T.E.A.M. Instruction Guide

(Texas Ecosystems Analytical Mapper)

Texas Parks and Wildlife's Landscape Ecology Program has developed a Google maps based application, Texas Ecosystem Analytical Mapper, (**TEAM**) to deliver the Ecological Mapping Systems of Texas (EMS) data to Texas citizens. The **TEAM** application is an interactive mapping tool that will assist users in understanding Texas habitats and integrate vegetation data with land management and resource planning of all types. Wildlife biologists, land managers, naturalists, planners, and conservationists are able to use **TEAM** to view and print the EMS data in relationship to other natural feature layers such as soils, geology, hydrology and ecoregions. **TEAM** allows the user to view and print custom maps and reports of habitat data from uploaded kml and shapefiles, or areas of interest drawn within the application, and also provides an avenue for community involvement via **GroundTruther** and **TeamGo**

*****Before starting make sure you have TEAM open in a GOOGLE **CHROME** browser**.** The majority of the application's functions work best within Chrome.

For questions please contact the Landscape Ecology Program at:
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Applications and Functions

1. **TEAM-** Texas Ecosystem Analytical Mapper, full desktop version. Has the most functionality including: view and print the EMS data in relationship to other natural feature layers, custom maps and reports of habitat data from uploaded kml and shapefiles, or areas of interest drawn within the application, and export the EMS data to a shapefile or excel table. User can also access GroundTruther from this application.

2. **TeamGo**-Mobile version of the TEAM application for use on a handheld device. Allows the user to take the EMS vegetation data with them. Limited functionality, allows the user to view vegetation with reference to their current location if desired. User can also access GroundTruther from this mobile application.

3. **GroundTruther**- A citizen science tool! Individuals can create a profile in GroundTruther, which will allow them to not only provide feedback on the accuracy of TPWD's vegetation data but also track changes in habitat due to land management or climatic events. GroundTruther is accessible in both **TEAM** and **TeamGO**

TEAM Screen Map

Basic Google Maps Tools

Map Background and Zoom Level

County Level Endangered Species Information

Study Area Analysis Accordion

Study Area Analysis Wizard

Link to TEAM Ground Truth Application

Available Map Layers and Display Functions

TEAM VIEWER TOOLBAR

Cursor location

Link to Endangered Species
Browser/Query tool

float

106° 47' 13.59" W, 40° 25' 48.81" N

Pan | Identify ✿ | Directions | Measure | Go To ...

Map ▼ | 6 ▼

Basic Google Maps Tools/Functions are located
at the top of the application

Background image options (street map, terrain
or street/satellite) and Zoom pull down

Expand/Collapse
Map Legend

See below

Pan: allows you to shift the map image within the window without
changing the scale.

Identify: When applied to a feature of certain layers (by clicking
it), opens a window showing that feature's attributes/definitions.

Directions: Allows user to get driving, walking, or bicycling
directions from one place/address to another.

Measure: User can measure distance/area between or about
feature(s) in the map

Go To: allows user to go back to origin al extent of map, search for
and zoom center map extent to a specific address, place or location,
and allow Google maps to locate user's device and center map on
current location.

Map Legend: Functions/Features

Map Layers currently available in the TEAM viewer: Texas Counties, Ecological Systems (Ecological Mapping Systems of Texas Data), NRCS's Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO) data, TPWD's Land and Water Resources Conservation and Recreation Plan (LWRCRP) Properties, and the National Hydrologic Dataset (NHD)

Layers are turned on automatically when zoomed to a viewable extent

For current available layers scale must be as follows to view:

Counties: View at any scale
LWRCRP: View at any scale
Ecological Systems: 7 - 16
SSURGO: 14 or greater
NHD: 12 or greater

TEAM: Tool Tip and Map Extent Legend

Once zoomed in and layers are viewable, the **Tool Tip** and Map Extent Legend become active

Map Extent Legend is an interactive/clickable legend. It displays all EMS map units or SSURGO map units within the current screen area. Users can click (select) individual map units. Polygons with matching attributes are then highlighted on the map.

Tool Tip identifies the attributes of individual polygons on the map as the cursor hovers over it

TEAM: Tool Tip Example
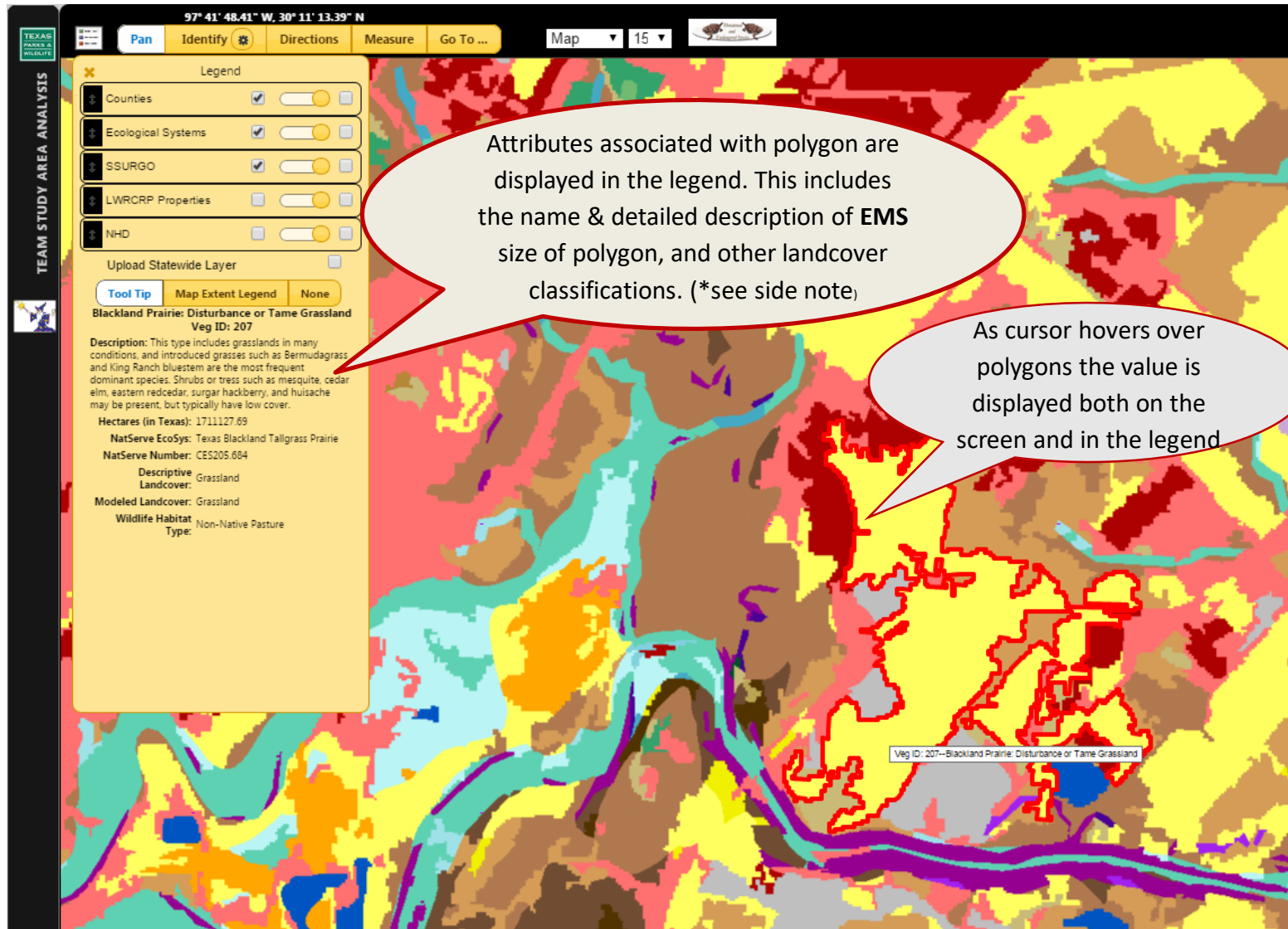
*In the viewer all polygons are displayed by their EMS (Ecological Mapping System) value. In the database these values have been cross walked to other landcover types:

NatureServe Ecological System: EMS units were derived from these parent systems. Anthropogenic and invasive types do not have a parent system

Modeled landcover: 16 basic landcover types, i.e. grassland, evergreen shrubland, etc...

Descriptive landcover: basic landcover types with an abiotic qualifier, i.e. sandy grassland, slope evergreen shrubland, etc.

Wildlife Habitat type: classes used by TPWD biologists in wildlife management plans

Google Tool Examples : Identify Tool
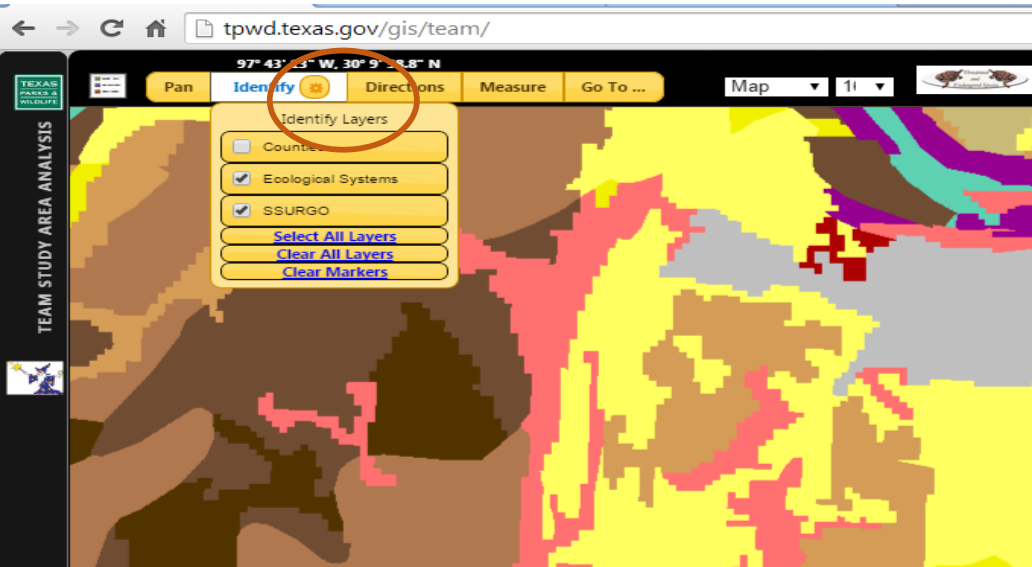
Step 1: Make layers of interest viewable within the legend
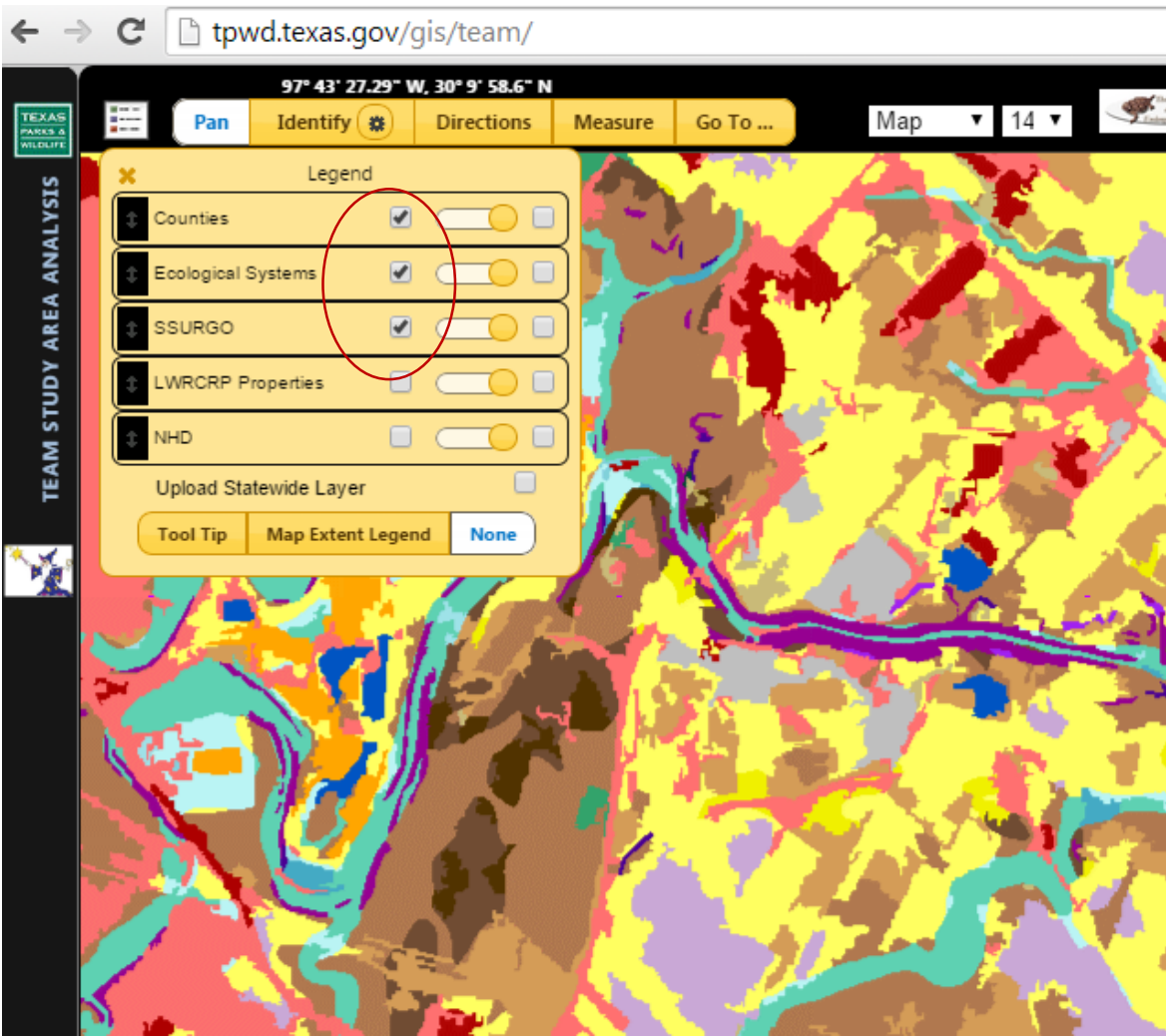
Step 2: Select asterisk next to the "Identify" and choose which layers you would like to ID
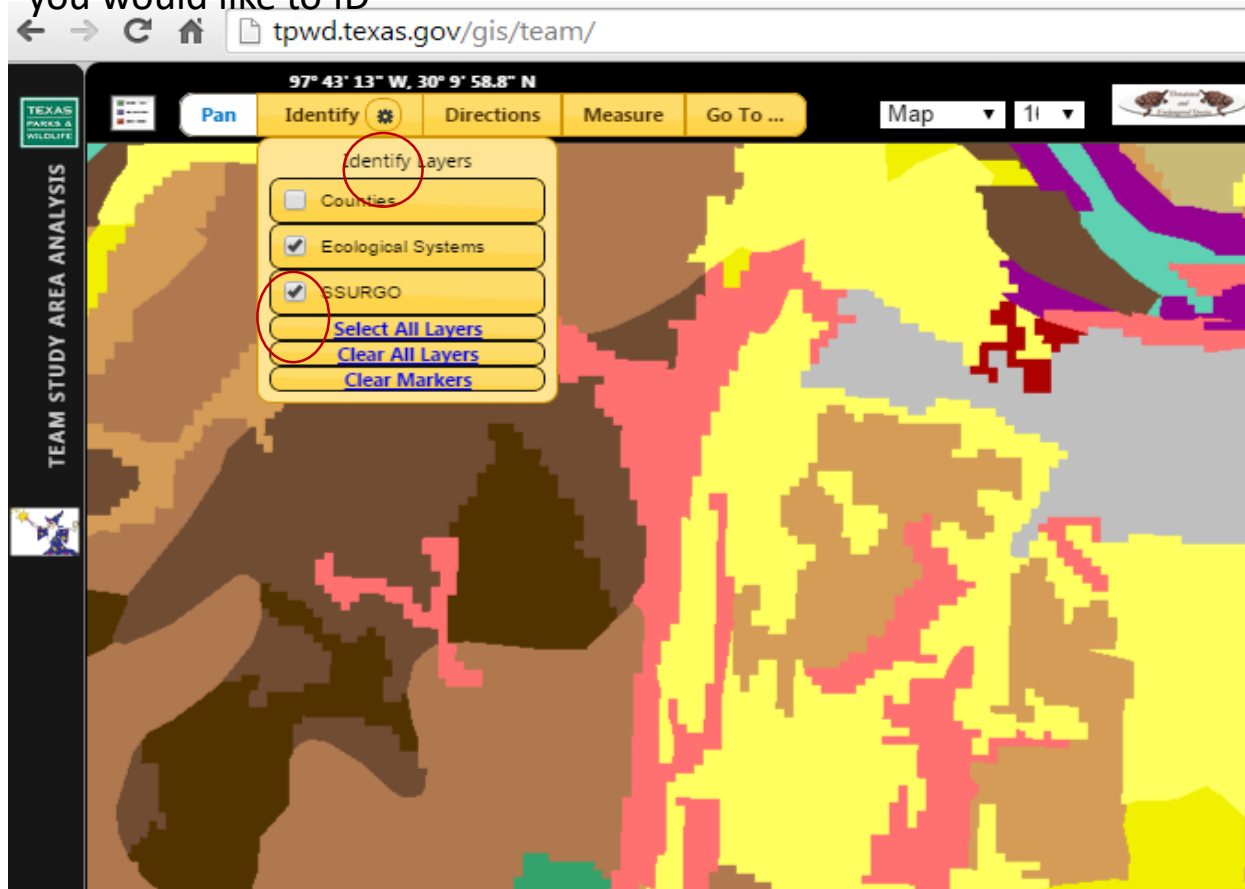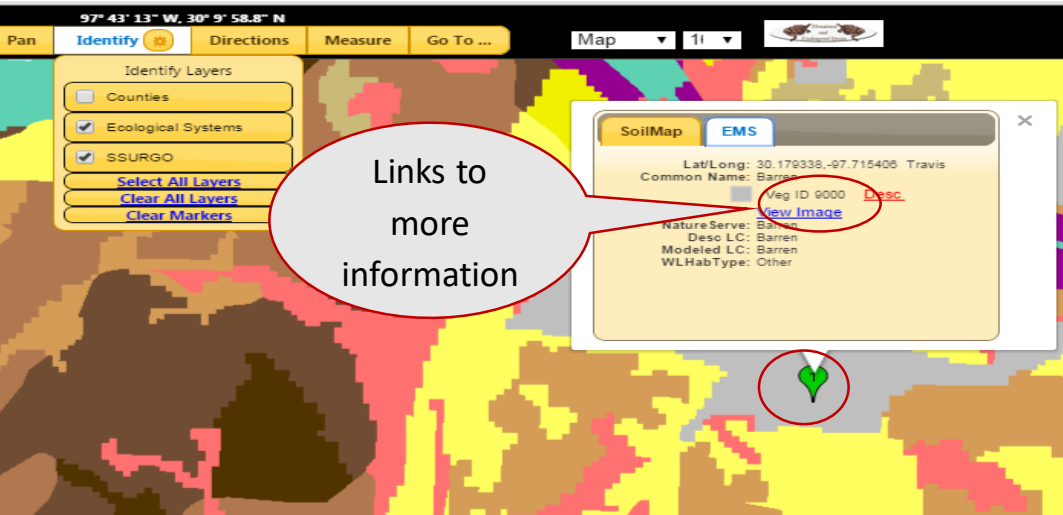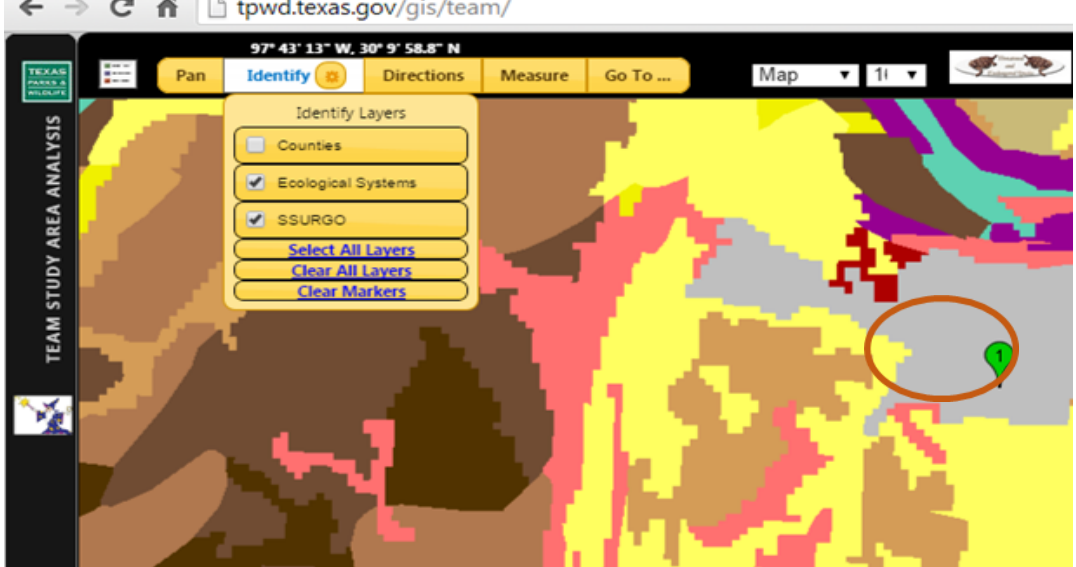
Google Tool Examples : Identify Tool Cont.

Step 3: Click on "Identify" –it should be highlighted/white

Step 4: Click polygon on map to get more information and a thumbtack will appear

Step 5: Click Thumbtack-dialogue box opens with tabs for each layer you selected to ID

Links to more information

Step 6: SSURGO Links take you to UC DAVIS for detailed soil information: EMS Links open a pop-up

Directions Tool

Click on "Directions" –it should be highlighted/white and a dialogue box opens
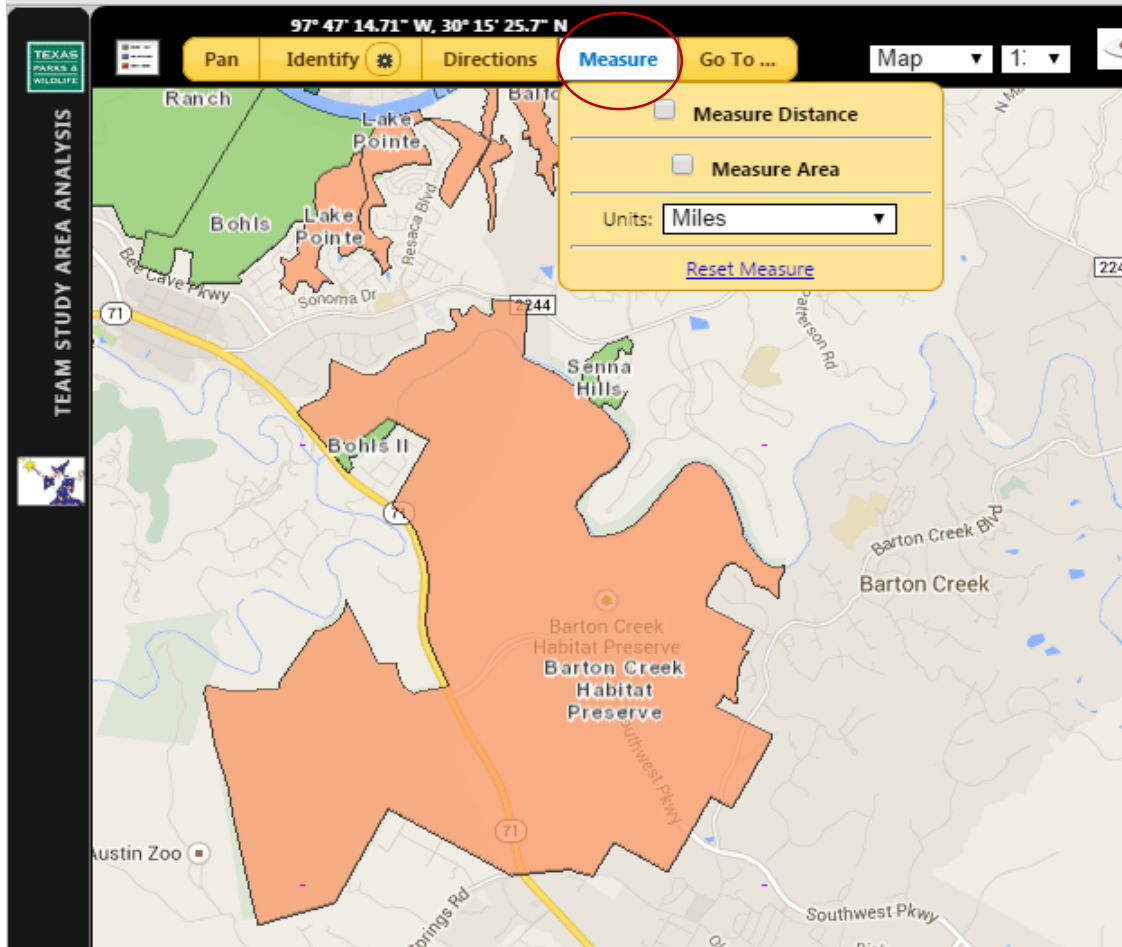

Enter place name or address in the text boxes and click get directions
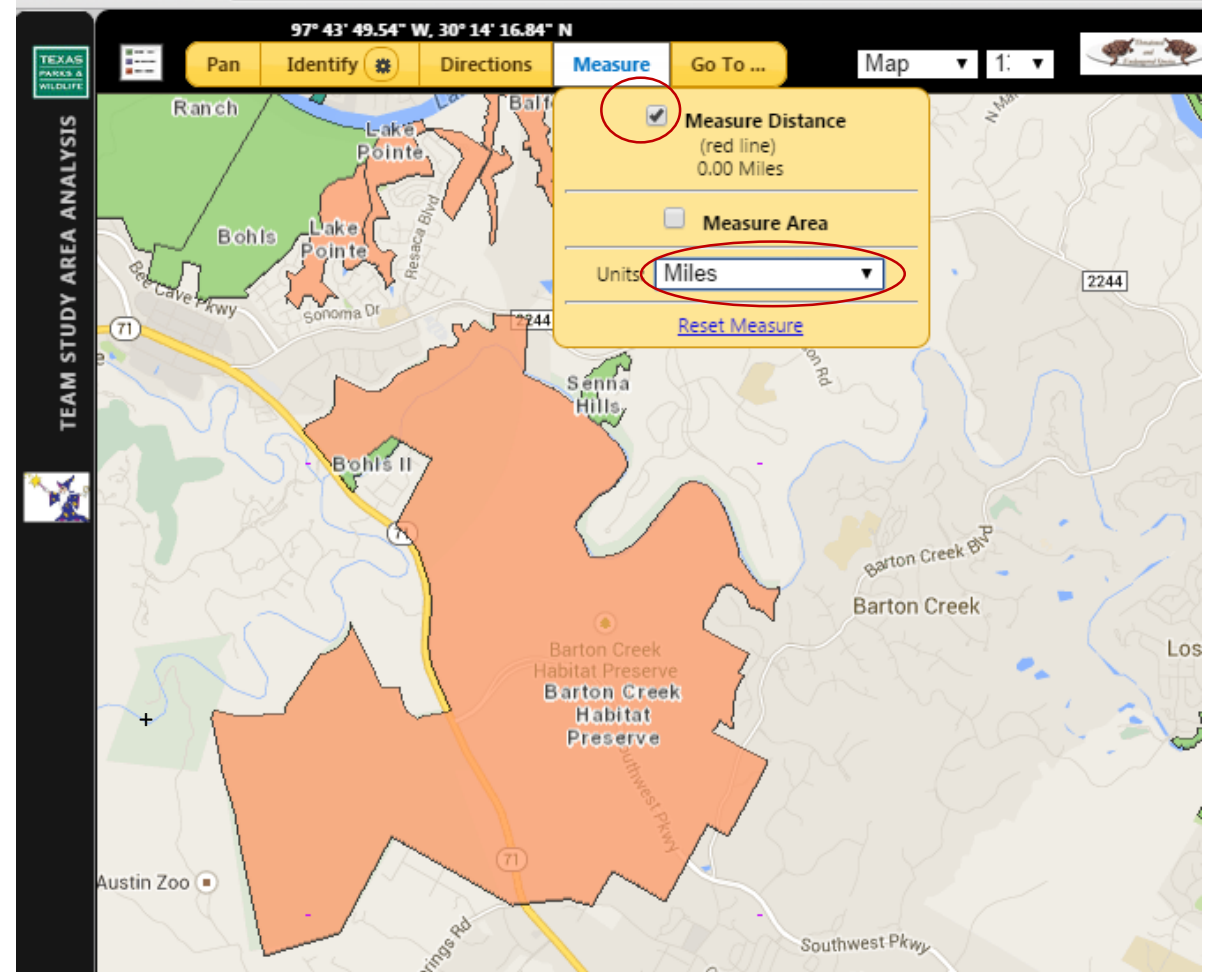
Written turn-by-turn directions

Route also shown on Map

Measure Tool : Distance or Area

Step 1: Click "Measure" –it should be highlighted/white a dialogue box opens, and the cursor will become a +
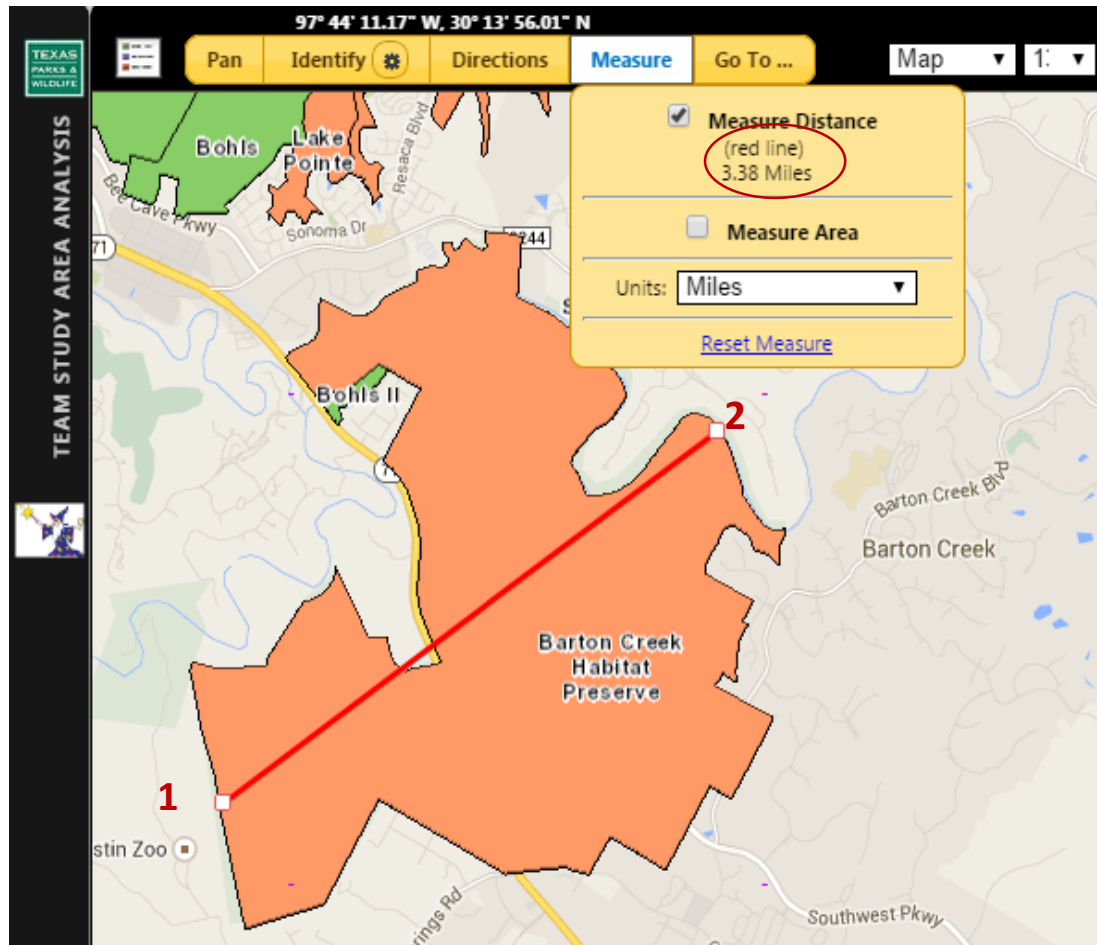
Step 2: Select either "Measure Distance" or "Measure Area", and choose measurement units

Measure Tool : Distance or Area Cont.

Distance: Click once on map at the starting Click once on map at the starting point (1) of measurement, move cursor to end of measurement (2) and click again.
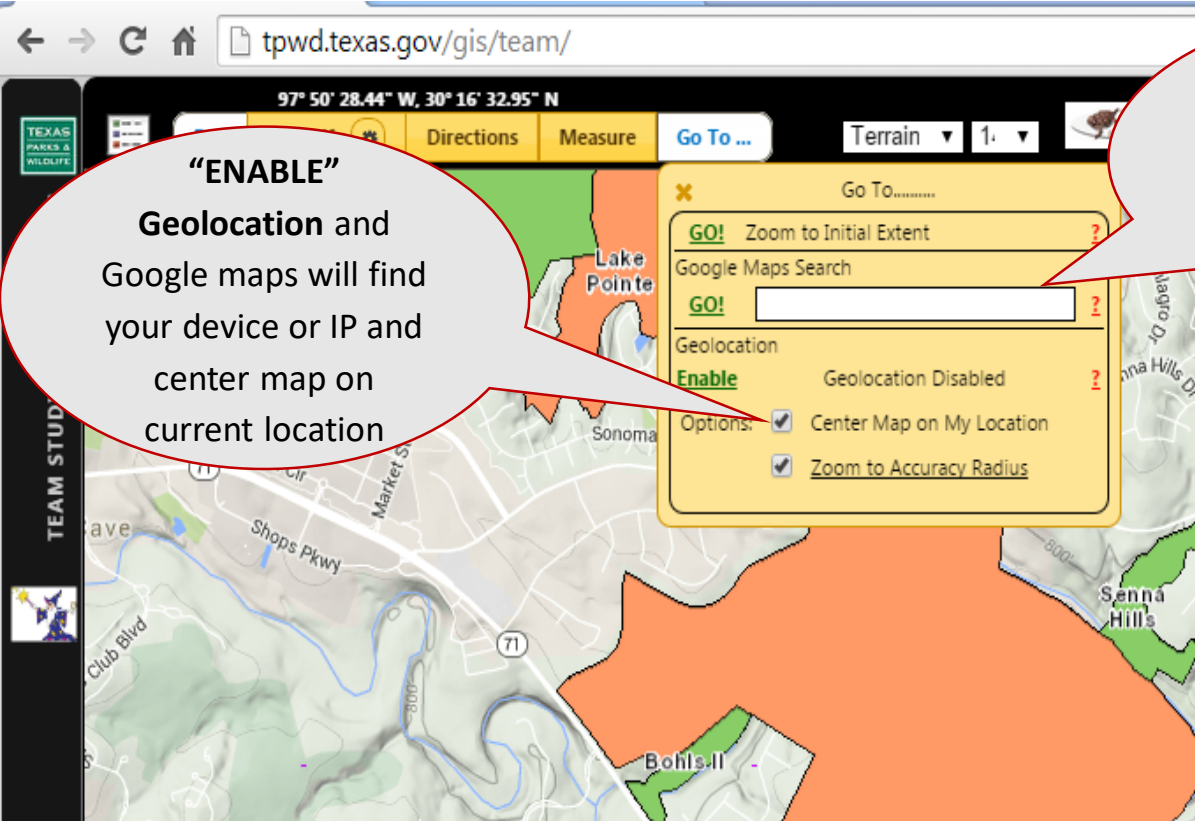
Area: Click once on map at the starting point of measurement (1), move cursor to vertex/corner of area and click (2), click at each spot that will be a vertex/corner of the measurement area (3...). At the last vertex (4) double click.
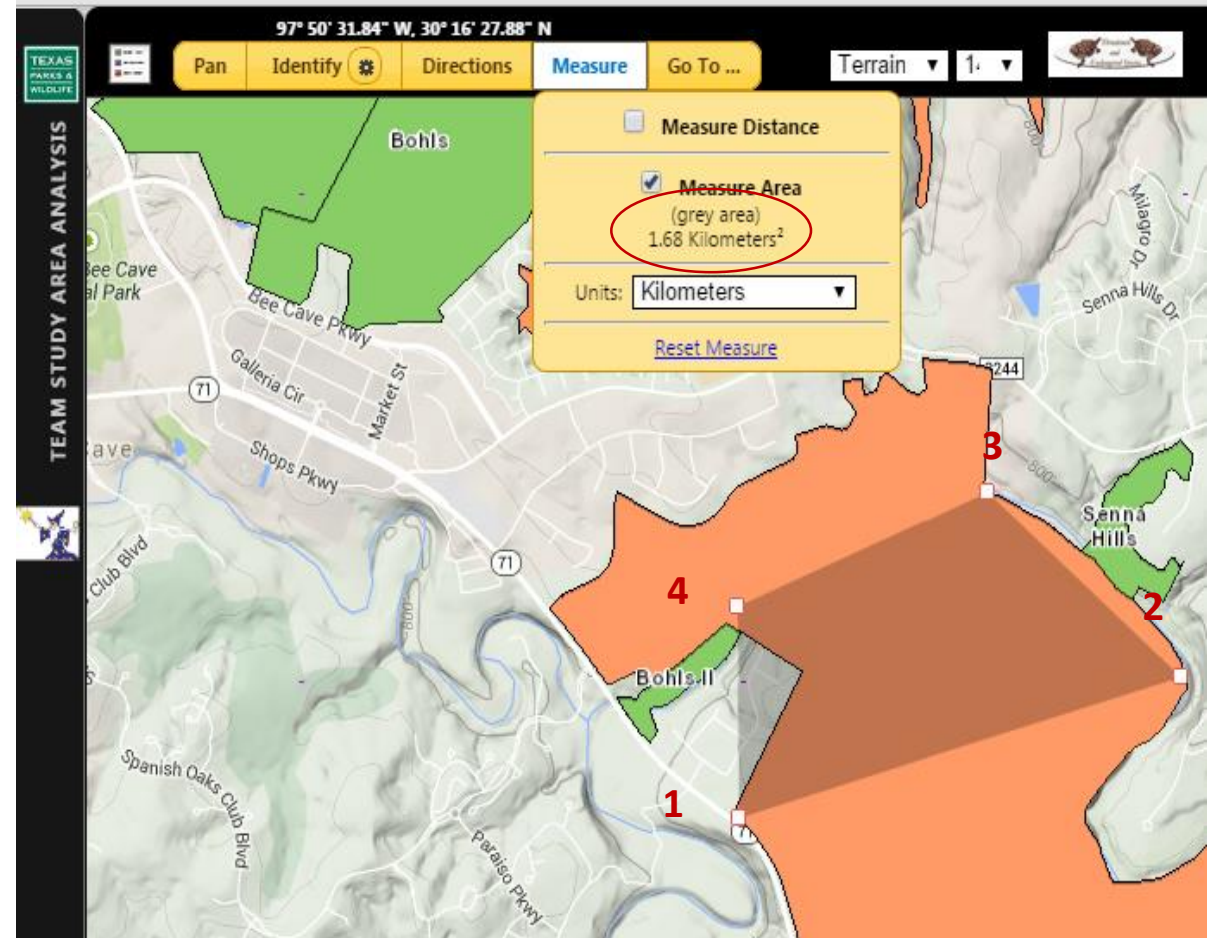
Go To Tool

Step 1: Click "Go To" –it should be highlighted/white and a dialogue box opens

Step 2: Enter a place name or address in the Google Maps Search text box and click on "GO!"

"ENABLE" **Geolocation** and Google maps will find your device or IP and center map on current location

Go To Options: **Center** will move map to you location and **Zoom** will automatically zoom in on the location

Map will zoom and center on that location!
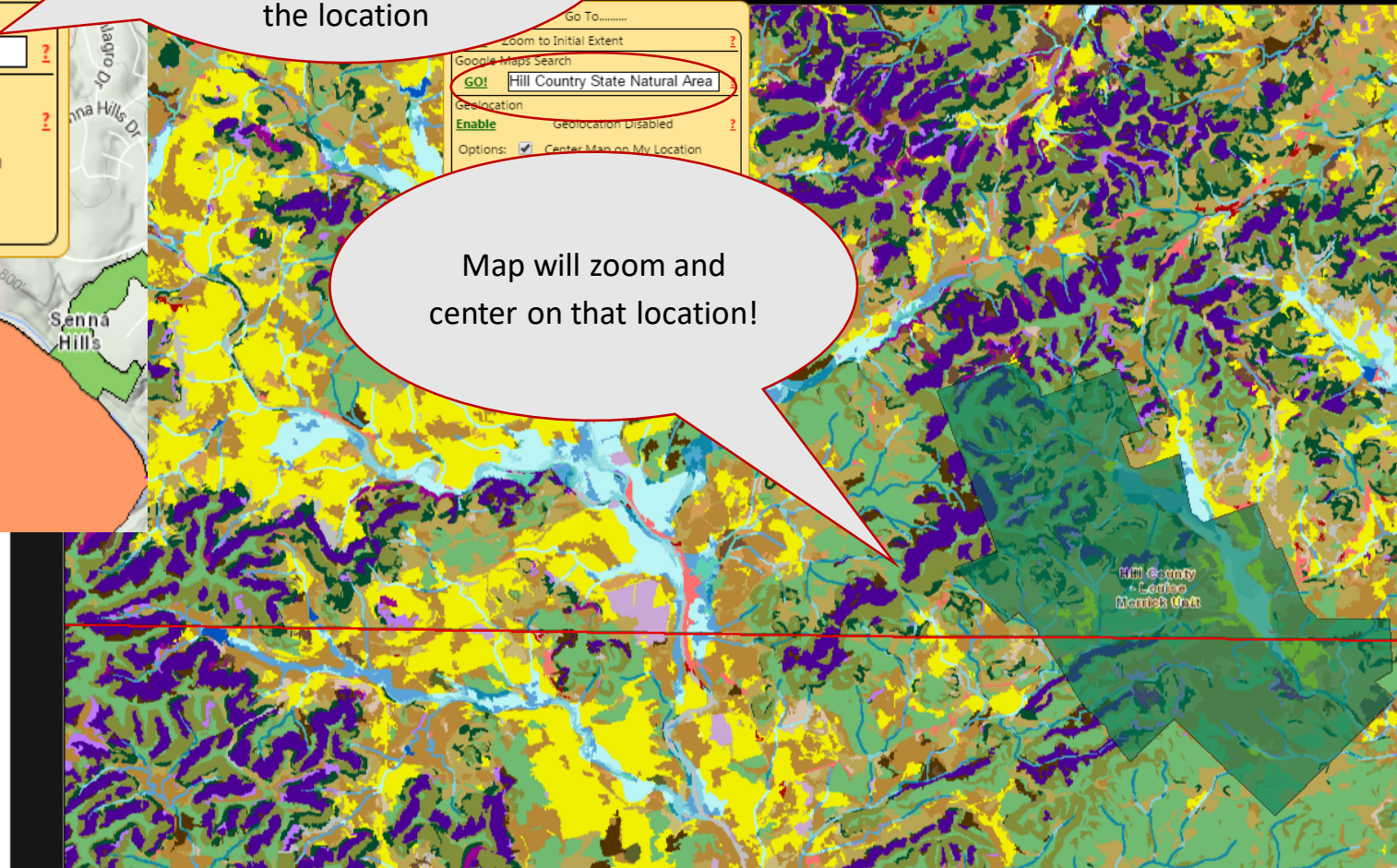
Custom Vegetation Reports

HOW TO: Use the TEAM Study Area Analysis Tool

The Study Area Analysis Tool allows users to upload or draw boundary files in order to create and print custom maps and reports of the EMS data.   The tool will analyze EMS data within polygon boundary(ies) or buffer point locations. TEAM will calculate the acres of each vegetation type within your boundary(ies) or buffer(s) creating both an online interactive report and exportable PDF. Flexibility in the Study Area Analysis Tool give the ability to calculate different landcover types and add county level endangered species information to the analysis.

There are TWO ways to access and use the Study Area Analysis Tool, the wizard and the accordion on the side bar.
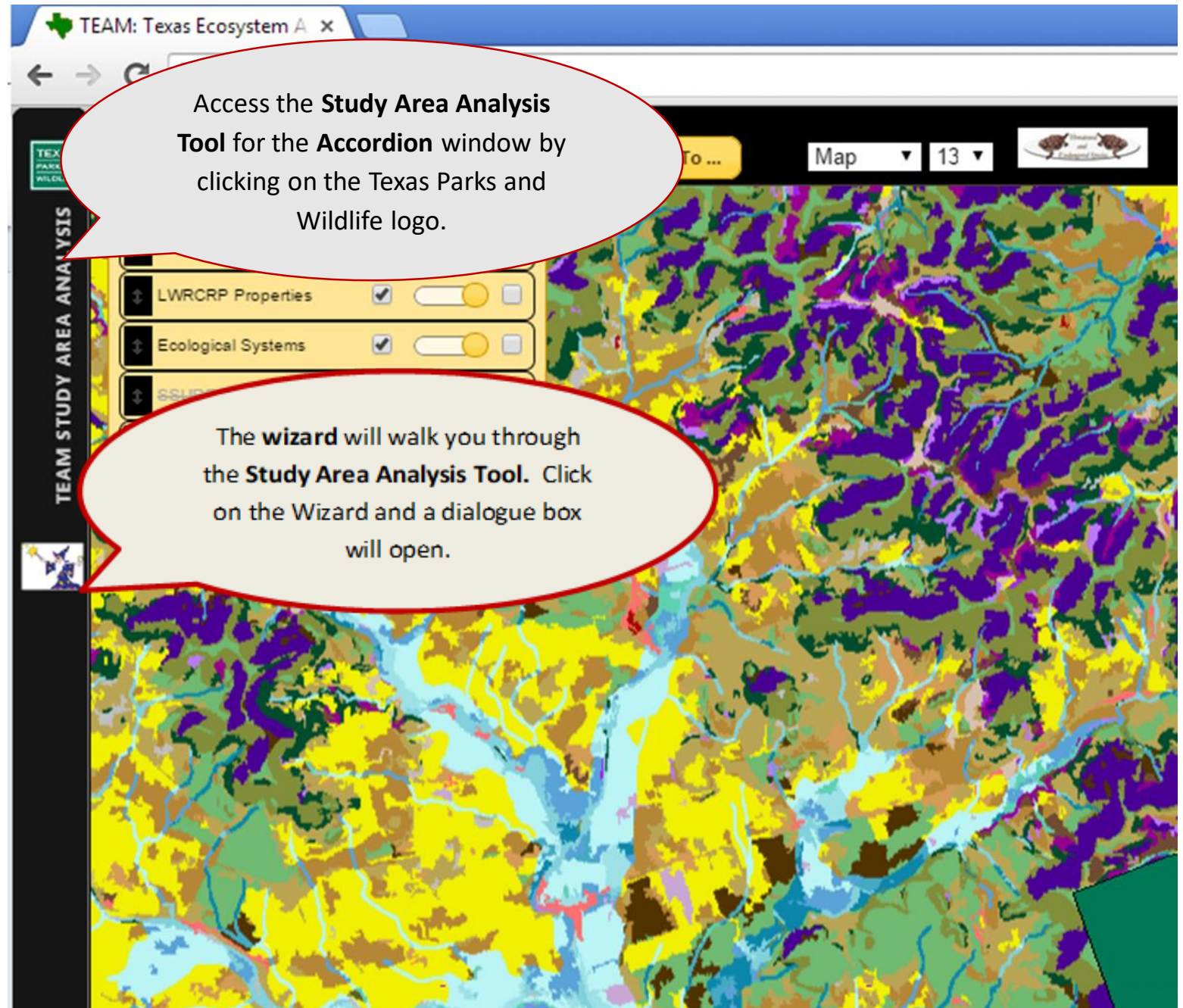
TEAM Study Area Analysis Tool: The Wizard

Step 1: Click on the Wizard

Dialogue box opens to "About TEAM"

Analysis Wizard: Step 2 "TEAM Report Options" tab

User can choose contents of report. Check boxes to include which map unit(s) to analyze and compare in the report. The option to included Endangered Species County in the report is available here. Report name must be entered and under 50 characters.

EMS (Ecological Mapping Systems) are always included in the analysis. Other classifications cross walked in the data are as follows.

NatureServe Ecological System: EMS units are derived from these parent systems. Anthropogenic and invasive types do not have a parent system

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Analysis Wizard: Step 3 Add Boundary(ies) Tab

One or more boundaries must be defined for the analysis to work. Options for defining boundaries include, **Draw polygons** on the map, **Select a boundary for the LWRCRP data,** or **Upload a KML/KMZ or Shapefile.**

Add Boundary Examples 1 -3: Drawing Boundaries

-Click on the "Draw polygon" tab so that it is highlighted (white)

- Select the Shape of the boundary you would like to draw

Click on the map to create a starting point for your boundary (See example 1 below)

For squares and circles just drag the shape to the size you need

For polygons just click at each vertex (corner) and complete by closing the shape at your starting point

(See example 2 below, each vertex is number 1 &7 are the beginning and starting points)

For circles just click at where you would want the middle of the circle, then change radius to desired size

-use arrows or text box in wizard to edit the circle radius, default is 1 mile (See example 3 below)

NOTE:

You can have multiple boundaries of more than one shape within your report!

Warning:

Google Maps has a size limit when running analyses. Team will display an error message if the shape or shapes is too large

Analysis Wizard: Add Boundary(ies) Example 1, Rectangle Tool

Analysis Wizard: Add Boundary(ies) Example 2, Polygon Tool:

Analysis Wizard: Add Boundary(ies) Example 3, Circle Tool

Place a circle on the map using a specific latitude and longitude (A) or put a point on the map (B)

Create a circular boundary of a certain radius using the dialogue box (1) or arrows (2)
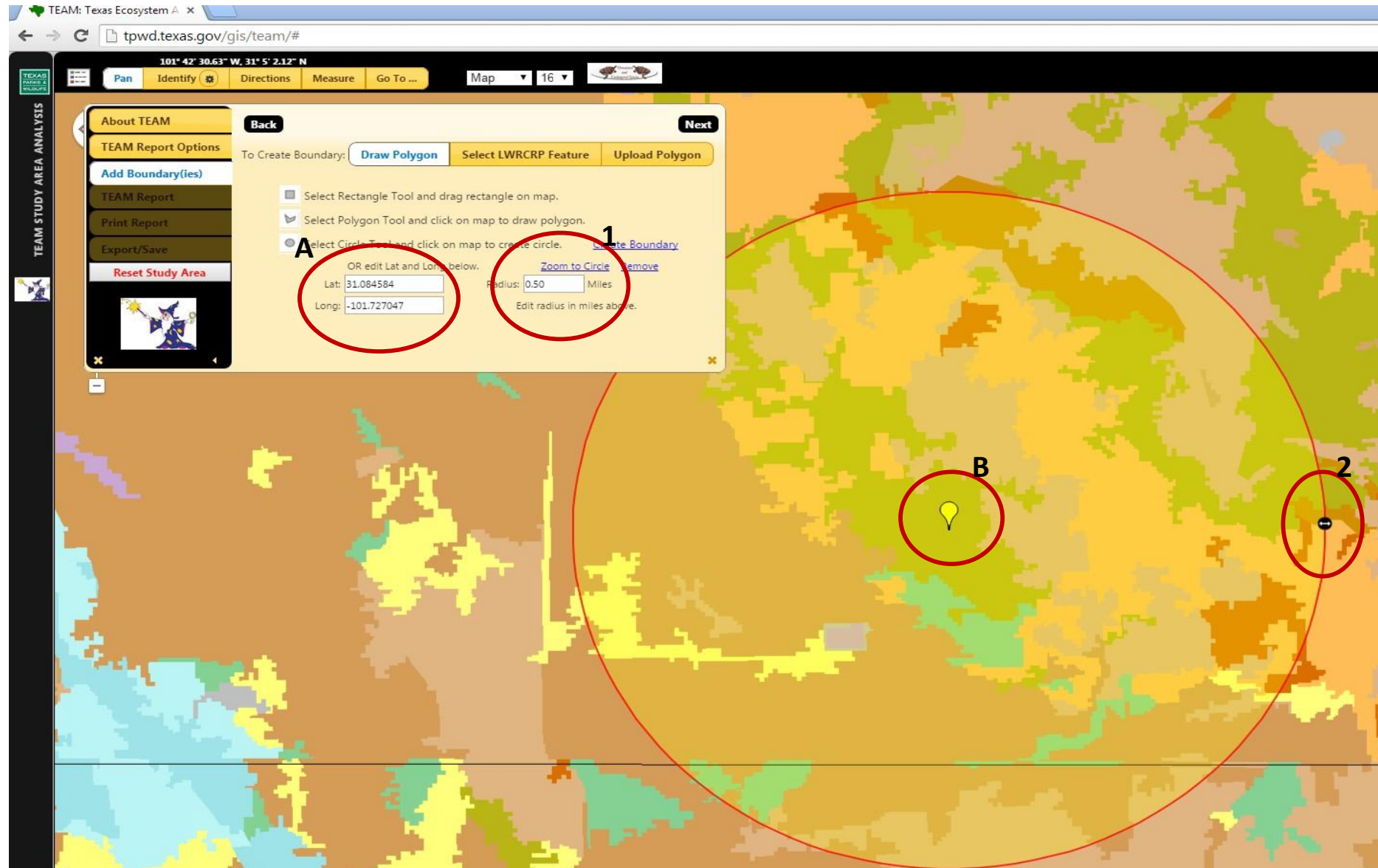
Analysis Wizard: Add Boundary(ies) Example 4, Select a Boundary From the Map

Currently only LWRCRP Boundaries can be selected
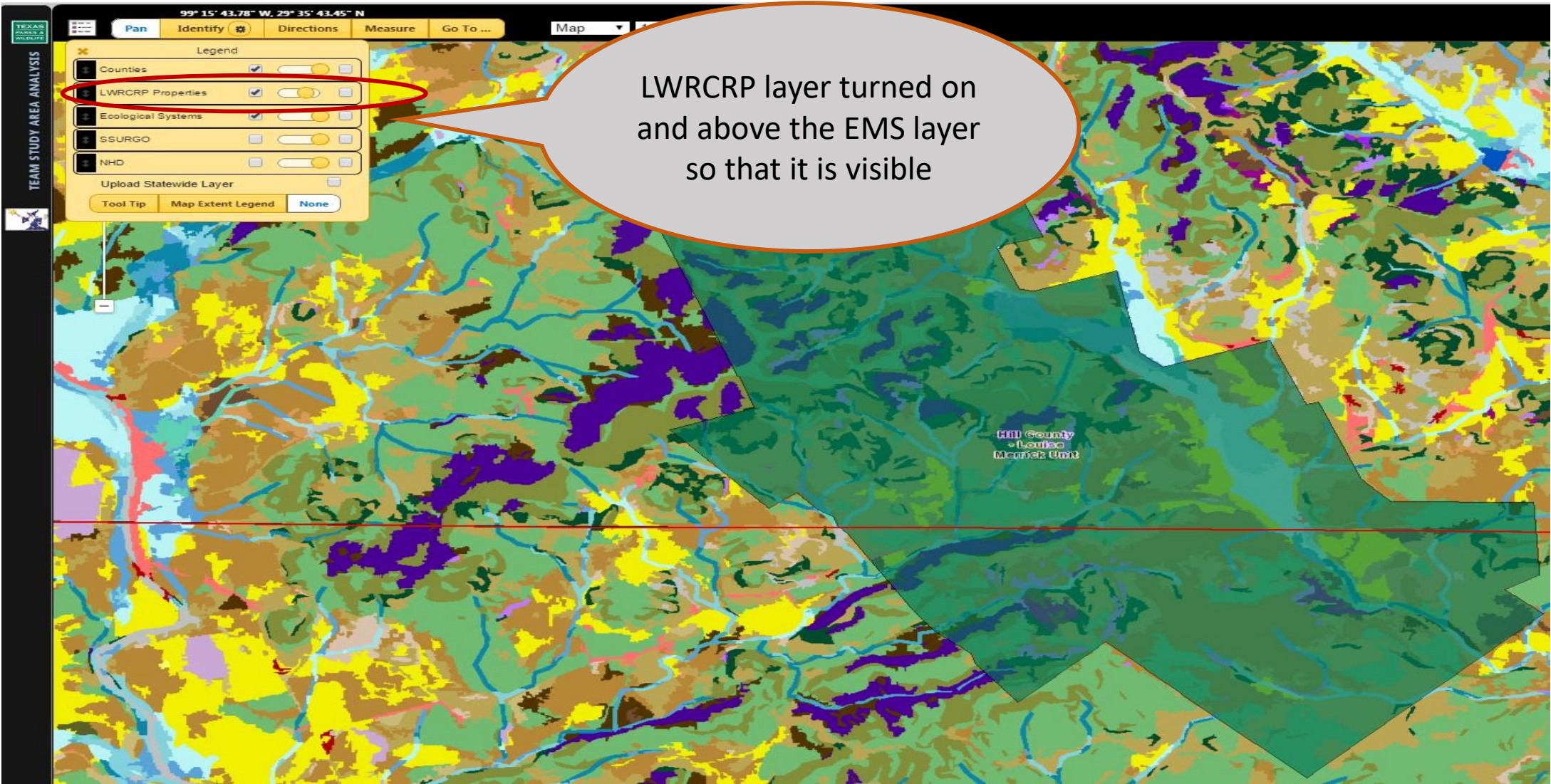
-Make sure the LWRCRP Properties are turned on, it is best to drag that layer above other visible layers

Example 4 Cont., Select a Boundary From the Map

They polygon on the map will turn blue once it is selected for a TEAM report

- Click on the "Select LWRCRP Feature" tab so that it is highlighted (white)
- Click on the "Select Feature Tool" (red dot in grey box)
- Click on the LWRCRP polygon of interest in the TEAM application

Analysis Wizard: Add Boundary(ies) Example 4, Upload a Polygon
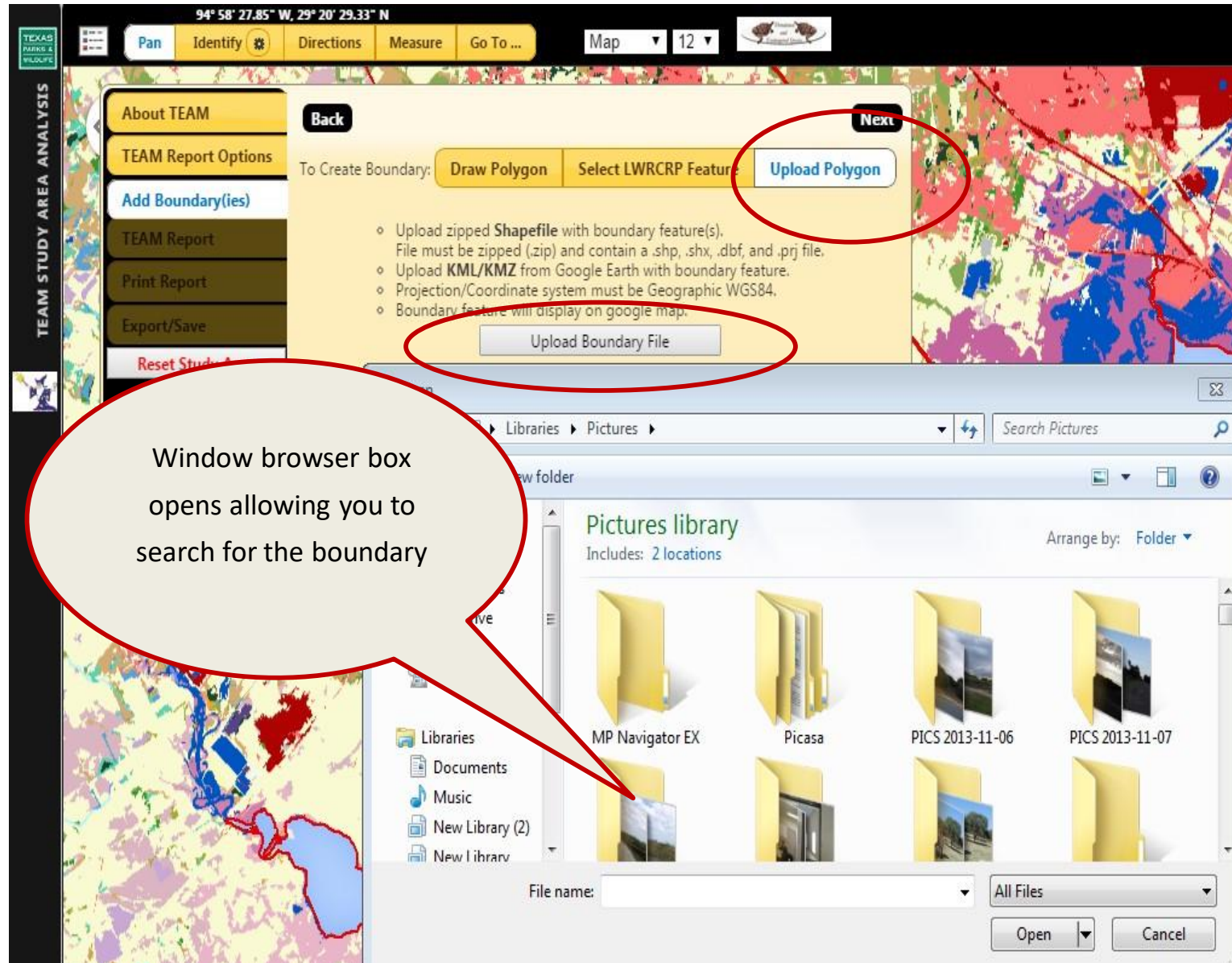
UPLOADED POLYGONS MUST BE IN THE FOLLOWING FORMATS:

Upload a **zipped Shapefile** with boundary feature(s).
File **must be zipped** (.zip) and contain a .shp, .shx, .dbf, and .prj file.

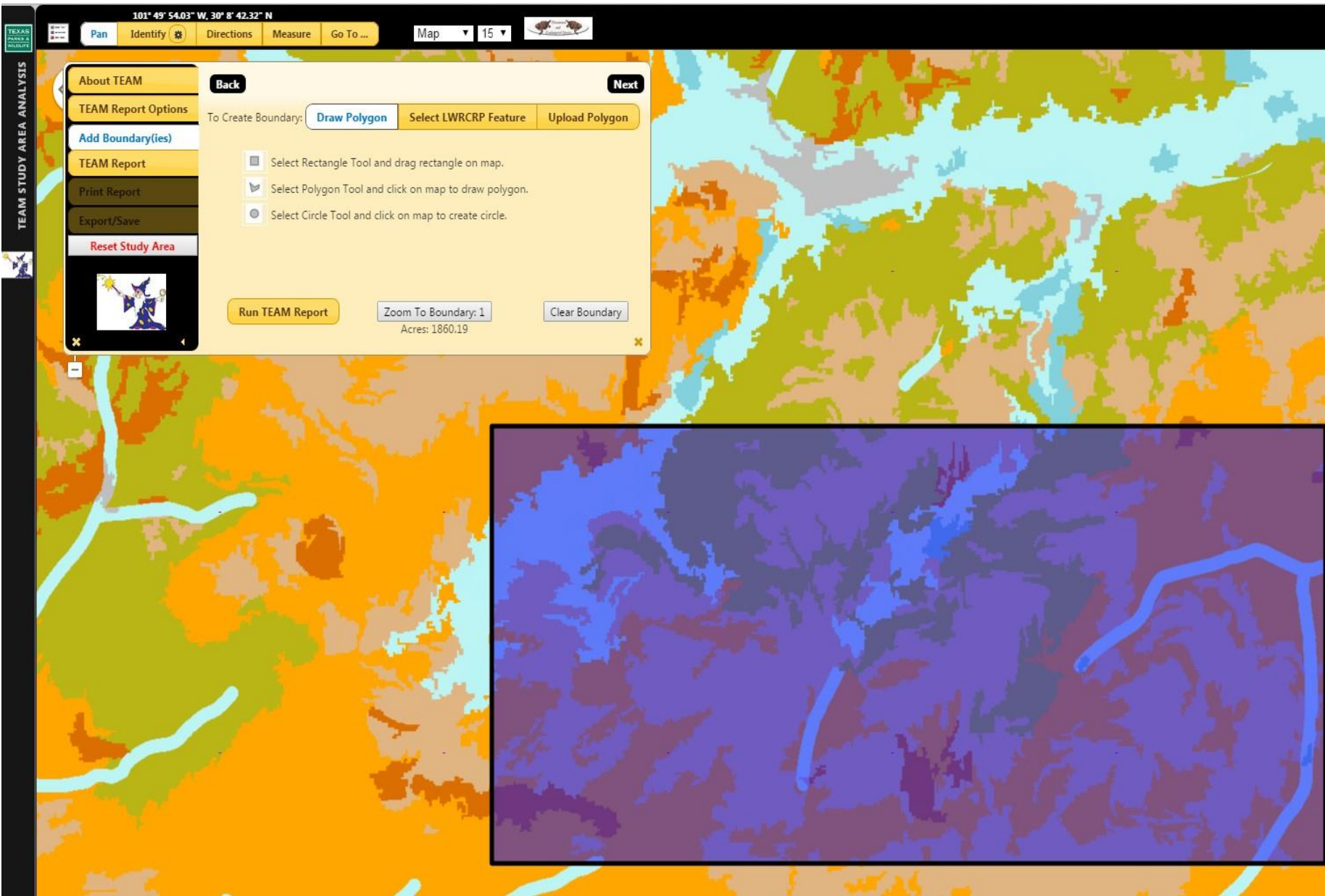Upload **KML/KMZ** from Google Earth with boundary feature.

Projection/Coordinate system must be **Geographic WGS84.**

-First Click on the "Upload Polygon" tab so that it is highlighted (white)

-Next Click on Upload Boundary File (Search your computer for file)

Example 4, Upload a Polygon Cont.

Boundary File will appear in the TEAM Application

Analysis Wizard: Add Boundary(ies) Example 5, Multiple Boundaries

Multiple Boundaries can be added simply repeat any of the "Add Boundary" Features
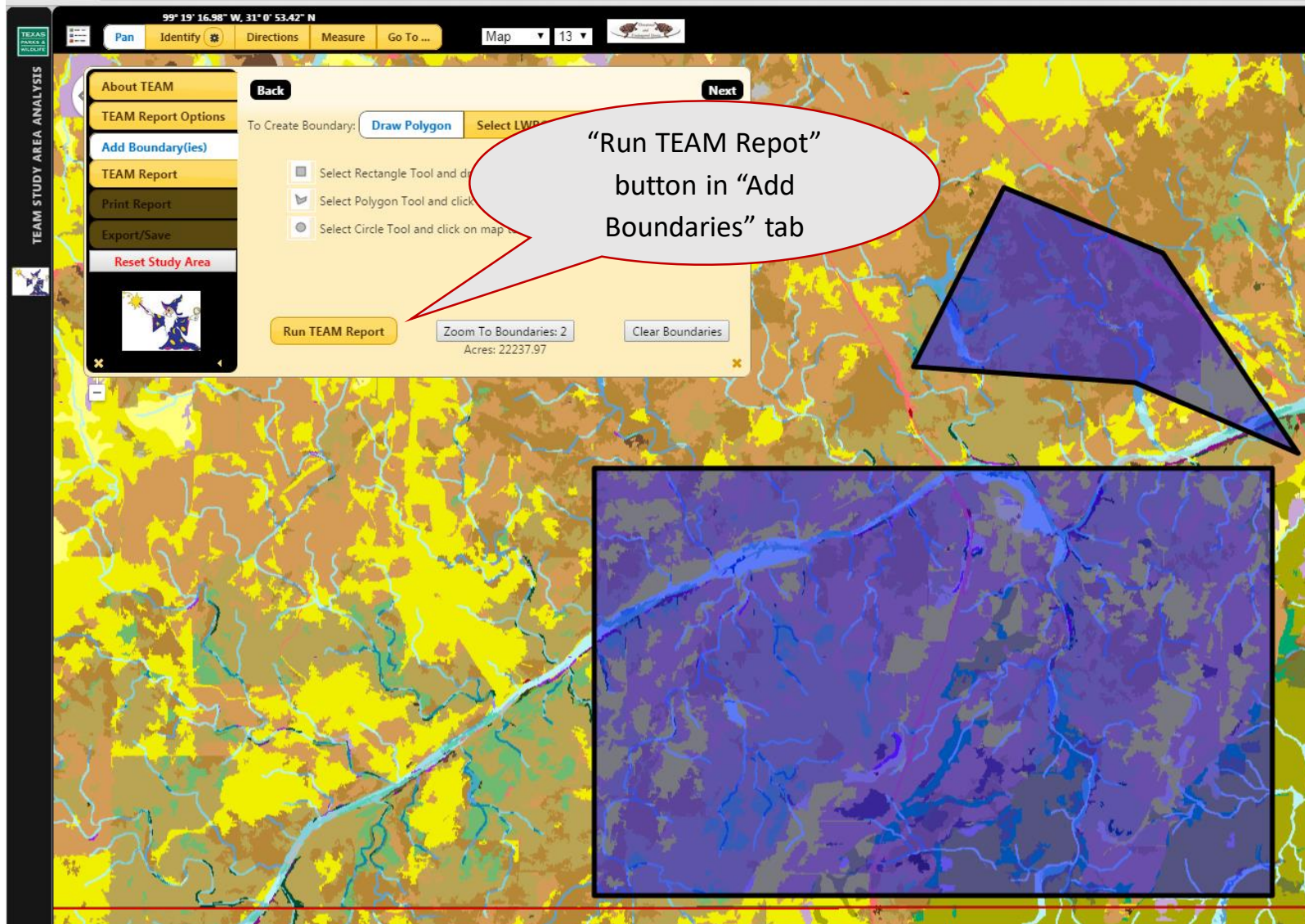**Error Warning will open in pop-up window if the boundaries are too large for google maps to analyze

Analysis Wizard: Step 4 Run Report, Option A

Once boundary files are Drawn, Selected or Uploaded the Study Area Analysis Report can be run
Simply click on the " Run TEAM Report" button in the Add boundary box

"Run TEAM Repot" button in "Add Boundaries" tab

Option A

Analysis Wizard: Step 4 Run Report, Option B
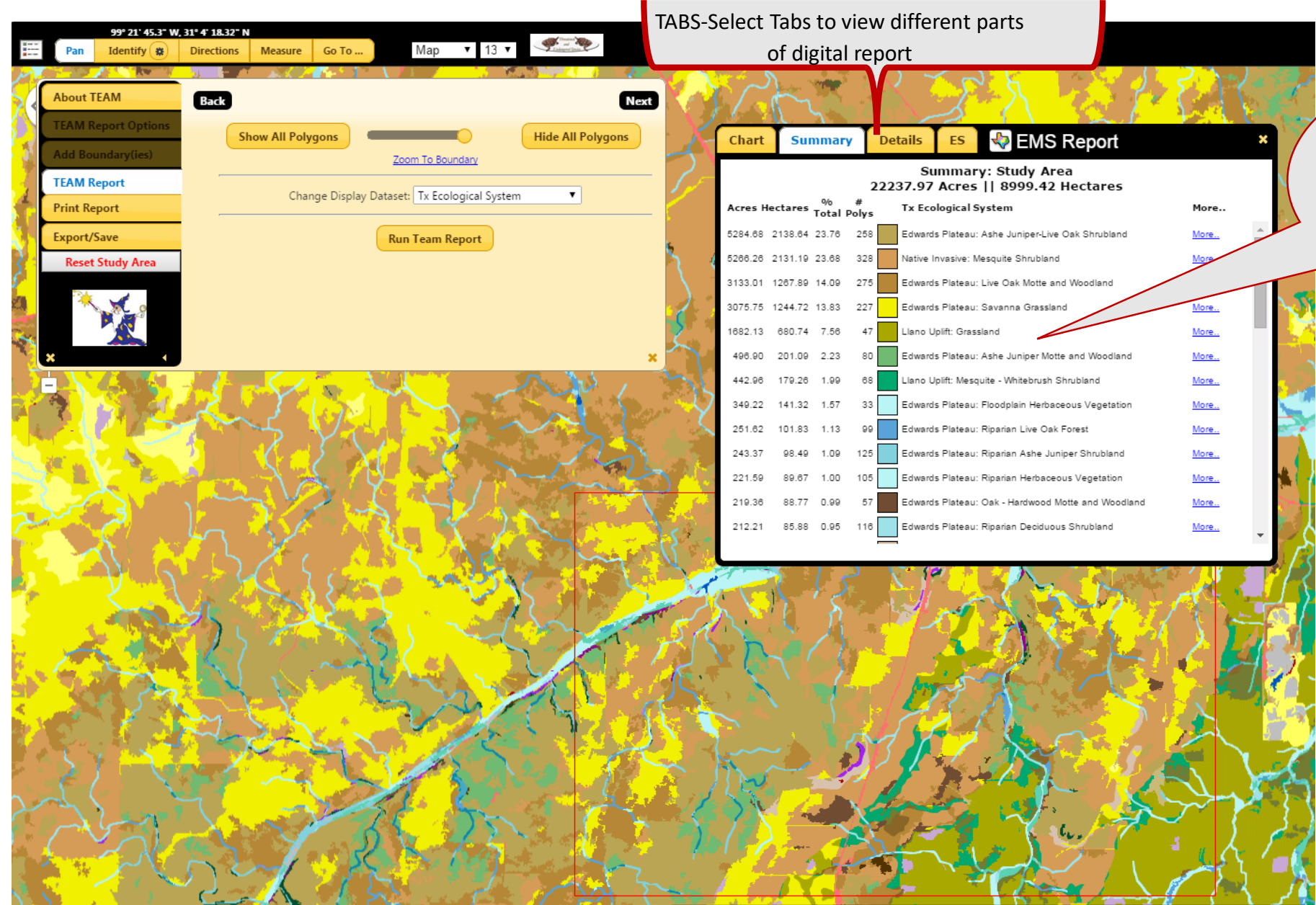
Click the "Next" button, which takes you to the Team Report Tab and then click "Run TEAM Report"
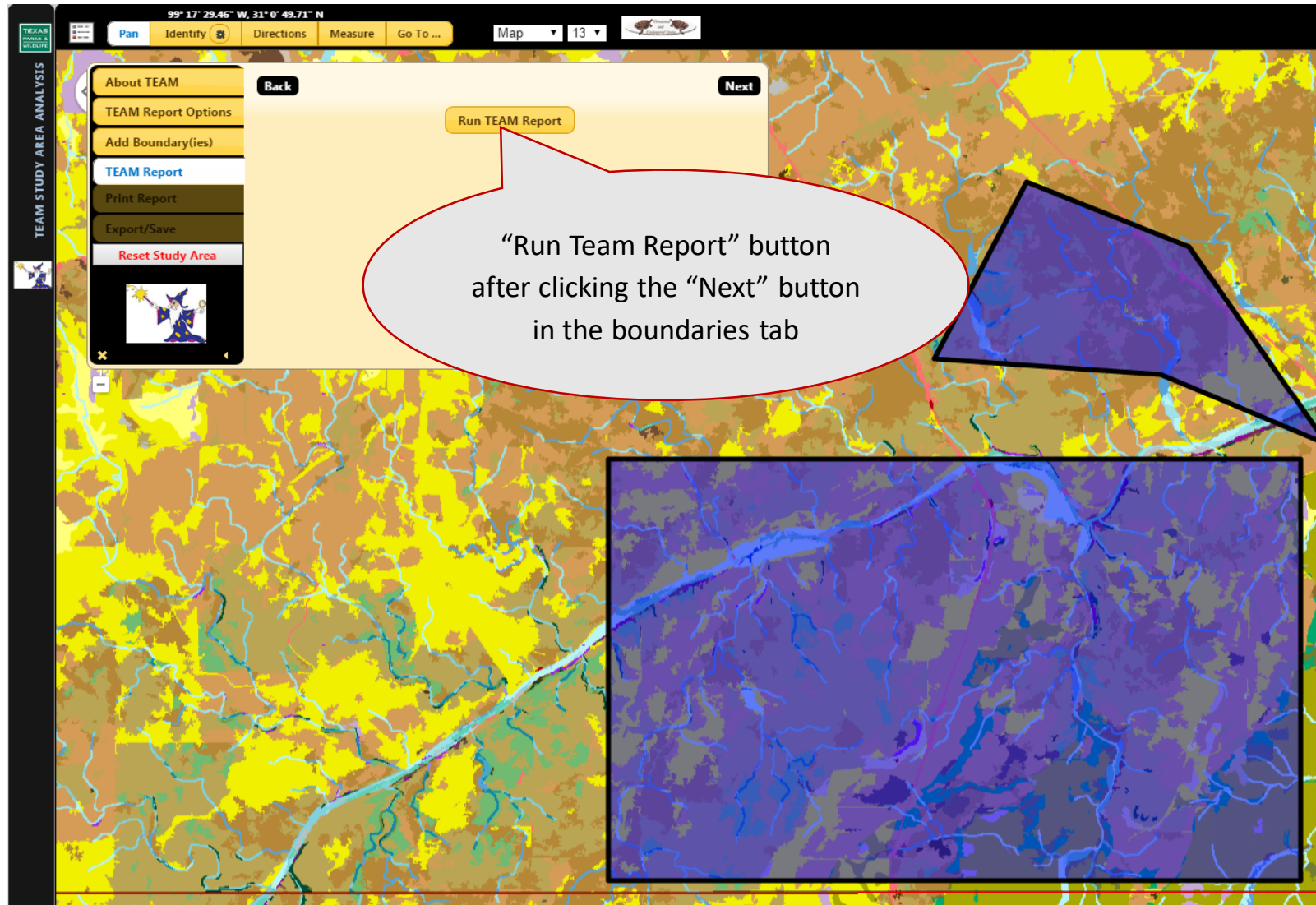
TEAM Online Interactive Report

After selecting "Run Study Area" Report for your area(s) of interest a new dialogue box opens displaying your online report

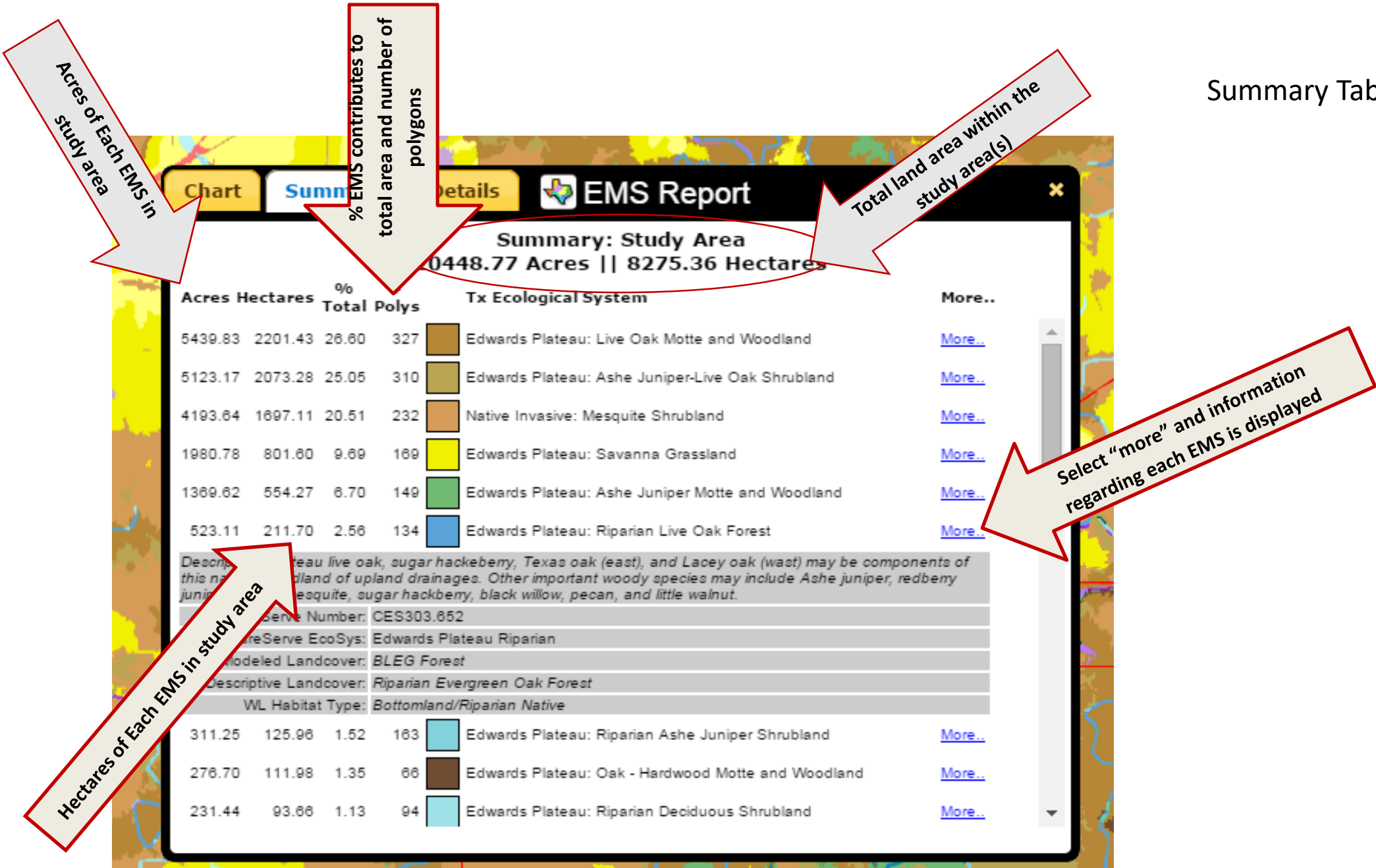TABS-Select Tabs to view different parts of digital report

"Summary" Tab is the default view of the digital report. All of the EMS's within your boundary file are shown here

***HINT: Turn off the Ecological Systems in the Legend to view only your study area! See Chart & Details for View
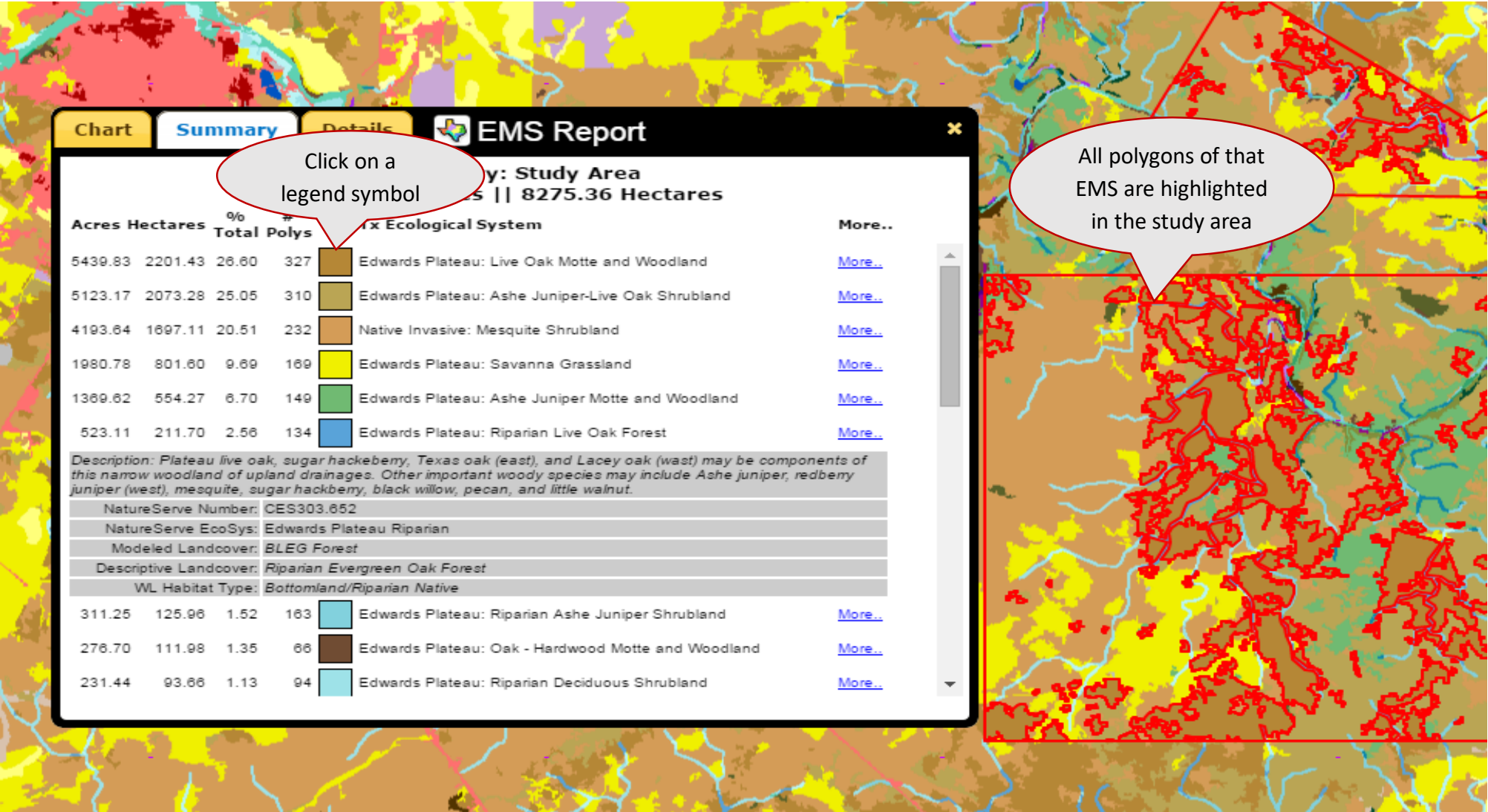
Online Interactive Report: Digital Report Summary Details

Summary Tab-Details

Acres of Each EMS in study area

% EMS contributes to total area and number of polygons

Total land area within the study area(s)

Select "more" and information regarding each EMS is displayed

Hectares of Each EMS in study area

EMS Report

Summary: Study Area
0448.77 Acres || 8275.36 Hectares

Acres	Hectares	% Total	Polys		Tx Ecological System	More..
5439.83	2201.43	26.60	327		Edwards Plateau: Live Oak Motte and Woodland	More..
5123.17	2073.28	25.05	310		Edwards Plateau: Ashe Juniper-Live Oak Shrubland	More..
4193.64	1697.11	20.51	232		Native Invasive: Mesquite Shrubland	More..
1980.78	801.60	9.69	169		Edwards Plateau: Savanna Grassland	More..
1369.62	554.27	6.70	149		Edwards Plateau: Ashe Juniper Motte and Woodland	More..
523.11	211.70	2.56	134		Edwards Plateau: Riparian Live Oak Forest	More..

Descri... teau live oak, sugar hackberry, Texas oak (east), and Lacey oak (west) may be components of this na... dland of upland drainages. Other important woody species may include Ashe juniper, redberry juni... esquite, sugar hackberry, black willow, pecan, and little walnut.

...serve Number:	CES303.652
...reServe EcoSys:	Edwards Plateau Riparian
...odeled Landcover:	BLEG Forest
Descriptive Landcover:	Riparian Evergreen Oak Forest
WL Habitat Type:	Bottomland/Riparian Native

311.25	125.96	1.52	163		Edwards Plateau: Riparian Ashe Juniper Shrubland	More..
276.70	111.98	1.35	66		Edwards Plateau: Oak - Hardwood Motte and Woodland	More..
231.44	93.66	1.13	94		Edwards Plateau: Riparian Deciduous Shrubland	More..

Online Interactive Report: Digital Report Summary Functions

Click on the legend symbol or color next to the Ecological System Name and that EMS is highlighted within the study area

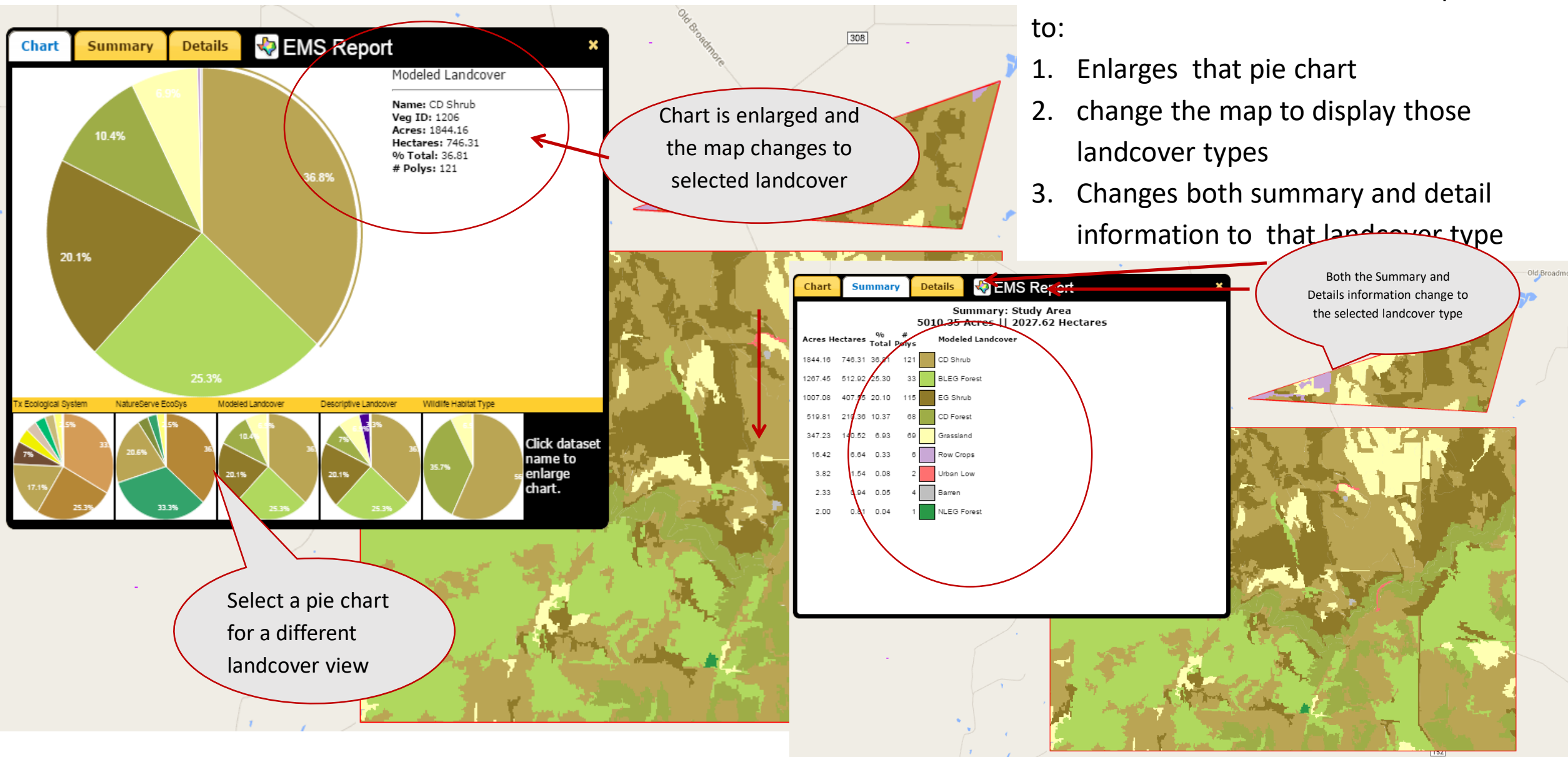# Online Interactive Report: Digital Report Chart Functions
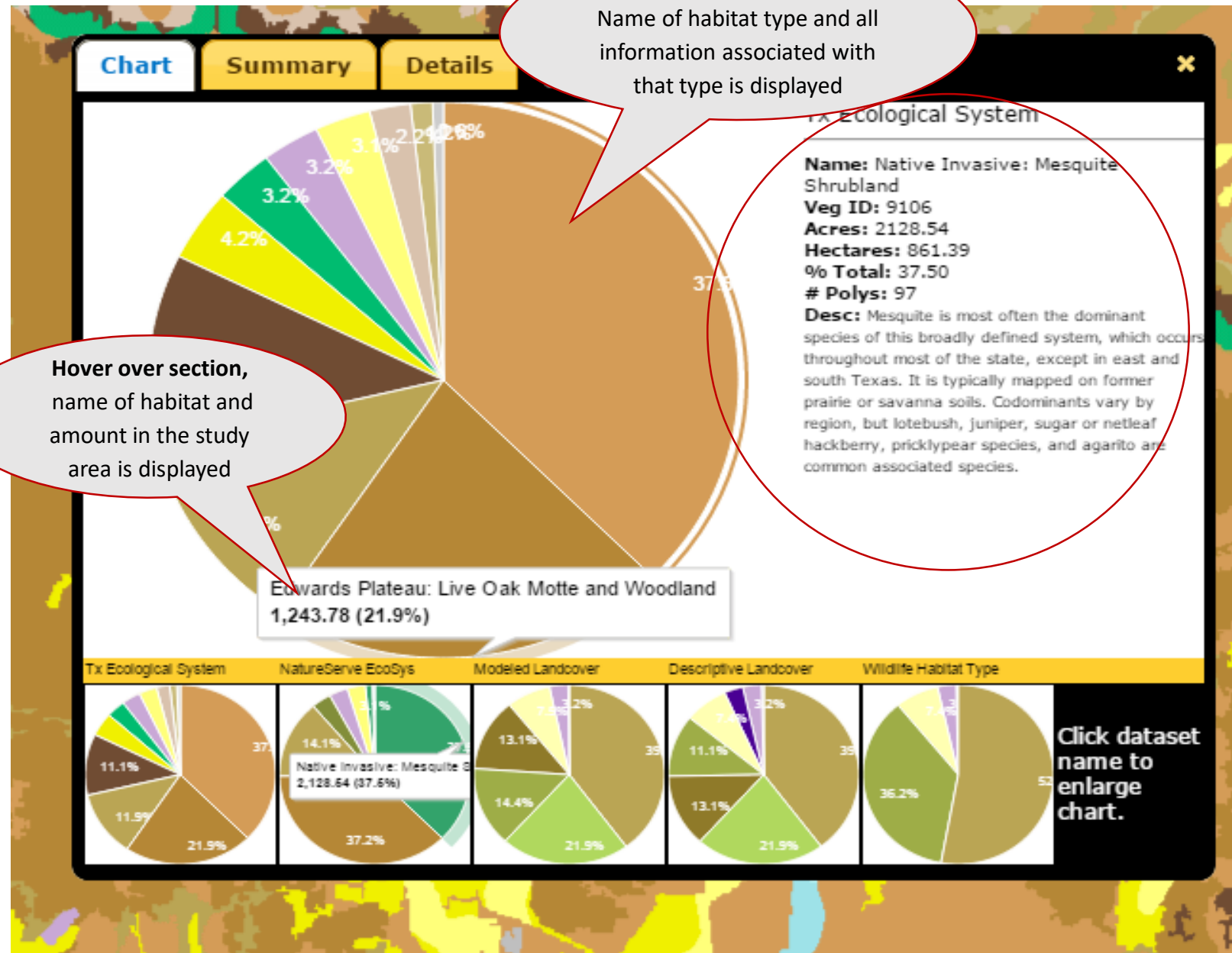
Pie Charts provide a visual interpretation of Mapped Types

-All of the types selected in the "TEAM Report Options" are displayed in Pie Charts

-**Hover over each section** of a pie chart to display the name of the type

-**Select a section** of the pie chart to get more information regarding the mapped type

Online Interactive Report Part: More Digital Report Chart Functions

Select a different landcover type from the charts at the bottom of the report to:

1. Enlarges that pie chart
2. change the map to display those landcover types
3. Changes both summary and detail information to that landcover type

Chart is enlarged and the map changes to selected landcover

Both the Summary and Details information change to the selected landcover type

Select a pie chart for a different landcover view

Click dataset name to enlarge chart.

Online Interactive Report : Digital Report Details Functions
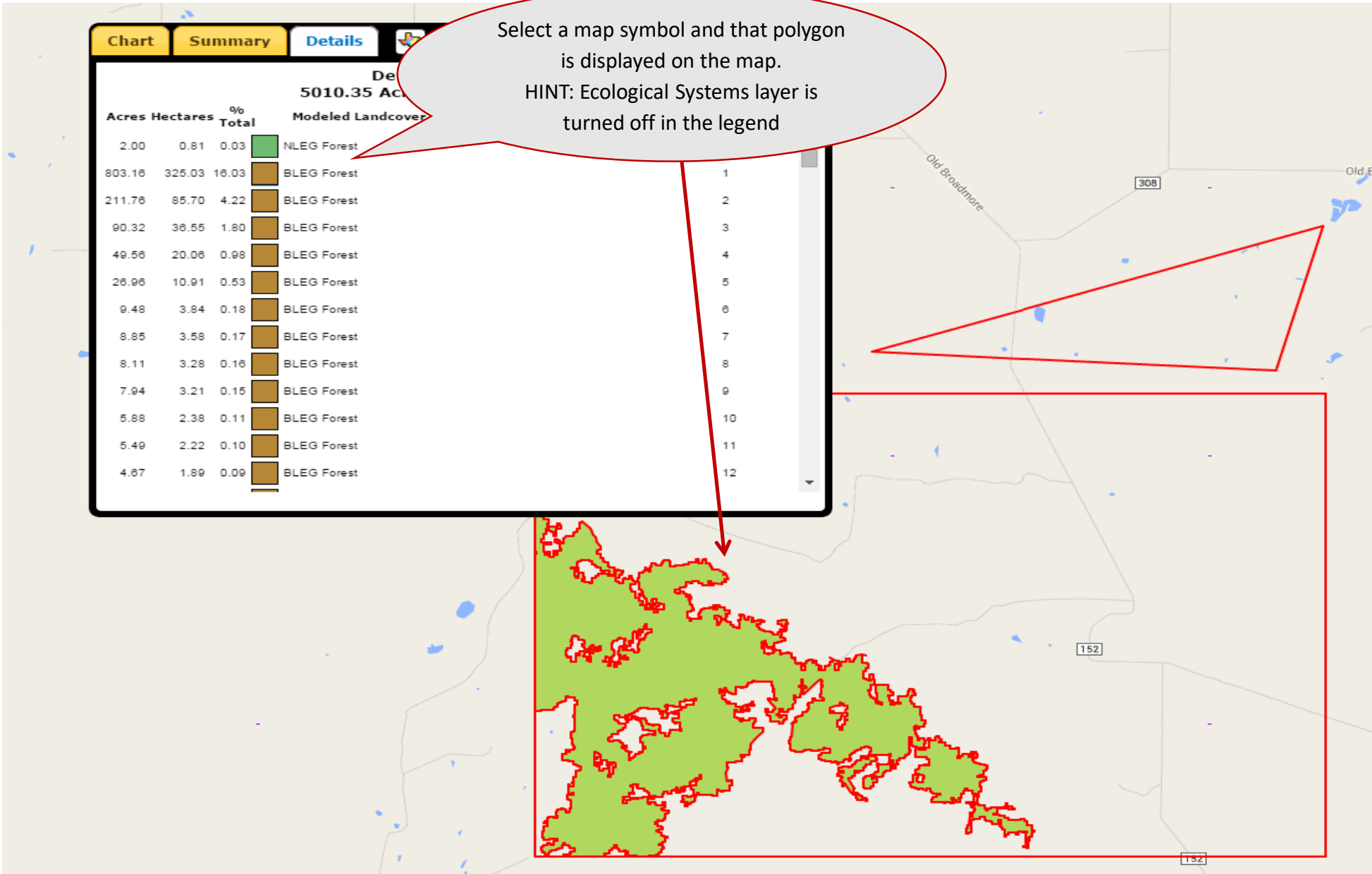
Each polygon along with it's size, % of total land area and type is displayed in the details tab.

The habitat type displayed is dependent upon the pie chart selected in the Chart Tab.

Select a map symbol for a specific polygon and that symbol highlights on the map.

Online Interactive Report: Digital Report Details Functions Cont.

HINT: To unselect a single polygon or show all of the polygons within your study area, select "Show All Polygons" in the report wizard.
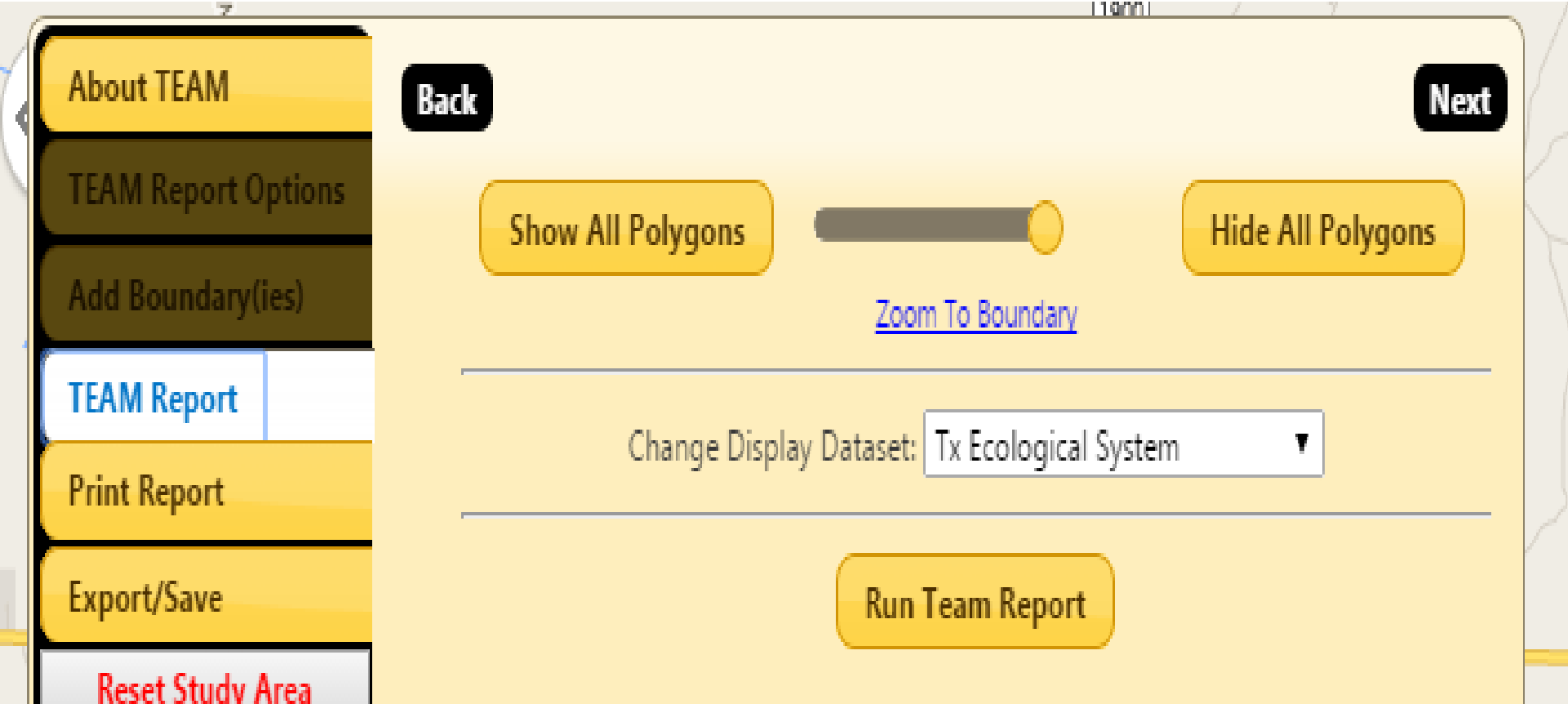
Online Interactive Report Cont.: Digital Report Endangered Species Tab
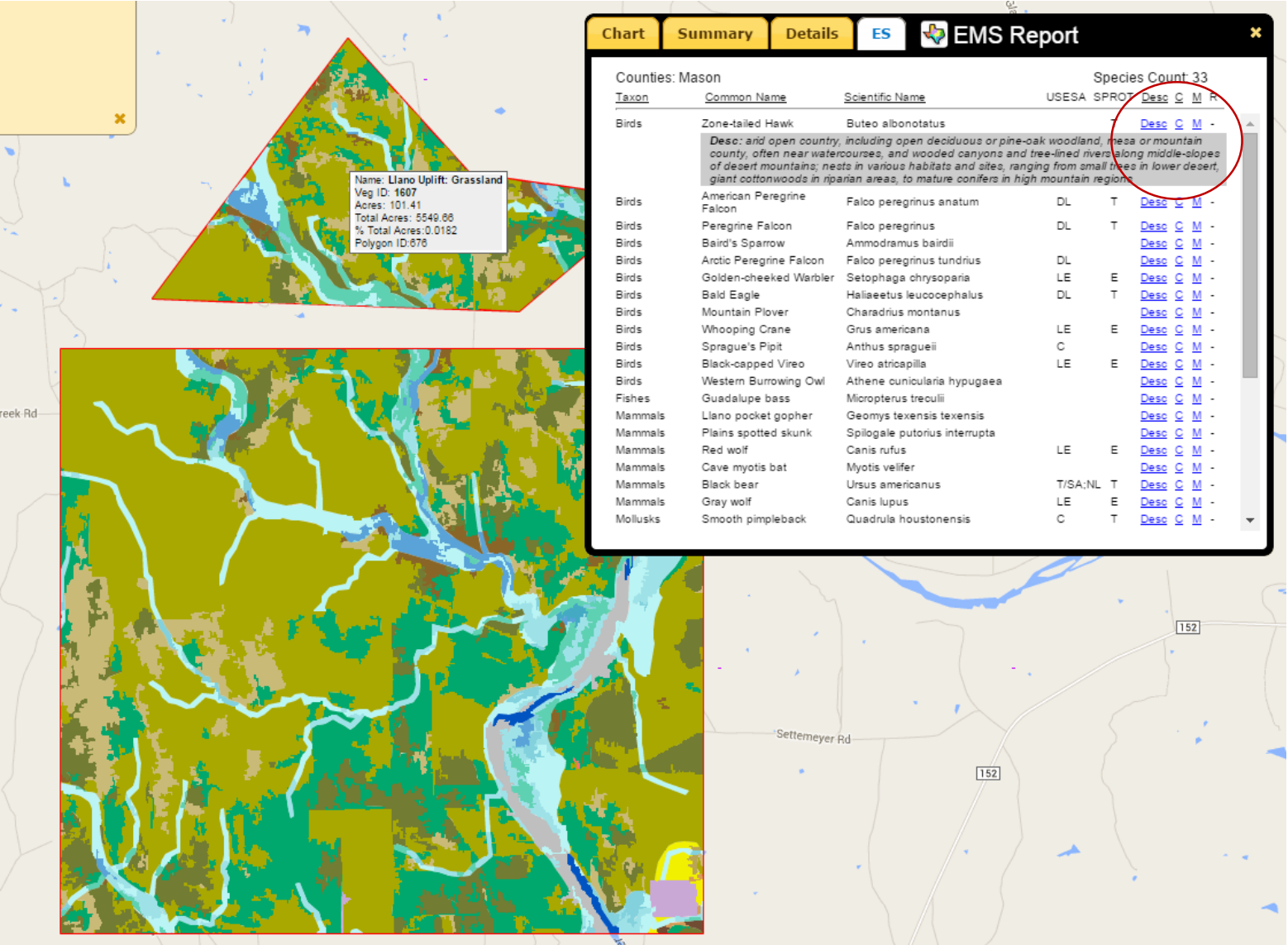
If selected in the "Report Options" the digital and printed report will give you a list of all potential threatened or endangered species that may occur within that county. See http://tpwd.texas.gov/gis/rtest/, TPWD's Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species Application for more information regarding the county level lists.

Select any of the blue text to get more information (description, counties of occurrence, or a range map) for each species.

TEAM Analysis: Print Report

This is also, how you can save a PDF of your report!

Check the boxes to select the information you would like included in your report

Select the landcover you would like summarized and displayed in your report

Choose the page orientation that best suits your study area map shape. This is based on a 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper! See below.

PRINT REPORT ONLY WORKS IN GOOGLE CHROME!

Click "Next" or on the "Print Report "Tab to view the Print Options

Use the Pull down to Choose which landcover dataset you would like displayed in the Summary and Details of your report

This will be the data analyzed in your report, the other datasets will only appear as pie charts

Use the check boxes to identify what you want included within your report

TEAM Analysis: Print Report, Select Map Print Area

Change Map Resolution if needed

Use the hand to move the black print window
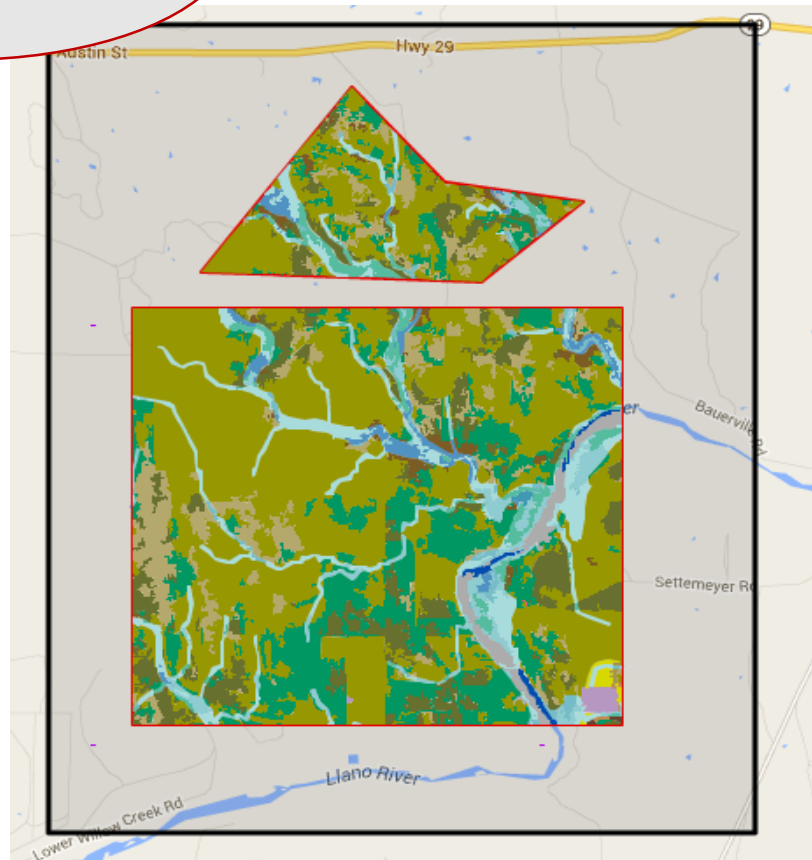
Select Map Print Area
-move the black box to fully encompass your study area

HINT: you may need to adjust the zoom level at the top of the screen in order to print your entire area

TEAM Analysis: Print Report, Print or Save to PDF
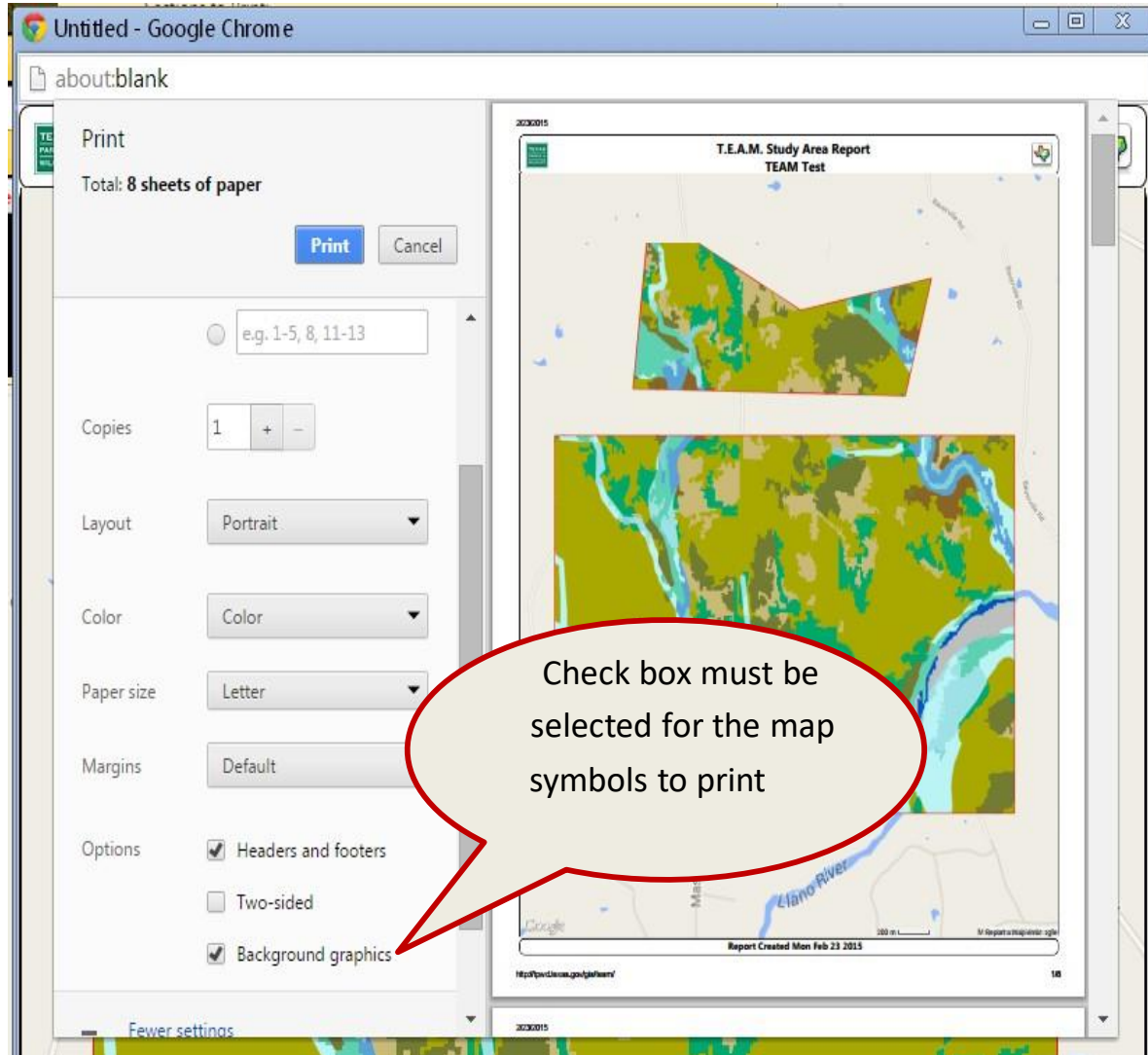
Print Report Or Save as PDF –Continued
Click on "Print Report" (make sure your study area is within the print box boundary and that you have selected everything you want in your report)

BEFORE PRINTING OR SAVING MAKE SURE TO CHECK GOOGLE CHROME PRINT SETTINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING;
-Check Box next to Background graphics (HINT: you may have to select "more settings" before you see this check box)

TEAM Analysis: Export to Shapefile
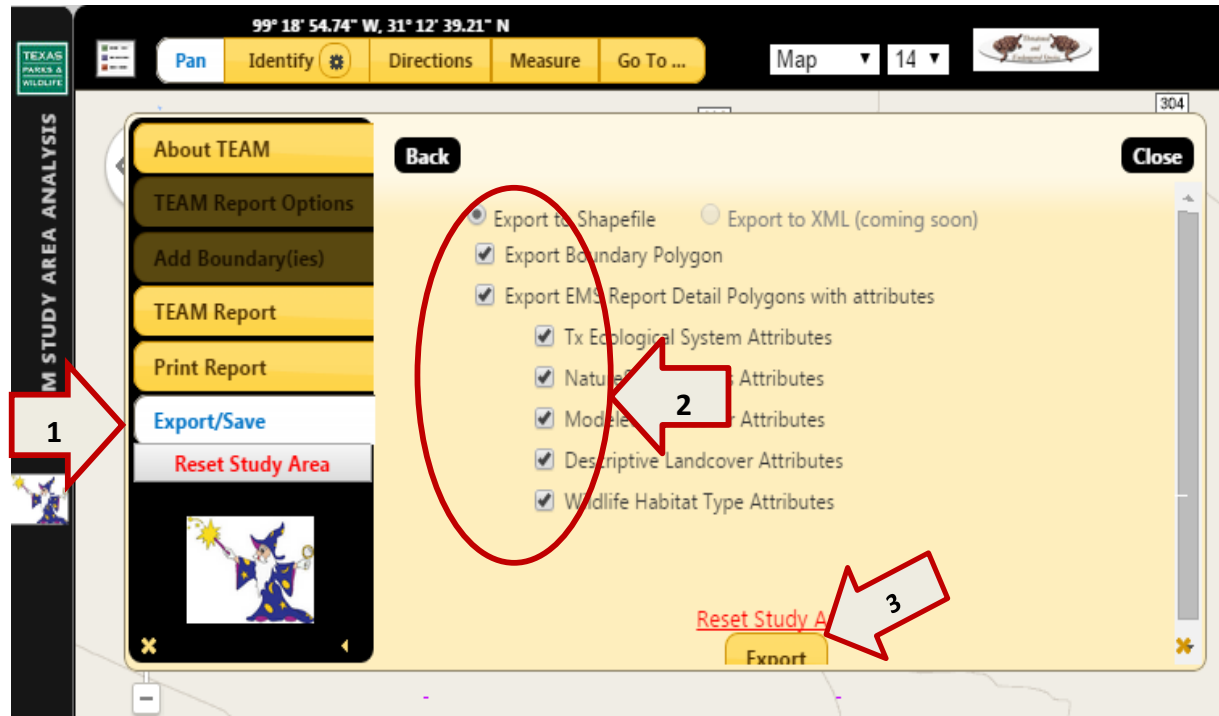
Export to Shapefile

-The study area along with the habitat attributes can be exported to a shapefile for conversion or use in other GIS software.

1. Click on the Export/Save Tab
2. Select the attributes you would like associated with the study area
3. Click on export
4. Click on the link to download the zipped files.

TEAM Analysis: Using the Accordic

Click to open & close

Click Tabs to open/close

Choose Habitat Types and name Report in the "Report Options Tab

Select Habitat types and other information to include within your report

Name your report

TEAM Analysis: Using the Accordion, Add Boundaries and Run Report

Add Boundaries Just like in the Wizard

When all boundaries have been added Run Report here or Select the "TEAM Report" Tab

TEAM Analysis: Using the Accordion, Online Report
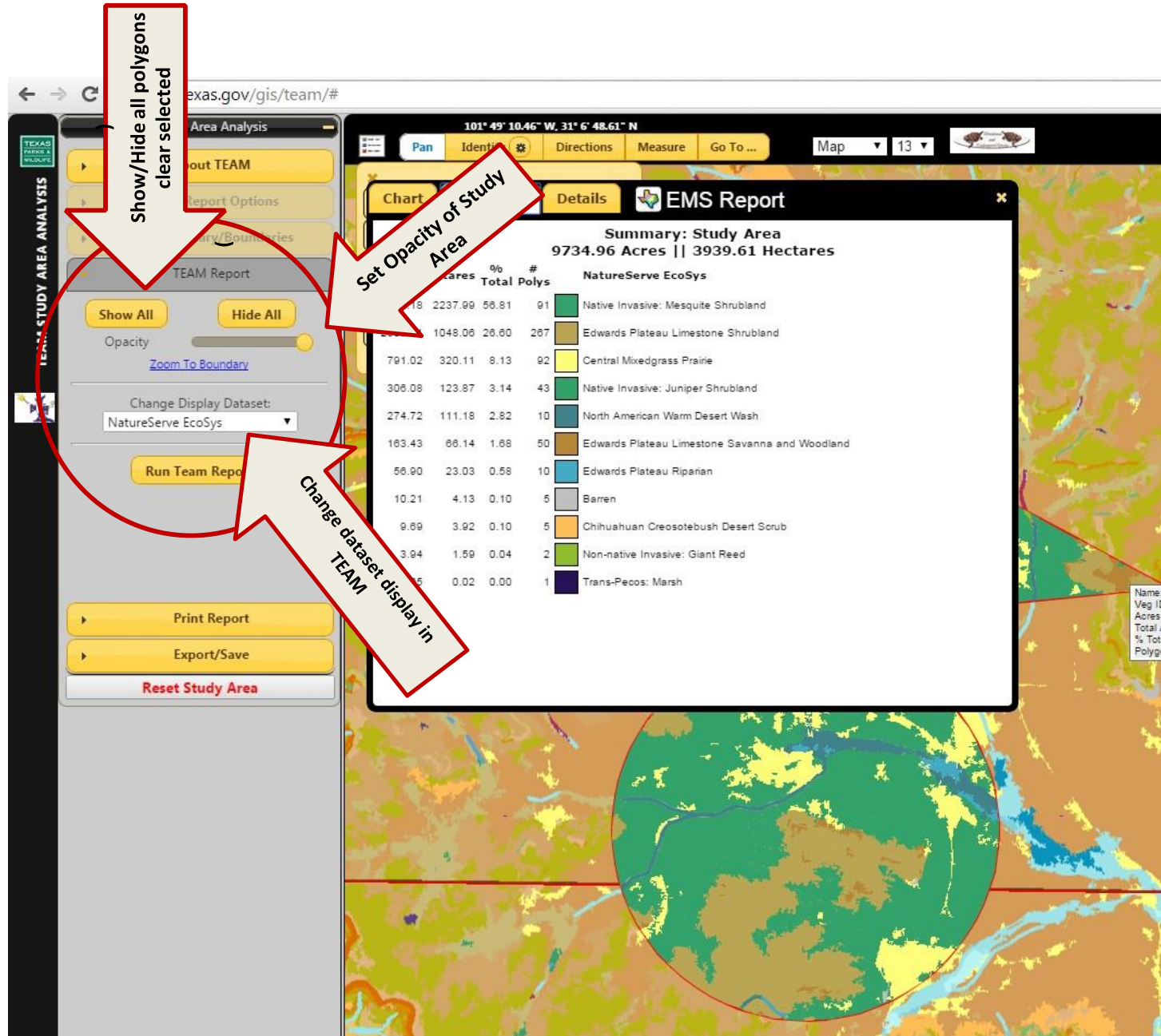
You can view the online report and look at charts and habitat types here.

Also get summary statistics.

TEAM Analysis: Using the Accordion, Online Report
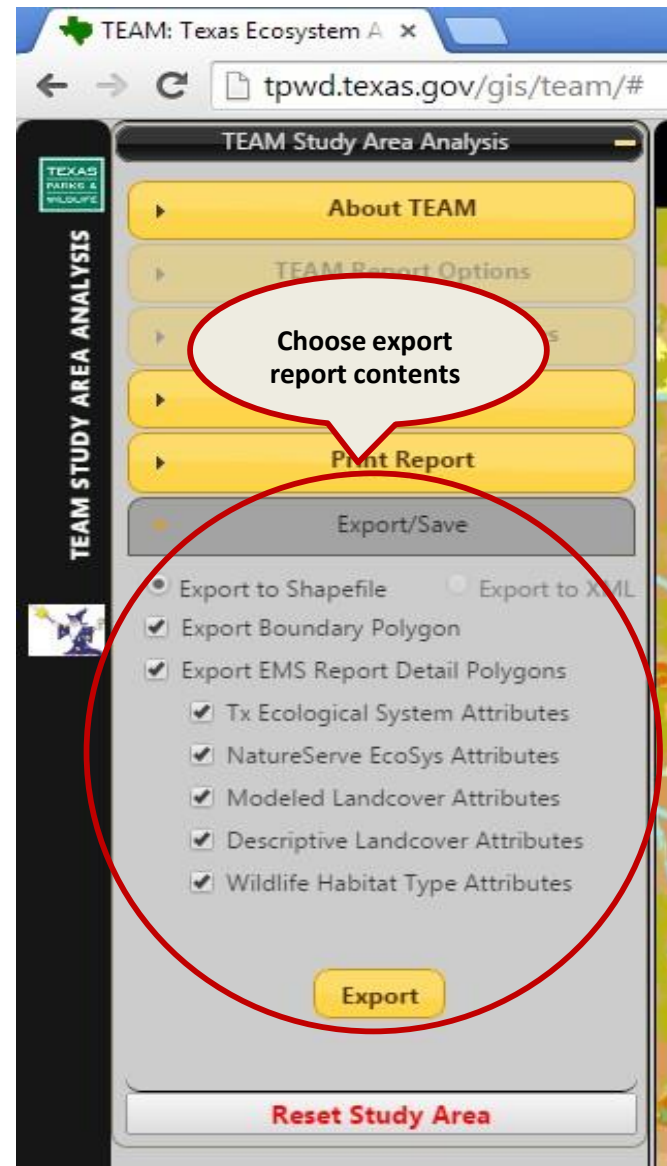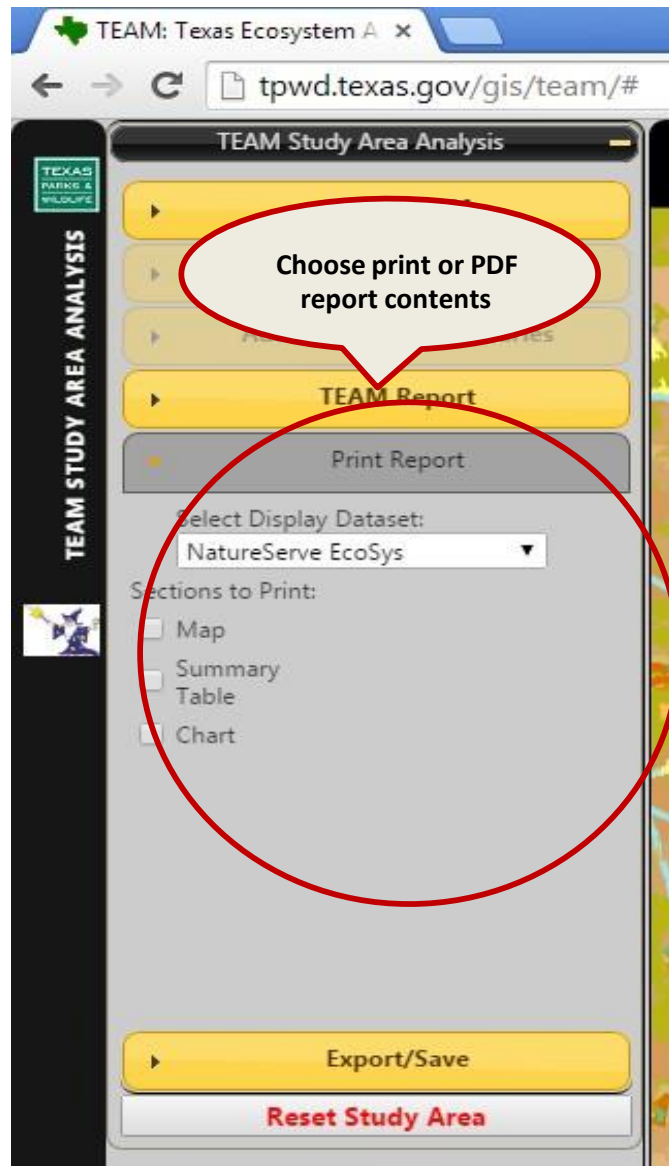
Print and Export Tabs

Print Tab allows you to select your report options and Print or Save to PDF in Google.

Export Tab allows you to export report information as a shapefile or excel table.

TEAM Ground Truth : Citizen Science Vegetation Mapping Tool

About

TPWD's **TEAM Ground Truth** tool is a crowdsourcing application in the Ecological Mapping Systems delivery portal, TEAM. This tool allows users to provide feedback on mapped vegetation types both on their desktop and in the field using mobile devices. Partner organizations, naturalists, and citizens will have the ability to document plant communities via the data entry form. The crowdsourcing tool requires users to have/create a profile/login in order to track and save the vegetation information they are collecting. Once logged in users can highlight an area (polygon) in the existing Ecological Mapping Systems Map they would like to share information regarding. Once an area is selected, a simple data –entry form requires users to document the type of plant community, estimated area, and dominant species and upload a photo of the grassland. Users are also required to agree to a data sharing agreement prior to submitting feedback. All information will be automatically shared with TPWD staff and also saved to the user's profile. Users will also have the option to share the data with other "Ground-truthers" using the tool.

Ground Truth : Desktop Version

Ground Truth : User Account Login

To enter information on map accuracy and document plant communities, click on **"Log In to TEAM Ground Truth"**
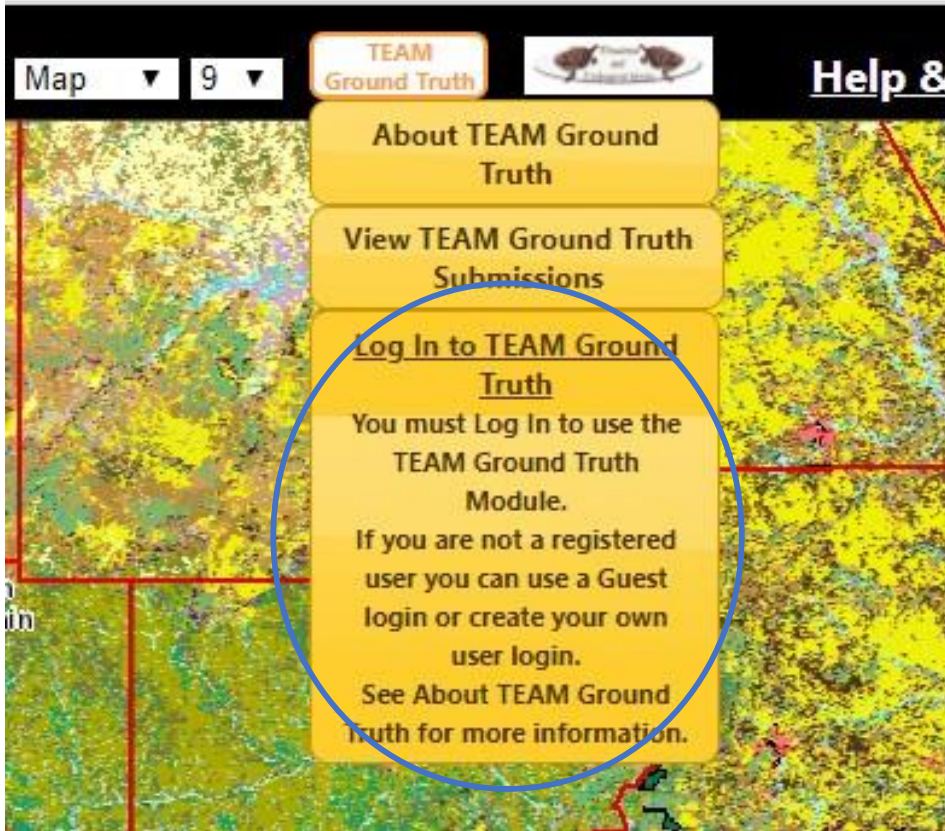
We ask anyone planning to enter multiple data submission or who want to track their submissions to create a login. If you only plan to enter one ground truth submission, you can login as a guest. All guest submissions will be shared publicly.

Enter as a guest or use an existing login here

If this is your first time logging into the Ground Truth tool please create an account. Accounts allow you to view all of your submissions and have the option to keep your submissions private. Private submission will only be shared with TPWD.

Ground Truth : User Account Login

Enter all of the required information to create a user account. Make sure your username is unique and you have a secure password.

Public: Other Ground Truth users will be able to see your submissions. Other than your user name none of your personal information is viewable.
Private: Your submissions are only viewable to you and TPWD

Use Tab Key to move between fields

Username naturelover

Enter a Username with at least 3 characters. Use your email address if desired.

Password •••••••••

Password must consist of a minimum of 7 upper and lower case letters and numbers and at least 1 special character (e.g., $ # !)

Confirm Password •••••••••

Email Address naturelover@mail.com

Enter your email address in the following format xxx@xxx.com

Security Question: What was my first dogs name?

Enter a security question for password retrieval.

Security Answer: Rover

Enter a security answer for password retrieval.

First & Last Name: Jane Doe

First and Last Name Required for Registration

Affiliation: Non-profit Conservation Prof▼

Affiliation Selection Required for Registration

You have the option of making your observations
Public or **Private**.
Public observations are viewable by all users.
Private observations are viewable by yourself and TPWD Landscape Ecology Program personnel ONLY.
If Private is your default setting, you can select to make individual observations Public upon observation submission.

Select Default: ⦿ Public ○ Private

Slide Bar to the Right to enable Create User

Create User

Cancel Create User

Ground Truth : Accessing the Ground Truth Panel

After you login more Ground Truth options are available.
To enter a data submission click on Ground Truth Panel.

Ground Truth : Accessing the Ground Truth Panel

Make sure the Ecological Systems map layer is active and you are zoomed in to a 7 or greater. You can turn other layers on as well.

Ground Truth : Select an EMS Polygon to Edit or Confirm

"Click on Map" allows the user to select a polygon of a certain habitat on the map.
It is best used if you know exactly where that polygon is located. Good for land managers and land owners.

"Geolocation" allows user to zoom to where they are and center the map on there location. This can be used to just locate your currently location on the map or to suggest an edit for the polygon of current location. Must click enable to use this feature.

"Enter Lat/Long" allows user to enter the coordinates from any location in Texas to edit that polygon. GPS coordinates, vegetation information, and a photo of the habitat are required.

Ground Truth : Step 1, Select Polygon and Review

Scroll down to view a photo the Ecological System or a Distribution Map.

97° 49' 30.13" W, 30° 23' 52.85" N

| Pan | Identify ⚙ | Directions | Measure | Go To ... | Map ▼ | 15 ▼ | TEAM Ground Truth |

Legend

- Counties ✔ ⬤
- LWRCRP Properties ✔ ⬤
- Ecological Systems ✔ ⬤
- SSURGO ⬤
- NHD ⬤

Upload Statewide Layer

| Tool Tip | Map Extent Legend | None |

Click on the map to select the polygon you want to ground truth.

Close   Clear   Log Out

Step 1: Select Existing TEAM Polygon

| Click on Map | Geolocation | Enter Lat/Long |

TEAM Ground Truth Map Click ✔ When this checkbox is checked, a click on the map will query for a TEAM Polygon.

Edwards Plateau: Ashe Juniper Motte and Woodland
Veg ID: 1101
Area (Sq Meters): 806213.1921837833

Description: Ashe juniper and plateau live oak are the most frequent dominants of this evergreen woodland. Some areas are characterized by nearly pure stands of Ashe juniper, while others have taller plateau live oaks with an understory of smaller Ashe juniper. Lacey oak and papershell pinyon may be important to the west, and white shin oak in the central and eastern part of the range. Persimmon and agarito are common shrubs.

Hectares (in Texas): 458226.88

NatServe EcoSys: Edwards Plateau Limestone Savanna and Woodland

NatServe Number: CES303.660
Descriptive Landcover: Conifer Forest
Modeled Landcover: NLEG Forest
Wildlife Habitat Type: Forests/Timberlands

Step 2: Complete TEAM Ground Truth Record

Step 3: Submit TEAM Ground Truth Observation

Review the current mapped type (Ecological System).

Edwards Plateau: Ashe Juniper Motte and Woodland

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Ground Truth : Complete Team Ground truth Record, Select Type

Ground Truth will generate a list of Texas ecosystems for either the whole state (~400) or those located within a 2km radius. We recommend starting with the 2km list. Select the type you observe/observed at this location. Make sure to read the description many types are similar.

Ground Truth : Desktop Fix for Step 2

If the Ground Truth Pane is cut off at the bottom of your screen (Left) adjust settings in Chrome until it looks like the on the right:

Zoom in or out on your current page
Use the zoom options to make everything on a webpage larger or smaller.

On your computer, open Chrome.
At the top right, click More.
Next to "Zoom," choose the zoom options you want:
Make everything larger: Click Zoom in Zoom in.
Make everything smaller: Click Zoom out Zoom out.
Use full-screen mode: Click Full screen Full screen.

Ground Truth : Complete Team Ground truth Record, Select Dominant Landcover

Once you select the Ecological System (habitat type) you observed, Ground Truth will generate a list of possible landcover types.

Select the one that most closely matches your observation.

Land cover generally refers to the surface cover on the ground. Either natural, like vegetation, or man-made like, urban infrastructure.

Land Cover Types in Ground Truth:
Grass-area greater than 50% herbaceous cover
Shrubs-area greater than 50% shrub cover (woody species under 15ft. in height)
Trees-area greater than 50% tree cover (woody species over 15ft. In height)
Water-area dominated by open water (pond, river, lake, etc…)
Man-made – area dominated by man-made surface, building or other infrastructure
Other – any type that is not defined by above categories of land cover

Ground Truth : Complete Team Ground Truth Record, Dominant Species and % Woody Cover

Ground Truth : Complete Team Ground Truth Record, Comments/Notes

The Comments or Notes box is for you to provide any other information regarding the ecological system you observed or the current TPWD mapped type.

Examples include: other important species not in the list, land management actions taken, or other plant communities that may occur within the area you observed.

Ground Truth : Complete Team Ground Truth Record, Upload Photo

Google Privacy Policy

Close   Clear   Log Out

Step 1: Select Existing TEAM Polygon

Step 2: Complete TEAM Ground Truth Record

Existing TEAM Polygon CommonName/Veg ID:
Edwards Plateau: Ashe Juniper Motte and Woodland   Veg ID: 1101
Area (Sq Meters): 315808.87442296743

Selected TEAM Ground Truth CommonName/Veg ID:
Edwards Plateau: Savanna Grassland Veg ID: 1107

○ Select Veg ID/Common Name

○ Select Dominant Landcover

○ Select Dominant Species

○ Select % Woody Cover

○ Input Comments/Notes

○ **Upload Photo(s)**

After uploading your photo,
you can add a comment for the photo.

Upload Photo

- 20200420_134215_Edwards_Plateau-Savanna_Grassland-2095.jpg edit
  Photo Comment: grassland

○ Size of Habitat
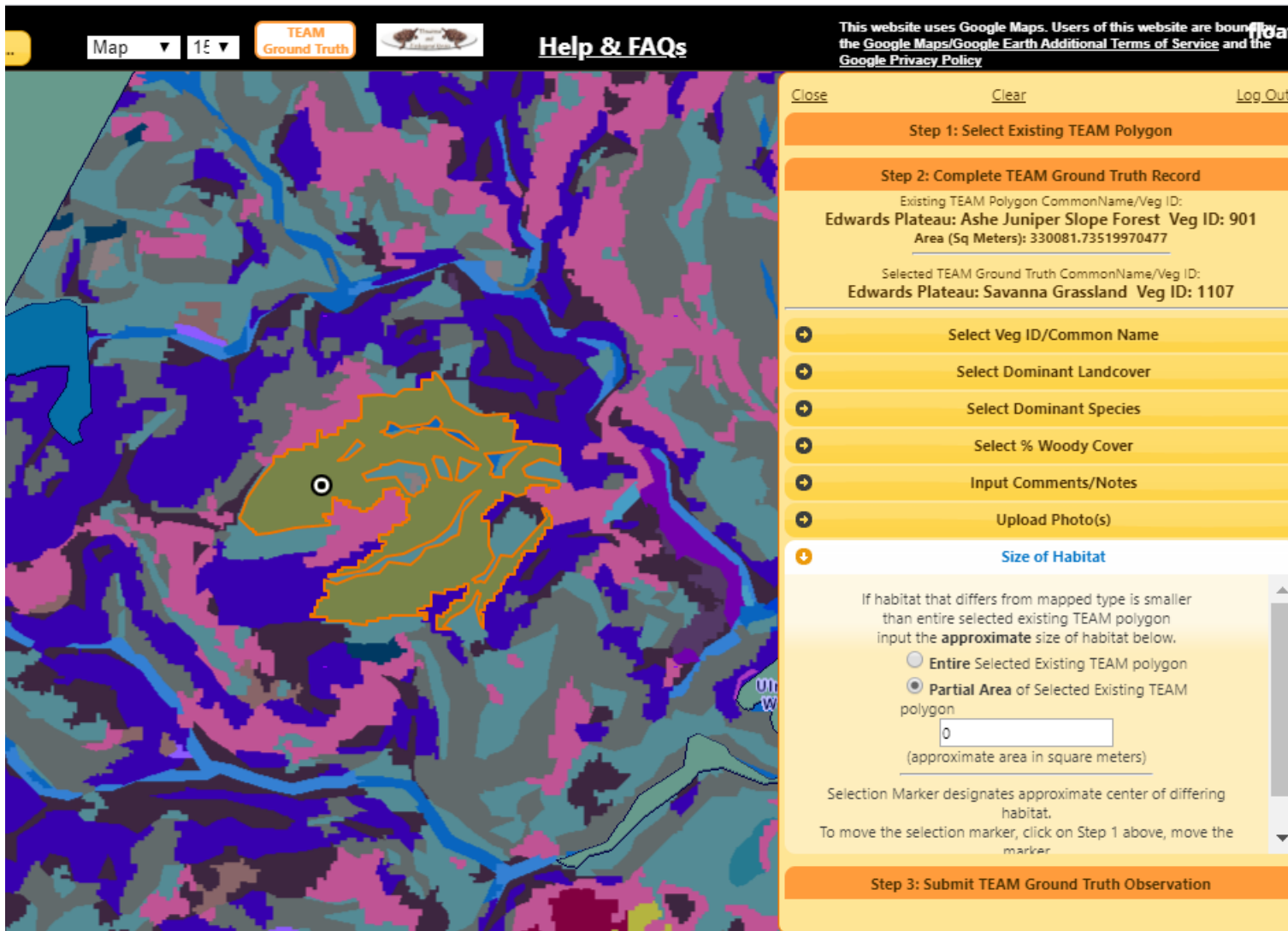
Step 3: Submit TEAM Ground Truth Observation

Photos of the Ecological System (habitat) are an essential part of TPWD verifying your observation. Use the "Upload Photo" button to send a photo of the habitat at your observation location.

While not required, the best practice is to date the photo and an even better practice is to have a geolocation tag on the photo.

Ground Truth : Complete Team Ground Truth Record, Size of Habitat

Let us know if the ecological system you observed is approximately the same size as the original mapped habitat type by selecting "**Entire** Existing TEAM Polygon"

If the are of your observation is significantly smaller or larger then the original TEAM Polygon then select "**Partial Area** of Selected Existing TEAM polygon"
Next, enter an approximate size of area in square meters.

NOTE: If you are estimating area in Acres use an online converter like this one:
https://www.thecalculatorsite.com/conversions/area/square-meters-to-acres.php

Ground Truth : Review Observation and Submit

Step 3: Submit TEAM Ground Truth Observation

Juniper Motte and Woodland

Suggested TEAM: Veg ID: 1107   Edwards Plateau: Savanna Grassland

Dominant Landcover: Grass

Dominant Species: Ashe juniper, hairy grama, hairy tridens, Indiangrass, little bluestem

% Woody Cover: 0-5%

Comments

Recently burned

Photos

20200429_103359_Annual_Grass-Forb_Pasture-206.jpg
Photo Comment: grassland

Submit Ground Truth Observation

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tpwd.texas.gov says

Thank you for submitting a TEAM Ground Truth Observation!

OK

TEAM Ground Truth

About TEAM Ground Truth

View TEAM Ground Truth Submissions

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Review all of the information regarding the ecological system you observed, and view the photo you are submitting.

If correct click the "**Submit Ground Truth Observation**"

You should receive a Thank you pop-up at the top of the website. You can view all of your submissions by going back to the TEAM Ground Truth pull down menu.

Ground Truth : Login to View Ground Truth Submissions

TEAM Ground Truth Observations Login

You must sign in to view TEAM Ground Truth Observations.

Already have an account? Sign in below.

Username   naturelover

Password

Sign In

I Forgot My Password

OR sign in as Guest

View as Guest

Use same login username and password as TEAM Ground Truth citizen science tool.

Ground Truth : View Submissions

Ground Truth : Filter

Filter by Status: Allows users to view, new submissions, TPWD reviewed submissions, or those exported by TPWD

You can also filter by user affiliation or county.

Filter by User, view only your own records or those of any user who is sharing information publicly.

Ground Truth : Filter

Select Map it on any publicly availably submission to see the location of the Ground Truth data.

Ground Truth : Export

To export shapefiles of data submissions please select the Ground Truth records you are interested in and click on **Export Selected** at the top of the page

TEAM Ground Truth Observations

Menu

List Observations... (34)

with Status	submitted by User	with Affiliation	located in Geography
All	All	All	All Counties

Observations:

Clear All | Export Selected to Shapefile | Status: | Record Date | User | County

Current EMS: Veg_ID: Common Name
Suggested EMS: Veg_ID: Common Name
Landcover, Species, % Woody Cover
Habitat Size (if < original TEAM Polygon)

Select All | Map Selected | Comments

☑ Map It Status: New 04/29/2020 naturelover, TPWD Biologist Travis
Current EMS: 1101: Edwards Plateau: Ashe Juniper Motte and Woodland
Suggested EMS: 1107: Edwards Plateau: Savanna Grassland
Landcover: Grass Species: Ashe juniper, hairy grama, hairy tridens, Indiangrass, little bluestem % Woody Cover: 0-5%
Comments: Recently burned

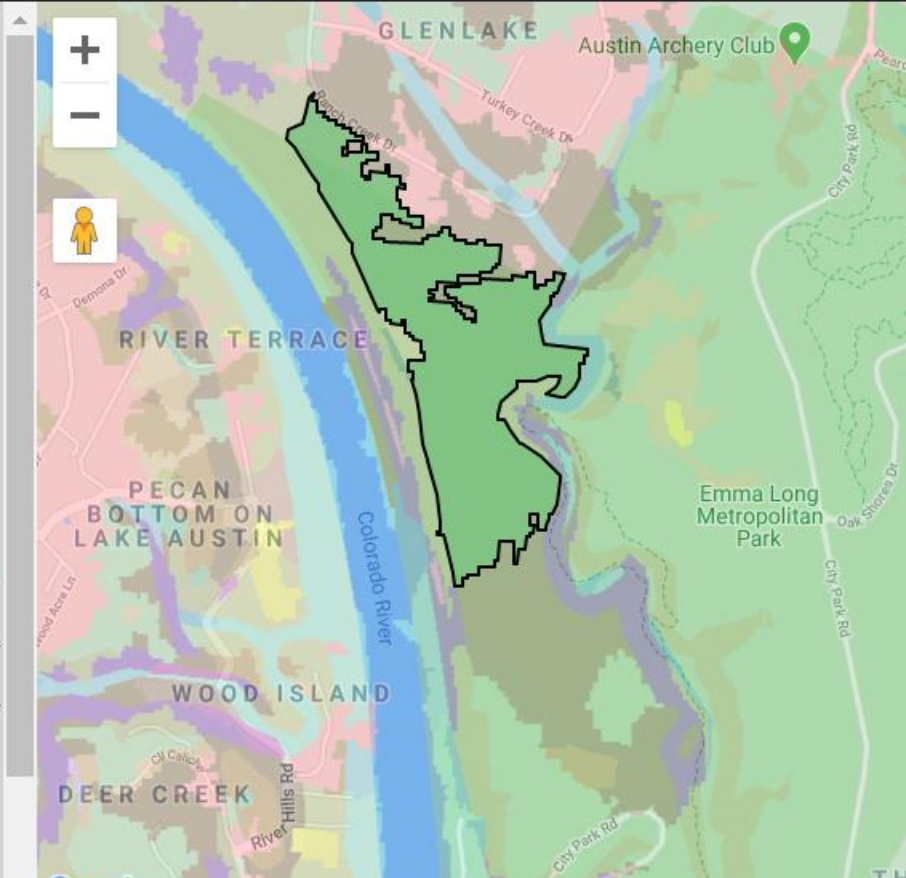
☑ Map It Status: New 04/27/2020 Guest, Non-profit Conservation Professional Val Verde
Current EMS: 1207: Edwards Plateau: Semi-arid Grassland
Suggested EMS: 902: Edwards Plateau: Live Oak Slope Forest
Landcover: Other Species: agarito, Ashe juniper, cedar elm % Woody Cover: 51-75%
Comments: hhhhh

☑ Map It Status: New 04/27/2020 vivtest10, Land Manager/Owner Presidio
Current EMS: 8306: Trans-Pecos: Mixed Desert Shrubland

EMSFBPolygonExp....zip ∧ Show all ✕

Ground Truth : Logout
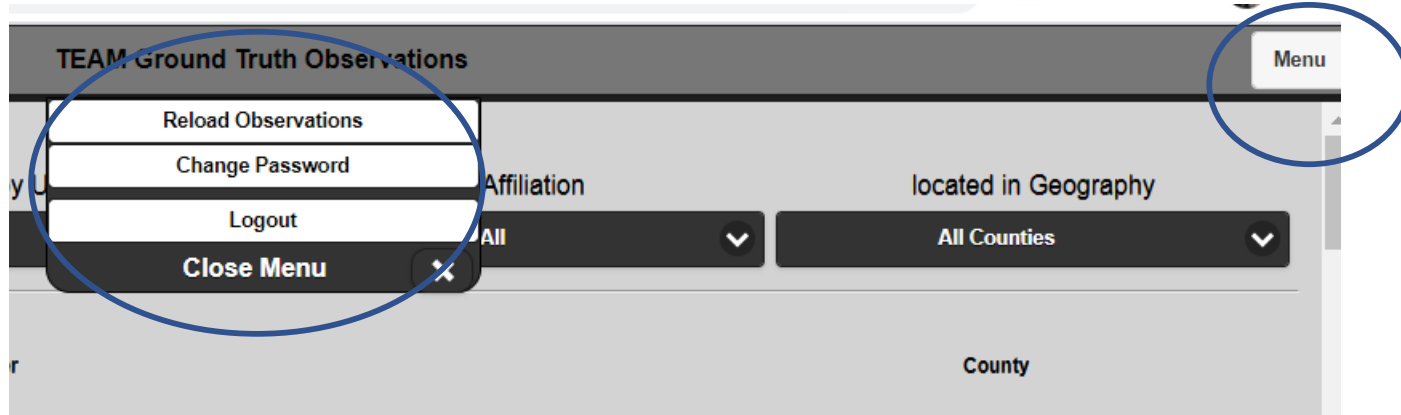
To logout of your account, refresh/reload Ground Truth Observations, or change your password click on the menu button in the upper right-hand corner of the website.

A pop-up will appear in the middle of the screen, make a selection.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
https://tpwd.texas.gov/

Landscape Ecology Homepage
https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/programs/landscape-ecology/

Ecological Mapping Systems of Texas Project Website
https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/programs/landscape-ecology/ems/

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