OLC Rogue River

LiDAR Remote Sensing Data
Final Report, 3 of 3

WSI Applied Remote Sensing and Analysis

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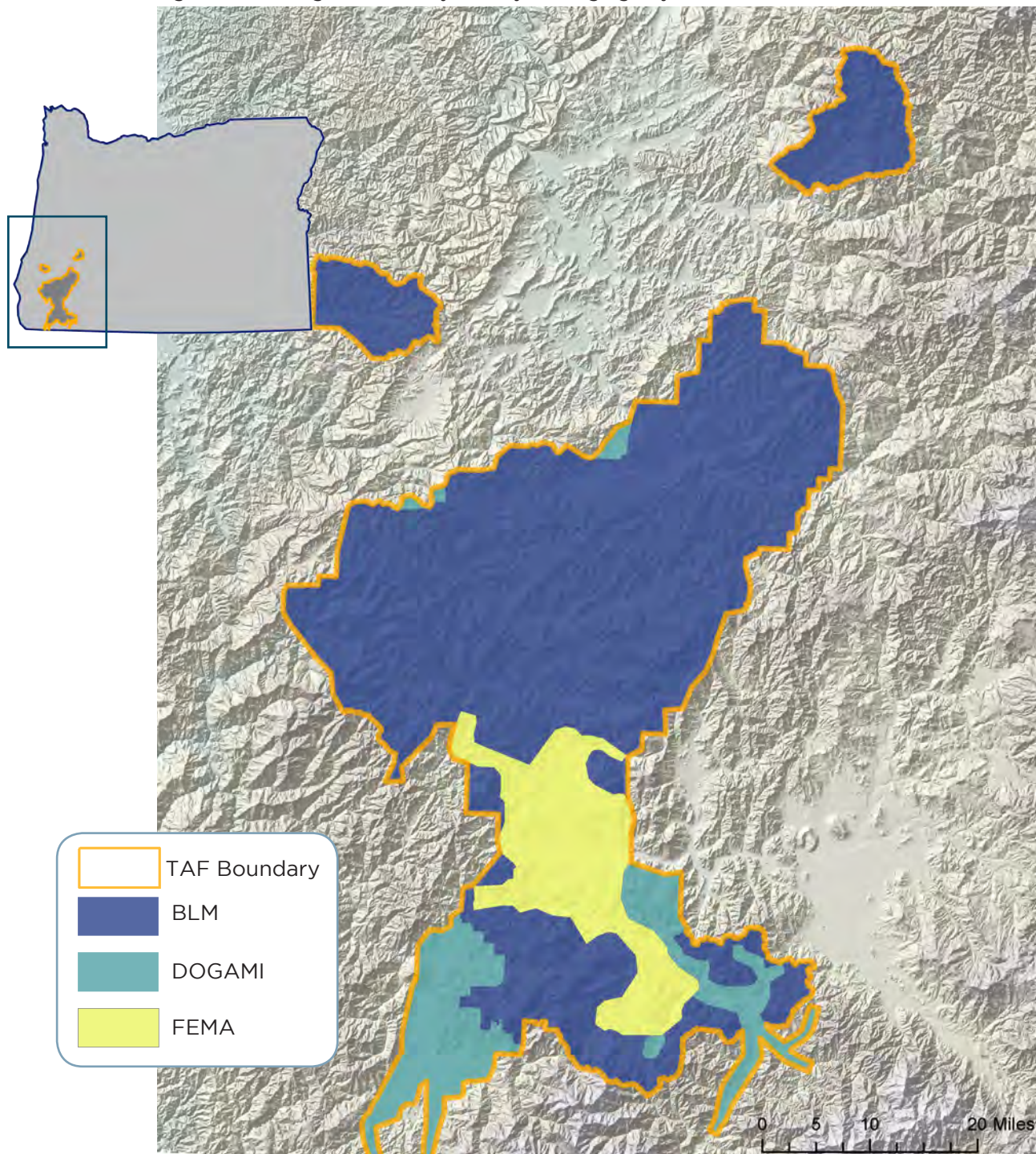Figure 1.1. OLC Rogue River Study Area By Funding Agency

Project Overview

WSI has collected Light Detection and Rang-ing (LiDAR) data of the Rogue River Study Area for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). The Oregon LiDAR Consortium's Rogue River project area encompasses approximately 1.4 million acres in the southwestern region of the state. The area includes portions of the Siskiyou National Forest, the City of Grants Pass and the Rogue River.

The collection of high resolution geographic data is part an ongoing pursuit to amass a li-brary of information accessible to government agencies as well as the general public.

Several agencies including DOGAMI, BLM, and FEMA contributed to the funding of the proj-ect. Between March 6th and August 16th, 2012, WSI employed remote-sensing lasers in order to obtain a total of 1,361,735 acres of data delivered to date. The latest delivery covered a total area of 493,370 acres of which 493,359 acres lie within the Area of Interest. Final products created include LiDAR point cloud data, 1 meter digital elevation models of bare earth ground model and highest-hit returns, hydro-flattened raster data sets, intensity ras-ters, hydrologic shapefiles, area vector shapes, and corresponding statistical data.

This delivery includes the northern portion of the main body of the study area.

Legend:
- TAF Boundary
- BLM
- DOGAMI
- FEMA

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Figure 1.2 Delivery Area
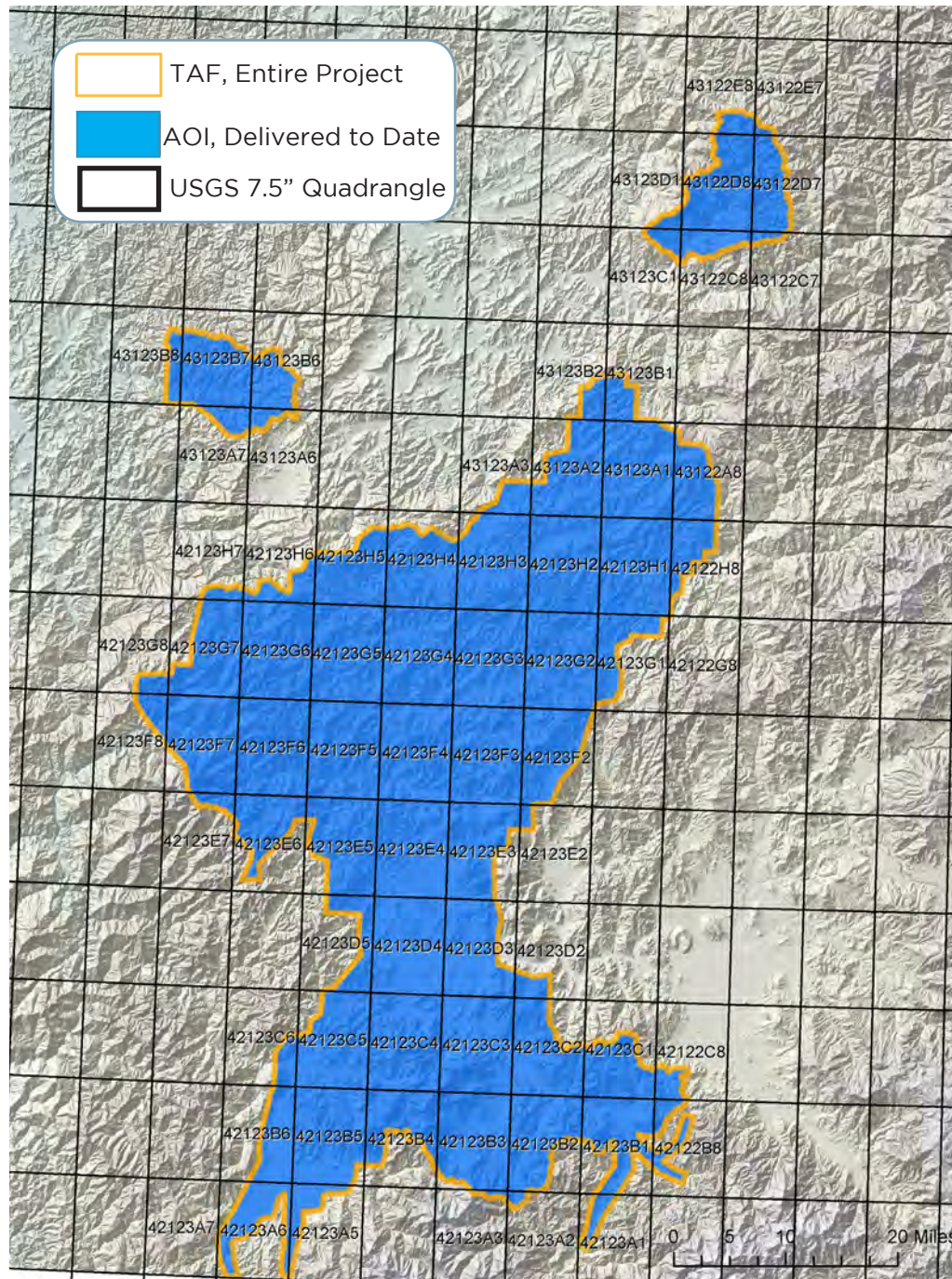
Table 1 .1. Total delivered acreage to date is detailed below

Data Delivered November 5th, 2012	
Acquisition Date	March 8th-August 19th, 2012
Area of Interest	1,347,684 acres
Total Area Flown	1,361,735 acres
Data	OGIC HARN
Projection	Oregon Statewide Lambert Conformal Conic
Datum: Horizontal & vertical	NAD83 (HARN) NAVD88 (Geoid03)
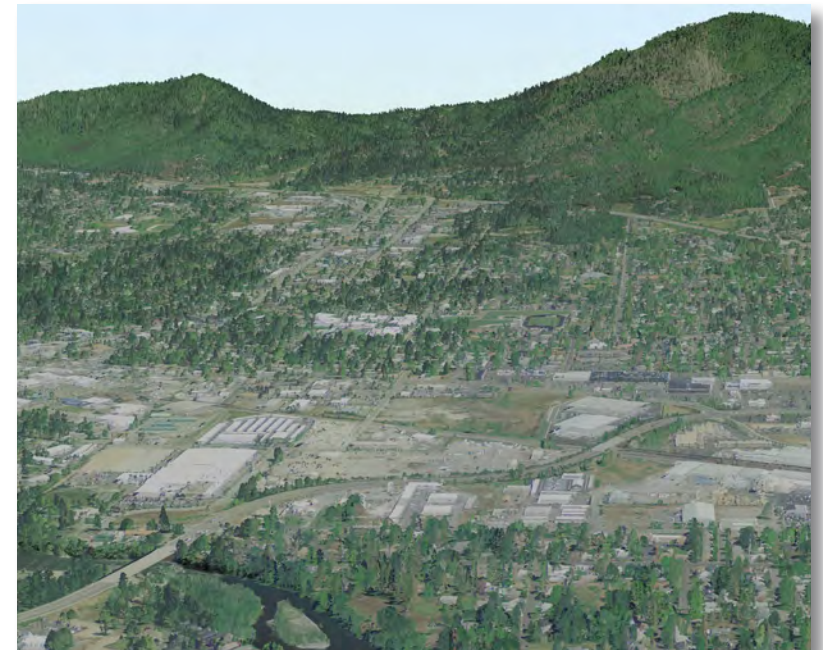
LiDAR point cloud of Grants Pass, Oregon

Cessna Caravan

Aerial Acquisition

Airborne Survey

The LiDAR survey utilized Leica ALS50, ALS60 and ALS70 sensors mounted in either Cessna Caravan 208B or Partenavia P.38 aircrafts. Depending on the pairing of sensor and aircraft, the systems were programmed to emit laser pulses at a rate of 52 or 47 kHz, and flown at 900 or 1300 meters above ground level (AGL), capturing a scan angle of 30° or

28° from nadir. These settings are developed to yield points with an average native density of greater than eight points per square meter over terrestrial surfaces. The native pulse density is the number of pulses emitted by the LiDAR system. Some types of surfaces such as dense vegetation or water may return fewer pulses than the laser originally emitted. Therefore, the delivered density can be less than the native density and lightly variable according to distributions of terrain, land cover and water bodies. The study area was surveyed with opposing flight line side-lap of greater than 60% with at least 100% overlap to reduce laser shadowing and increase surface laser painting. The system allows up to four range measurements per pulse, and all discernible laser returns were processed for the output dataset.

Sensor ALS 6160

Table 2.1. Aerial Acquisition Specs are detailed below

Acquisition Specs	
Sensors Deployed	Leica ALS 50, Leica ALS 60
Aircraft	Partenavia P.38, Cessna Caravan 208B
Survey Altitude (AGL)	900m / 1300m
Pulse Rate	52.2 hz (at 900m) / 46.7 hz (at 1300m)
Pulse Mode	Single (SPiA)
Field of View (FOV)	30° (at 900m) / 28° (at 1300m)
Roll Compensated	Yes
Overlap	100% overlap with 60% sidelap
Pulse Emission Density	≥ 8 points / square meter

Roll Compensation

AGL
900m / 1300m

FOV
30°/28°

Pulse Rate
52.2hz/
46.7hz

60% sidelap

Figure 2.1. Project Flightlines

Flightlines
By Date Flown

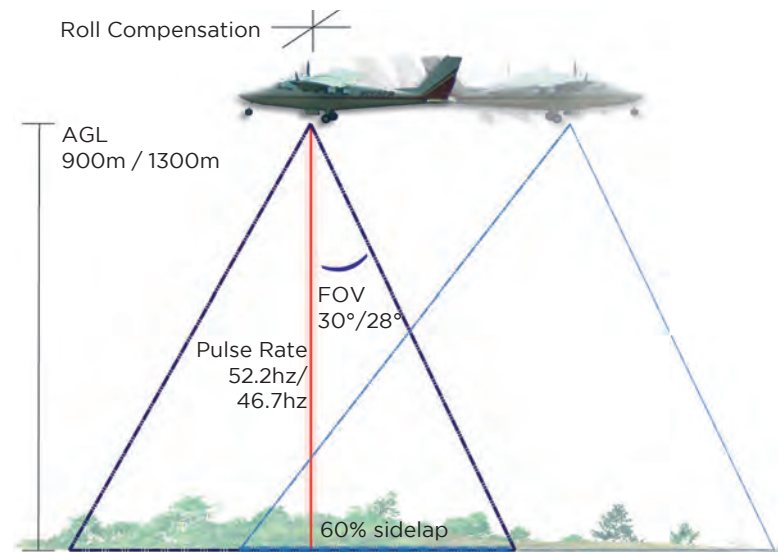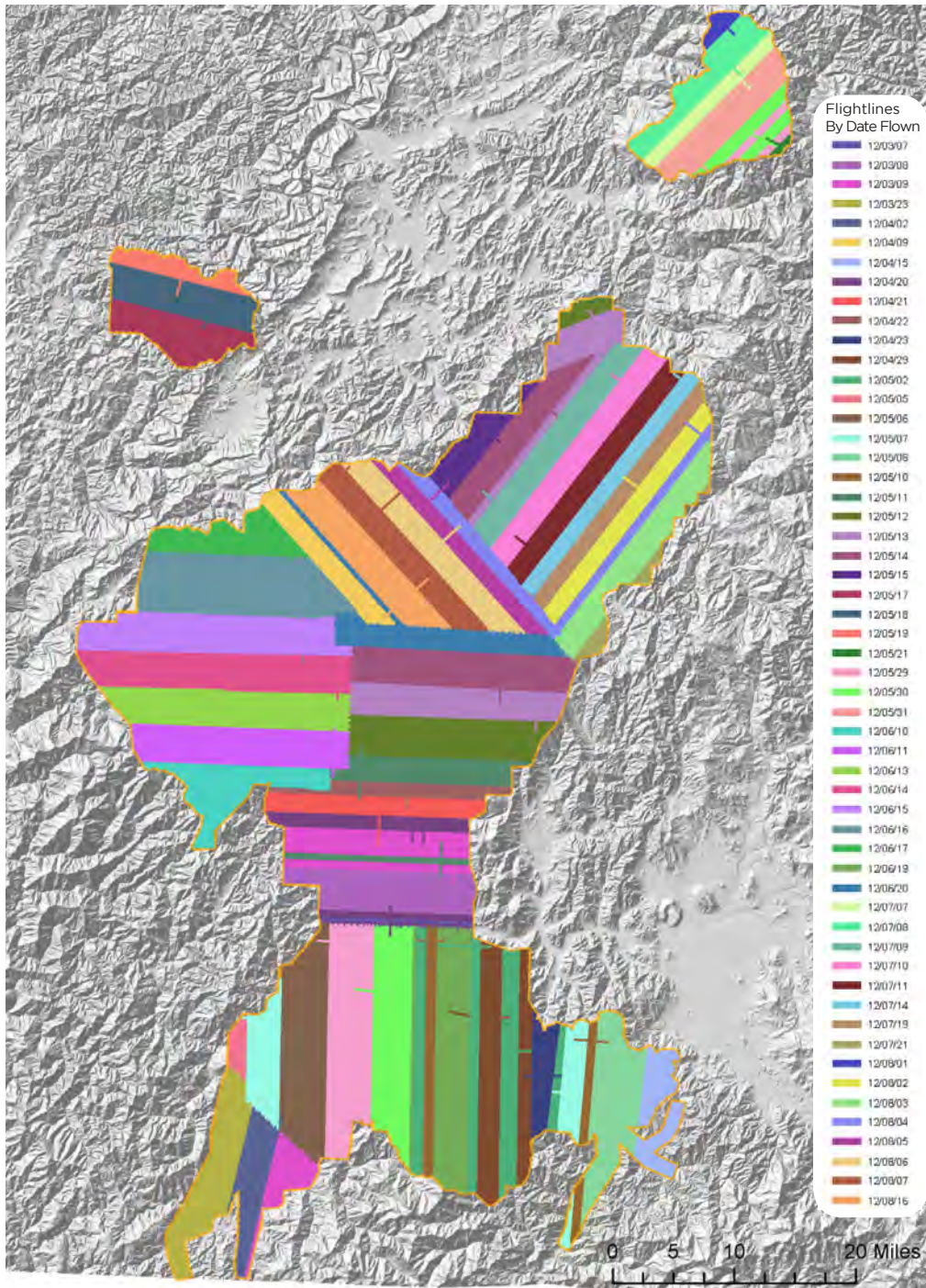|	
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0   5   10   20 Miles

Partenavia

To solve for laser point position, it is vital to have an accurate description of aircraft position and attitude. Aircraft position is described as x, y and z and measured twice per second (2 Hz) by an onboard differential GPS unit. Aircraft attitude is measured 200 times per second (200 Hz) as pitch, roll and yaw (heading) from an onboard inertial measurement unit (IMU). As illustrated in **Figure 2.1**, 2,240 flightlines provide coverage for the total project area.

Flightlines over survey area
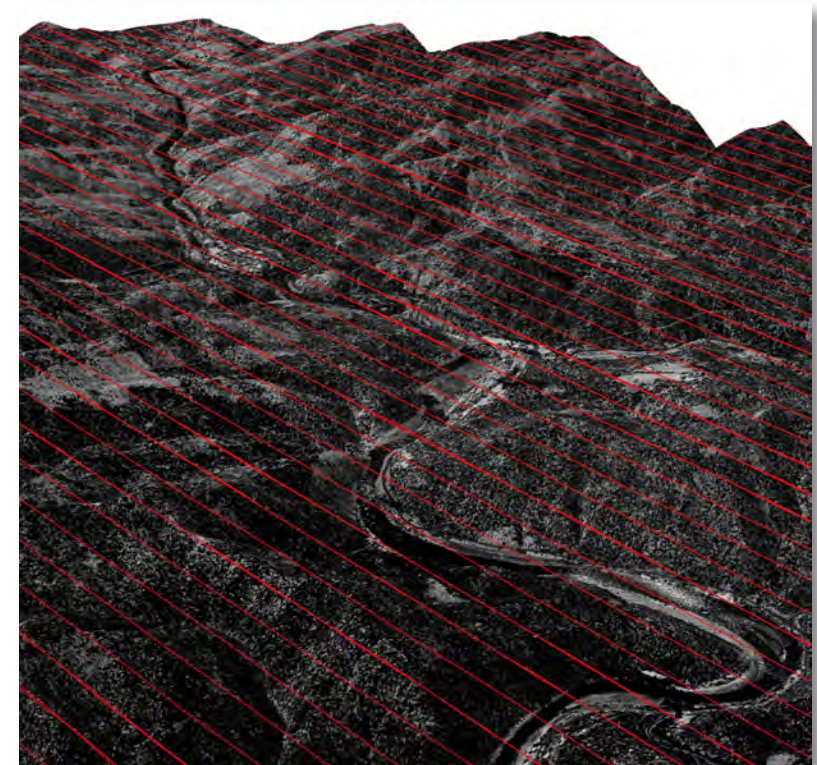
Ground Survey

During the LiDAR survey, static (1 Hz recording frequency) ground surveys were conducted over 49 monuments with known coordinates. A table with coordinate information is provided in the Appendix. After the airborne survey, the static GPS data were processed using triangulation with CORS stations and checked against the Online Positioning User Service (OPUS) to quantify daily variance. Multiple sessions were processed over the same monument to confirm antenna height measurements and reported position accuracy.

Instrumentation

For this study area all Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) survey work utilizes a Trimble GNSS receiver model R7 with a Zephyr Geodetic Antenna Model 2 for static control points. The Trimble GPS R8 unit is used primarily for Real Time Kinematic (RTK) work but can also be used as a static receiver. For RTK data, the collector begins recording after remaining stationary for 5 seconds then calculating the pseudo range position from at least three epochs with the relative error under 1.5 cm

horizontal and 2 cm vertical. All GPS measurements are made with dual frequency L1-L2 receivers with carrier-phase correction.

Monumentation

Whenever possible, existing and established survey benchmarks shall serve as control points during LiDAR acquisition including those previously set by WSI. NGS benchmarks are preferred for control points; however, in the absence of NGS benchmarks, WSI utilizes county surveys, department of transportation monumentation, or WSI produces its own monuments. These monuments are spaced at a minimum of one mile, and every effort is made to keep these monuments within the public right of way or on public lands. If monuments are required on private property, consent from the owner is required. All monumentation is done with 5/8" x 30" rebar topped with a 2" diameter aluminum cap stamped "Watershed Sciences, Inc.".
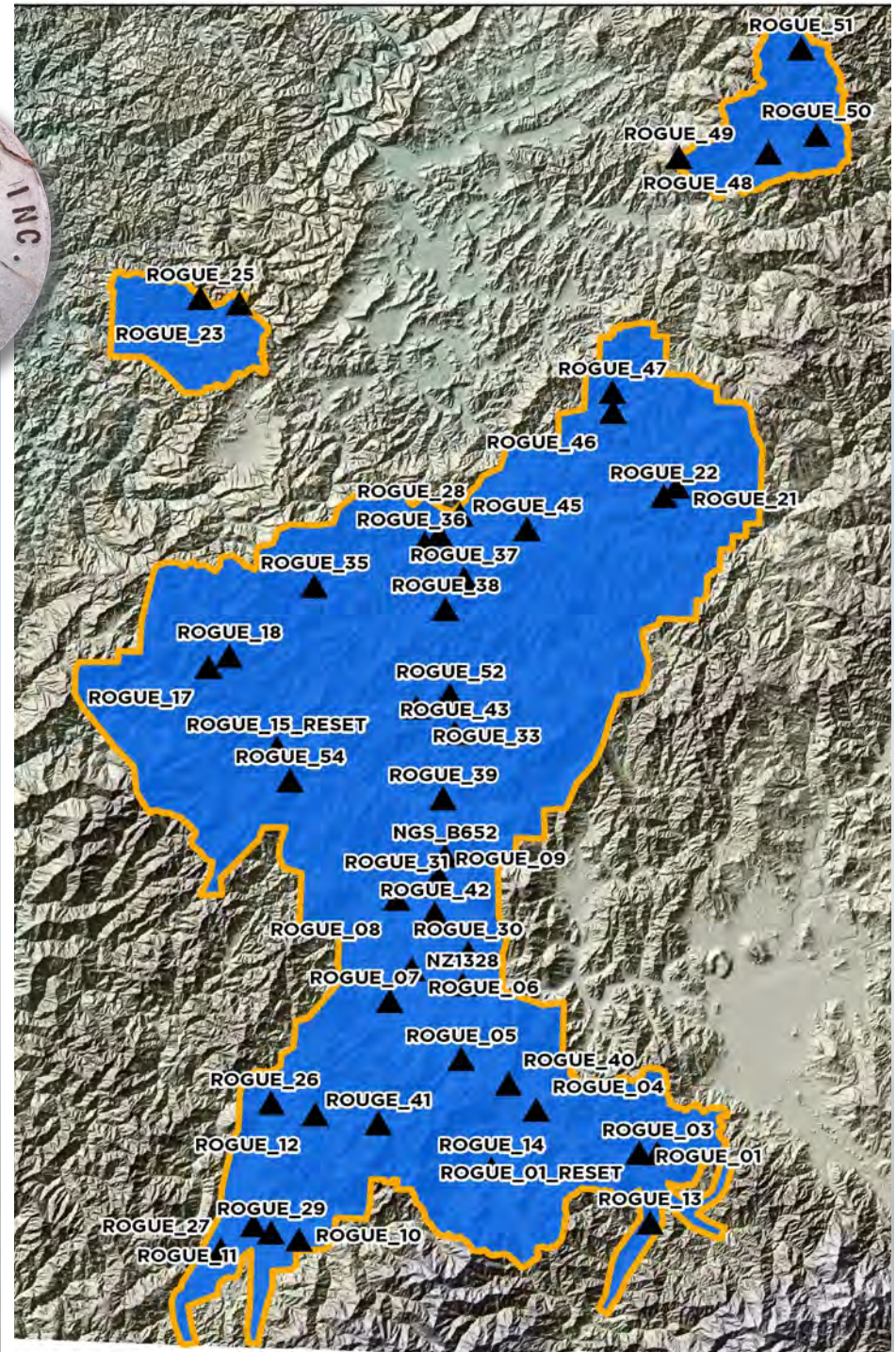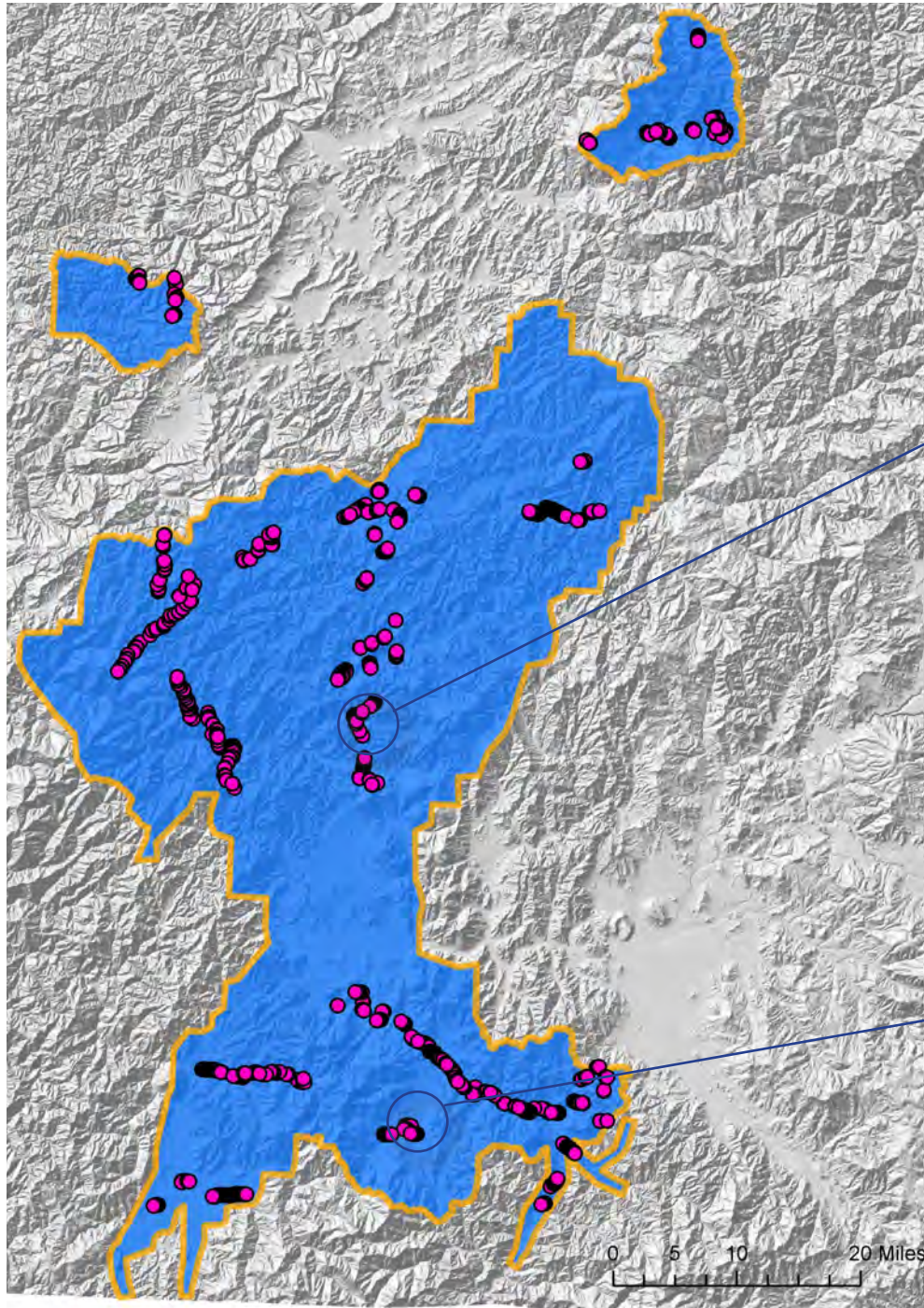

Figure 3.1. Project Monuments

Figure 3.2. RTK point locations in entire study area; delivered to date shaded blue.

Zoomed-in areas show detail of RTK point collection

Methodology

Each aircraft is assigned a ground crew member with two R7 receivers and an R8 receiver. The ground crew vehicles are equipped with standard field survey supplies and equipment including safety materials. All control points are observed for a minimum of two survey sessions lasting no fewer than 2 hours. At the beginning of every session the tripod and antenna are reset, resulting in two independent instrument heights and data files. Data are collected at a rate of 1Hz using a 10 degree mask on the antenna.

The ground crew uploads the GPS data to the Dropbox website on a daily basis to be returned to the office for Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) oversight, Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) review and processing. OPUS processing triangulates the monument

ALS Operation

position using 3 CORS stations resulting in a fully adjusted position. Blue Marble Geographics Desktop v2.5.0 is used to convert the geodetic positions from the OPUS reports. After multiple days of data have been collected at each monument, accuracy and error ellipses are calculated. This information leads to a rating of the monument based on FGDC-STD-007.2-1986 Part 2 at the 95% confidence level (**Table 3.1**).

WSI collected 12,307 RTK points and utilized 49 monuments.

All RTK measurements are made during periods with a Position Dilution of Precision (PDOP) of less than 3.0 and in view of at least six

satellites by the stationary reference and roving receiver. RTK positions are collected on 20% of the flight lines and on bare earth locations such as paved, gravel or stable dirt roads, and other locations where the ground is clearly visible (and is likely to remain visible) from the sky during the data acquisition and RTK measurement period(s). In order to facilitate comparisons with LiDAR measurements, RTK measurements are not taken on highly reflective surfaces such as center line stripes or lane markings on roads. RTK points are taken no closer than one meter to any nearby terrain breaks such as road edges or drop offs. In addition, it is desirable to include locations that can be readily identified and occupied during subsequent field visits in support of other quality control procedures described later. Examples of identifiable locations would include manhole and other flat utility structures that have clearly indicated center points or other measurement locations. In the absence of utility structures, a PK nail can be driven into asphalt or concrete and marked with paint. Multiple differential GPS units are used in the ground based real-time kinematic (RTK) portion of the survey. To collect accurate ground surveyed points, a GPS base unit is set up over monuments to broadcast a kinematic correction to a roving GPS unit.

R7 Receiver

The ground crew uses a roving unit to receive radio-relayed kinematic corrected positions from the base unit. This RTK survey allows precise location measurement (≤ 1.5 cm). **Figure 3.2** shows a subset of these RTK locations.

Table 3.1. FGDC-STD-007.2-1986 at 95% confidence level for the Rogue River USGS survey area

Monument Accuracy	
FGDC-STD-007.2-1998 Rating	
St Dev NE	0.050 m
St Dev z	0.050 m

Hydro-Flattening

All bare-earth hydro-flattened digital elevation models (DEMs) have been hydro-flattened according to the U.S. Geological Survey's National Geospatial Program's "LiDAR Guidelines and Base Specification" Version 13 (USGS NGP). For all water bodies perceived to be "flat," LiDAR points were sampled to arrive at an elevation threshold defining the water surface at a uniform elevation where the water edge meets the surrounding terrain. 3-D breaklines were then created to encompass all areas considered to be water and were assigned the water surface elevation value determined previously. All "flat" water bodies greater than 2 acres were considered for hydro-flattening. All "islands" greater than 100 square meters were retained in the DEMs.

Centerlines were digitized for all water surfaces not perceived as "flat." Thousands of points were sampled along the stream and channel centerlines to generate three-dimensional z values. A smoothing algorithm was then applied to ensure the centerlines consistently run downstream. LiDAR points were classified as

water using the z threshold values of the appropriate centerlines. A breakline polygon was created around the water points with all discontinuities such as bridges and overhanging vegetation removed. Z values were applied to the breakline polygon based on the elevation values of the closest, associated centerline vertex. Again, "islands" were retained in the bare-earth DEMs if greater than 100 square meters.

The bare-earth DEMs were created by triangulating all ground classified points and inserting 3-D breaklines utilizing TerraSolid's TerraScan and TerraModeler soft-

ware. Any ground points within 1 meter of the breaklines were reclassified to "ignored-ground" (ASPRS code: 10) before triangulation. The highest-hit DEMs were generated from "ground" and "default" classified points. In instances where "water" classified points had the highest elevation value, the water surface elevation from the bare-earth raster was used.

Hydro-Flattening in high gradient streams such as those found in the Rogue River dataset can produce artifacts that differ from true channel morphology. High gradient streams are often characterized by sediment bars and

other impediments that result in cross-channel flows (i.e. flow not parallel to channel centerline and banks). Page 8, guideline 3, section 2, bullet point 2 of the USGS Specification states that river breaklines should be "level bank-to-bank (perpendicular to the apparent flow centerline)" and that "the water surface edge (is) at or below the immediately surrounding terrain". WSI has adhered to the letter of these guidelines, recognizing that artificial stream surface elevation artifacts may be introduced (see **Figure 4.2**).
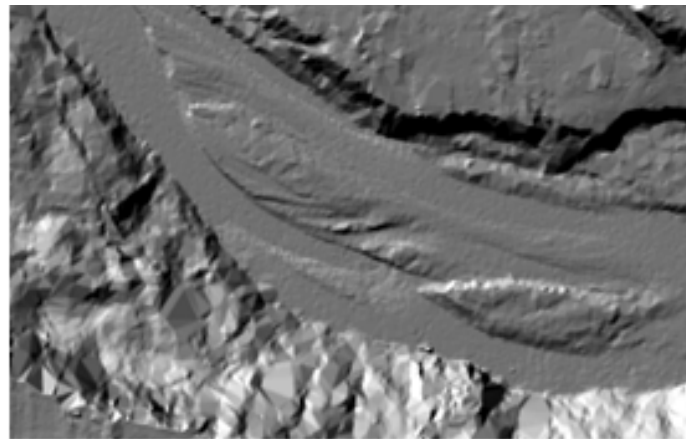

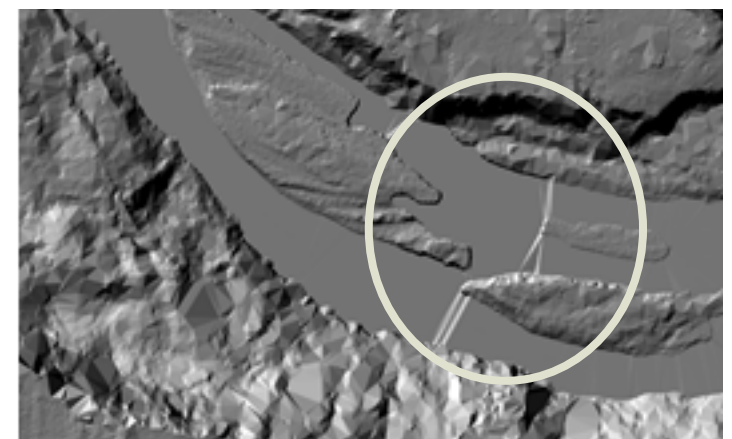Figure 4.1. Regular Hill-shaded DEM

Figure 4.2. Hydro-Flattened Hill-shaded DEM, showing artifact from extreme change in channel elevation

Accuracy

Relative Accuracy

Relative accuracy refers to the internal consistency of the data set and is measured as the divergence between points from different flight-lines within an overlapping area. Divergence is most apparent when flight-lines are opposing. When the LiDAR system is well calibrated the line to line divergence is low (<10 cm). Internal consistency is affected by system attitude offsets (pitch, roll and head-ing), mirror flex (scale), and GPS/IMU drift.

Relative accuracy statistics shown in Figures 5.1 are based on the comparison of 2,240 flightlines and over 32 billion points. Relative accuracy is reported for the entire delivered portion of the study area, shown in Table 5.1 below.

Figure 5.1. Percentage distribution of relative accuracies, non slope-adjusted

Table 5.1. Relative Accuracy Calibration is detailed below

Relative Accuracy Calibration Results	
Project Average	0.19 ft (0.06 m)
Median Relative Accuracy	0.19 ft (0.06 m)
1σ Relative Accuracy	0.22 ft (0.07 m)
2σ Relative Accuracy	0.30 ft (0.09 m)

Figure 5.1. Percentage distribution of relative accuracies, non slope-adjusted

Relative Accuracy (ft)
Total Compared Points (n = 32,187,081,219)
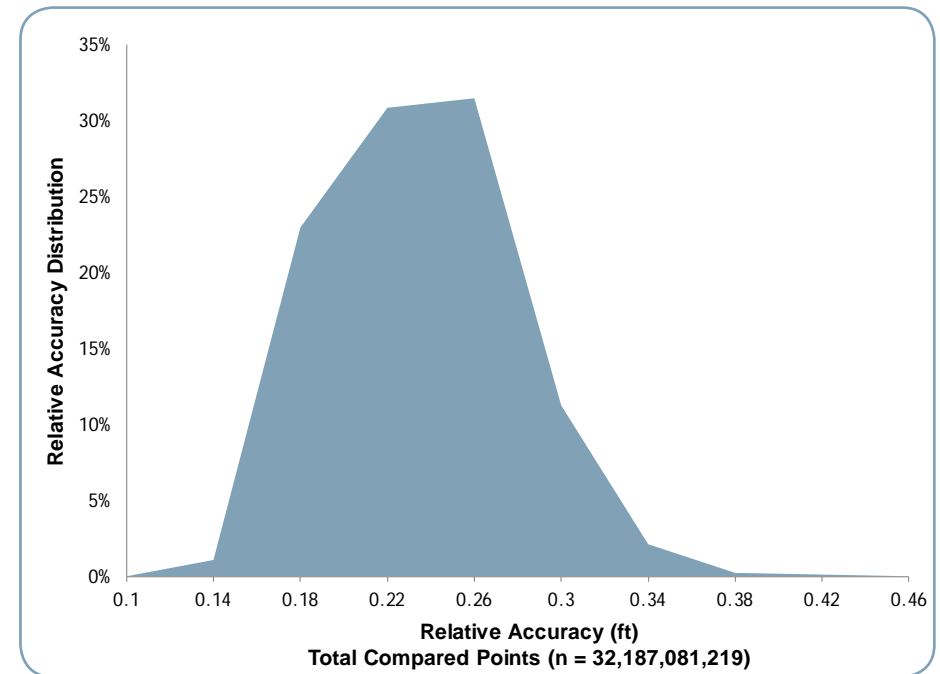
Fundamental Vertical Accuracy

FVA accuracy reporting is designed to meet guidelines presented in the National Standard for Spatial Data Accuracy (NS-SDA) (FGDC, 1998). FVA compares known RTK ground survey points to the closest laser point. FVA uses ground control points in open areas where the LiDAR system has a "very high probability" that the sensor will measure the ground surface and is evaluated at the 95% percentile of RMSE Z. For the Rogue River Study Area, 12,307 RTK points were collected for the data delivered to date.

For this project, no independent survey data were collected, nor were reserved points collected for testing. As such, vertical accuracy statistics are reported as "Compiled to Meet," in accordance with the ASPRS Guidelines for Vertical Accuracy Reporting for LiDAR Data V1.0 (ASPRS, 2004). Fundamental Vertical accuracy is reported for the entire study area shown in Table 5.2 below. Histogram and absolute deviation statistics are reported in Figures 5.3 and 5.4.

Table 5.2. Vertical Accuracy -- Deviation between laser points and RTK survey points.

Figure 5.3. Rogue River Study Area vertical accuracy histogram statistics

Vertical Accuracy Results

Compiled to meet 0.34 ft. (0.10m) accuracy at 95% confidence level in open terrain

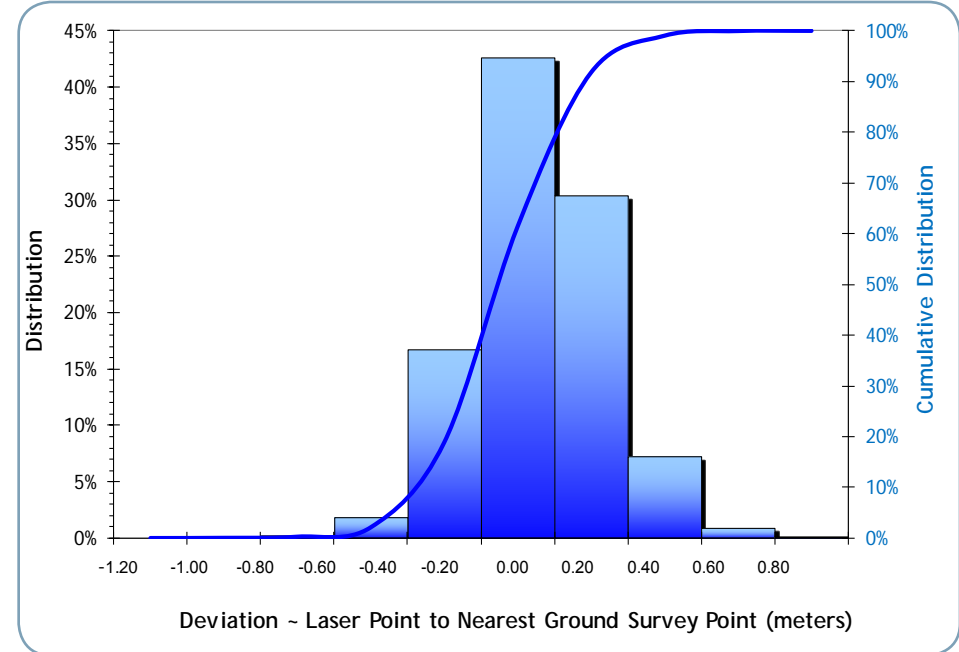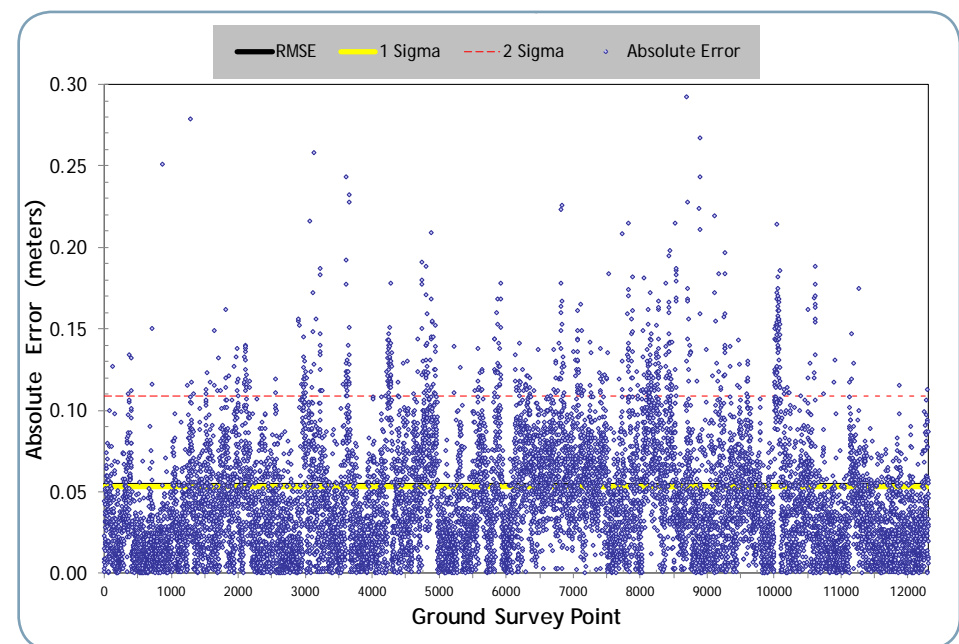|	
Sample Size (n)	12,307
Root Mean Square Error	0.18 ft (0.05 m)
1 Standard Deviation	0.17 ft (0.05 m)
2 Standard Deviation	0.36 ft (0.11 m)
Average Deviation	0.04 ft (0.14 m)
Minimum Deviation	-0.96 ft (-0.29 m)
Maximum Deviations	0.71 ft (0.22 m)

Figure 5.4. Rogue River Study Area point absolute deviation statistics

Land Cover Accuracy

In addition to the hard surface RTK data collection, check points were also collected across the project area on four different land cover types to provide Supplemental Vertical Accuracy (SVA) statistics in accordance with NSSDA guidelines. All data collection was completed by WSI. As such, SVA statistics are reported as "Compiled to meet" in accordance with the ASPRS Guidelines Vertical Accuracy Reporting for LiDAR Data V1.0 (ASPRS, 2004).

The dominant land cover classes within the present project area are listed below. The descriptions provide further detail regarding the actual vegetation. This analysis demonstrates that the vertical accuracy of the interpolated ground surface, across all land cover classes, meets or exceeds vertical accuracy specifications.

Table 5.3. Dominant Land Cover Classes Detailed Below

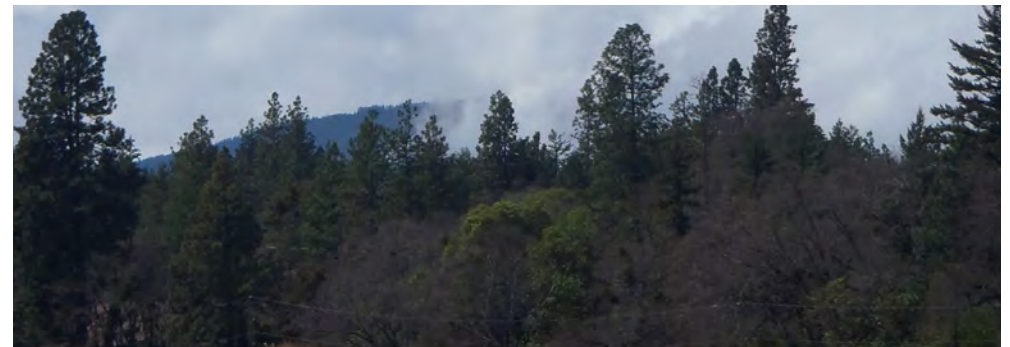| Dominant Land Cover Classes	
Herbaceous	Less than 2 ft in height
Shrubland	Woody vegetation more than 6 ft in height
Forest	Full coverage of mature forest
Developed	Permanent dwellings and other structures

Table 5.4. Summary statistics for Supplemental Vertical Accuracy by land cover class.

Dominant Land Cover Classes

LAND COVER	SAMPLE SIZE Total = 928	RMSE	AVE DZ	1 SIGMA	2 SIGMA
Herbaceous	220	0.56 ft. (0.17 m)	0.51 ft. (0.16 m)	0.66 ft. (0.20 m)	0.94 ft. (0.29 m)
Shrubland	269	0.64 ft. (0.20 m)	0.57 ft. (0.18 m)	0.70 ft. (0.21 m)	1.23 ft. (0.38 m)
Forest	219	0.21 ft. (0.06 m)	-0.03 ft. (-0.01 m)	0.14 ft. (0.04 m)	0.35 ft. (0.11 m)
Developed	220	0.20 ft. (0.06 m)	0.04 ft. (0.01 m)	0.17 ft. (0.05 m)	0.49 ft. (0.15 m)

Figure 5.5. Absolute deviation values by land cover class survey points used in Supplemental Vertical Accuracy assessment.
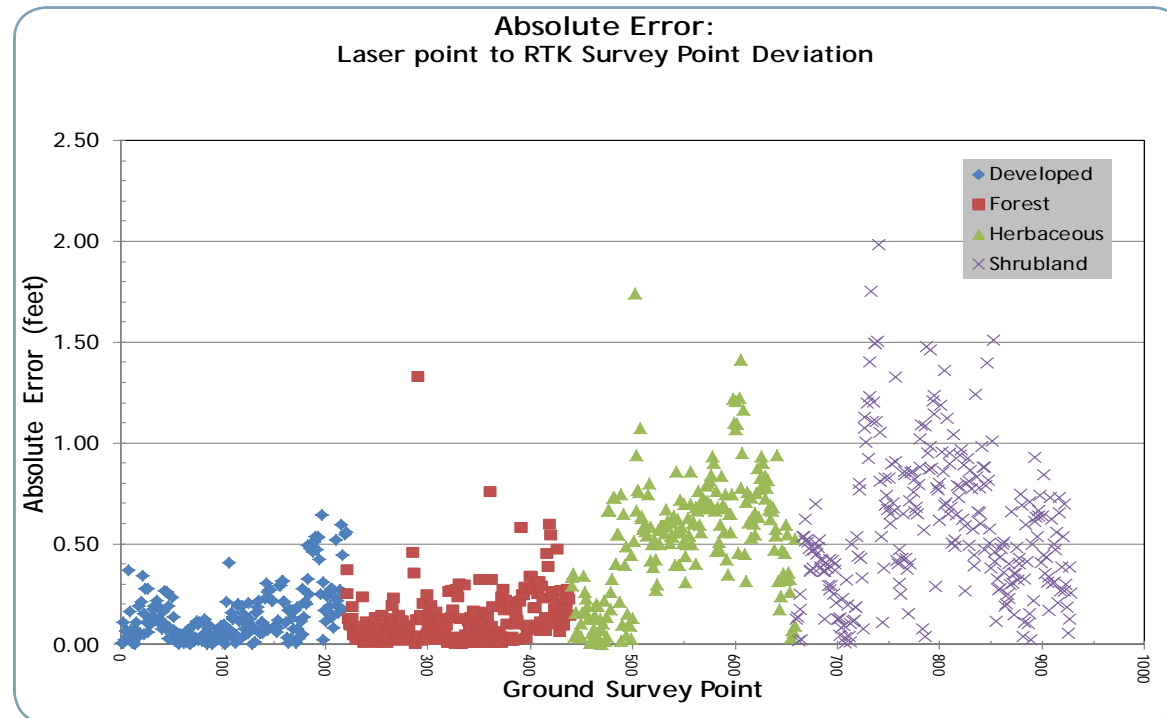
Density

Pulse Density

Some types of surfaces (i.e. dense vegetation or water) may return fewer pulses than the laser originally emitted. Therefore, the delivered density can be less than the native density and vary according to terrain, land cover and water bodies. Density histograms and maps (Figures 6.1 – 6.4) have been calculated based on first return laser point density and ground-classified laser point density.

Table 6.1. Average Point Densities Detailed Below

Average Point Densities

Pulse Density (sq ft)	Pulse Density (sq m)	Ground Density (sq ft)	Ground Density (sq m)
0.96	10.36	0.08	0.86

Ground Density

Ground classifications were derived from ground surface modeling. Classifications were performed by reseeding of the ground model where it was determined that the ground model failed, usually under dense vegetation and/or at breaks in terrain, steep slopes and at bin boundaries.

Figure 6.1. Histogram of first return laser point density for entire study area.
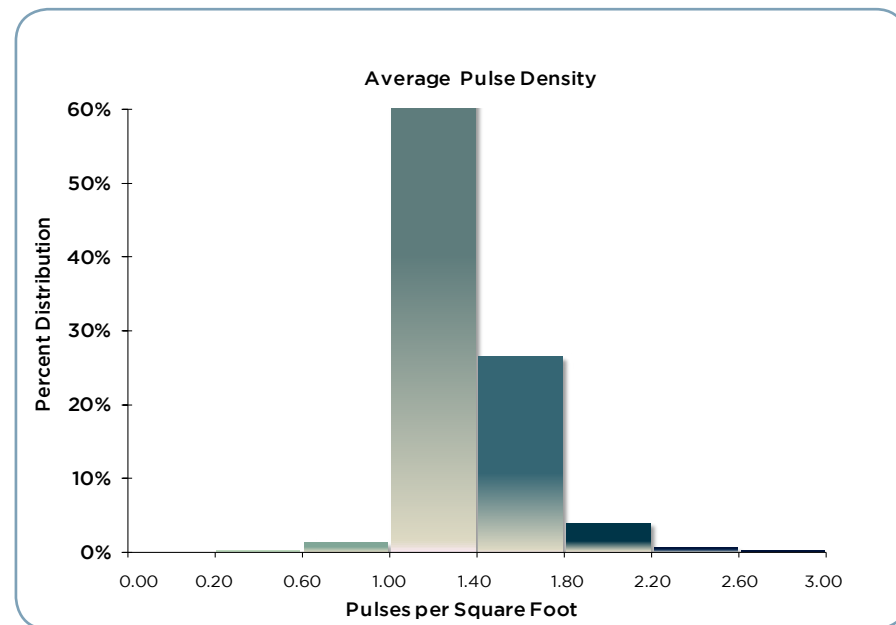

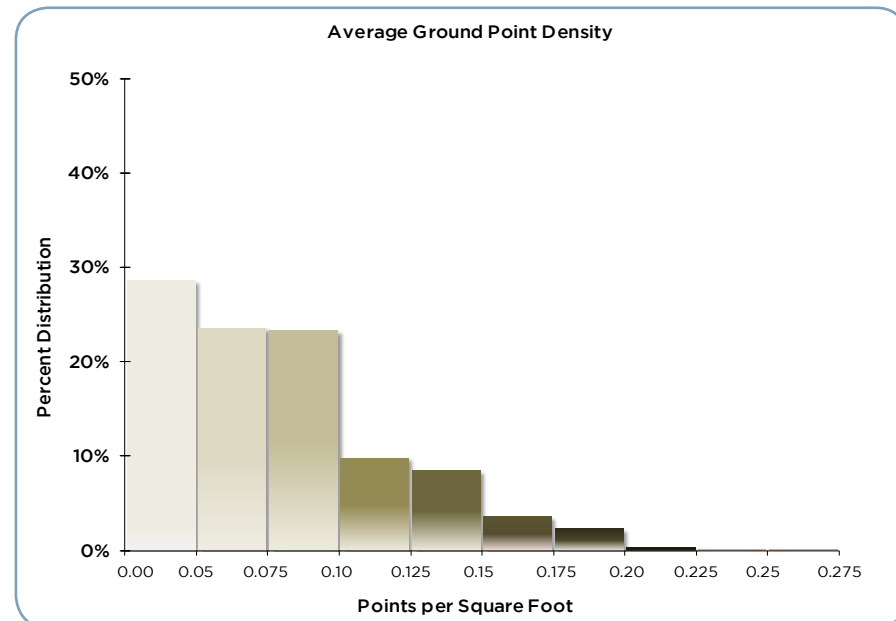Figure 6.2. Histogram of ground-classified laser point density for entire study area.

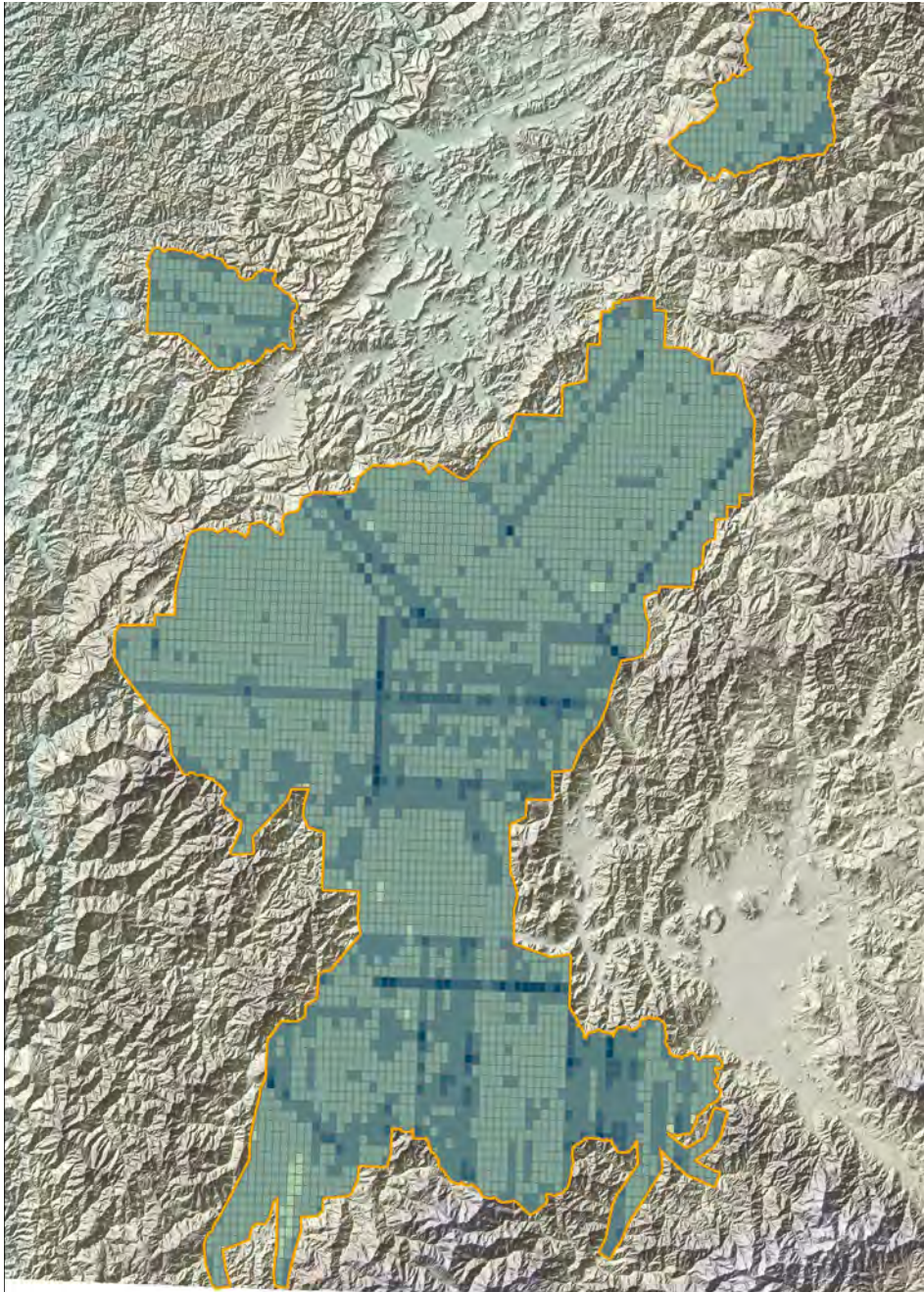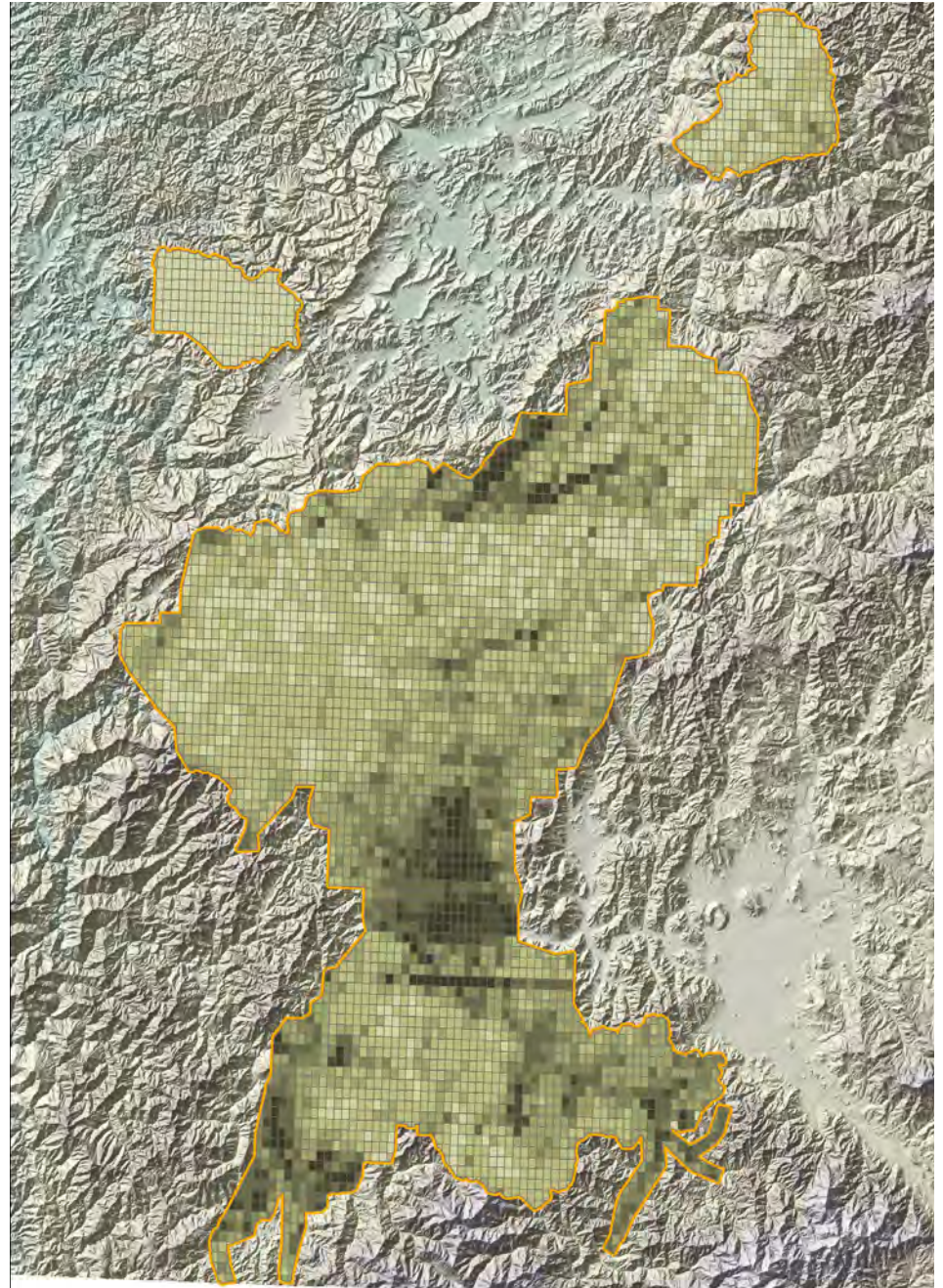Figure 6.3. First return laser point densities per 0.75' USGS Quad.

Figure 6.4. Ground-classified laser point density per 0.75' USGS Quad.

Appendix

Certifications

WSI provided LiDAR services for the Rogue River study area as described in this report.

I, Mathew Boyd, have reviewed the attached report for completeness and hereby state that it is a complete and accurate report of this project.
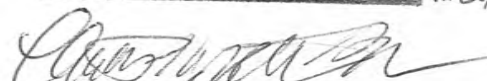
Mathew Boyd
Principal
WSI

I, Christopher W. Yotter-Brown, being first dully sworn, say that as described in the Ground Survey subsection of the Acquisition section of this report was completed by me or under my direct supervision and was completed using commonly accepted standard practices. Accuracy statistics shown in the Accuracy Section have been reviewed by me to meet National Standard for Spatial Data Accuracy.

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Table of Monuments

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ROGUE_39	42 38 06.44408	-123 22 41.17969	341.225	ROGUE_18	42 47 20.41085	-123 42 14.19172	1089.192
NZ1328	42 25 24.56080	-123 20 19.88330	264.622				
ROGUE_04	42 16 59.75279	-123 13 26.00084	339.504				
ROGUE_40	42 18 41.92800	-123 15 57.44664	319.379				

LiDAR-derived Imagery

LiDAR point cloud with RGB extraction from 2009 NAIP imagery. City of Grants Pass, Oregon. View to the North.

LiDAR point cloud with RGB extraction from 2009 NAIP imagery. Forested hills north of Applegate, Oregon. View to the East.
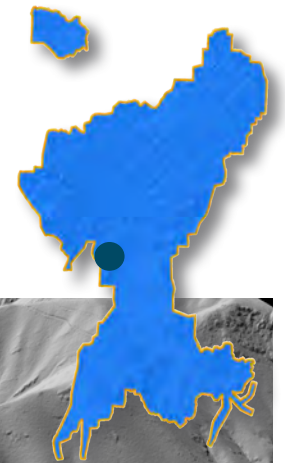
Hillshade of LiDAR-derived 1m DEM. Carpenters Island on the Rogue River, Oregon. View to the East.