Mapping Efforts in Support of Sudden Oak Death Management

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Sudden Oak Death & COMTF

CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE

- New forest disease
- California and Southern Oregon
- Began in mid-1990s
- A large interdisciplinary group quickly began working on the problem:
 - » Representatives from government, research community, industry, and the public
 - » Formed COMTF in 2000
 - » www.suddenoakdeath.org
- Our role in cooperation with COMTF is to provide mapping support to this diverse and growing community.

Distribution of Sudden Oak Death as of April 4, 2006



Mapping in Support of SOD

- We do this through a range of tools:
 - » Public Access:
 - Static downloadable maps
 - webGIS
 - Animations
 - » Research:
 - Remote sensing and spatial modeling
- All publicly available maps are available through our website:





Web-based Mapping



1. Static Maps

- » State, county, local; made available in PDF, TIF, JPG.
- 2. OakMapper application
 - » ArcIMS site, data upload/download
- 3. Google Maps API application
 - » Useful for viewing background imagery, Open Source
- 4. Google Earth application
 - » Coming soon.



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Some usage information:

- » As of 12-2005, we have had a total of 100,400 visitors to OakMapper;
- » Nearly 500 of those visitors have submitted information on trees with SOD symptoms;
- Static maps are routinely downloaded; used in agency reporting and K-12 education for example.





Research: Remote Sensing & Risk Models

Disease has major overstory mortality component, making remote sensing a useful tool.









Multi-Temporal Remote Sensing

ADAR (Airborne Data Acquisition and Registration) digitally captures reflected light from remote targets in 4 bands: blue, green, red and NIR. Sensor is mounted on airplane, 1-m spatial resolution.





Marin County ADAR flights: 2000

- Positive Systems, Inc.
- March 30, 2000

2001

- Positive Systems, Inc.
- May 4, 2001

2002

- CDF/ARINC, Inc.
- May 28, 2002

2003

- ARINC, Inc.
- July 1, 2003



Research: Remote Sensing & Risk Models

• Research Avenues:

- » We have used high spatial resolution imagery to map mortality through time.
- Results have been used to quantify pattern and infer establishment and spread through time;
- With field data to access changes to forest structure (e.g. gaps); and
- » As an input to a range of risk models.





More Information

- http://www.suddenoakdeath.org
- http://kellylab.berkeley.edu/SODMonitoring
- http://giif.cnr.berkeley.edu
- Papers can be found at: http://kellylab.berkeley.edu/publications.htm

