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Managing a Potentiometric Surface Mapping Program

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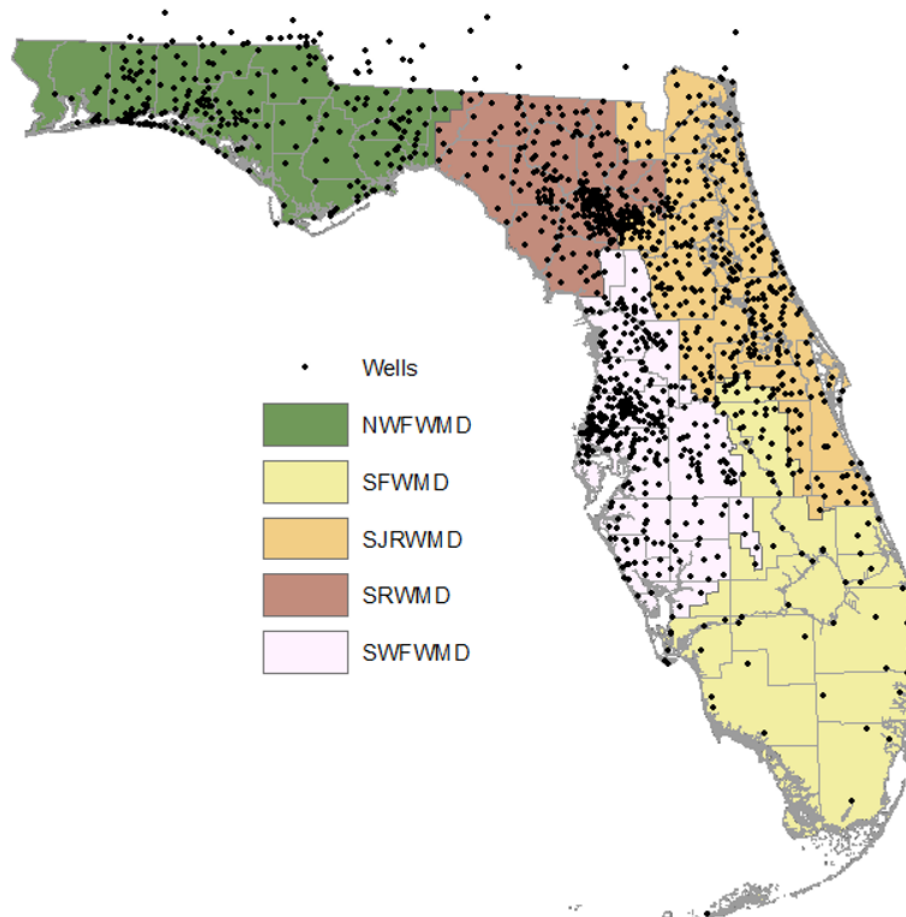
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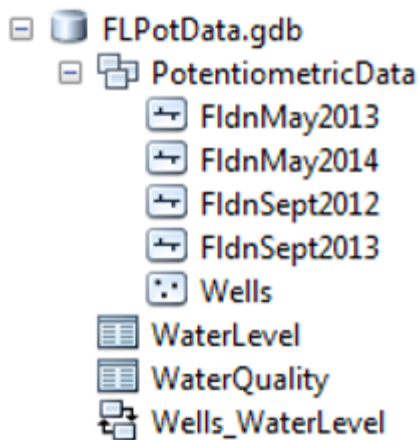
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The Florida statewide potentiometric surface mapping program was reestablished in 2013 in cooperation with Florida's five water management districts (WMD) to map the upper Floridan aquifer (UFA) semiannually in May and September. Water-level data is submitted by numerous agencies with the majority coming from the WMD. Collaboration with WMD staff is critical due to the expertise they provide in data assurance and technical review of potentiometric surface contour lines. The well network currently comprises over 1,400 wells with approximately 1,100 used in each surface creation.

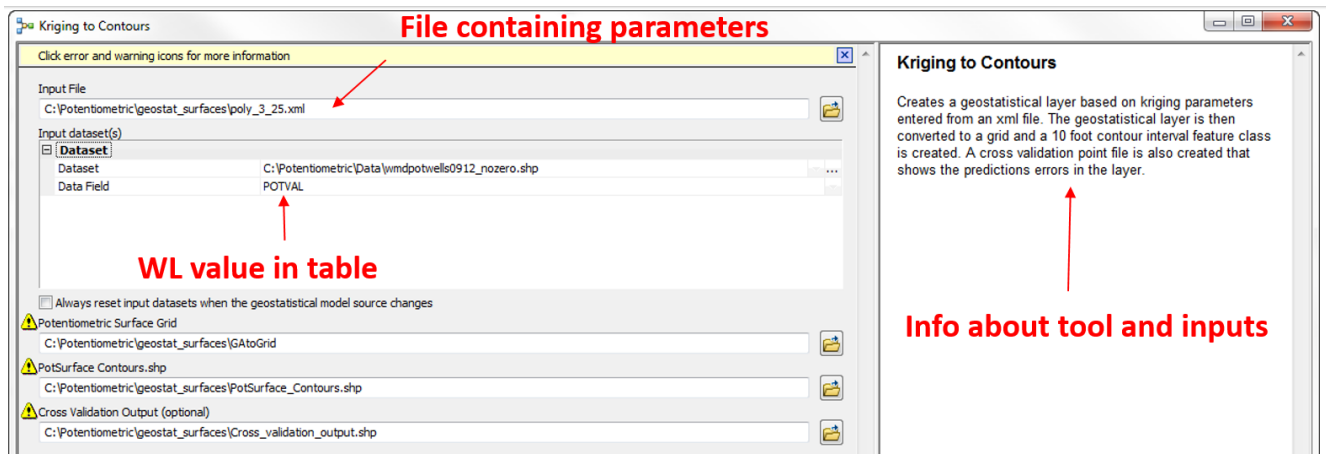


Large amounts of data require that data be organized as efficiently as possible. This begins with setting up a data structure that minimizes input error while concisely managing a “tidy” database. Data from eight sources is converted into the same format and then imported into the database. Summary statistics are run to check for any errors in the data and are corrected prior to any analysis.

Data is stored in an ArcGIS file geodatabase consisting of feature classes for the well network and contour lines of the potentiometric surfaces developed for the UFA. Water-level and water-quality tables are included in the geodatabase providing information about each well during a specified date. Finally, a relationship class is established to link the many water-level measurements to the appropriate well.



Creating the potentiometric surface contour lines is a two-step process. First, an automated process using kriging is used to make a raster surface of the water-level data. This process is saved and documented in an ArcGIS Toolbox.



An error report is included to help identify overall error and trouble spots in the raster surface. This report can aid in identifying locations where additional wells can improve the interpolated surface.

Next the raster surface is refined using post editing rules to create the final contour lines:

- Rivers intersecting the UFA follow the rule of V's.
- Potentiometric surface contour line values do not exceed the topographic digital elevation model (DEM) in unconfined areas.
- Potentiometric surface contour lines do not violate valid measured water-level data.

Data is shared as an interactive ArcGIS Online map or by downloading the entire geodatabase.

FDEP ArcGIS Online projects

<http://fdep.maps.arcgis.com/home/>

FDEP Geospatial Open Data Portal

<http://geodata.dep.state.fl.us/>



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Project Overview



Statewide potentiometric surface mapping of the upper Floridan aquifer (UFA)

- Reestablished in 2013 in cooperation with Florida's five water management districts (WMDs)
- WMDs provide:
 - Water level data* – last two weeks of May and September
 - Product review
- FGS/FDEP provide:
 - Generation of statewide potentiometric surface (contours, raster)
 - Final products shared as a geodatabase, pdf and ArcGIS online map
- *Additional water level providers are Geological Survey of Alabama, Alachua County and the USGS



Water Level Data



Florida's five water management districts:

Currently 1,411 wells in network

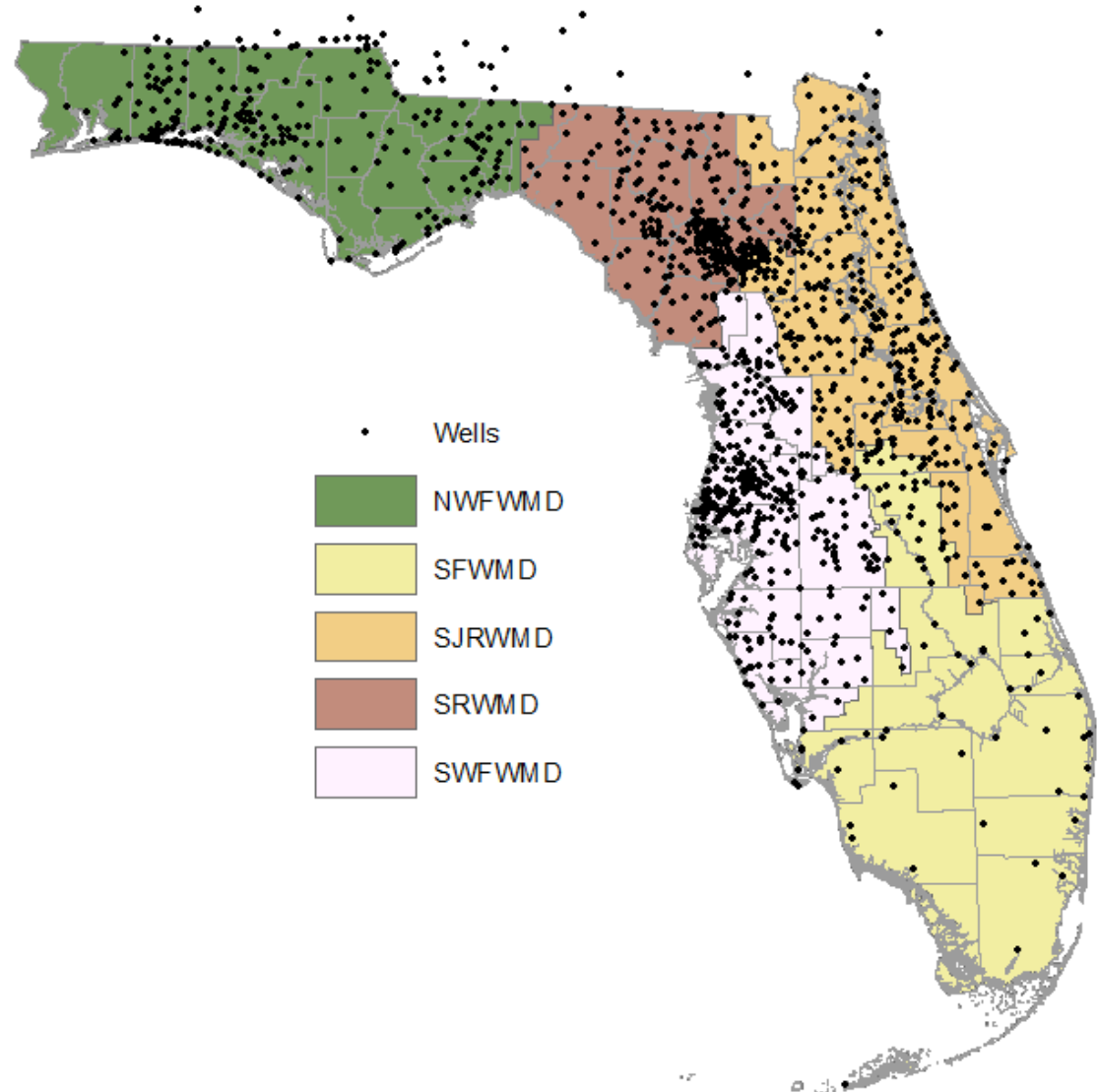
1,192 WMDs

175 Alachua County

17 Geological Survey of Alabama

27 USGS

Approximately 80% of wells have daily water level readings





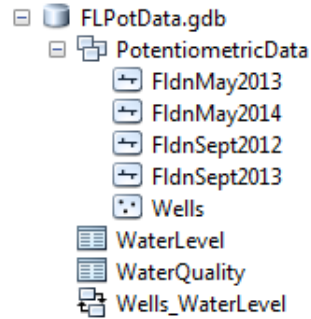
Project Goals



- Develop Statewide potentiometric surface maps for the months of May and September
- Manage and share a geodatabase of wells, water level data and contour lines for agency/public use
- Develop raster surfaces from wells and contour lines
- Collect, compile and digitize (GIS format) historic potentiometric surface maps

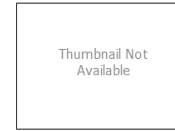


Geodatabase Schema



Upper Floridan Aquifer Potentiometric Surface May 2015

File Geodatabase Feature Class



Tags

potentiometric surface, water level, water level elevation, pot map, Floridan aquifer

Summary

To provide contour lines of the potentiometric surface of the upper Floridan aquifer (UFA) for May 2015.

Description

Contour lines are created for the potentiometric surface of the upper Floridan aquifer from water level data submitted by the water management districts. Water level measurements were obtained from 1,157 wells collected during May 1 - June 5, 2015. The majority of measurements occurred during the last two weeks of May. In the NFWMD 12 wells were measured between May 1 and May 14, and 4 wells were measured between June 2 and June 5. In SRWMD, 20 wells were measured between May 1 and May 14. In SFWMD one well was measured on June 2. The points associated with the water level data are added to Geostatistical Analyst and ordinary kriging is used to interpolate water level elevation between the points. The Geostatistical Analyst layer is then converted to a grid (using GA Layer to grid tool) and then contour lines (using the Contour tool). Post editing is done to smooth the lines and fix areas that are hydrologically incorrect. The rules established for post editing are: 1) rivers intersecting the UFA follow the rule of V's; 2) potentiometric surface contour line values don't exceed the topographic digital elevation model (DEM) in unconfined areas; and 3) potentiometric surface contour lines don't violate valid measured water level data. Errors are usually located where potentiometric highs are adjacent to potentiometric lows (areas where the gradient is high). Expert knowledge or additional information is used to correct the contour lines in these areas. Some additional data may be river stage values in rivers that intersect the Floridan aquifer or land elevation in unconfined areas. The potentiometric surface is a snap shot in time and is only meant to describe water level elevation based on existing data for the time period measured. The contour interval for the statewide map is 10 feet and is not meant to supersede regional (water management district) or local (city) scale potentiometric surface maps.

Credits

FGS - James Cichon, Frank Rupert, Tom Greenhalgh. SFWMD - Anne Dodd, Emily Richardson, Linda Lindstrom. SRWMD - Tom Mirti. SWFWMD - Dave DeWitt, Granville Kinsman, Margit Crowell, Roberta Starks, Steve DeSmith. SJRWMD - Don Boniol. NFWMD - James Sullivan, Tony Countryman. FDEP - Rick Copeland. Alachua County - Robin Halbourg, James Hatchitt. Geological Survey of Alabama - Amye Hinson.

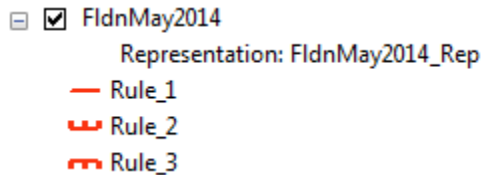
Use limitations

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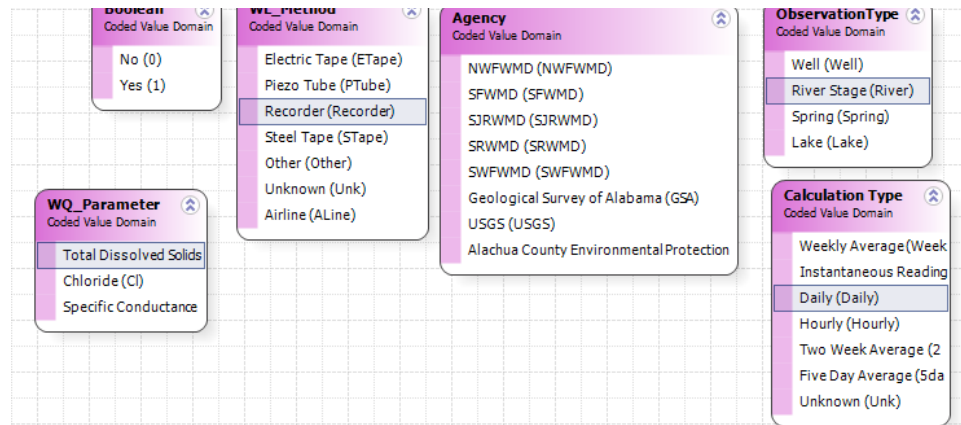
- Wells and water level linked through relationship class. There are currently 1,411 wells and 9,119 averaged WL readings

- Domains to restrict data entry

- Contour lines symbolized using cartographic representation.



- Metadata included



Put a process in place to manage your data – **Don't create digital litter**

- USGS data – R script to download and export WL data to csv file
- dataRetrieval - <http://usgs-r.github.io/dataRetrieval/#1>
- Load WL data into GDB using the simple data loader and update attribute fields
- Summarize WL data by min, max, avg, SD and variance
- Check for new wells

The screenshot shows a GIS software interface with a data table. The table has columns for 'nwfwmd_fl', 'Temp', 'WaterLevel', and 'Water_level?'. The 'nwfwmd_fl' column contains text such as 'Seth Bassett, GDP', 'Environmental Services, LLC', 'Florida Department of Environmental Protection', 'Florida Department of Health', 'Tallahassee, FL 32310', and 'Seth Bassett, GDP'. Handwritten blue annotations include a large loop around the 'nwfwmd_fl' column, a stick figure labeled 'DATA SECTION' with an arrow pointing to the first row, and a diagram of a bicycle with a box labeled 'DATA Acquisition' on the back. A dialog box at the bottom right says 'Source: Seth Bassett' and has buttons for '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'. A checkbox 'Skip this screen in the future' is also visible.



Kriging



What is kriging?

Kriging – interpolation technique that uses distance and spatial arrangement of points to predict a value where one does not exist.

Kriging will also predict a value at the well point. This is how we get the error value from the interpolation process.

The benefit of kriging is generation of an error report and it's a good interpolator where data is sparse.



Potentiometric Surface Tool



File containing parameters

Click error and warning icons for more information

Input File
C:\Potentiometric\geostat_surfaces\poly_3_25.xml

Input dataset(s)
Dataset
Dataset C:\Potentiometric\Data\wmdp0twells0912_nozero.shp
Data Field POTVAL

WL value in table

PotentiometricSurfaceTool.tbx

Kriging to Contours

Info about tool and inputs

Kriging to Contours

Creates a geostatistical layer based on kriging parameters entered from an xml file. The geostatistical layer is then converted to a grid and a 10 foot contour interval feature class is created. A cross validation point file is also created that shows the predictions errors in the layer.

Always reset input datasets when the geostatistical model sou

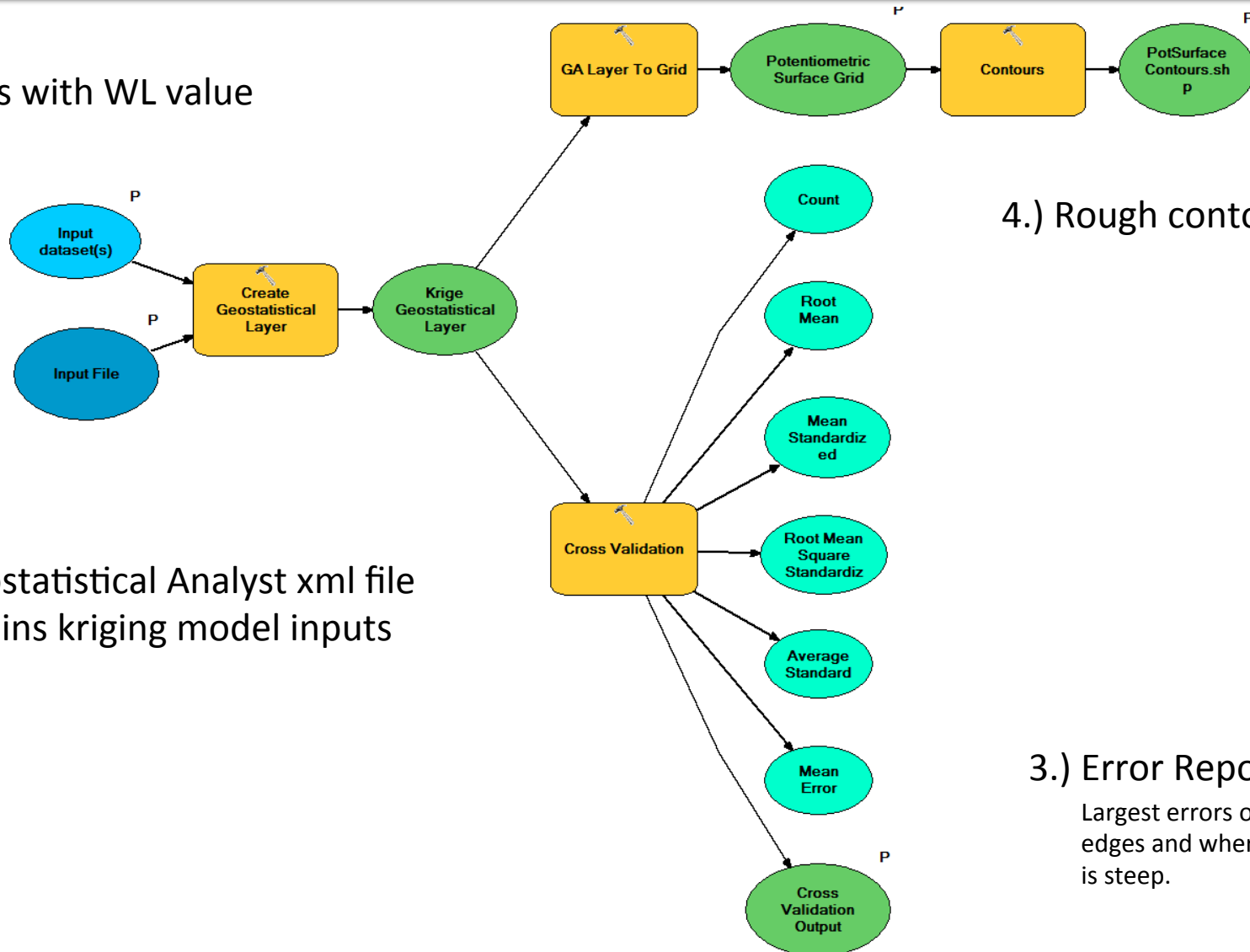
Potentiometric Surface Grid
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PotSurface Contours.shp
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Cross Validation Output (optional)
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OK Cancel Environments... << Hide Help Tool Help

1.) Wells with WL value



2.) Geostatistical Analyst xml file
- Contains kriging model inputs

4.) Rough contours

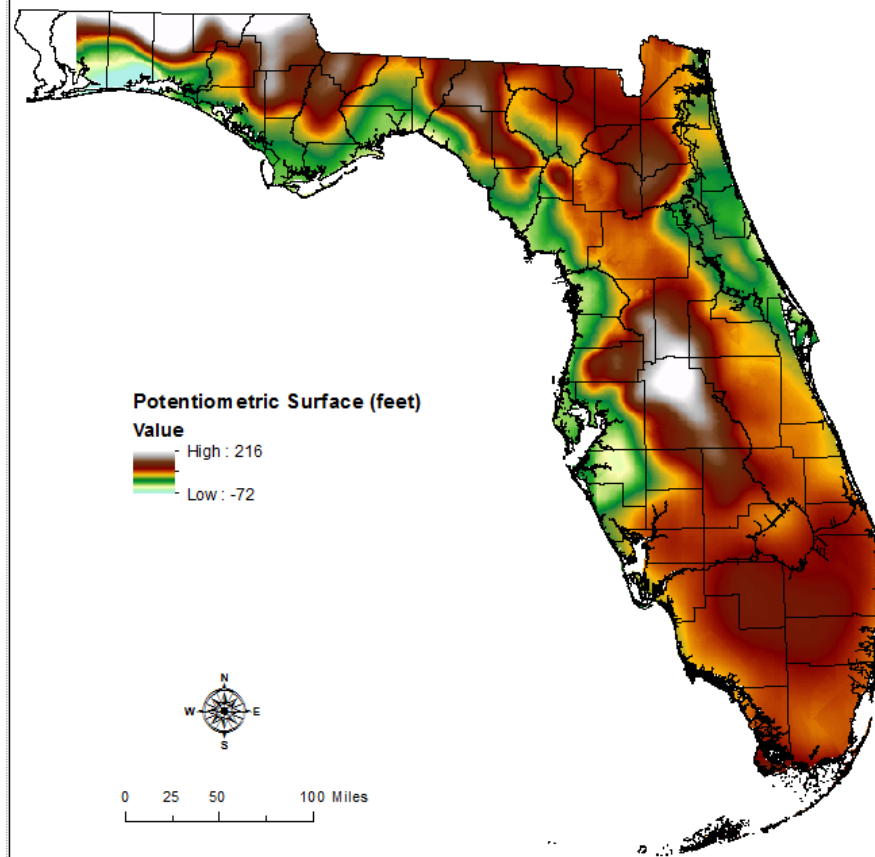
3.) Error Report

Largest errors occur along edges and where gradient is steep.

Geostatistical Analyst layer created from points used in the kriging process is converted to permanent grid.

- Automation provides a nice starting point for potentiometric surface
- Surface needs manual refinement

May 2013 Upper Floridan Potentiometric Surface





Error Report



Error report – shows difference between measured and predicted water level values.

Will be used to analyze surface creation results to improve model or **locations for new wells.**

September 2012

- 73% of predicted water level values are within 5 feet of measured value.
- 89% of predicted water level values are within 10 feet of measured values.
- Greatest errors occur where gradient changes rapidly and along edges of State.

may2013_measured_cross_val

FID	Shape *	Measured	Predicted	Error	StdError	Stdd_Error	NormValue	Source_ID	Included
0	Point	57.61	49.611791	-7.998209	3.042209	-2.629079	-1.377013	0	Yes
1	Point	124.67	127.184776	2.514776	2.894722	0.868745	0.612033	1	Yes
2	Point	21.59	20.868365	-0.721635	2.910701	-0.247925	-0.182191	2	Yes
3	Point	34.73	31.133514	-3.596486	2.807011	-1.281251	-0.808212	3	Yes
4	Point	67.33	62.508185	-4.821815	2.557192	-1.88559	-1.05397	4	Yes
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6	Point	46.83	46.977552	0.147552	4.150104	0.035554	0.021929	6	Yes
7	Point	29.58	28.091948	-1.488052	3.334543	-0.446253	-0.352214	7	Yes
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18	Point	69.92	59.518875	-10.401125	2.4258	-4.28771	-1.70886	18	Yes
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23	Point	-8.79	11.096379	19.886379	2.861331	6.950046	2.165012	23	Yes
24	Point	2.94	1.841048	-1.098952	2.57448	-0.426864	-0.335074	24	Yes
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41	Point	84.41	83.186186	-1.223814	2.742966	-0.446164	-0.349759	41	Yes
42	Point	77.61	79.11253	1.50253	2.656508	0.565603	0.419359	42	Yes
43	Point	44.69	44.837299	0.147299	3.881184	0.037952	0.024238	43	Yes
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45	Point	22.07	23.138997	1.068997	2.369702	0.45111	0.335074	45	Yes
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47	Point	21.3	19.333735	-1.966265	2.549192	-0.771329	-0.562662	47	Yes
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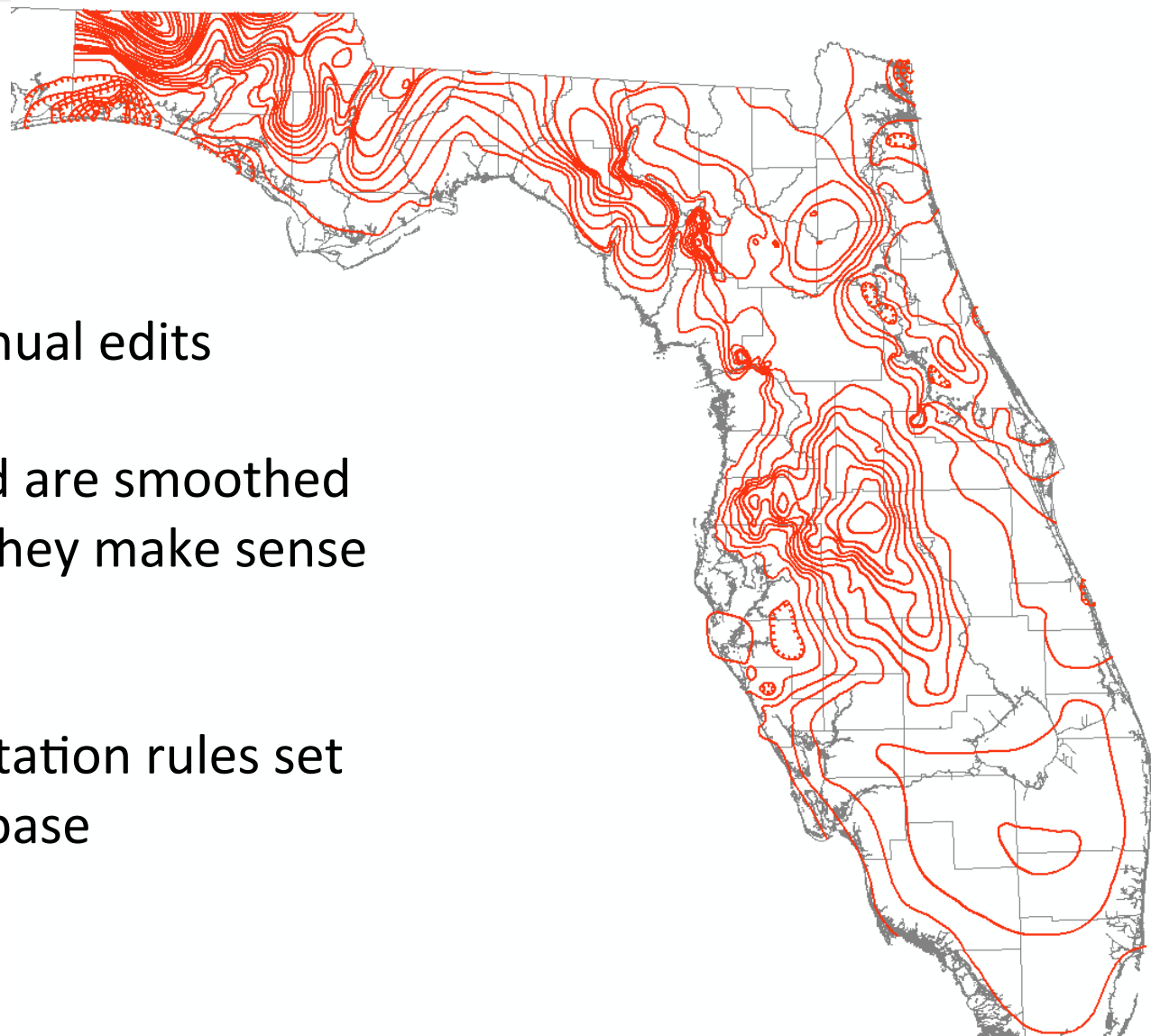
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May 2013 Contours



Contour lines post manual edits

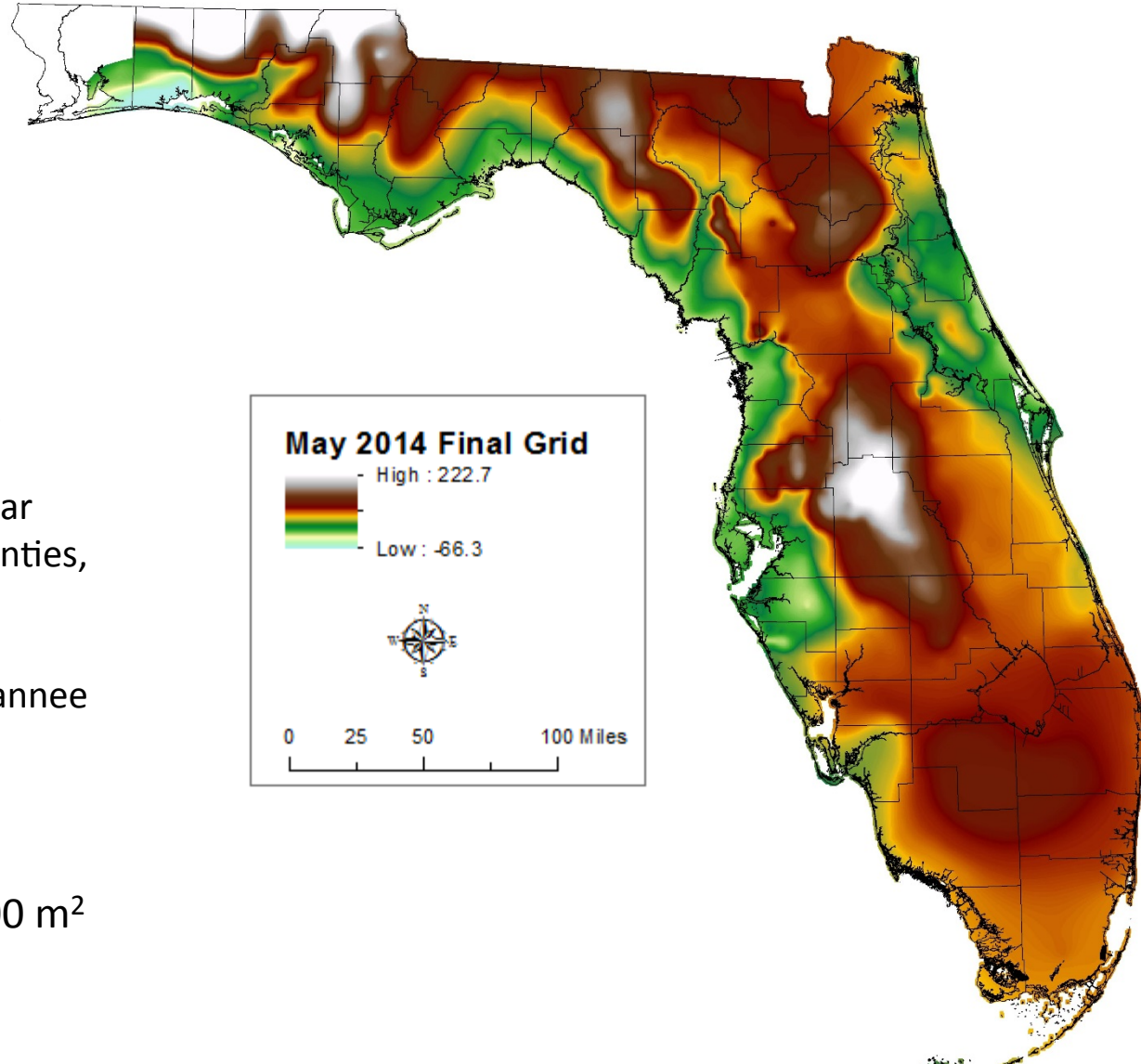
Lines created from grid are smoothed and checked to see if they make sense with WL data

Cartographic representation rules set and stored in geodatabase

May 2014 pot map raster

Data sources:

- May 2014 edited contour lines.
- May 2014 well water level values.
- Estimated zero contour placed near shoreline (Wakulla to Pinellas counties, Volusia County).
- Estimated river values along Suwannee River.



Topo to Raster tool to create 500 m² Raster.



Data Sharing



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Shiny App coming soon...



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