Fundamental Training and Applications of the Landscape Management System

For NRCS and Conservation District Forestry Personnel

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Advanced Capabilities

- LMS Portfolio Configuration
- Creating a LMS Portfolio
- Landscape Visualization
- Growing Landscapes
- Scenarios
- Financial Analysis

• Learning Objective:

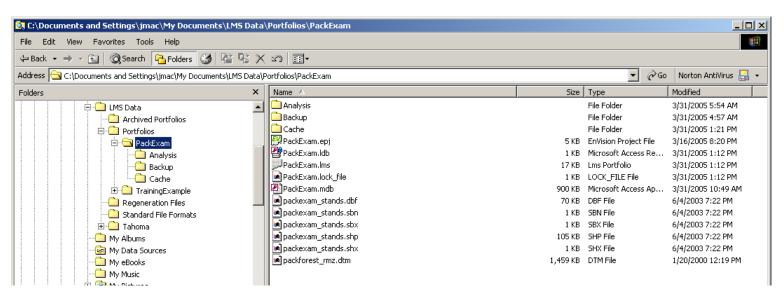
 Demonstrate Portfolio Configuration features of LMS 3.1

Roadmap

- Introduction to LMS 3.1 portfolios
- Changing configuration for portfolios
- Archiving portfolios (Backup and Restore)
- Editing portfolios

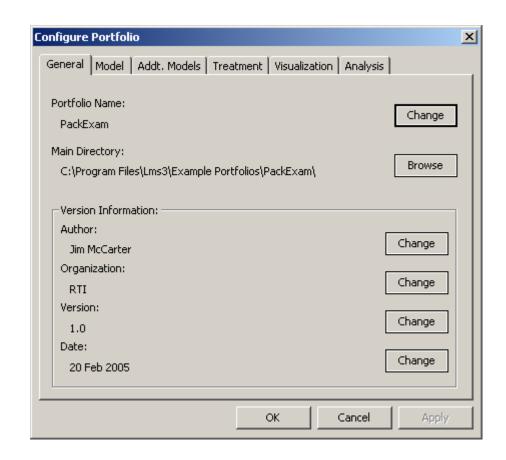
Anatomy of an LMS 3.1 Portfolio

Each LMS portfolio exists in its own subdirectory that contains all the files that comprise the portfolio. The minimum required for a valid portfolio is the portfolio configuration file (.lms) and the portfolio database file (.mdb). All files within an LMS Portfolio are now binary files and cannot be read or modified using a text editor.



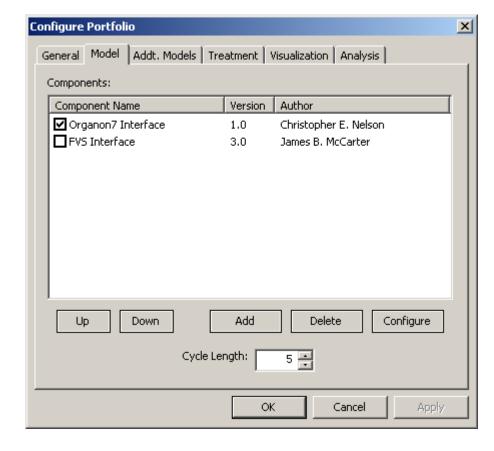
LMS portfolios include inventory information. They also include information about what tools to use for various functions in LMS.

The General configuration tab includes some basic information about the portfolio.



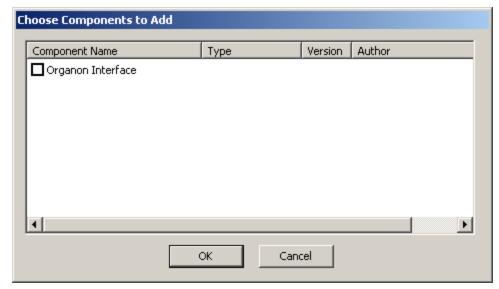
Portfolio Configuration Model

The Model configuration tab determines what growth models are available for the portfolio. You can switch between growth models by checking the desired model. Additional configuration may be necessary for each growth model. Use the Configure button to configure a specific model.



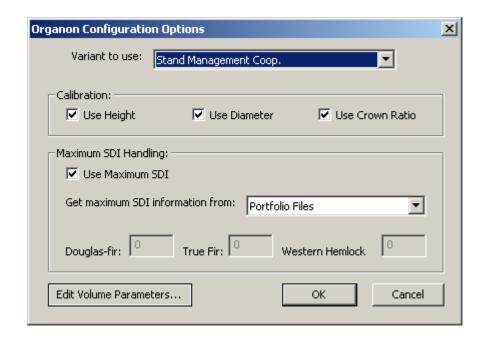
Portfolio Configuration Add Model

Additional models can be added to the portfolio using the Add button. Only the appropriate type of component is available in this dialog.



Portfolio Configuration Organon Specific

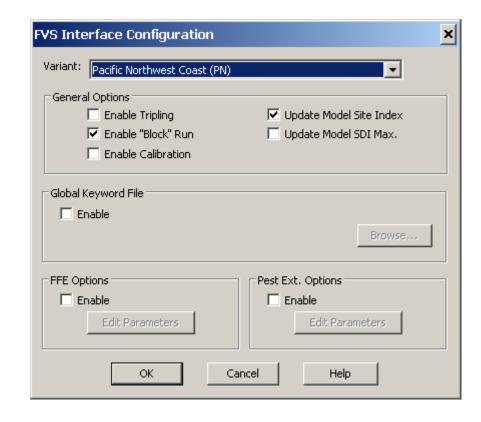
A number of parameters can be controlled for the Organon growth model, including the model variant, calibration data, maximum density, etc.



Portfolio Configuration FVS Specific

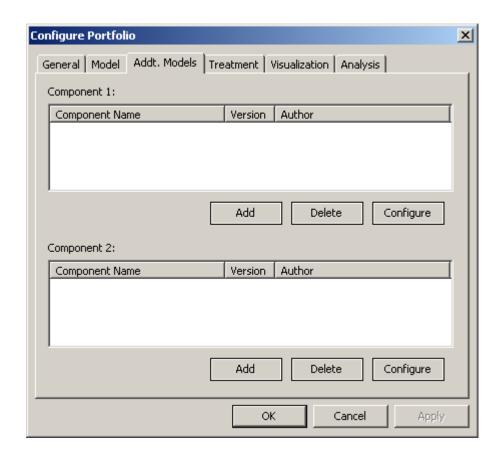
A number of parameters are also available for the FVS growth model. You can control how the model is run by selecting options or providing a FVS keyword file.

The FFE and Pest Ext. options will be come available in the next several months.

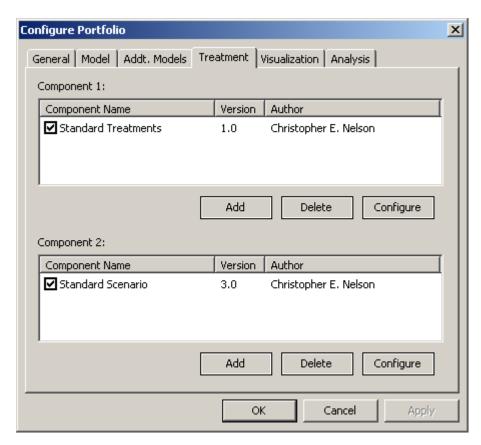


Additional models can also be run with LMS 3.1.

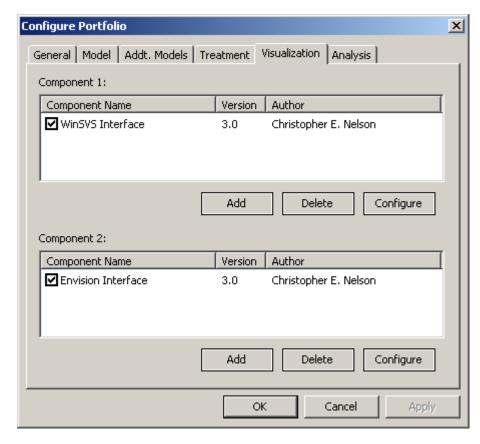
NOTE: No additional models are available yet.



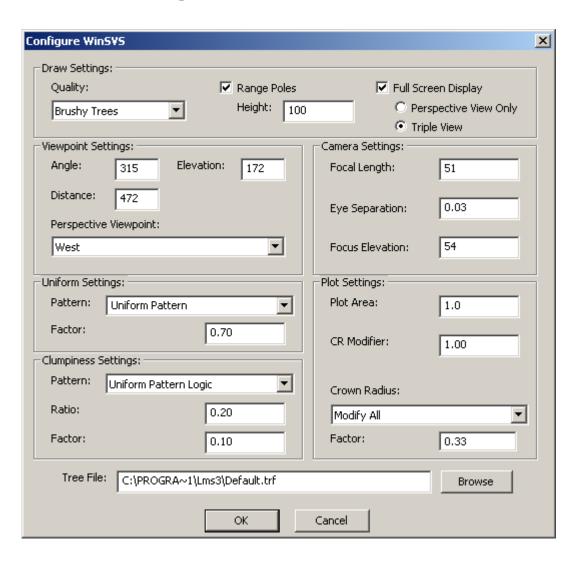
The treatment tools setup is available on the Treatment tab. The defaults are Standard Treatments and Standard Scenarios.



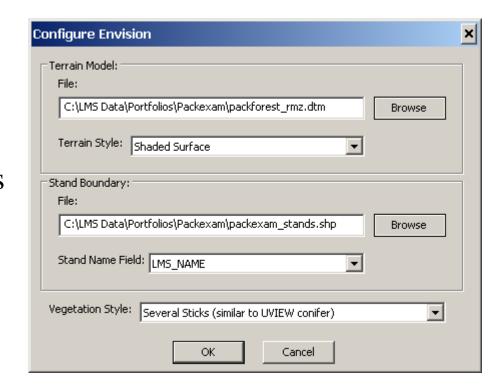
The visualization tab allows you to configure stand and landscape visualization tools.



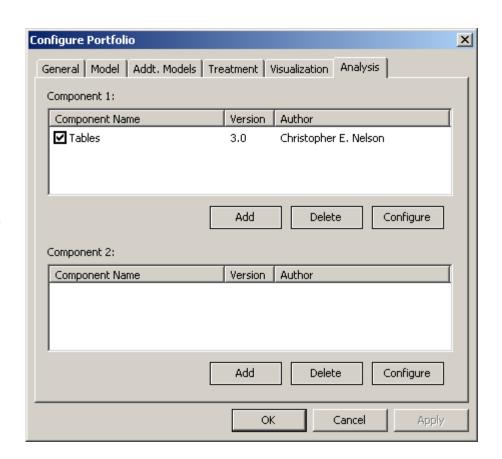
The WinSVS configuration can be controlled in a variety of ways.
Viewpoints can be set, spatial patterns selected, camera settings controlled, etc.



The EnVision configuration dialog allows you to set what files are used for landscape visualization.



The Analysis tab configures what analysis tools are available for the portfolio.



Archiving Portfolios

LMS 3.1 comes with the ability to store portfolios in archive format to make it easier to more the portfolios from one computer to another. The portfolio archives are also a single file, instead of the myriad files that comprise a portfolio.

You back Backup or Restore portfolio archives.

Archiving Portfolios Backup...

Use Archiving/Backup to store a copy of portfolio files into the Archives Portfolio subdirectory in your C:\LMS Data directory. You can specify the actual location for the file, you can also include the Cache, Analysis, and/or

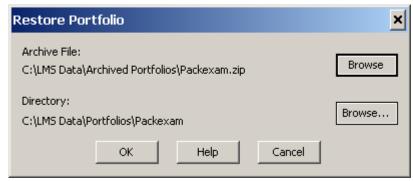
Backup directories.



Archiving Portfolios Restore...

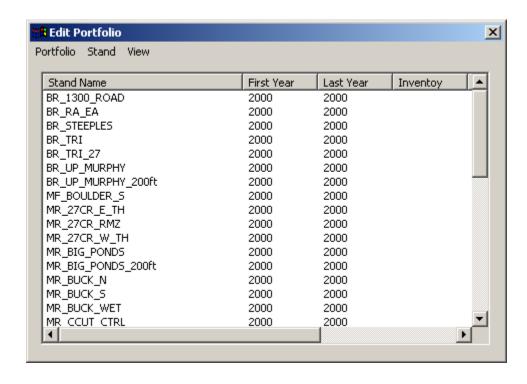
Use Archive/Restore... to un-archive a previously archived portfolio. Select the portfolio archive and the destination directory.

This is also a good way to make copies of an existing portfolio so that you work on a copy instead of the original data.



Edit Portfolio

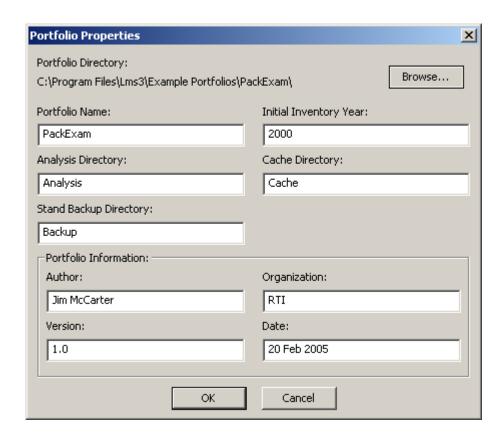
Edit portfolio allows you to make some additional changes to the portfolio.





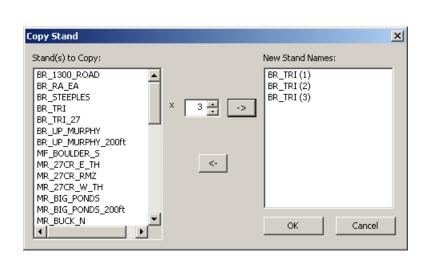
Edit Portfolio/Portfolio Properties

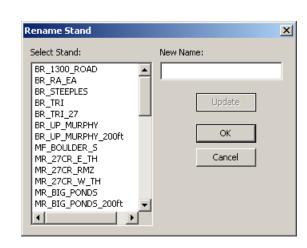
Portfolio properties allows you to change the values in the dialog.



Edit Portfolio Add, Copy, Delete, Rename Stands

Stands can be copied, renamed, and deleted in the portfolio.





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MR_BUCK_WET	
MR_CCUT_CTRL	Cancel

Edit Portfolio Edit Data

Edit data will eventually allow you to modify individual inventory records in the portfolio.

NOTE: This feature is not available yet.

Creating a LMS Portfolio

LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard

This section presents the Inventory Wizard – a tool for entering plot level forest inventory information and creating LMS 3.1 portfolios.

LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard

The LMS Inventory Wizard provides a simple interface to enter plot level tree inventory data for use with LMS.

- Microsoft Access database
- Includes growth model specific codes
- Context sensitive help and tutorial
- Includes field data forms
- Creates and intermediate database that is used with the Large Portfolio Builder to import the data into LMS.

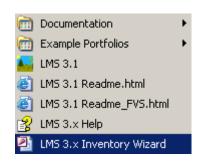


LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Requirements

The LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard requires Windows 2000 or later. The LMS Inventory Wizard is a Microsoft Access database, thus Microsoft Access 2000 or later is required. For systems that do not have Access 2000 or later, runtime components will be installed that will enable the full functionality of the Inventory Wizard.

LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Starting

Start the LMS 3.1 Inventory
Wizard using the Start Menu and
Landscape Management System
Program Group. Select LMS 3.x
Inventory Wizard to load the
database application.



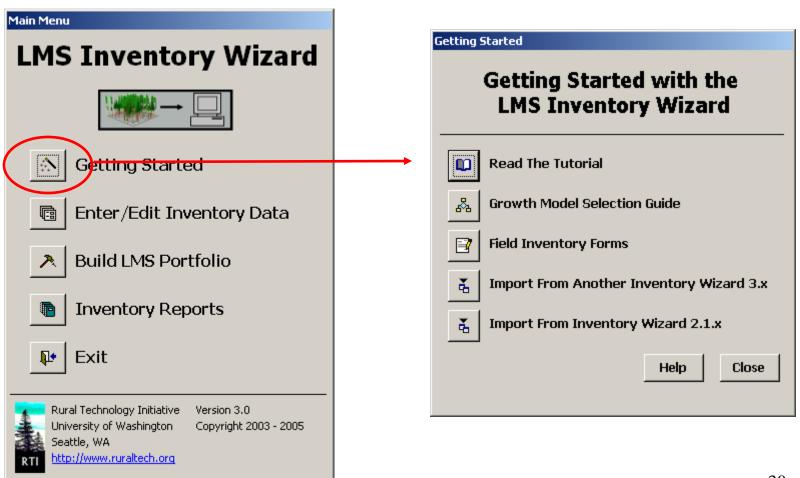
LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Security Warning

Depending on the version of Microsoft Office (Access) you are running you may see a warning that the Inventory_Wizard_3.0.mdb file may contain unsafe code that could harm your computer. This is currently limited to Access 2003.



Select Open to begin using the Inventory Wizard.

LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Getting Started

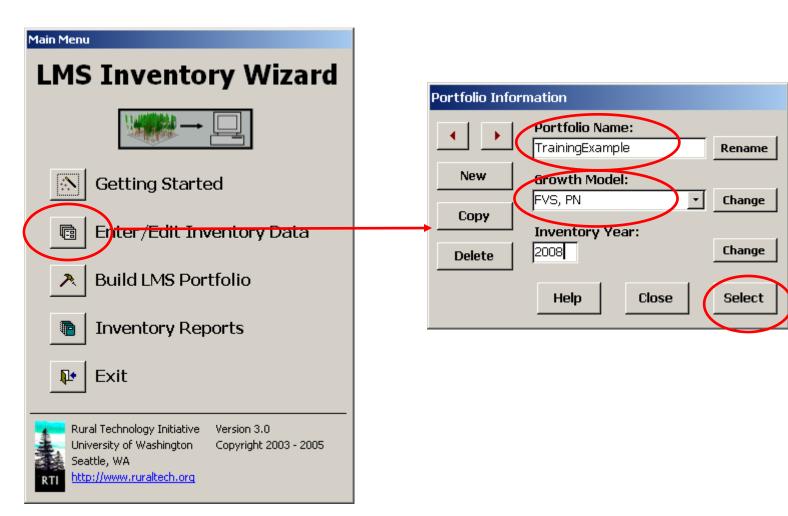


LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Getting Started

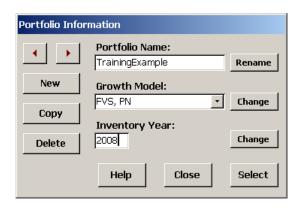


- **A. Read the Tutorial** The first option on this menu will bring you to the beginning of this tutorial. You should be familiar with this entire tutorial before proceeding with the Inventory Wizard.
- **B.** Growth Model Selection Guide You will need to know which of the growth models included with LMS that you will be using *before you begin*. If you are not sure which growth model you should use, this guide will give you suggestions of appropriate models based on the location of your forest.
- C. Field Inventory Forms These forms can be printed (on waterproof paper if desired) and used to gather the necessary inventory data in the field. Both plot data and stand data are needed. The plot data form is common to all growth models, whereas the stand data forms are growth model specific. Also included is an example of how to fill out the forms.
- D. Import From Another Inventory Wizard This option will bring up a dialog box where you can browse to the copy of Inventory Wizard that you wish to import from and click Import. Any imported portfolio will have "_imported" appended to its name. This can be changed using the portfolio rename function on the Enter/Edit Inventory Data menu. Note that the import function is only for data to be imported from other copies of the Inventory Wizard (version 2.0 or later). It will not import from Excel spreadsheets, other data sources, or versions of Inventory Wizard earlier than 2.0.

LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Entering Data

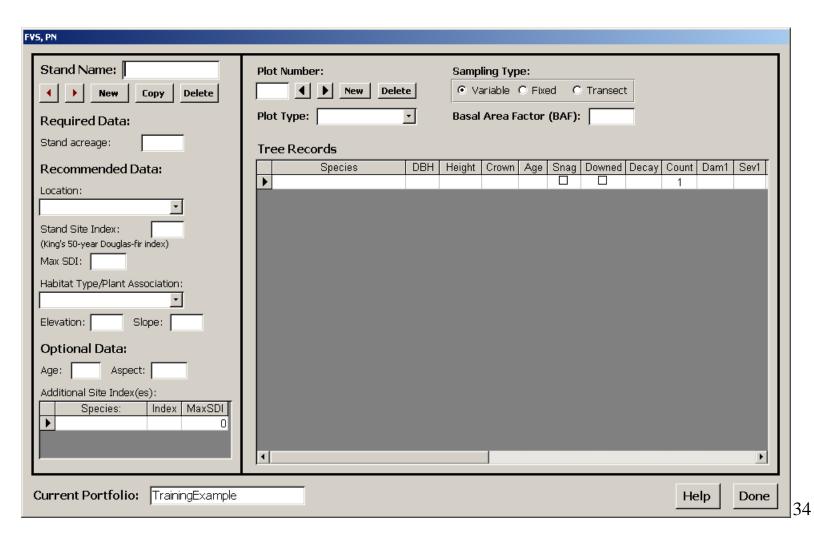


LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Enter/Edit Inventory Data



- **1. Browse** Use the red arrow buttons to browse between existing portfolios.
- 2. New To create a new portfolio, click New and enter a portfolio name. Note that the portfolio name cannot contain spaces or characters other than letters or numbers (hyphens and underscores are OK). Next select the growth model you will be using from the drop-down list (for help with choosing a growth model, see Growth Model Selection Guide).
- **3. Copy** To create a copy of an existing portfolio, browse to the portfolio you wish to copy and click **Copy**. The copied portfolio will have "_Copy" appended to the portfolio name, which can be changed using the Rename function (see below).
- **Delete** To delete a portfolio, browse to the portfolio you wish to delete and click **Delete**. Note that portfolio deletion is permanent and none of the information associated with a deleted portfolio will be recoverable.
- **Making Changes** Click **Rename** to change a portfolio name or **Change** to select a different growth model. Note that changing the growth model should be done with caution as the change may invalidate existing data, such as site index, for the portfolio.
- **Select** Once you have created or browsed to the portfolio you wish to work with, click **Select** to select this portfolio and proceed to enter stand, plot, and tree data.

LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Entering Data

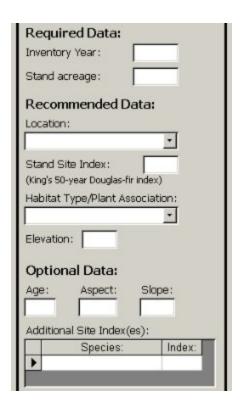


LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Stand Name



- 1. Stand Name The first step is to enter the stand name. Note: as with portfolio name, stand name is limited to letters and numbers—it cannot contain spaces or any special characters except hyphens or underscores.
- **a. Browse** Use the red arrow buttons to browse between stands in a portfolio.
- **b.** New To create a new stand, click New.
- **c. Copy** To create a copy of an existing stand, browse to the stand you wish to copy and click **Copy**. The copied stand will have "_Copy" appended to the stand name, which can be renamed by selecting the **Stand Name** field and entering a new name.
- **d. Delete** To delete a stand, browse to the stand you wish to delete and click **Delete**. Note that stand deletion is permanent and none of the information associated with a deleted stand will be recoverable.

LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Stand Level Information



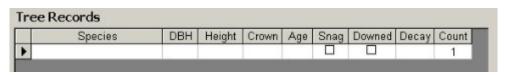
- **2. Required Information** This is the minimum information required to run LMS using the growth model you have selected.
- **Recommended Information** While not required to run LMS, this information is necessary to achieve realistic results from the growth model. Enter as much of this information as possible, but leave fields blank where you don't know or are unsure of the appropriate value.
- **4. Optional Information**: This information can be used to further calibrate the growth model for optimal results. Enter any of this information that is available.

LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Plot Level Information



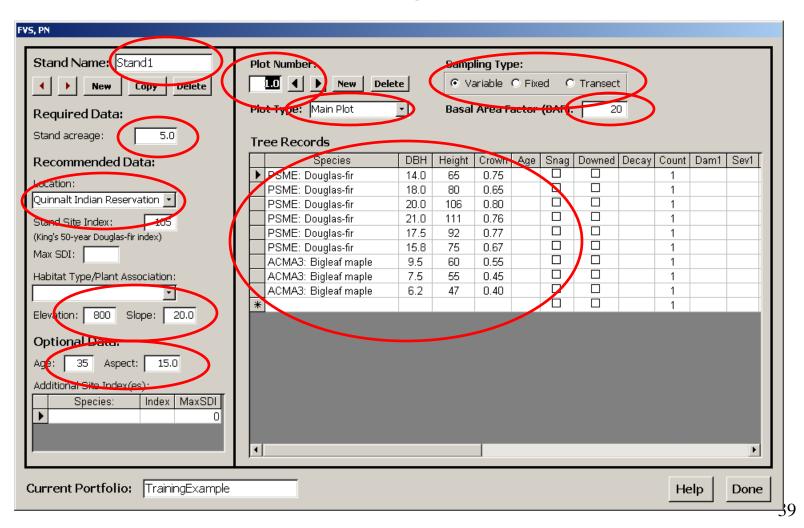
- 1. Plot Number Enter the plot number first. Main plots should be entered as 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, etc. Nested subplots can be entered as decimals. For instance, nested subplots for main plot 1.0 would be 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, etc.
- **2. Plot Type** Select the plot type from the drop-down list. For inventory designs that do not have nested subplots, **Main Plot** should be selected. Otherwise assign Main Plot to the primary sampling point (usually the overstory plot) and assign **subplot types 1-4** to nested subplots (understory, regeneration, etc.).
- **3. Sampling Type** select the appropriate option for variable radius plots, fixed radius plots, or transect (line intercept) samples.
- **4. Plot Factor** Depending on the Sampling Type, you will need to enter the appropriate plot factor. The caption for this field will change accordingly to match the selected Sampling Type.

LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Tree Information

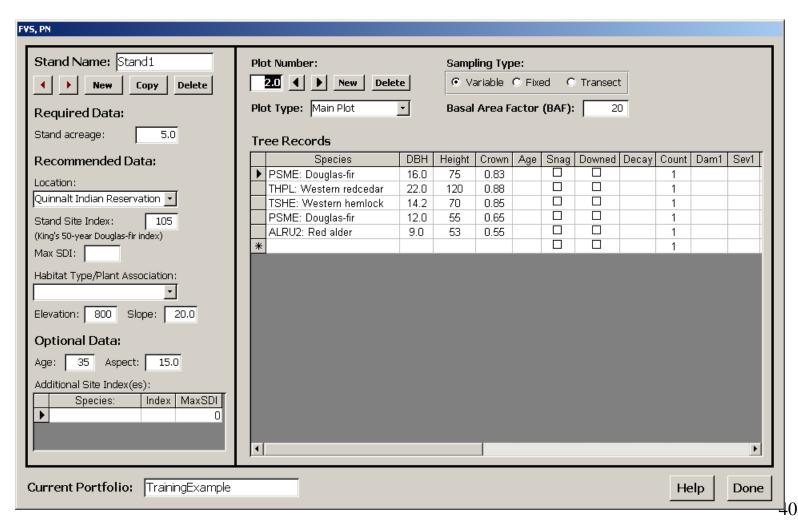


- 1. Species Select from the drop-down list (or type 2-letter code) of species recognized by the selected growth model (*Required*).
- **2. DBH** Enter the diameter at breast height (DBH) to the nearest 1/10th inch (*Required*).
- **3. Height/Length** Enter the total tree height or log length in feet (*Required for downed logs; otherwise recommended*).
- **4. Crown** Enter the proportion of live crown as a decimal (*Recommended*).
- **5. Age** Enter the age for live trees (Optional).
- **6. Snag** Check this box if the record represents a snag.
- **7. Downed** Check this box if the record represents a downed log.
- **8. Decay** Enter the decay class from 1 (least decayed) to 5 (most decayed) for snag or downed log entries (*Recommended*).
- **9.** Count Enter the number of trees in the plot represented by this record (*Required*).
- **10. Deleting a Tree** If you need to delete a tree record, click the species field for that tree and then go to **Edit: Delete Record**.

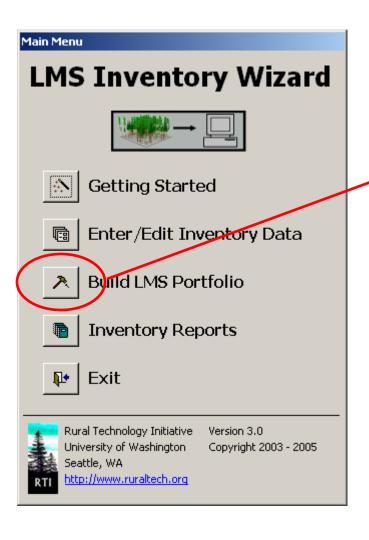
LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Entering Data

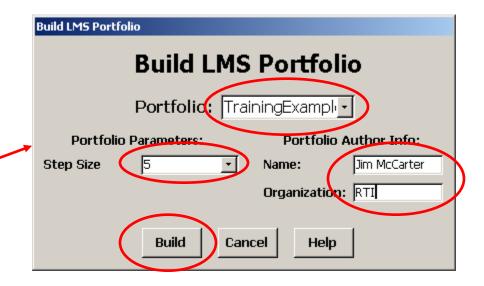


LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Entering Data

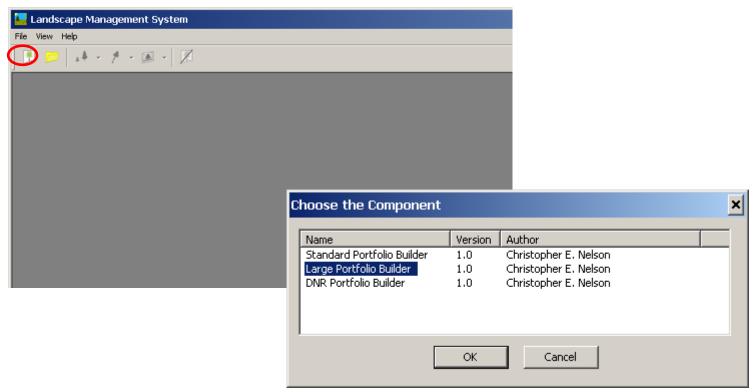


LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Build Portfolio

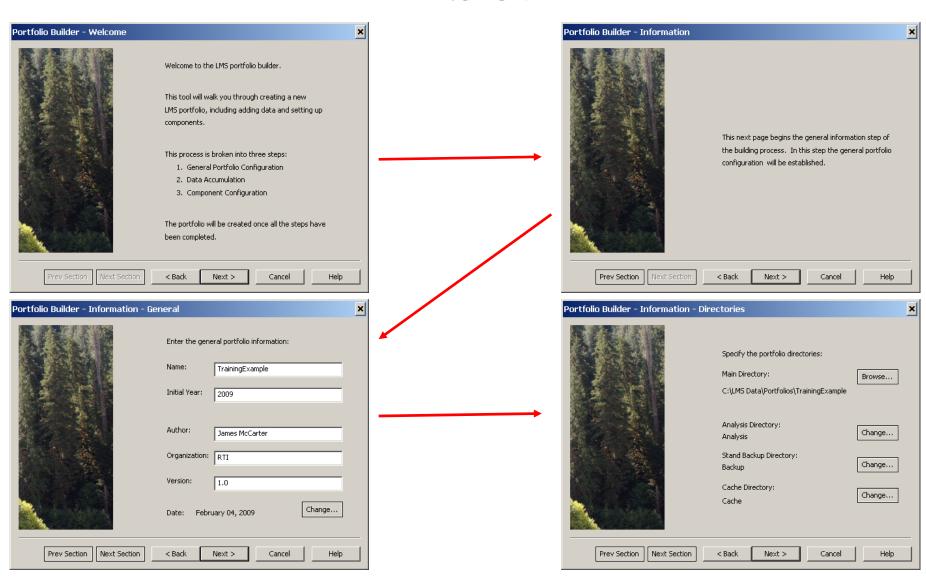


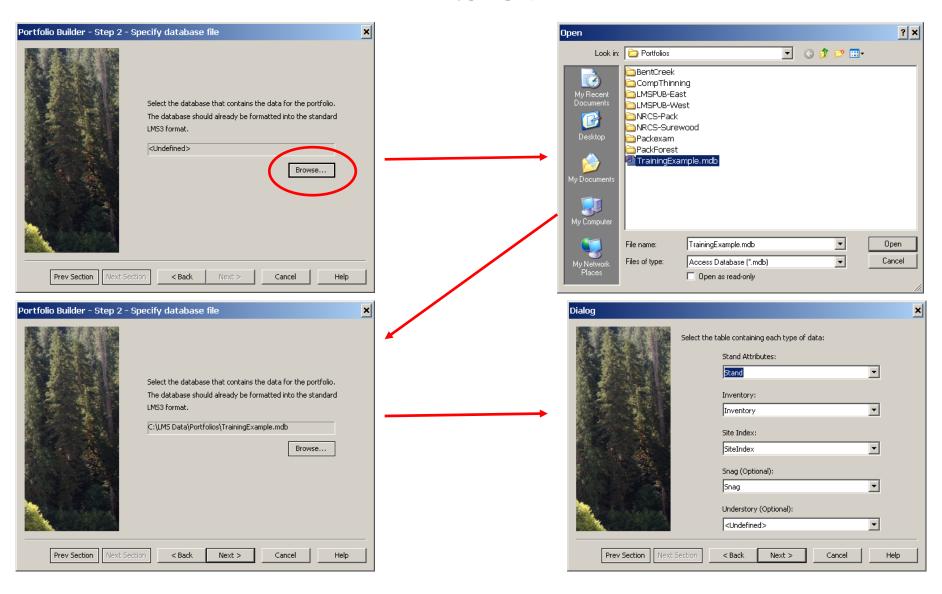


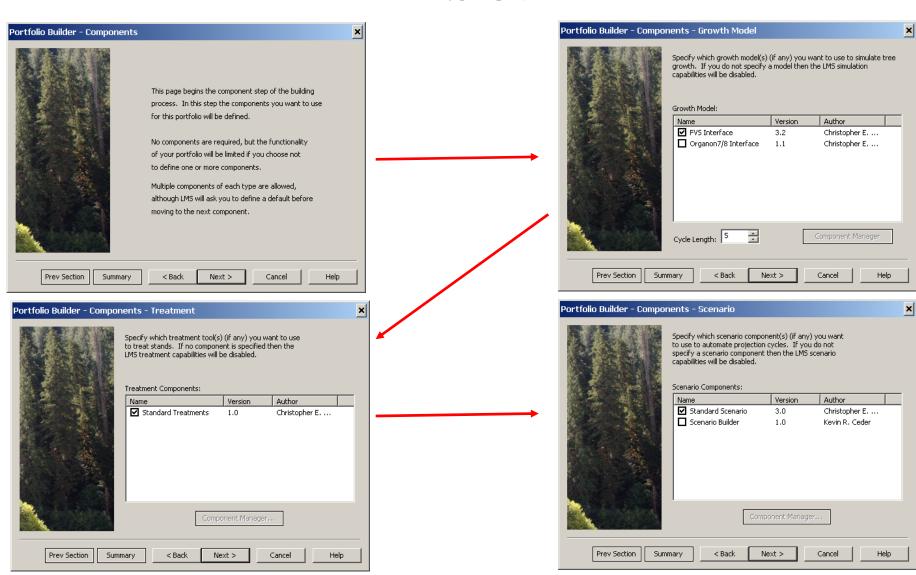
This step does the plot summarization and prepares the data for import into LMS 3.1



Select the Portfolio Builder and then select the Large Portfolio Builder from the options shown.







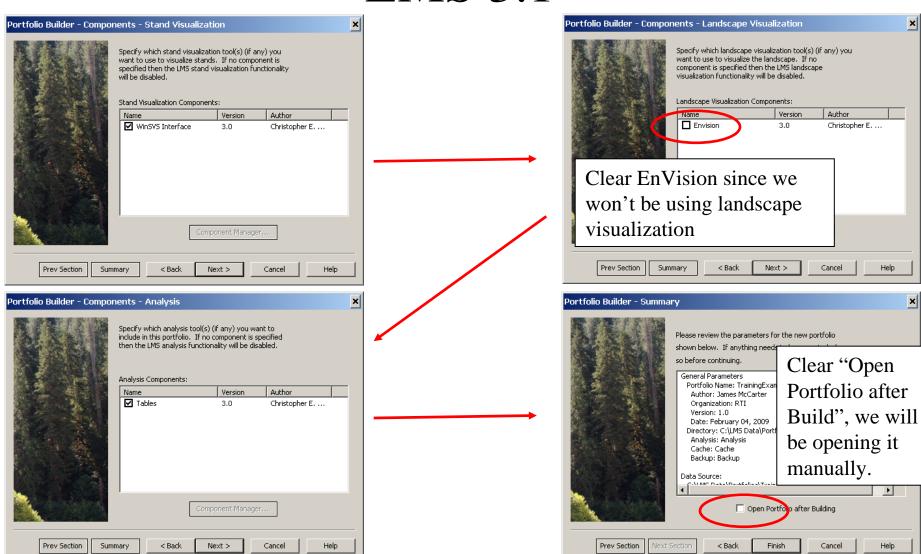
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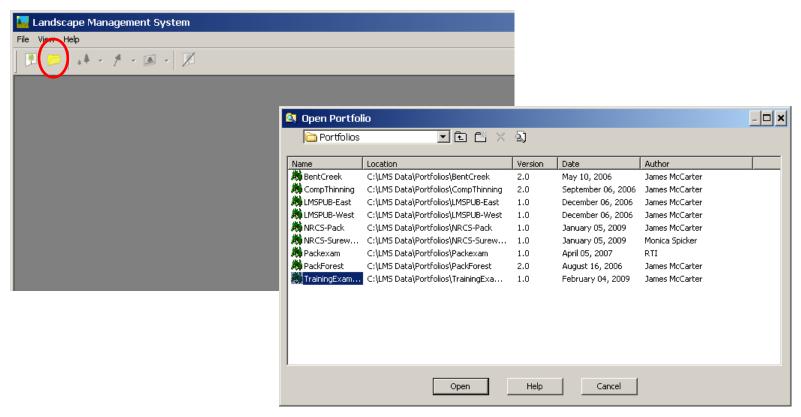
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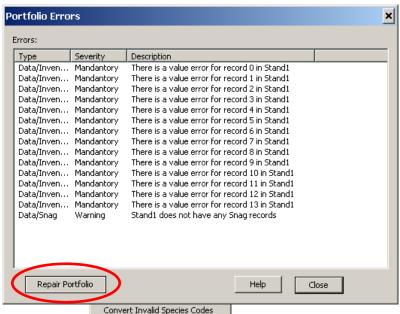
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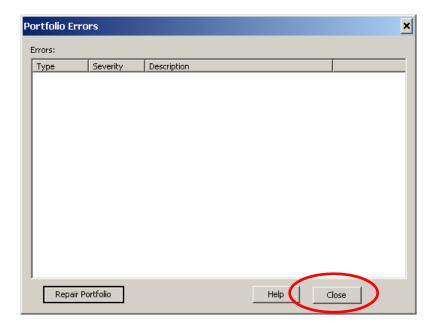
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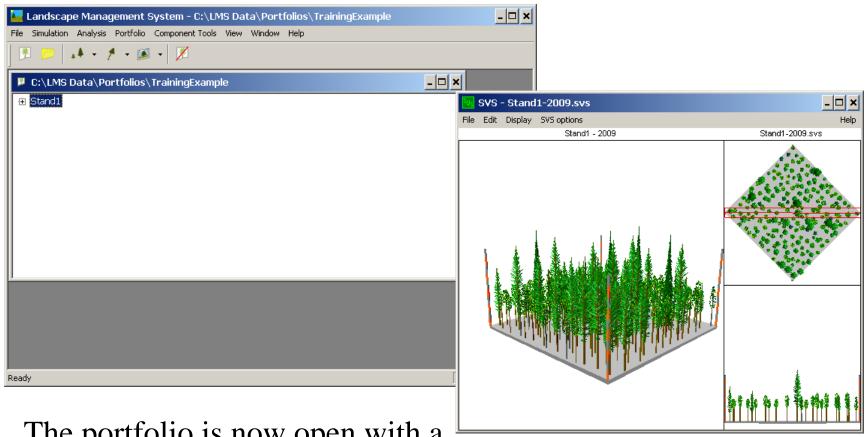
Select Open Portfolio and notice there is a Thinning Example portfolio available now.





Fix Stand/Tree Ages
Renumber Data Records
Rebuild the Inventory
Perform all fixes

When the portfolio initially opens several warnings will be displayed. Select Fix Stand/Tree Ages and the warnings go away. Click Close to finish opening the portfolio?



The portfolio is now open with a single stand shown at the right.

LMS 3.x Inventory Wizard Inventory Reports



Click the **Inventory Reports** button on the Main Menu to open the Inventory Reports Menu from which three different reports can be generated. Upon opening a report, you can click in the report window to toggle between full size and a size that will fit in the window. Go to **File: Print** to print the report.

- **A. Portfolio** Use the red arrow buttons to browse to the portfolio you would like to generate a report for.
- **B. Inventory Report** This report will provide a list of all the tree records by plot and stand for the selected portfolio. Plot characteristics and calculated per acre expansion factors for each tree are included with this report.
- **C. Site Index Report** This report summarizes all the tree records that have age and height information. Use this report for organizing data to do site index calculations.
- **D. Stand Report** This report summarizes the characteristics of each stand, including total trees per acre. Only stands that have live tree records associated with them will be included in this report.

Landscape Visualization

Landscape Analysis

• Learning Objective:

Demonstrate Landscape Analysis using
 Landscape Visualization (EnVision) and Tables

Landscape Analysis

Roadmap

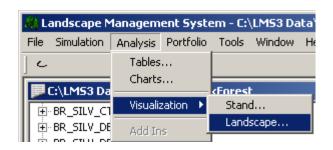
- Introduction to Landscape Visualization
- Viewpoints in EnVision
- Overlays in EnVision
- Viewshed Analysis

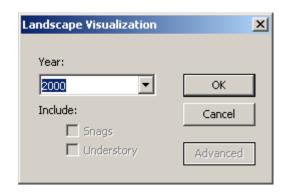
Landscape Analysis

Landscape visualization is done using the Analysis/Visualization/Landscape... menu command in LMS.

The Landscape Visualization dialog will appear, allowing you to confirm the year for the visualization and if you want snags or understory if applicable.

LMS currently uses EnVision for its Landscape Visualization tool.

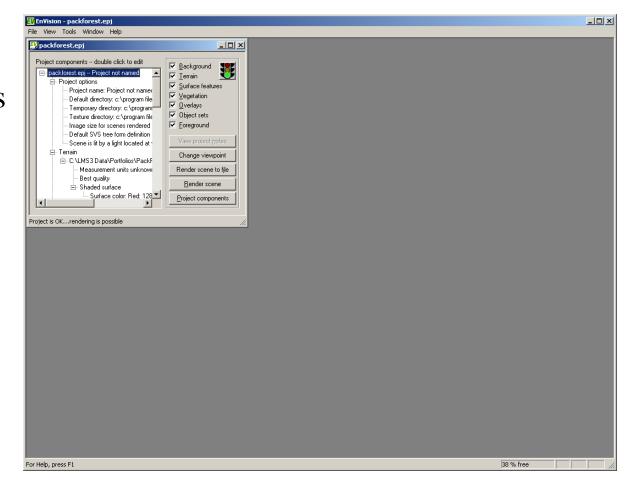




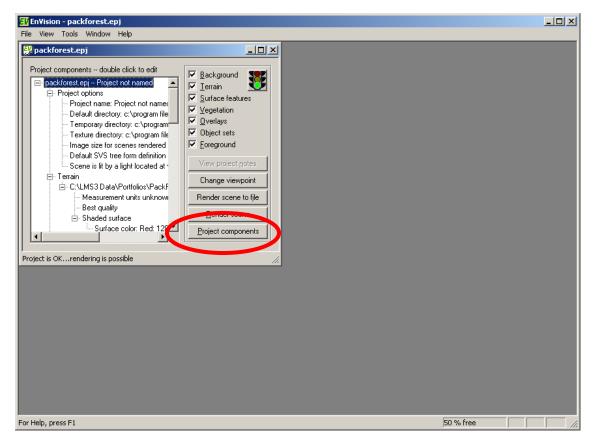
EnVision

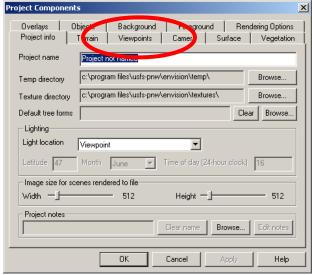
EnVision opens with the Project Components Dialog. The first time EnVision is run for a portfolio, a default viewpoint must be established.

Click Project
Components to setup a default viewpoint.



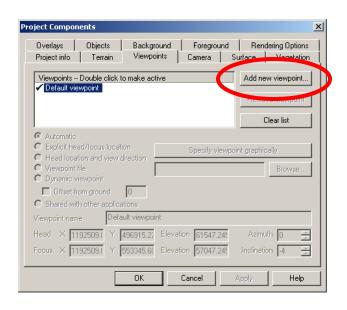
EnVision – Set Viewpoint

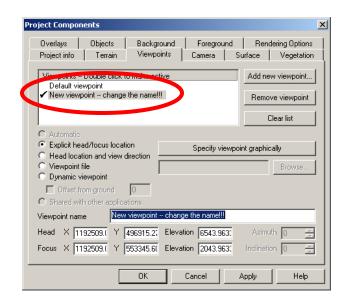




Click the Viewpoints tab in the Project Components dialog.

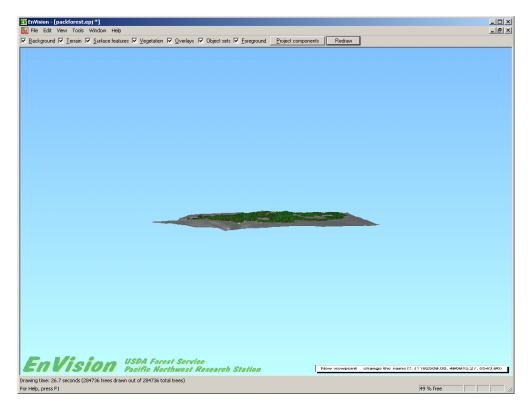
EnVision – Add new viewpoint





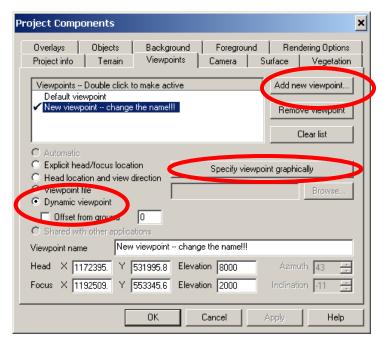
From the Viewpoints tab click Add new viewpoint. You will notice that a new viewpoint is entered in the list of viewpoints and that it us now marked as the default (check mark). Click OK to return to the main EnVision window.

EnVision – Render scene

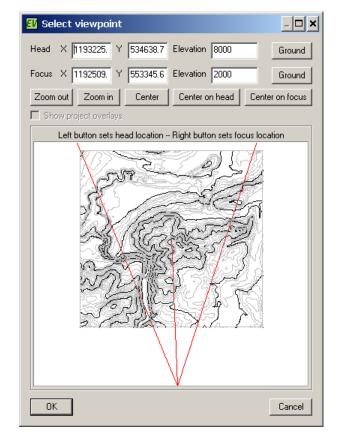


Click Render scene and EnVision will begin to create the visualization. Because of the size of the area and the number of trees drawn this can take some time. You will also notice that the default view point is from quite a distance.

EnVision – Add new viewpoint

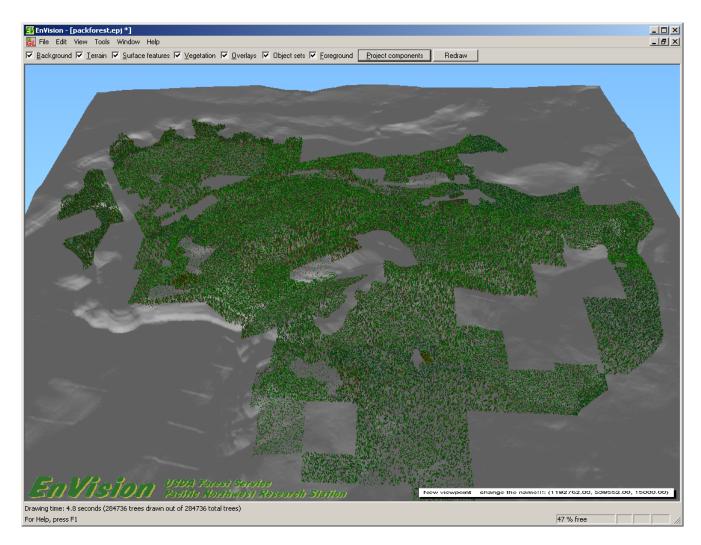


Click "Add new viewpoint", select "Dynamic viewpoint", then select "Specify viewpoint graphically".



Move the "head" location (left mouse button) to the south of the landscape area.

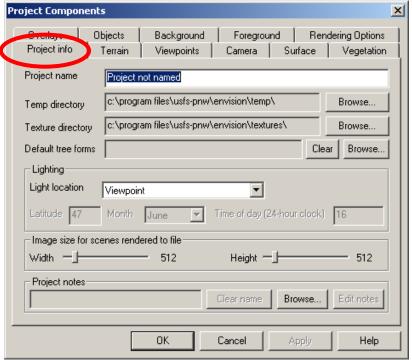
Pack Forest from South



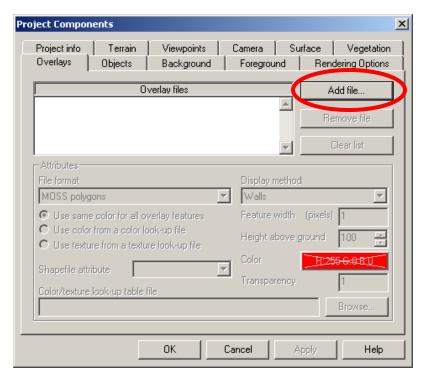
After a few minutes the scene should be drawn similar to above. 60

EnVision - Overlays

EnVision can display other spatial features using what it calls overlays. These can be polygon, line, or point features.



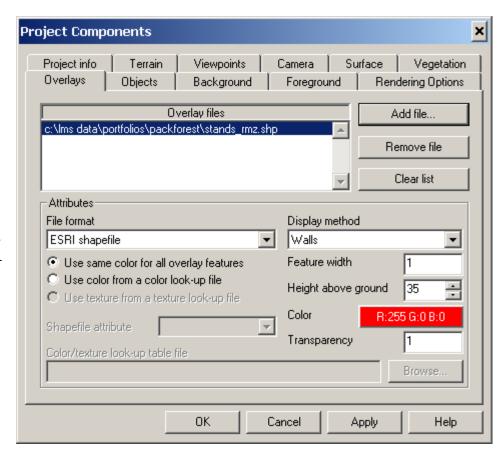
To add Overlays, Click Project Components and then select the Overlays tab.



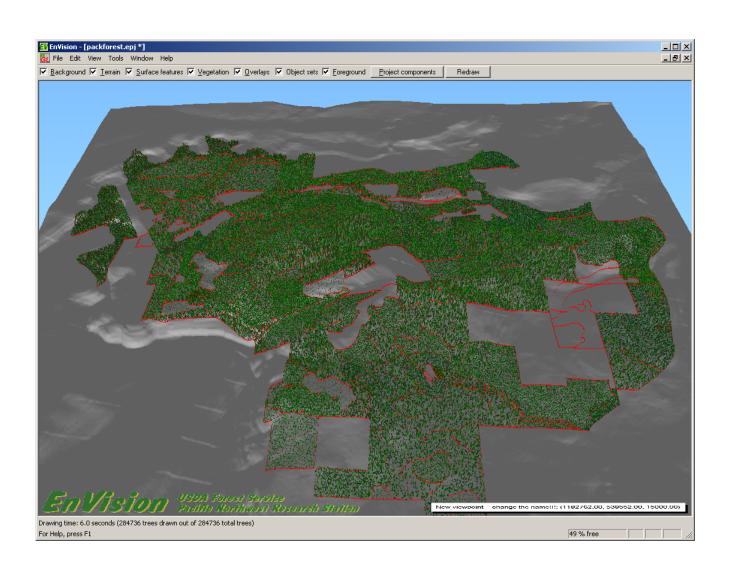
Click Add file...

EnVision – Add stand boundaries

Add the stands_rmz.shp file. Confirm that the Display method is Walls, Feature width is 1, and change Height above ground to 35. Click OK to close the dialog and the scene will redraw.

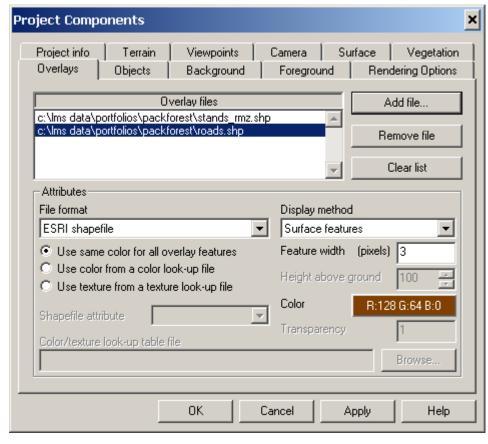


Pack Forest – Stand boundaries

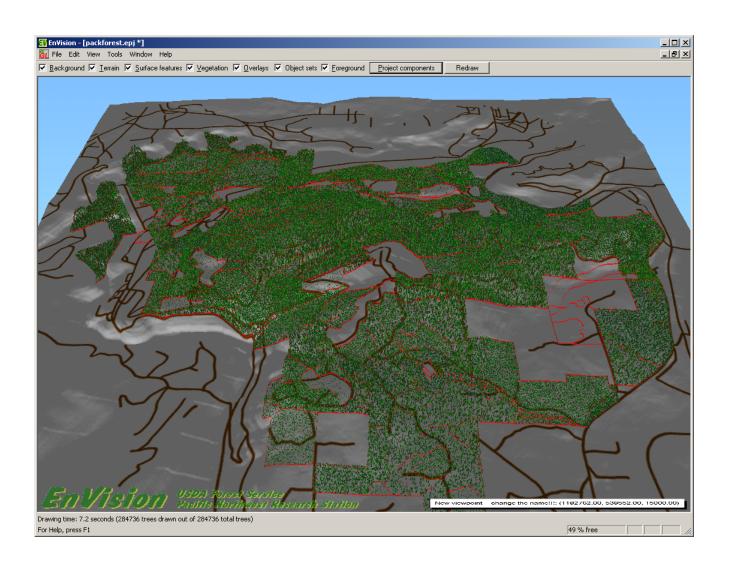


EnVision – Add roads

Go back to Project Components/Overlays and add another overlay. This time select the roads.shp file. Change the Display Method to Surface Features, Feature width to 3, and change the color to brown. Click OK when done.

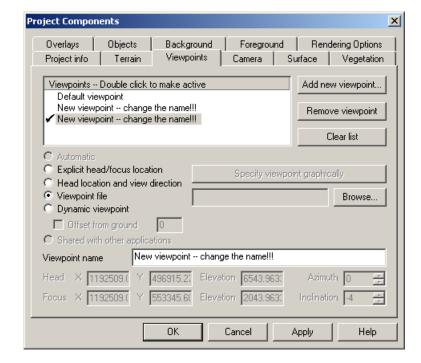


Pack Forest – Stands and Roads



EnVision – specify viewpoint graphically

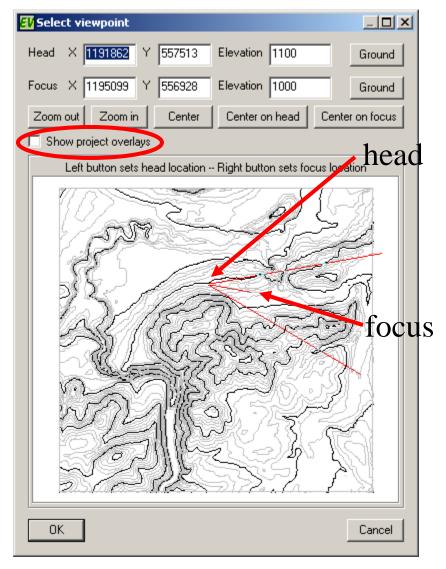
Viewpoints can also be specified graphically. Change the viewpoint to either "Explicit head/focus location" or "Dynamic viewpoint", and the "Specify viewpoint graphically" button becomes available. Click it to open a planimetric map view that is used for changing the currnet viewpoint.



EnVision – Graphical Viewpoint

The select viewpoint dialog allows you to move around, changing where you are looking from (head) and where you are looking to (focus). You can reset the values by entering numbers or clicking in the planimetric view. Use the left mouse button for the head location and the right mouse button for the focus location.

Overlays can also be display on the planimetric map by checking Show project overlays.



Viewshed Analysis

For our next exercise we want to specify an explicit viewpoint and determine if a specific stand can be viewed from that location.

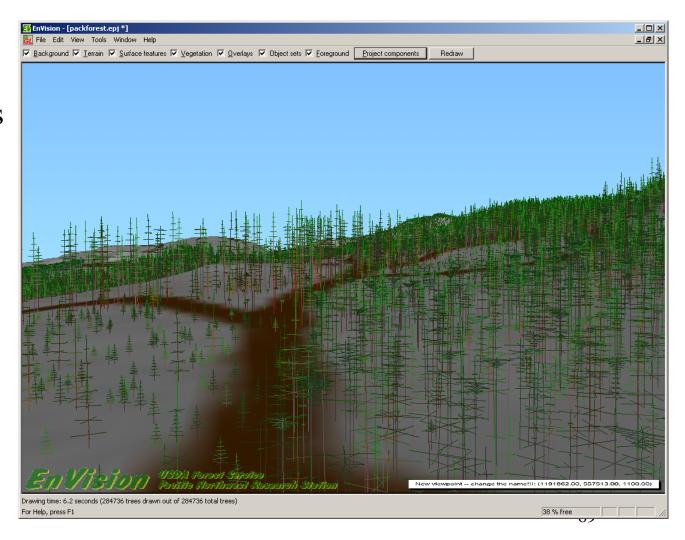
First go into Project Components and remove the Overlay for stands.

Then go into the Viewpoints tab and add another viewpoint, select viewpoint file, and then browse to select the PackForest_ViewshedAnalysis.vpt file.

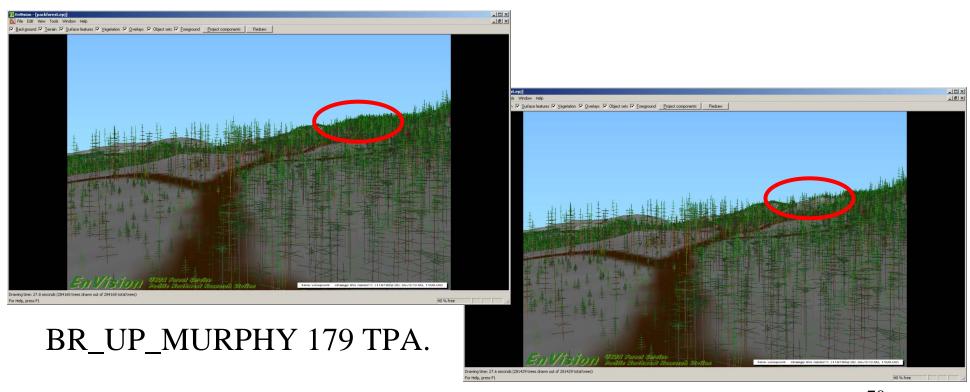
Viewshed Analysis

The scene now draws from the new viewpoint.

The question now is if we harvest the BR_UP_MURPHY stand, is it visible from this location?



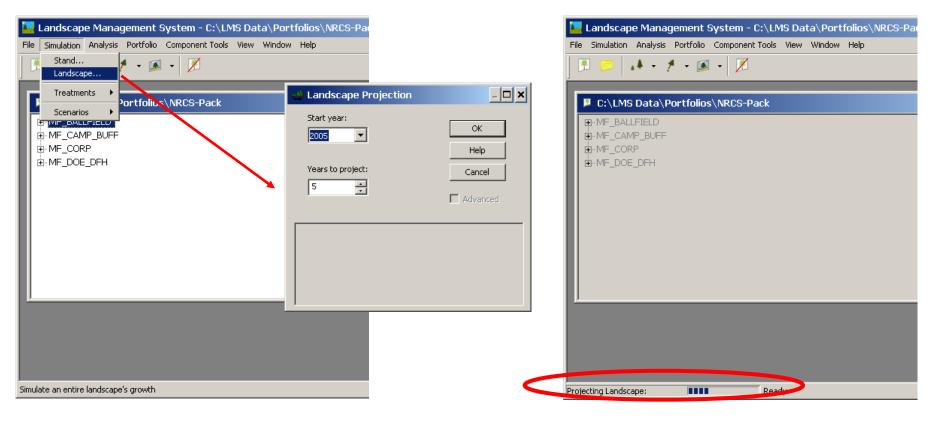
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Growing Landscapes

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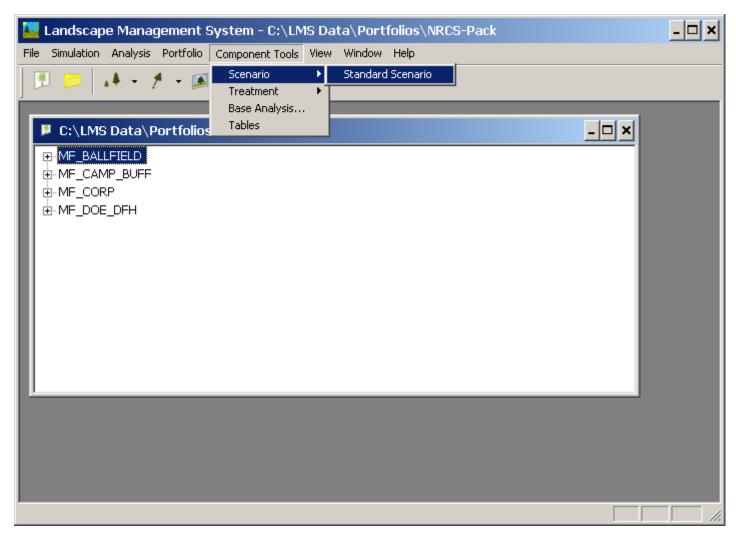
Select Simulation/Landscape... then confirm starting year and Years to Project and click OK. You will see the progress indicated on the bottom of the main interface.

LMS 3.1 Scenario Files

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- Scenario files are the "batch" method for running LMS.
- Scenarios files define a starting and ending year.
- Scenarios files include treatments for any stands that are treated or have disturbance during the planning horizon.
- All stands not specified for treatments are automatically run with a no management scenario.

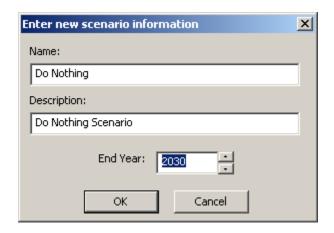
Create Scenario File



Use Component Tools/Scenario/Standard Scenario to open the Scenario Editor.

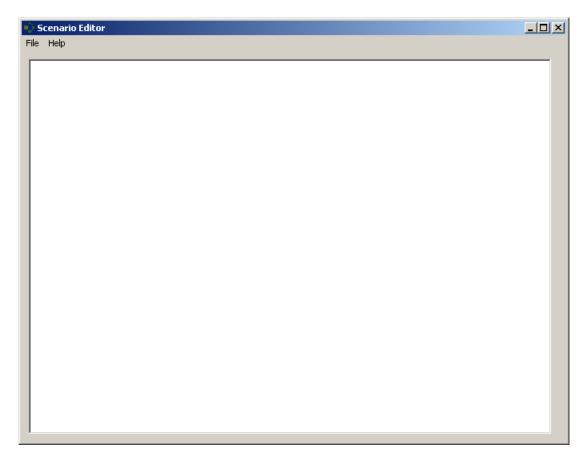
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Create Scenario Files



When creating a new scenario you will be prompted to specify a name and description for the scenario. You can also change the end year for the simulation.

Scenario Editor

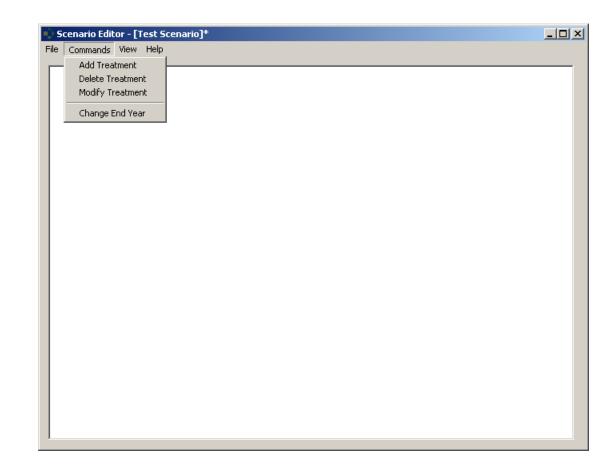


The Scenario Editor will open a blank dialog. When treatments for stand are specified the Scenario Editor will display the stand and years of treatments, depending on the view options.

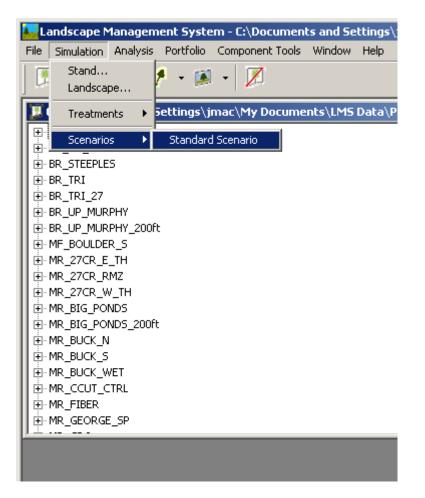
Scenario Editor – Add/Delete/Modify

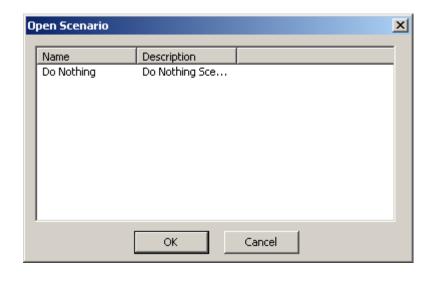
The scenario editor can be used to Add, Delete, or Modify treatments.

For our example we are going to use an empty scenario with no treatments specified.



Run Scenario



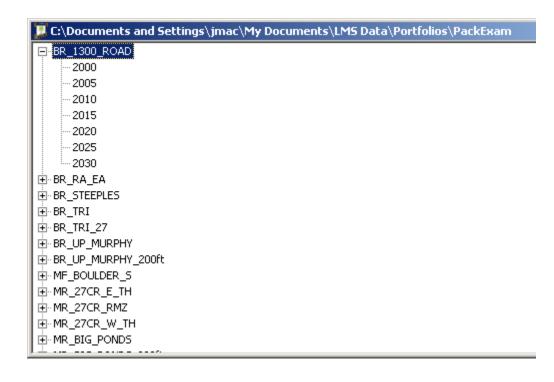


To run the scenario use the Simulation/Scenarios/Stand Scenario menu command. You will be prompted for which scenario you want to run. Select the "Do Nothing" scenario and click OK.

Run Scenario

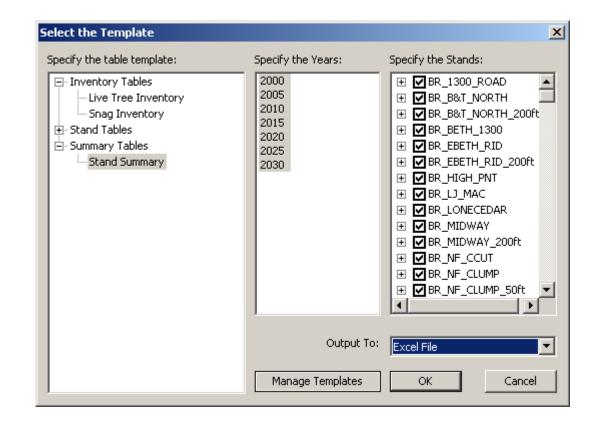
After the scenario has finished running you can open the tree view to see that each stand has been simulated until 2030.

Visualizations and tables are now available for all stands in the portfolio for all years in the simulation.



Landscape Level Tables

Summary information for all stands can be viewed using the Stand Summary Total table. Use Analysis/Tables to open the Select the Template dialog. Select the Stand Summary Total table template and output to Excel File.



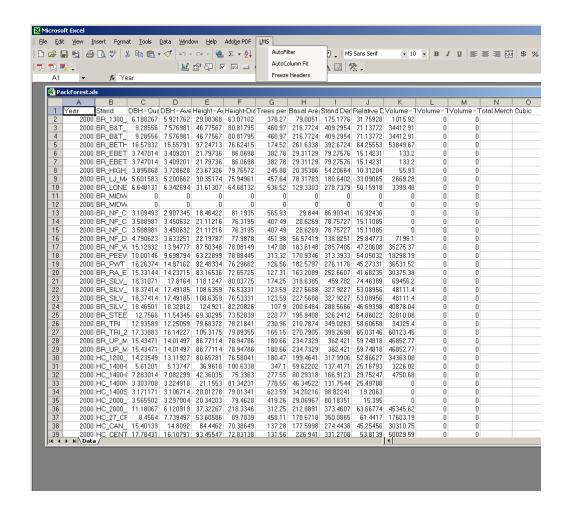
Stand Summary Total Table

The resulting table will be displayed in Excel, showing columns A thru N filled in with information.

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Stand Summary Total Table

Use the LMS Menu to use AutoFilter, AutoColumn Fit, and Freeze Headers to make it easier to examine the information.



Stand Summary Total Table

Once AutoFilters are turned on you can select a single stand name and examine how that stand changed in DBH over the simulation period.

