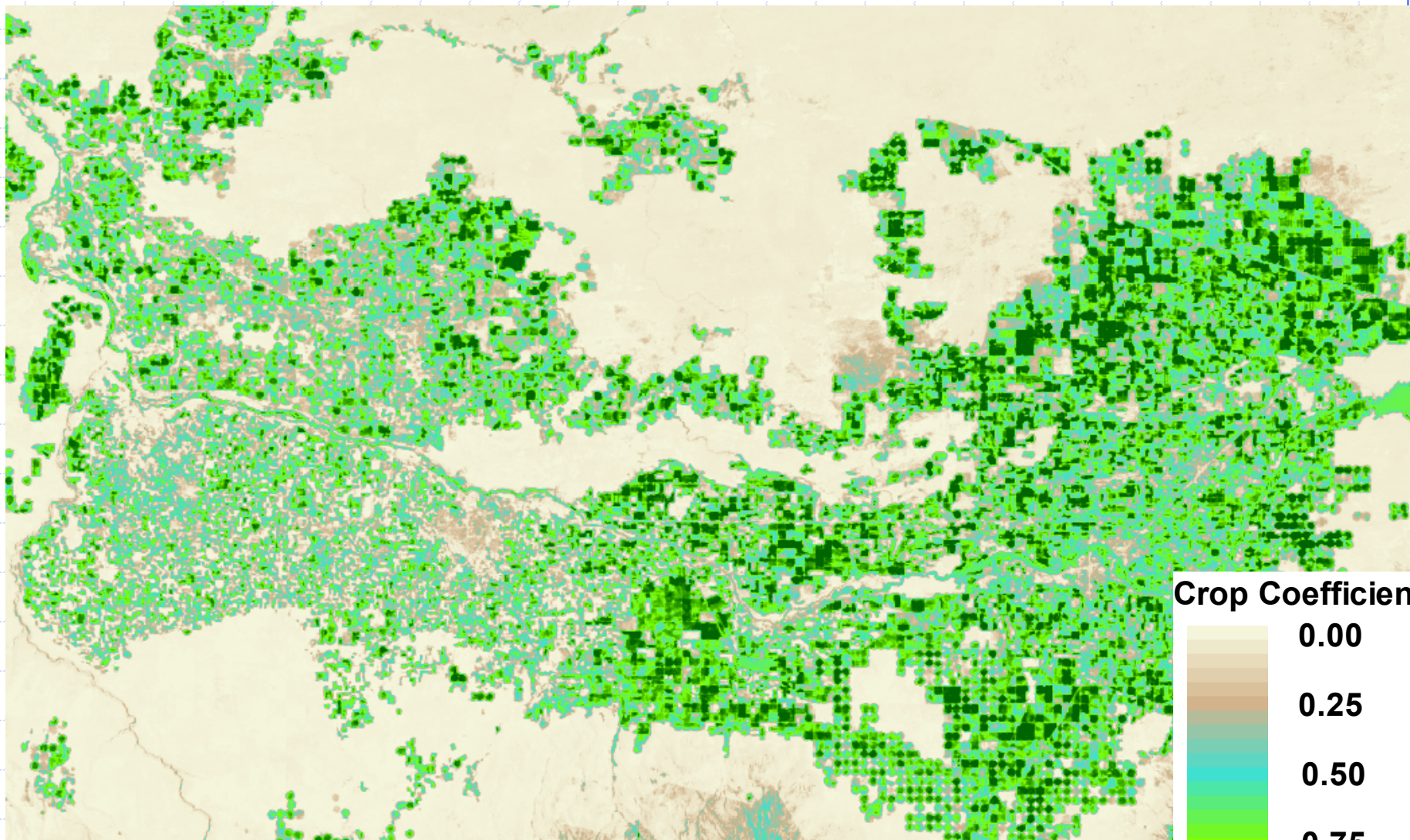
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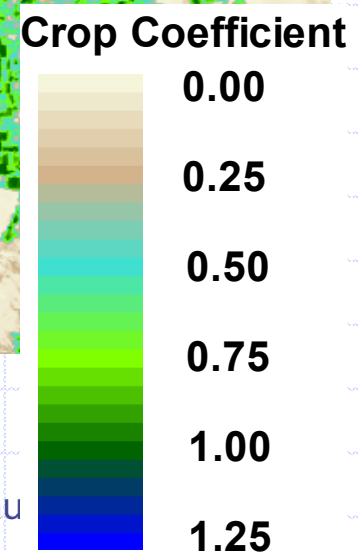




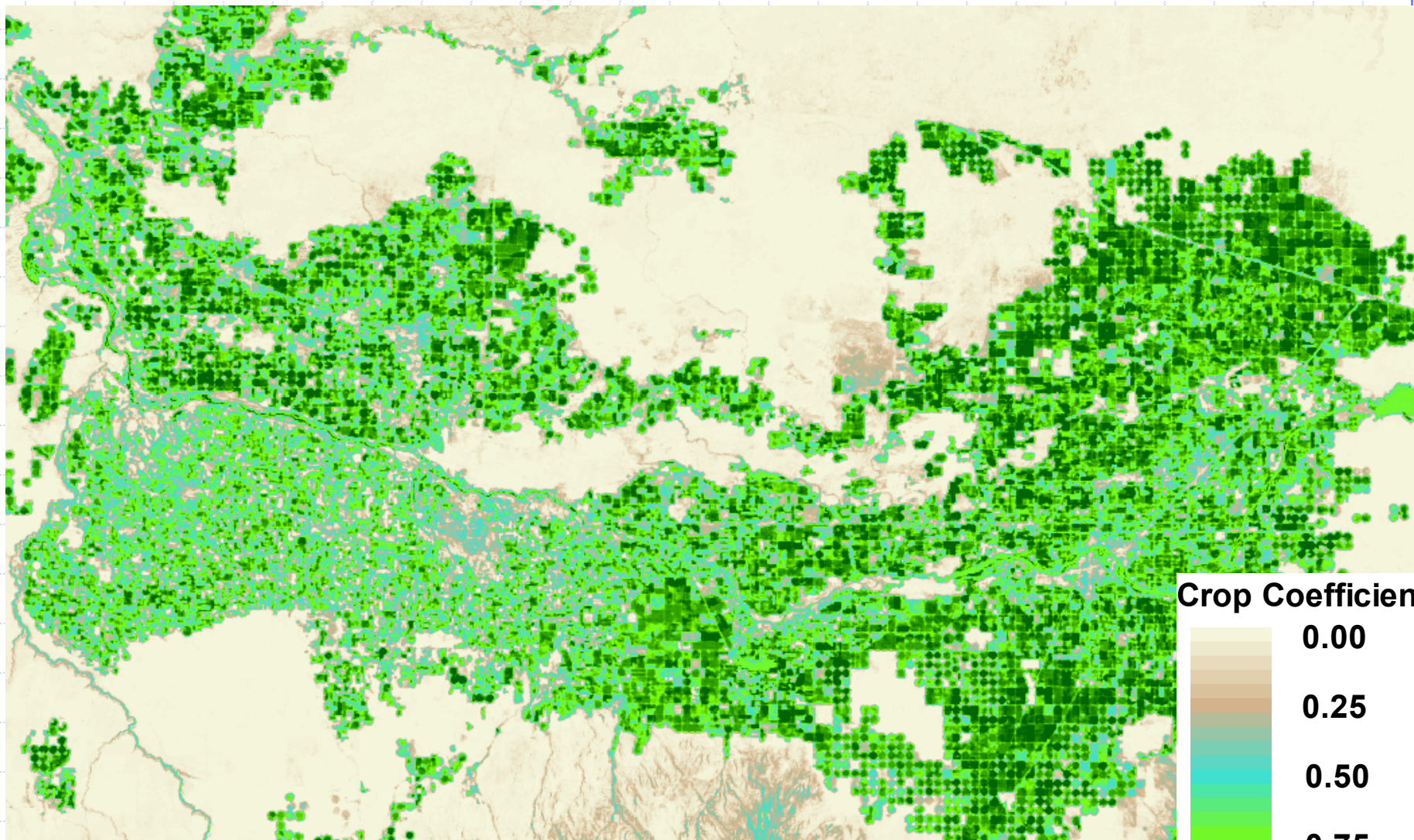
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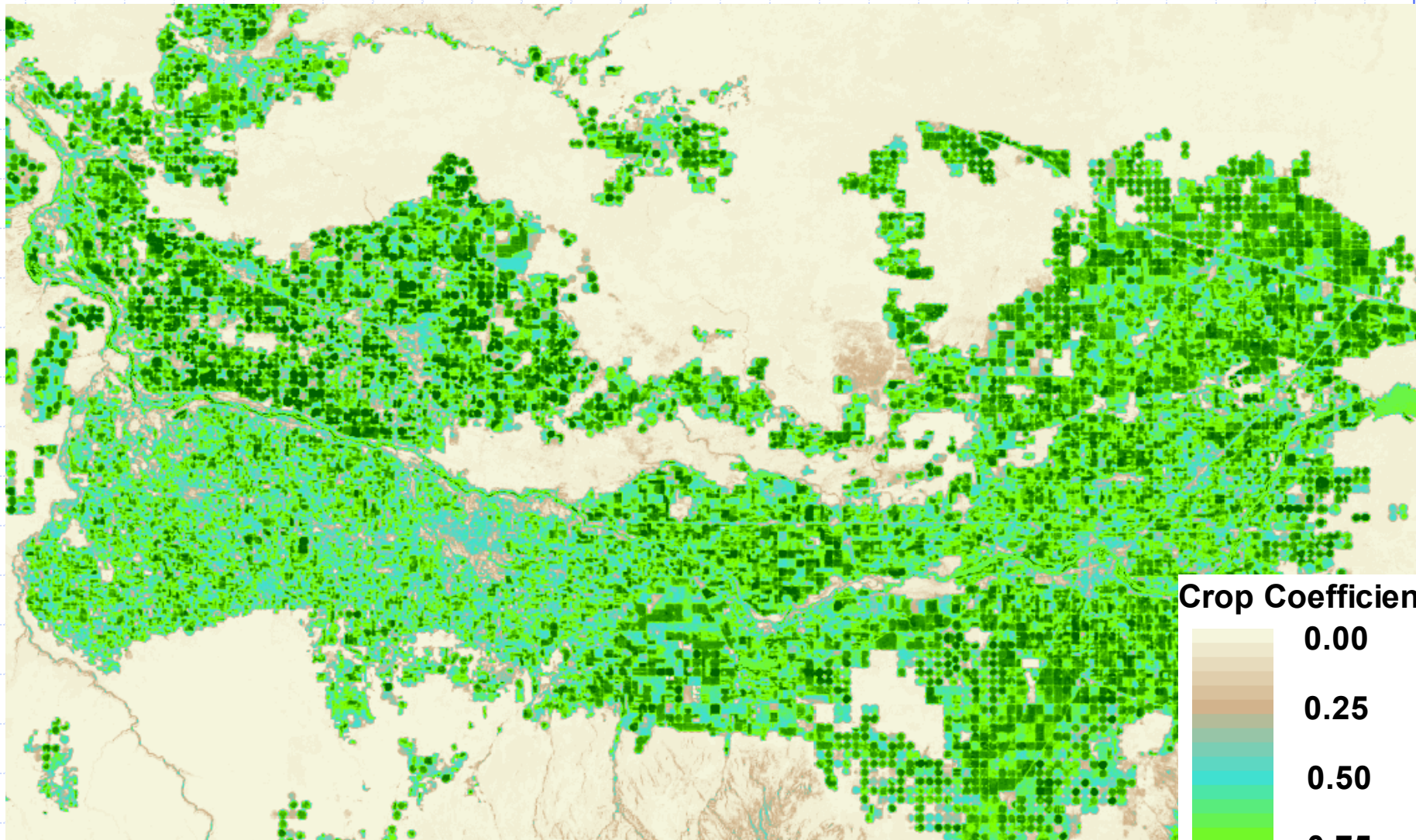


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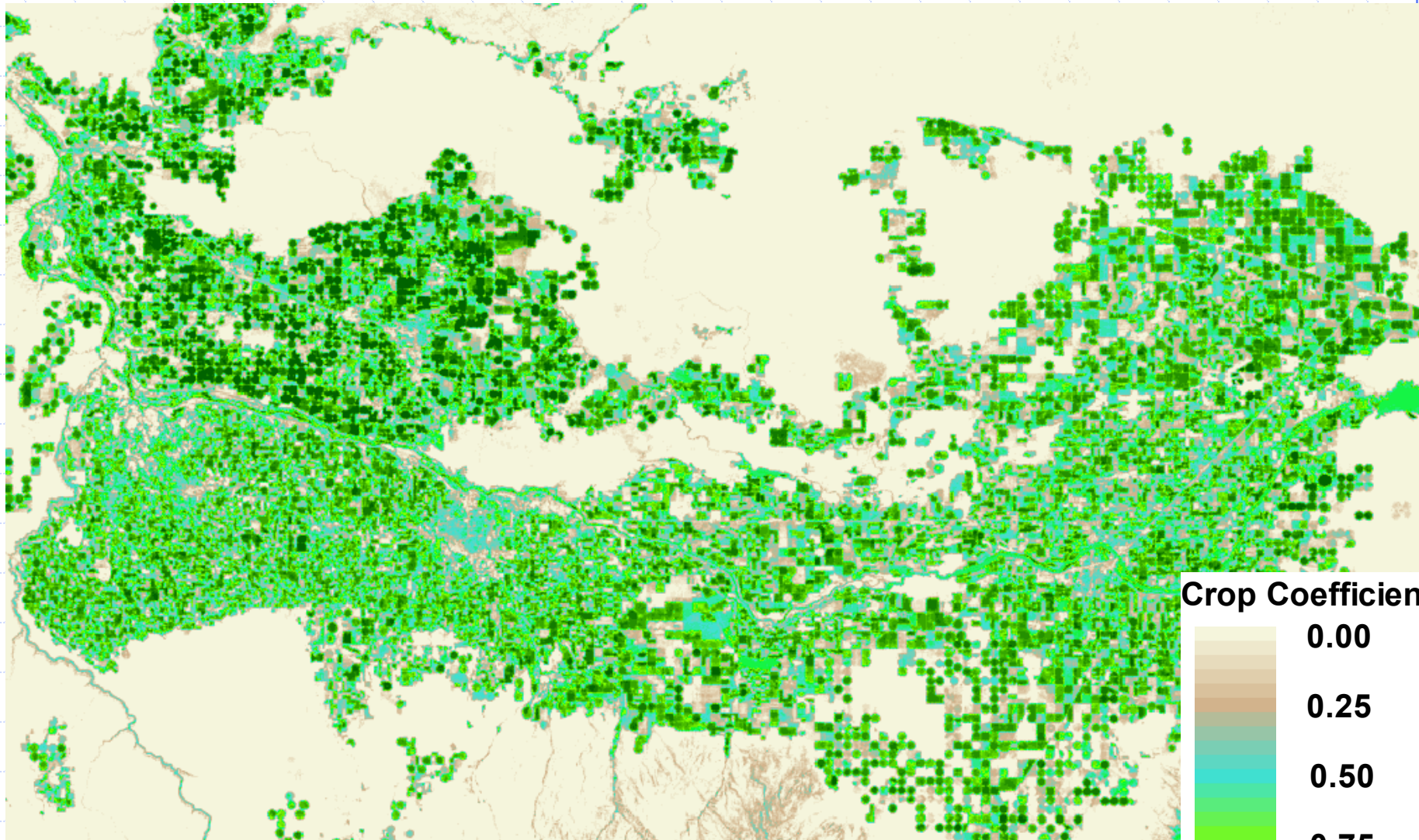


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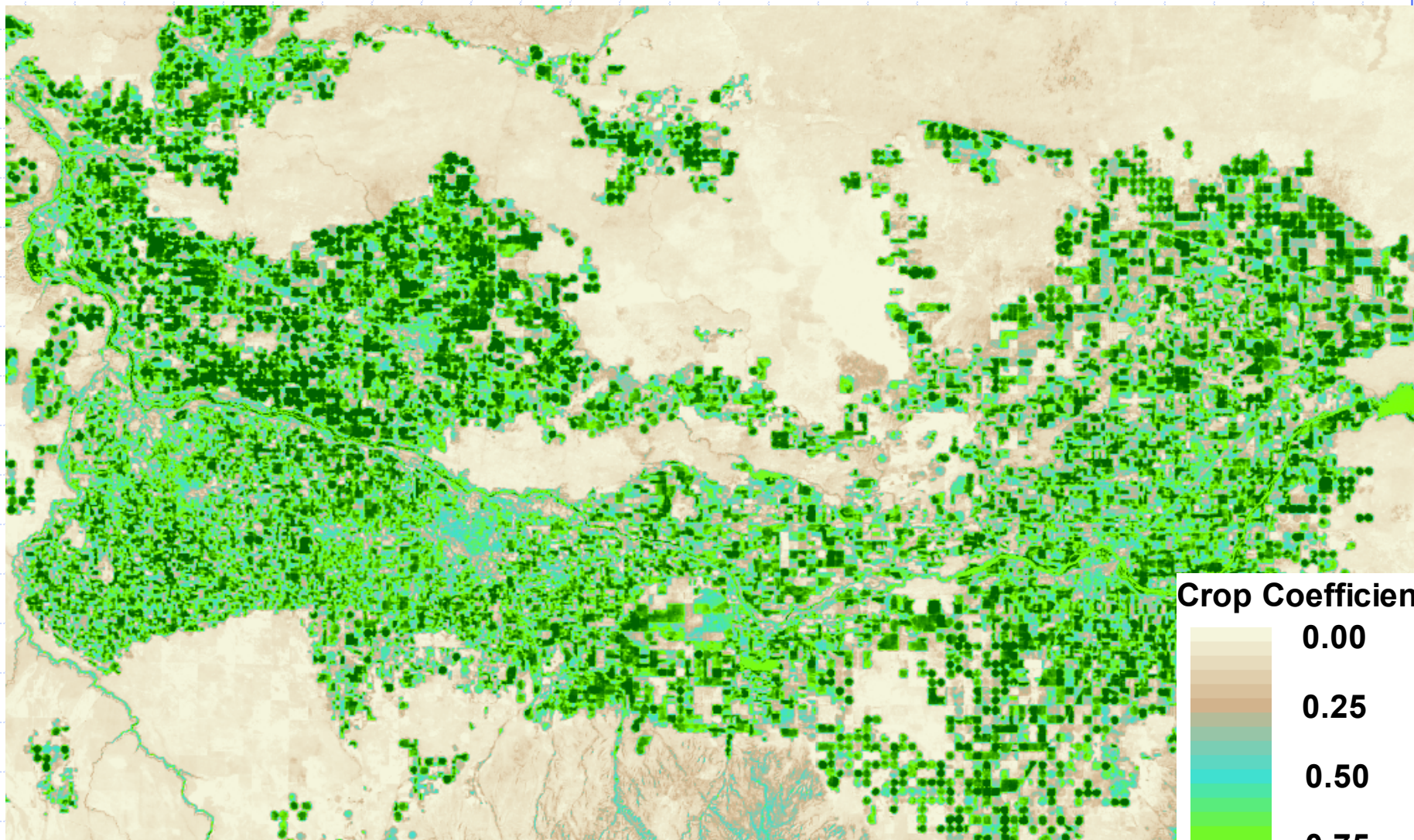


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Crop Coefficient

0.00

0.25

0.50

0.75

1.00

1.25

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# ET Investigations involving METRIC/Landsat -- Applications for Water Management

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