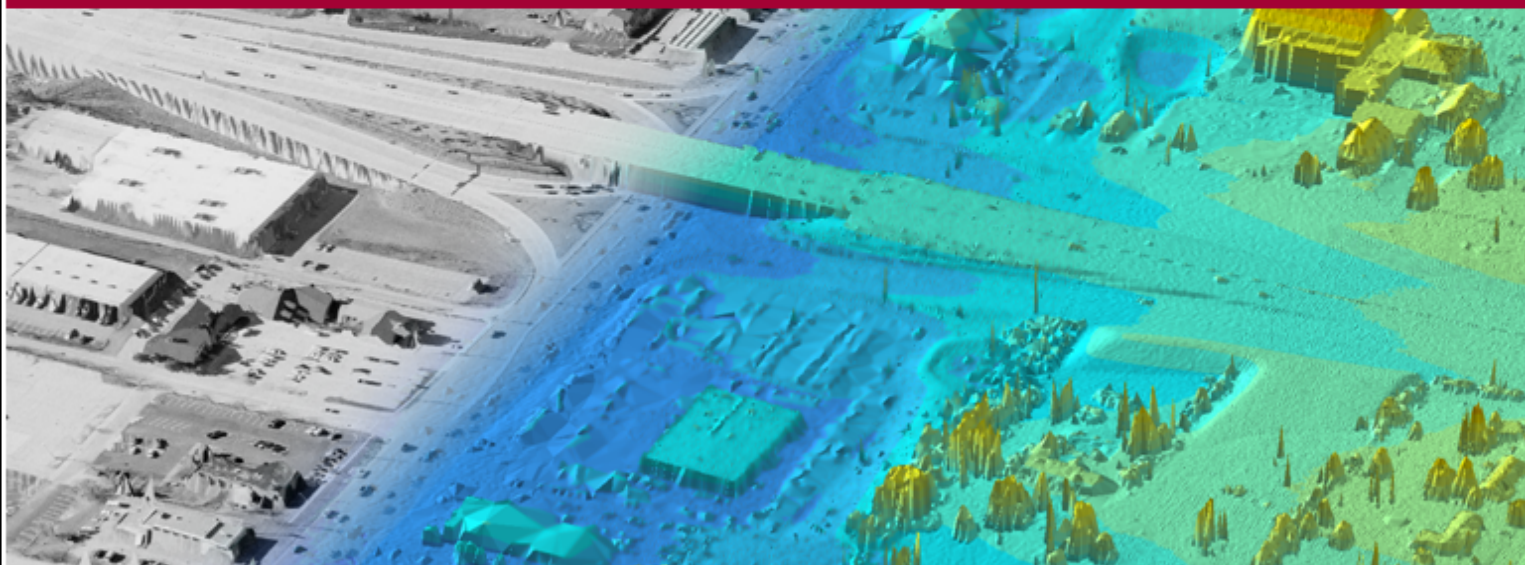


LiDAR ACCURACY REPORT

Project: MO/AR Counties LiDAR Project
Report Area: Game & Fish Areas (WMA)
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Project Overview

The St. Louis District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) contracted with Surdex Corporation in the fall of 2013 to collect high resolution LiDAR elevation data over multiple counties as part of the Missouri & Arkansas Counties Lidar Project. The project combines the varied interests of the MO-NRCS, MO-DNR, USGS, USACE and Arkansas Game & Fish totaling over 20,200 square miles of coverage. Processing of the LiDAR data and bare-earth model followed USGS Base LiDAR Specifications V1.0 standards. Surdex tested that the deliverables meet or exceed accuracy as stated in NDEP Guidelines for digital elevation data, Version 1.0 for NSSDA of 95% confidence for 2' contours and ASPRS Class I Standards. Hard surface (bare earth) survey control points were collected by Surdex in order to calibrate the swath LAS data, these values are listed in the table on page 3. In addition independent survey check points were collected on hard surface features, in urban areas, in grass & under trees for each delivery area as specified by the USACE. The survey check points were compared to both the Classified LAS LiDAR data & bare-earth Imagine DEM and the differences have been outlined on page 6.

In order to meet the USACE project specifications the FVA of bare-earth points for swath and the DEM will meet or exceed 9.2 centimeters RMSEz or less. The RMSEz was calculated as the square root of the average of the set of squared differences between the bare-earth and the survey points collected for the bare-earth (hard surface) features. Also, 95 percent of the feature should be $\leq 1.96 \times \text{RMSEz}$, which equals 18.0 centimeters or less NSSDA. The SVA's for each land cover of grass, trees & urban features will be $\leq 36.3\text{cm}$ @ the 95th percentile. The overall (CVA) vertical accuracy for all classes will be $\leq 36.3\text{cm}$ @ the 95th percentile. The final results for this delivery area are listed on the last page of this report.

Delivery Area

This report covers the collection and processing of LiDAR elevation data over Game and Fish Wildlife Management Areas: WMA-01, WMA-02 & WMA-03 in Arkansas. The project limits are presented in the graphics below. The total project area consisted of approximately 758 square miles of elevation data.

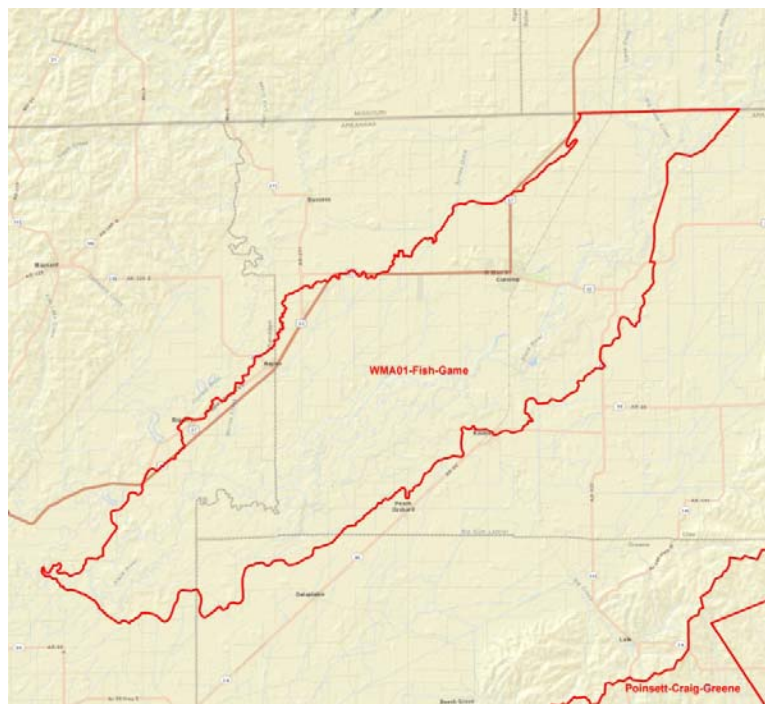


Figure 1a WMA-01 Project Area

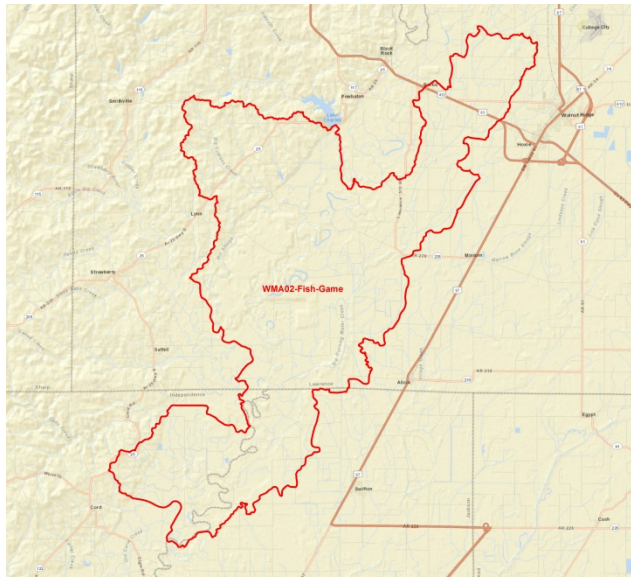


Figure 1b WMA-02 Project Area

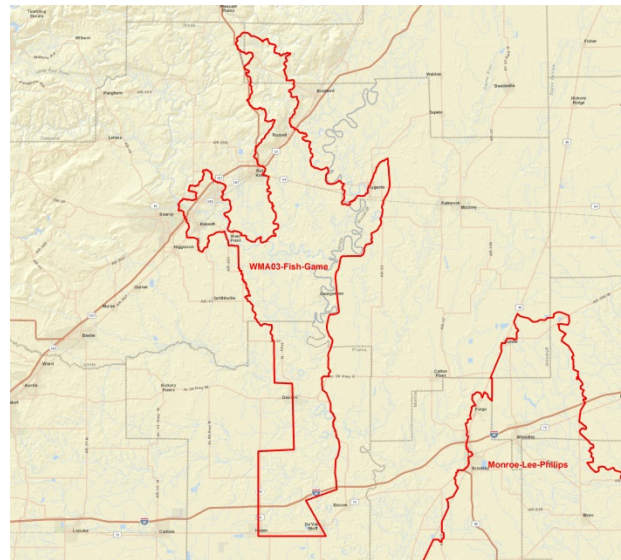


Figure 1c WMA-03 Project Area

LiDAR Data Collection

The LiDAR elevation data for this project was collected with a Optech Orion Aerial LiDAR sensor system. The nominal collection scenario called for the acquisition of nominal point spacing of 0.7 meter on the ground.

WMA Swath LiDAR Control

The field survey control for these areas consisted of 33 hard surface (bare-earth) control points used for calibrating the unclassified LiDAR swath data. The graphics below present these control points on the delivery area maps as well as the results of the control accuracy analysis of the unclassified swath LAS data. All values are in meters.

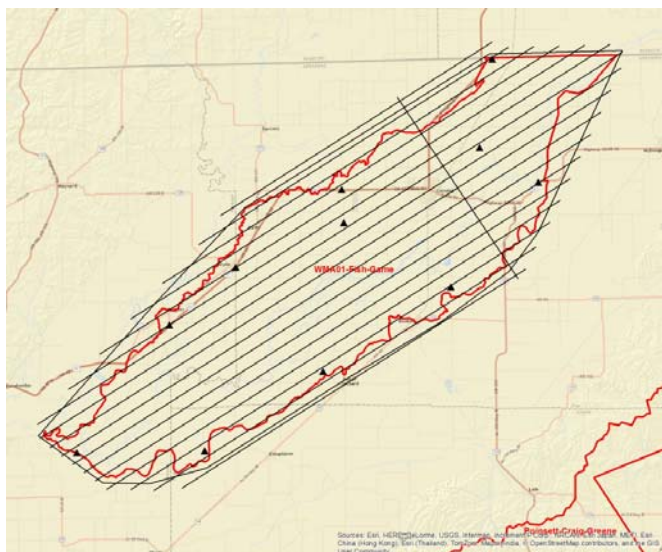


Figure 2 WMA-01 Swath LiDAR Control

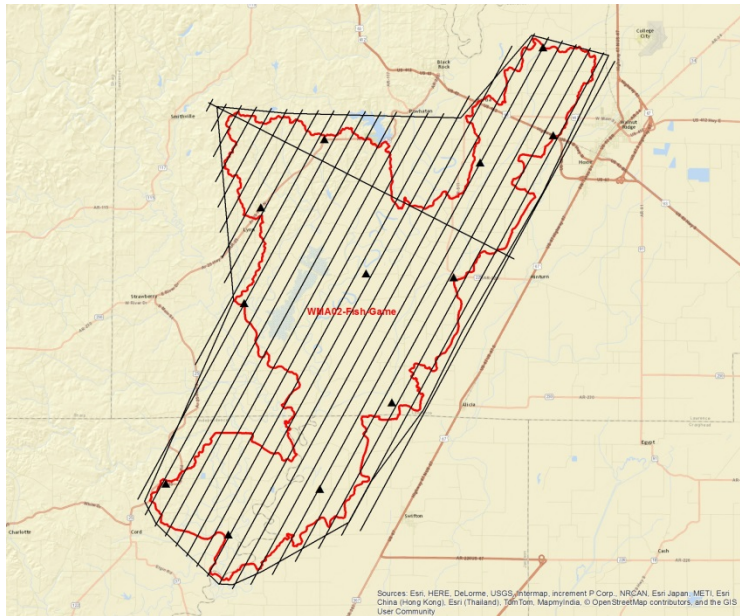


Figure 3 WMA-02 Swath LiDAR Control

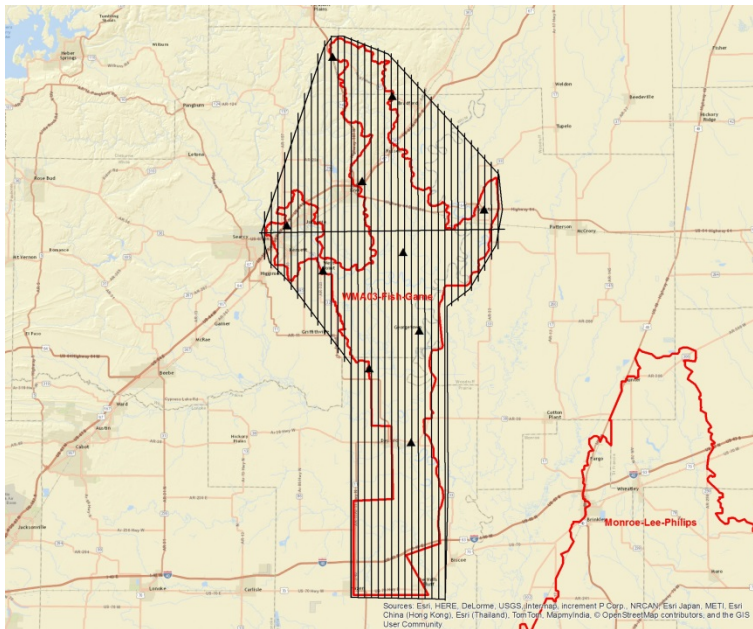


Figure 4 WMA-03 Swath LiDAR Control

Stat	Hard Surface (HS)
Count	33
RMSEz (FVA)	0.049
95% Confidence Level (FVA)	0.097

WMA LiDAR QC Check

An additional set of survey check points were collected for an independent QC of the Classified LAS & Imagine DEM deliverable tiles. Due to the small sizes and lack of urban feature types Surdex was contracted to report these QC accuracy checks for all three WMA areas combined. The points were collected over the following feature types: 29 hard surface (HS), 31 grass (G), 60 trees (TR) & 34 urban (U) points for a total of 154 qc check points. Please note the following 2 points were covered by the classified LAS but not the Imagine Grid: GF1_14U & GF3_12U. The graphic below presents these QC check points on the delivery area map.

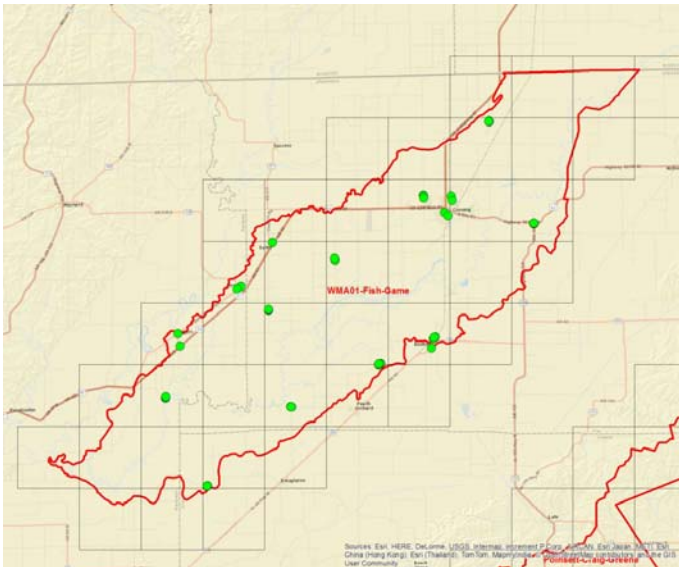


Figure 5 WMA-01 LiDAR QC Check

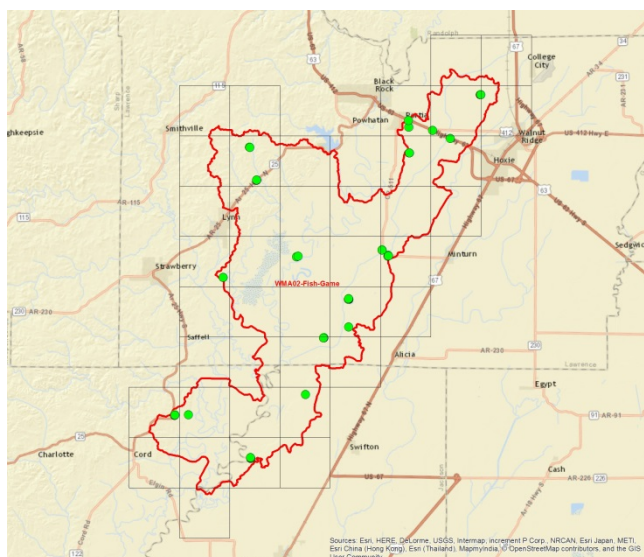


Figure 6 WMA-02 LiDAR QC Check

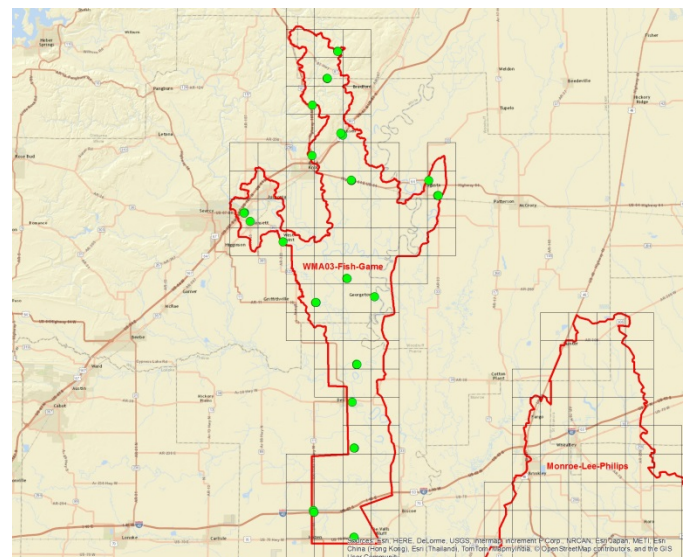


Figure 7 WMA-03 LiDAR QC Check

These check points consisted of various types of ground cover including asphalt, gravel, short grass, tall grass and trees. Examples to the types of points surveyed are included below.



The required LiDAR elevation data values were derived within ArcGIS from the bare earth LAS files. For each control point location a LiDAR elevation value was derived and exported and the surface value subtracted from the survey elevation. These derived values were imported into Excel and comparisons were performed to generate statistics by ground cover type and for the overall dataset.

Classified LAS QC Accuracy Results

The table below presents the results of the QC accuracy analysis for the WMA Areas classified LAS tile data. All values are in meters.

Stat	Overall	Hard Surface (HS)	Grass (G)	Trees (TR)	Urban (U)
Count	154	29	31	60	34
RMSEz (FVA)	0.085	0.073	0.080	0.098	0.073
95% Confidence Level (FVA)	0.166	0.144	0.156	0.191	0.143
95 th Percentile (CVA & SVA)	0.165	0.143	0.155	0.170	0.150

As indicated above the LAS LiDAR surface meets hard surface Fundamental Vertical Accuracy (FVA) project specifications of RMSEz less than or equal to 9.2 cm, with an RMSEz of 7.3 cm. The FVA 95% confidence level of 18.0 cm or less was also met with a value of 14.4 cm.

DEM QC Accuracy Results

The table below presents the results of the QC accuracy analysis for the WMA Areas derived bare-earth Imagine DEM tile data. All values are in meters.

Stat	Overall	Hard Surface (HS)	Grass (G)	Trees (TR)	Urban (U)
Count	154	29	31	60	32
RMSEz (FVA)	0.086	0.073	0.079	0.099	0.074
95% Confidence Level (FVA)	0.168	0.144	0.156	0.194	0.145
95 th Percentile (CVA & SVA)	0.170	0.145	0.158	0.173	0.162



As indicated above the derived DEM LiDAR surface meets both Supplemental & Consolidated Vertical Accuracy (SVA & CVA) project specifications of 95th Percentile less than or equal to 36.3 cm.