

**LIDAR REMOTE SENSING DATA COLLECTION
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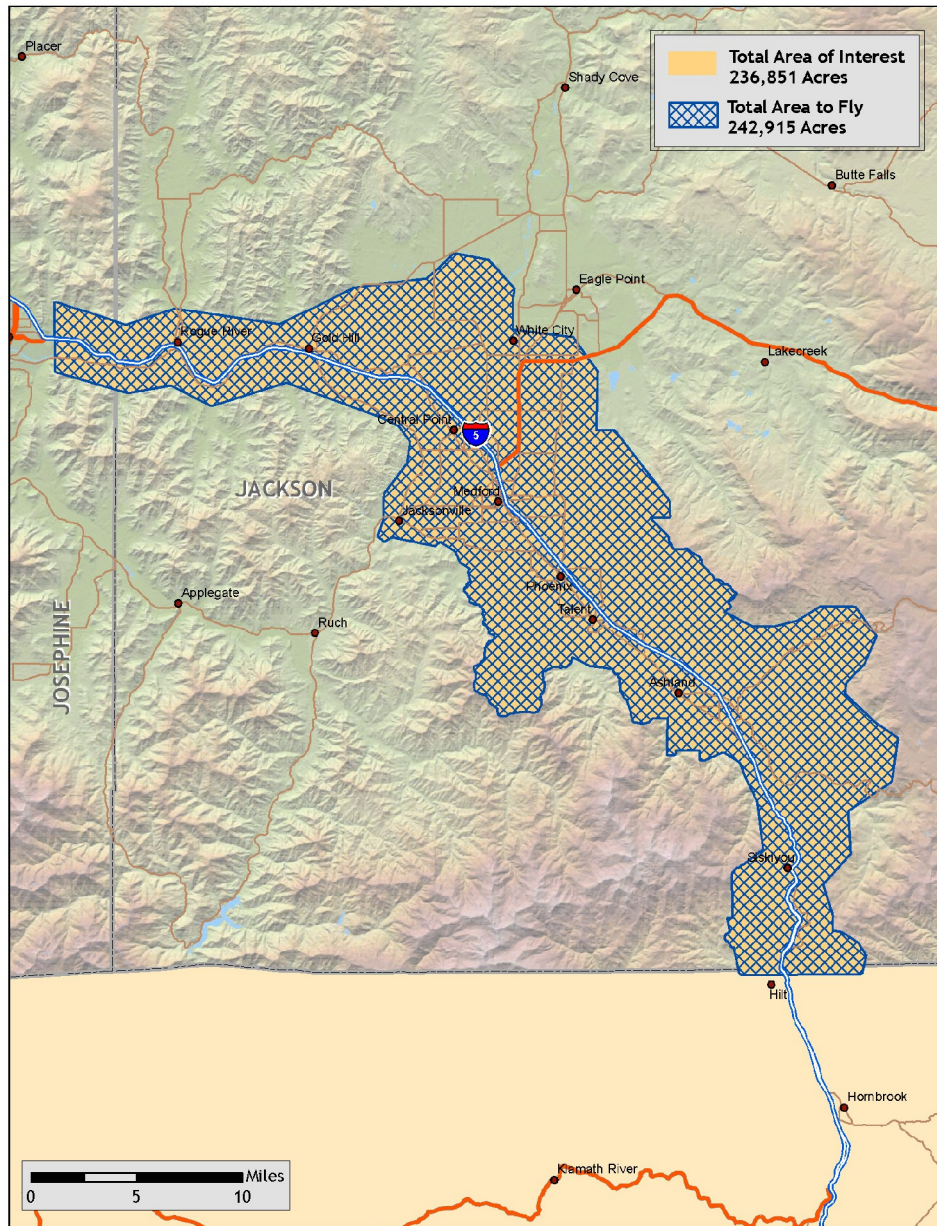
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1. Overview

1.1 Study Area (Medford)

Watershed Sciences, Inc. has collected Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data of the Medford Study Area for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). The complete area of interest (AOI) totals 370 square miles (236,851 acres) and the total area to fly (TAF) covers 380 square miles (242,915 acres). The TAF acreage is greater than the original AOI acreage due to buffering and flight planning optimization (**Figure 1.1** below). DOGAMI data are *delivered* in OGIC(HARN): Projection: Oregon Statewide Lambert Conformal Conic; horizontal and vertical datums: NAD83 (HARN)/NAVD88(Geoid03); Units: International Feet.

Figure 1.1. DOGAMI Medford Study Area.

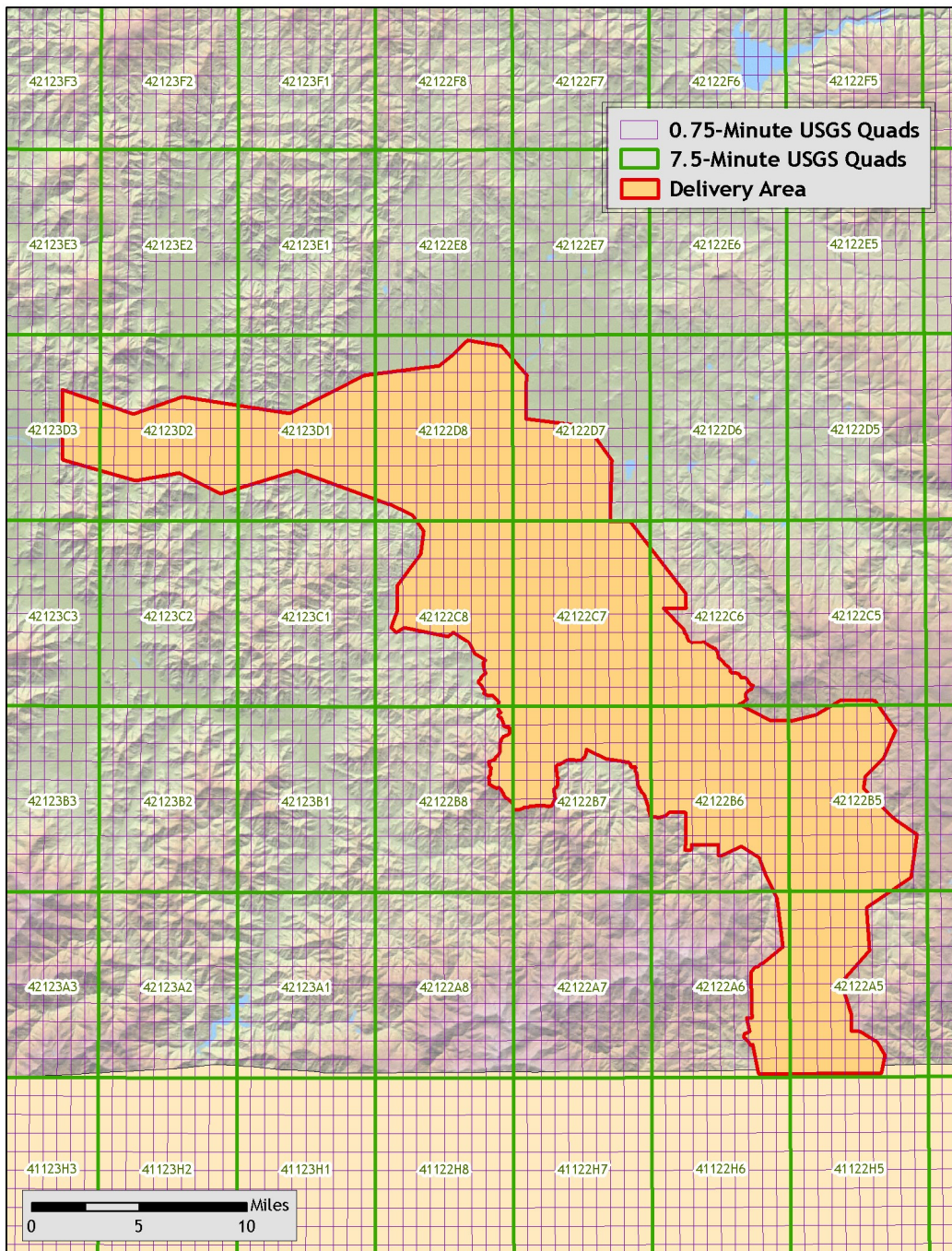


1.2 Area Delivered to Date

Total delivered acreage to date is detailed below.

| DOGAMI Medford Study Area | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Delivery Date | Acquisition Date | AOI Acres | TAF Acres |
| Total Acres | September 4, 2009 | Apr. 29, 2009 – May 12, 2009 | 236,851 | 242,915 |

Figure 1.2. Medford Study Area, illustrating the delivered 0.75 and 7.5 minute USGS quads.



1.3 Acquisition and Ground Survey

LiDAR acquisition for the Medford Study Area occurred from April 29, 2009 – May 12, 2009

Figure 1.3. Actual flightlines for the Medford Study Area illustrating the dates flown (based on GPS week).

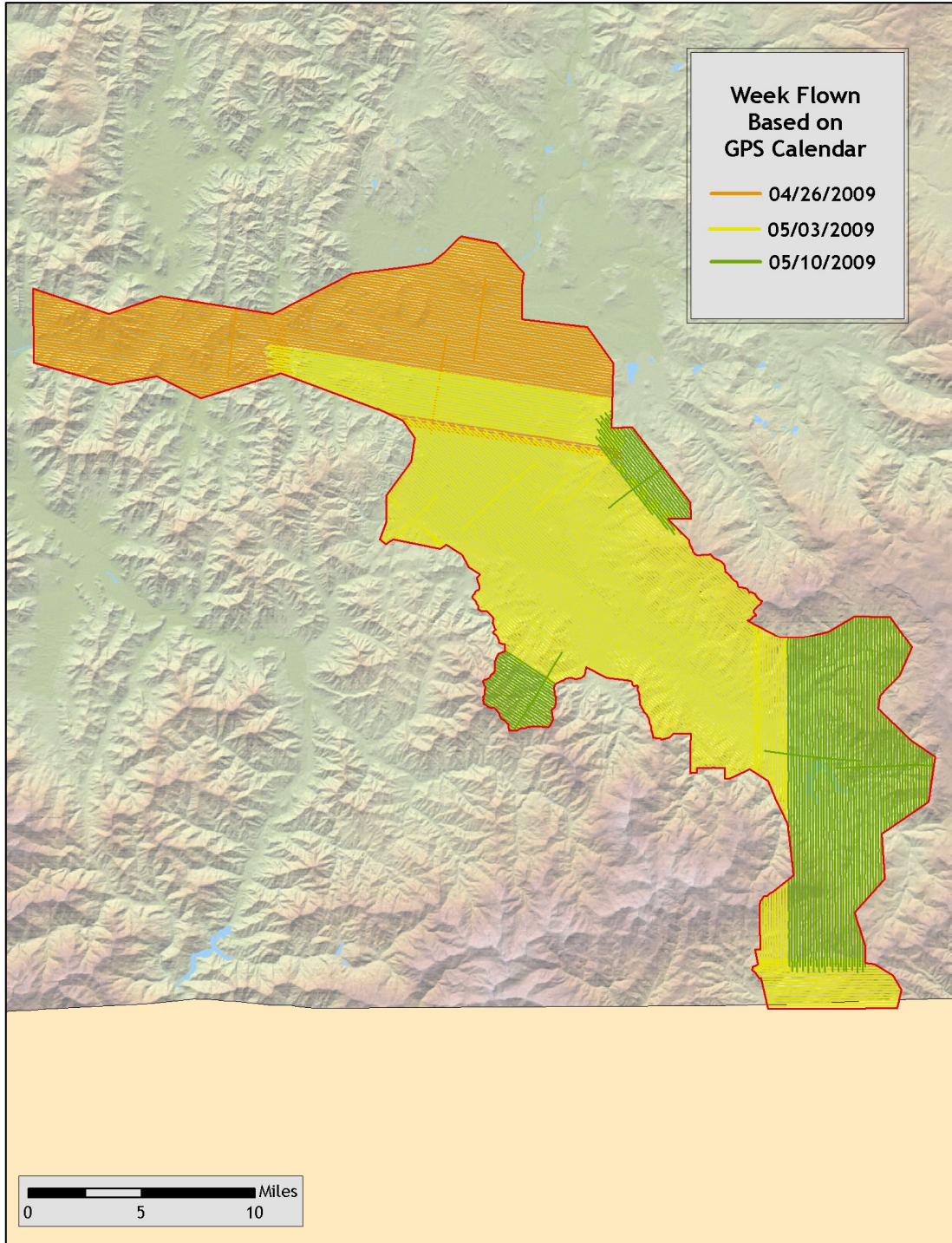
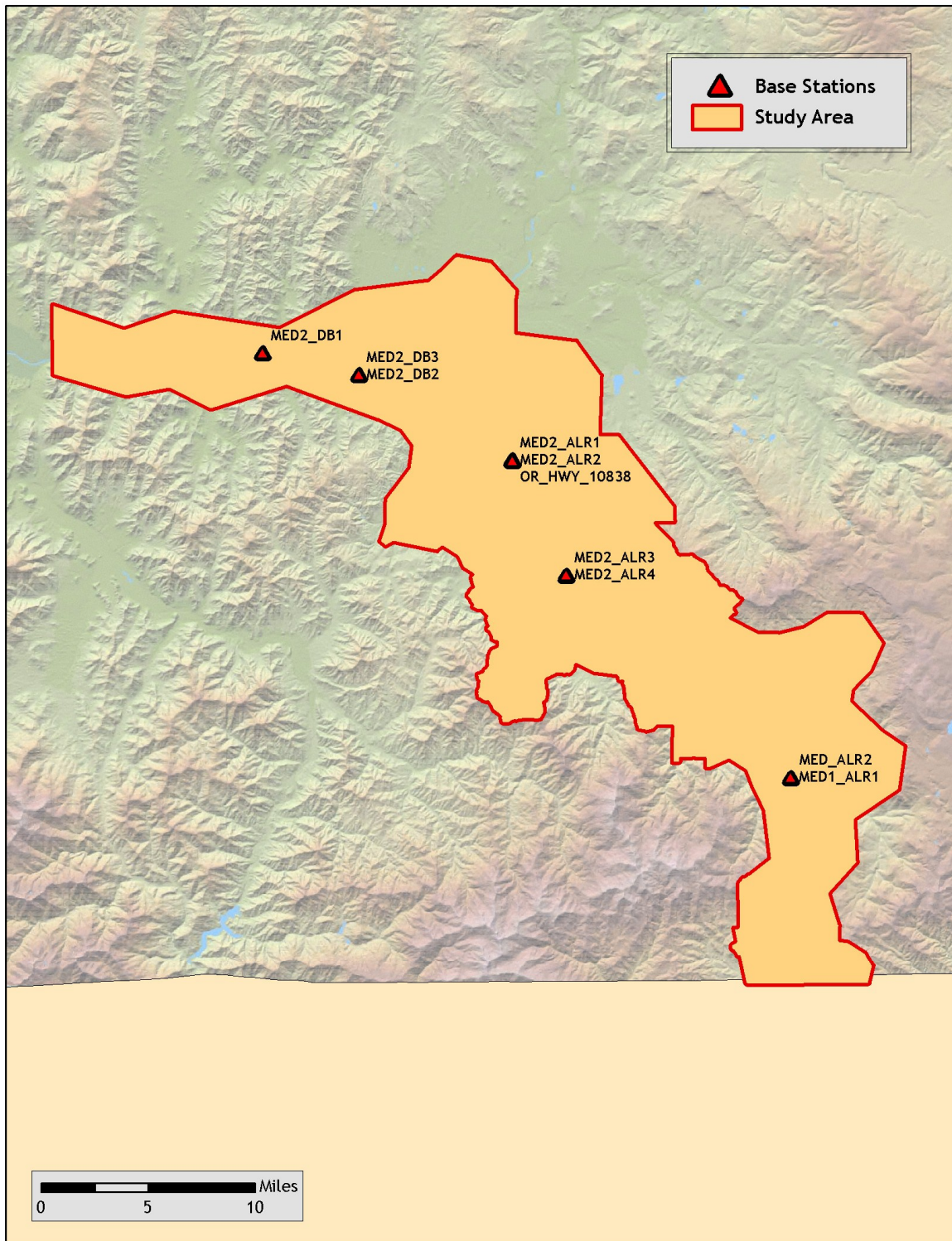


Figure 1.4. Base stations for the Medford Study Area.



For the Medford Study Area, 2,661 RTK points were collected. Figure 1.5 shows a detailed view of selected RTK locations.

Figure 1.5. RTK point locations for the Medford Study Area; images are NAIP orthoimages.

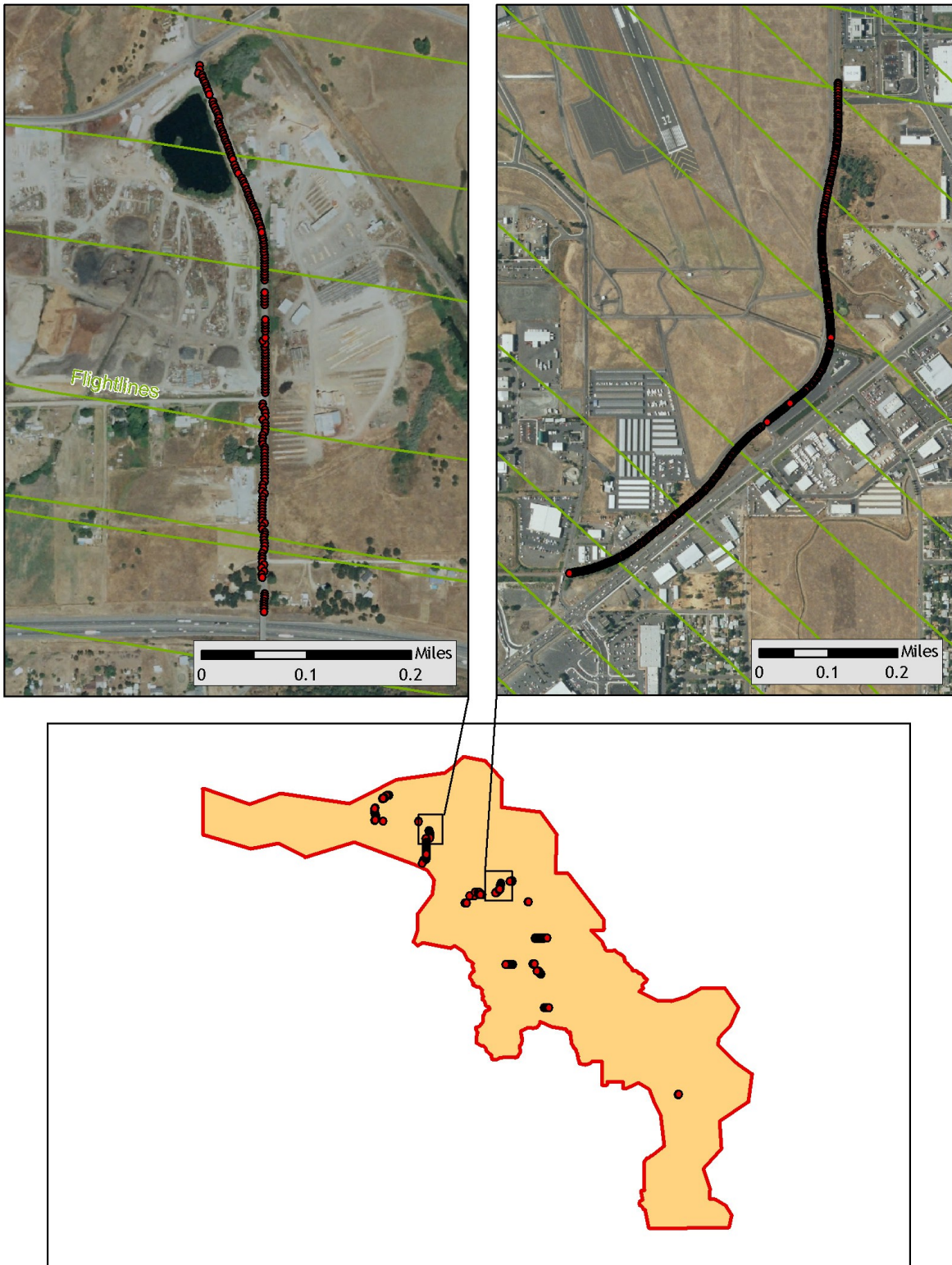


Table 1.1. Base Station Surveyed Coordinates, (NAD83/NAVD88, OPUS corrected) used for kinematic post-processing of the aircraft GPS data for the Medford Study Area.

| Base Stations ID | Datum NAD83 (HARN) | | GRS80 |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | Latitude (North) | Longitude (West) | Ellipsoid Height (m) |
| MED2_DB1 | 42 25 50.59853 | 123 05 34.91304 | 295.328 |
| MED2_DB2 | 42 24 58.05456 | 123 0 18.31802 | 359.691 |
| MED2_DB3 | 42 24 58.22745 | 123 00 18.882671 | 359.072 |
| MED2_ALR2 | 42 21 28.31164 | 122 51 53.91017 | 382.632 |
| MED2_ALR1 | 42 21 28.20521 | 122 51 53.82115 | 382.602 |
| MED2_ALR4 | 42 16 47.76753 | 122 48 56.21470 | 425.724 |
| MED2_ALR3 | 42 16 47.77360 | 122 48 55.94249 | 425.841 |
| MED_ALR2 | 42 08 31.23590 | 122 36 41.84477 | 666.179 |
| MED1_ALR1 | 42 08 31.07794 | 122 36 41.87488 | 666.141 |
| OR_HWY_10838 | 42 21 27.34578 | 122 51 53.77048 | 383.001 |

2. Accuracy

2.1 Relative Accuracy

Relative Accuracy Calibration Results

Relative accuracy statistics are based on the comparison of 384 flightlines and over 7 billion points.

- Project Average = 0.121 ft (0.037 m)
- Median Relative Accuracy = 0.111 ft (0.034 m)
- 1 σ Relative Accuracy = 0.124 ft (0.038m)
- 2 σ Relative Accuracy = 0.197 ft (0.060 m)

Figure 2.1. Statistical relative accuracies, non slope-adjusted.

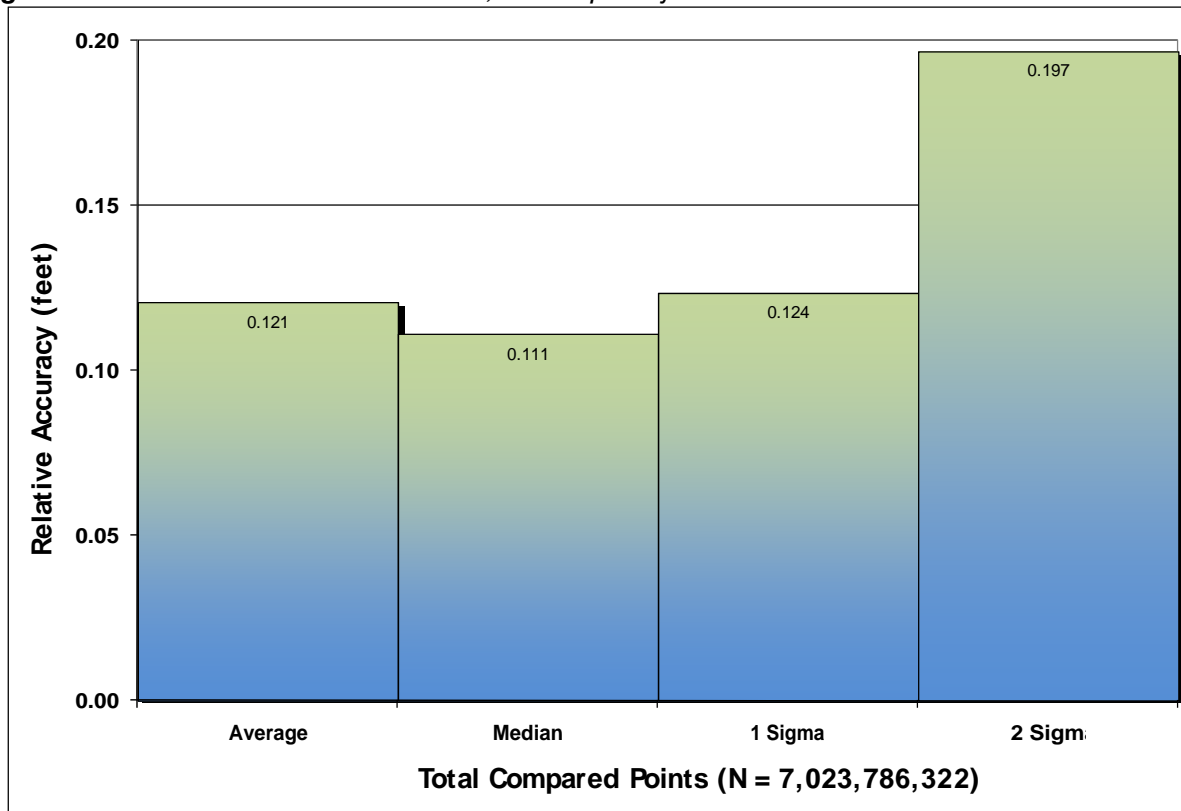
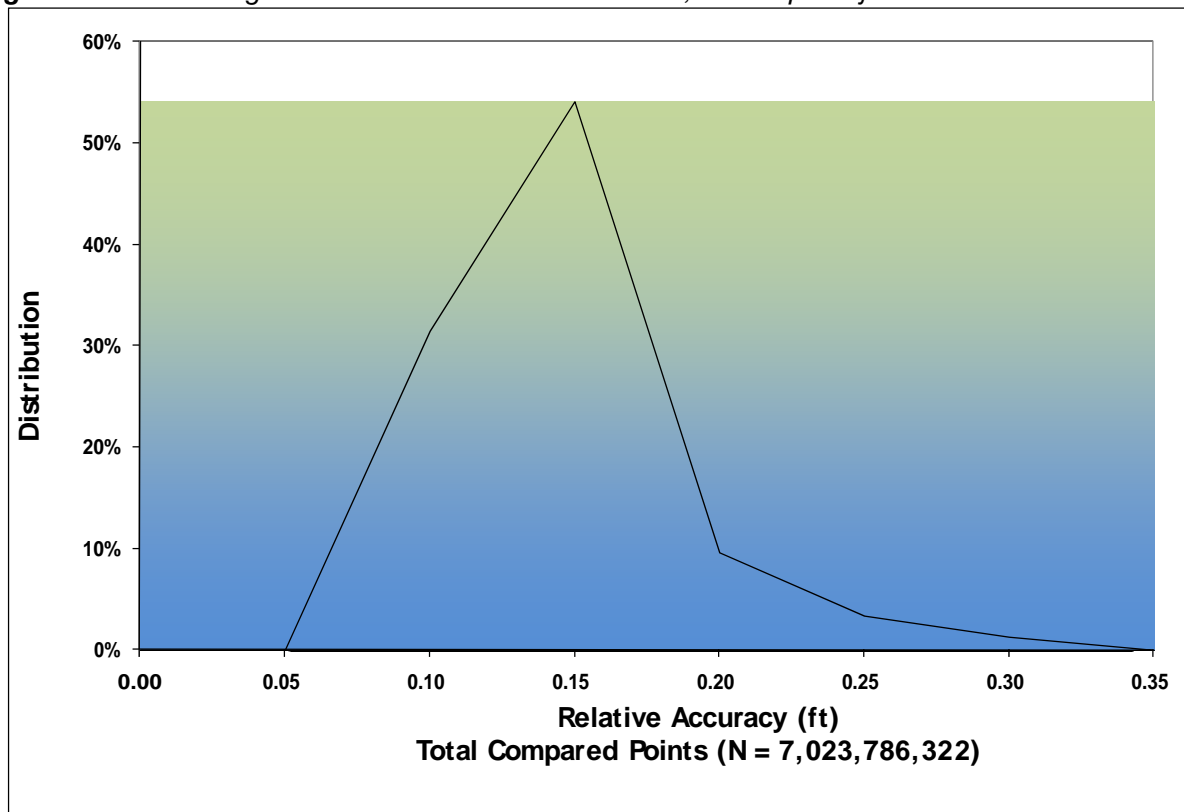


Figure 2.2. Percentage distribution of relative accuracies, non slope-adjusted.



2.2 Absolute Accuracy

Absolute accuracy compares known Real Time Kinematic (RTK) ground survey points to the closest laser point. For the Medford Study Area, 2,661 RTK points were collected. Absolute accuracy is reported in **Table 2.1** below. Histogram and absolute deviation statistics are reported in **Figures 2.3 and 2.4**.

Table 2.1. *Absolute Accuracy – Deviation between laser points and RTK survey points.*

| Sample Size (n): 2,661 | |
|--|---|
| Root Mean Square Error (RMSE): 0.16 ft (0.05m) | |
| Standard Deviations | Deviations |
| 1 sigma (s): 0.15 ft (0.05 m) | Minimum Δz : -0.58 ft (-0.18 m) |
| 2 sigma (s): 0.31 ft (0.10 m) | Maximum Δz : 0.40 ft (0.12 m) |
| | Average Δz : 0.13 ft (0.04 m) |

Figure 2.3. Medford Study Area histogram statistics

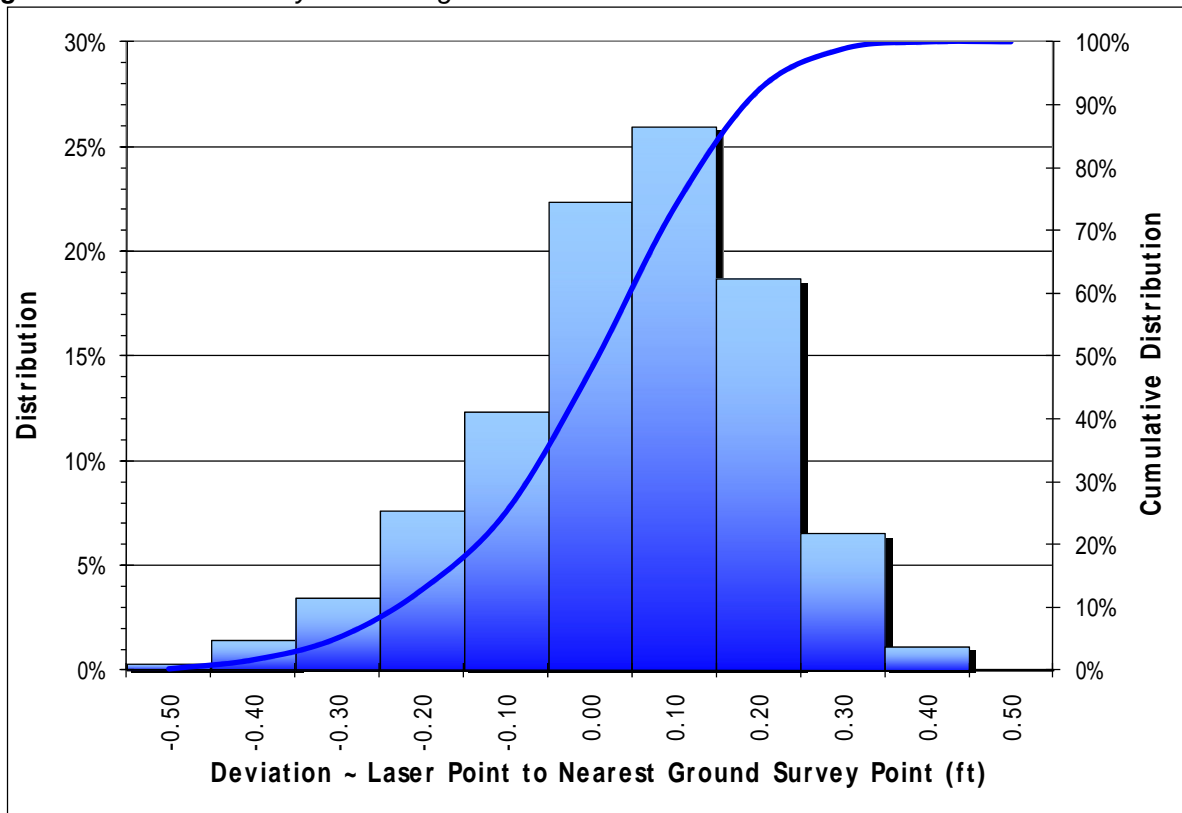
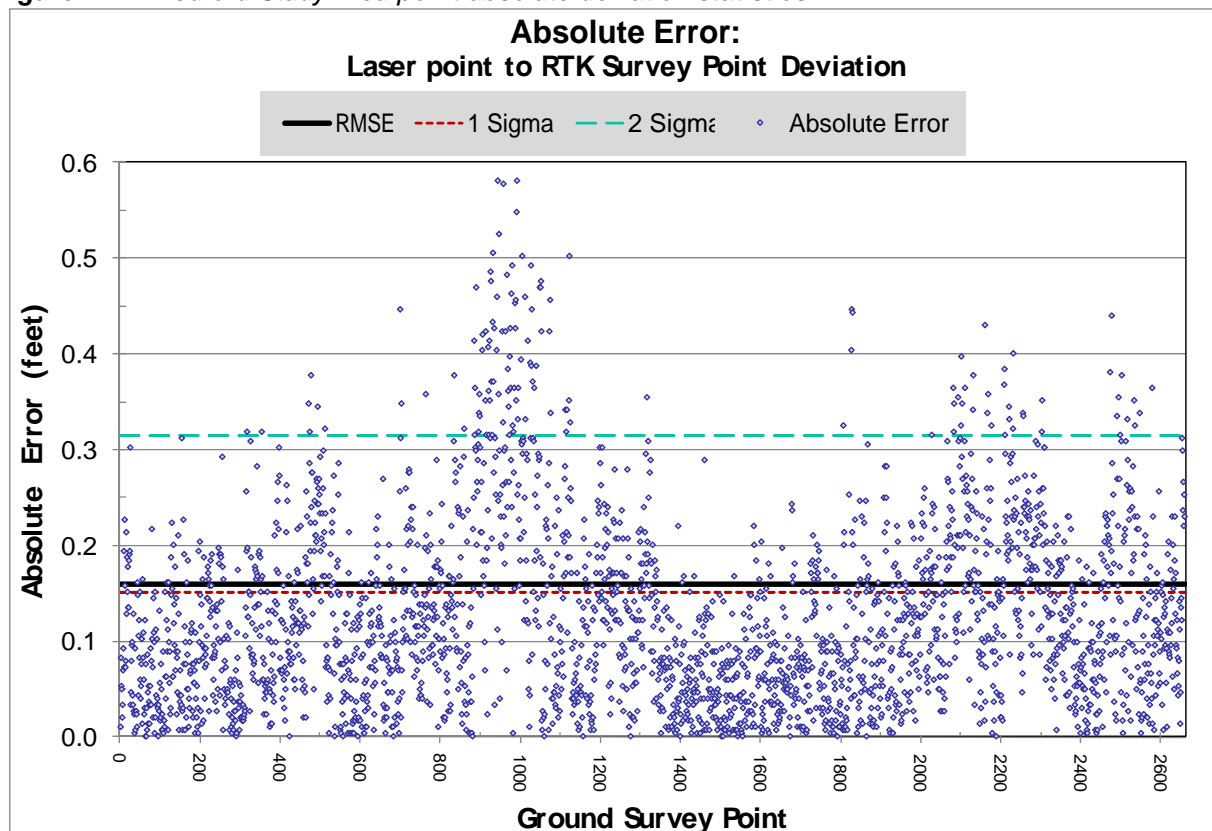


Figure 2.4. Medford Study Area point absolute deviation statistics.



3. Data Density/Resolution

3.1 Density Statistics

Some types of surfaces (i.e., dense vegetation or water) may return fewer pulses than the laser originally emitted. Therefore, the delivered density can be less than the native density and vary according to distributions of terrain, land cover and water bodies. Density histograms and maps (Figures 3.1 –3.4) have been calculated based on first return laser point density and ground-classified laser point density.

Table 3.1. Average density statistics for the Medford Study Area.

| Average Pulse Density (per square ft) | Average Pulse Density (per square m) | Average Ground Density (per square ft) | Average Ground Density (per square m) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| .72 | 7.79 | .22 | 2.35 |

Figure 3.1. Histogram of first return laser point density.

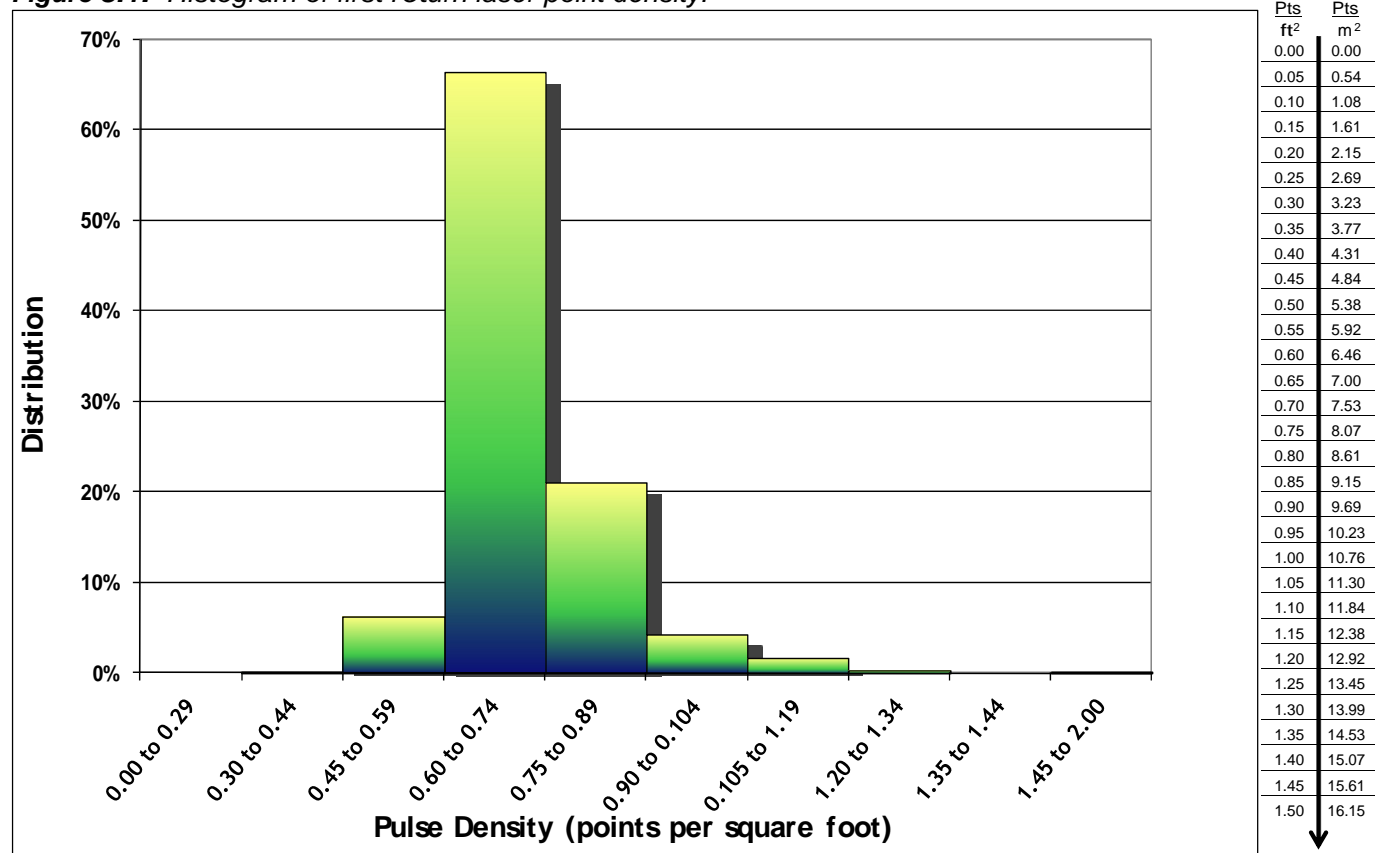
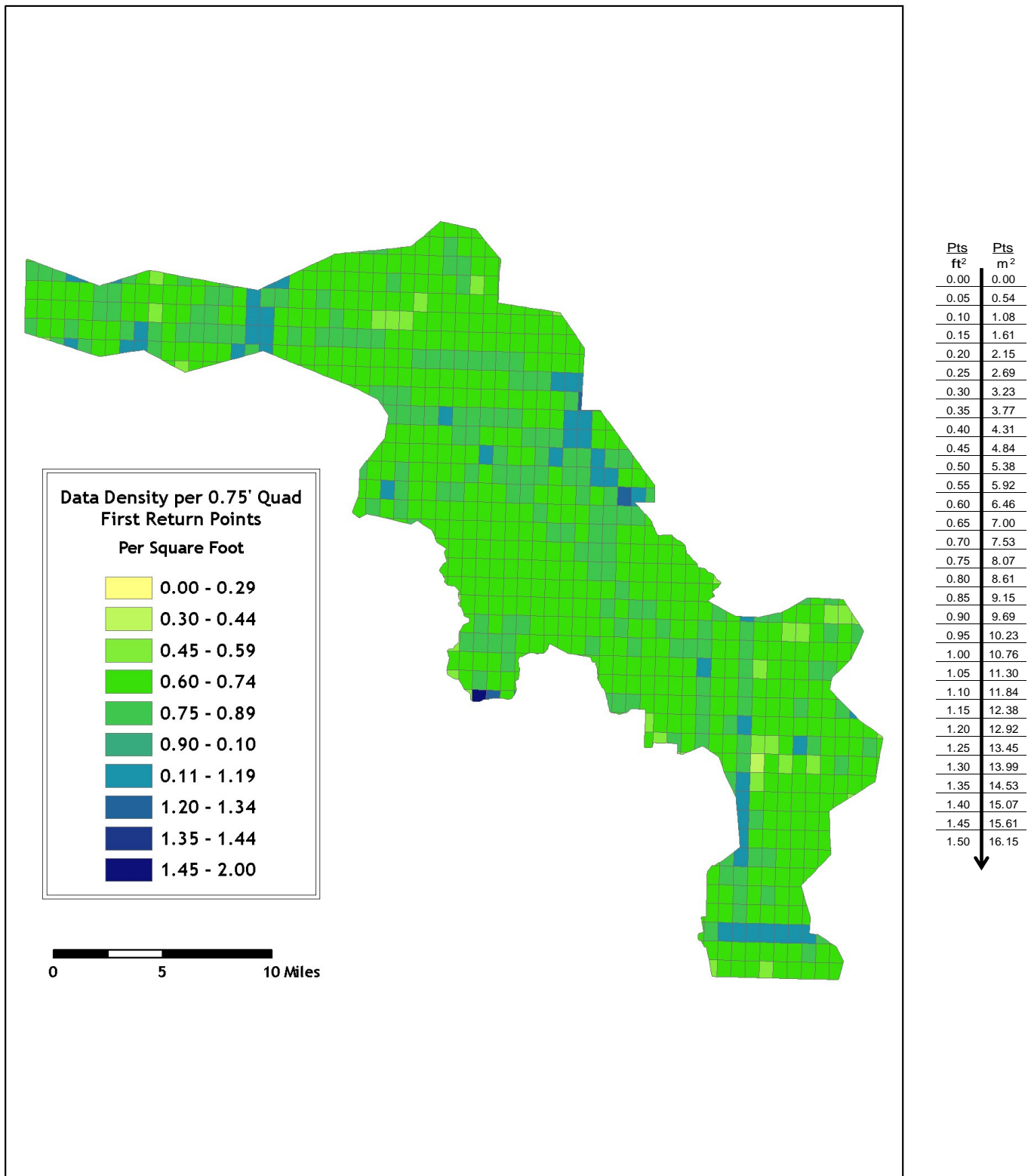


Figure 3.2. Image shows first return laser point per 0.75' USGS Quad.



Ground classifications were derived from ground surface modeling. Supervised classifications were performed by reseeded of the ground model where it was determined that the ground model failed, usually under dense vegetation and/or at breaks in terrain, steep slopes and at bin boundaries.

Figure 3.3. Histogram of ground-classified laser point density.

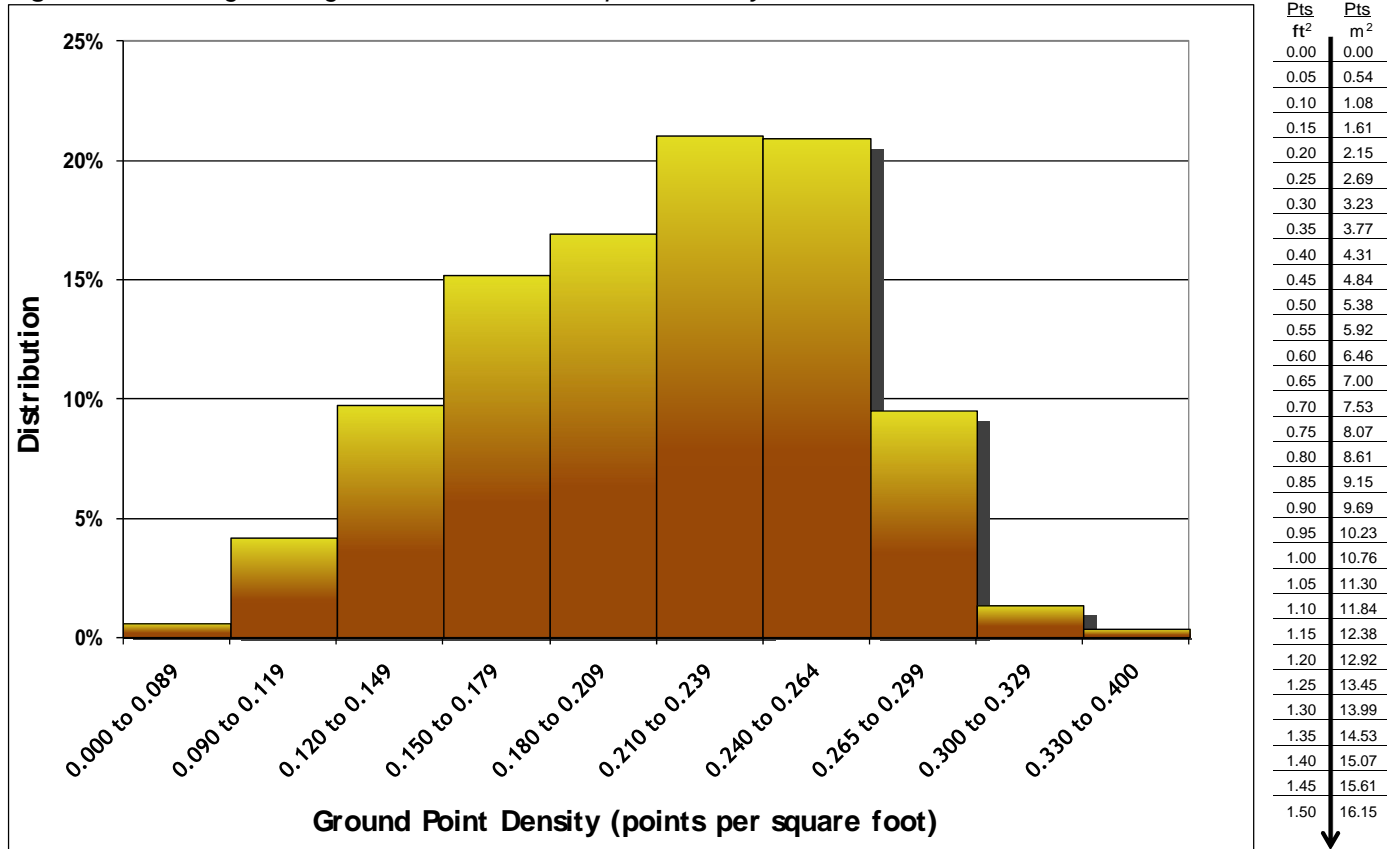
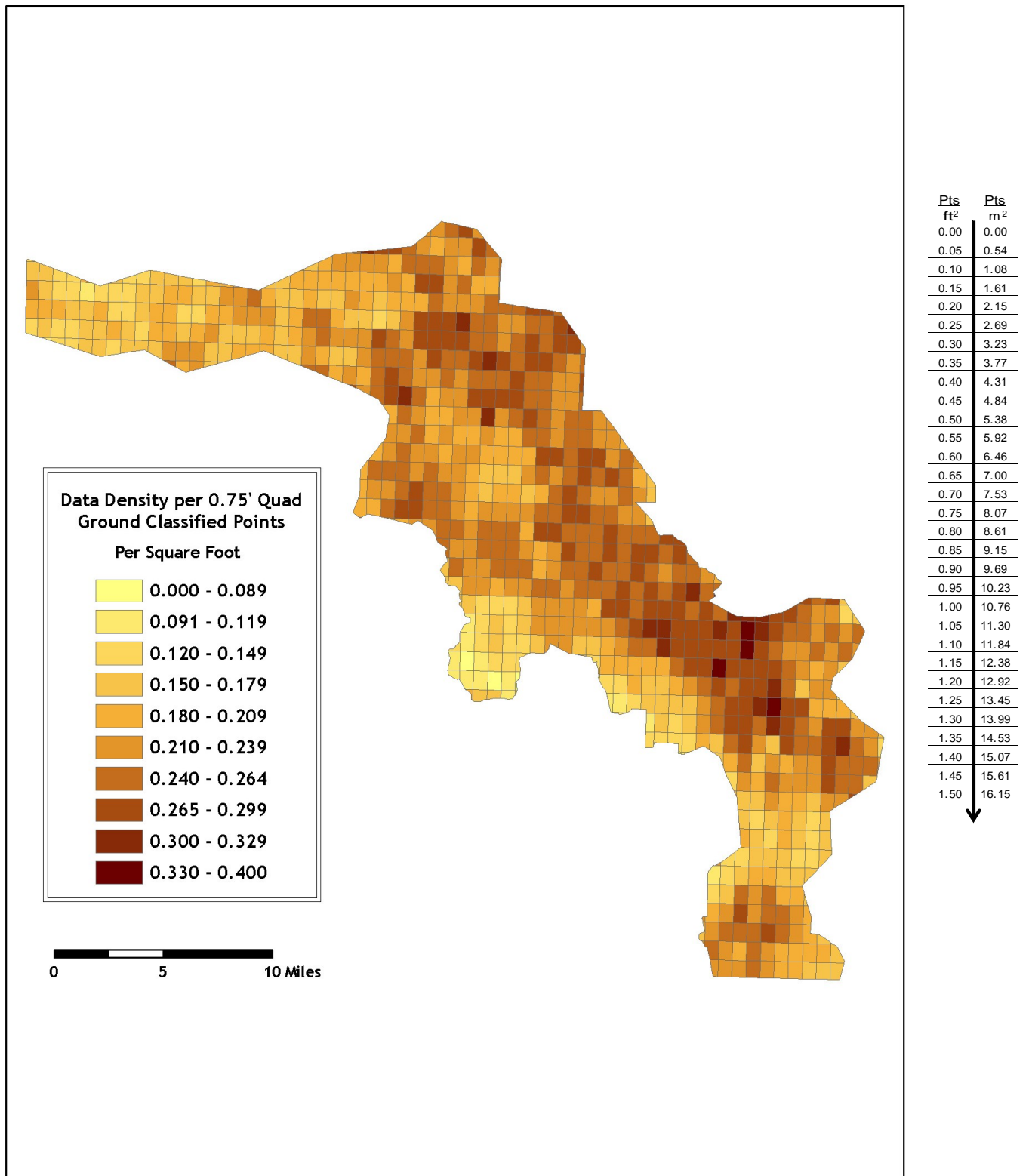


Figure 3.4. Ground-classified laser point density per 0.75' USGS Quad.



3.2 Selected Samples of Data Density/Resolution

Figure 3.5. Quadrants containing overlapping flightlines resulting in high data density.

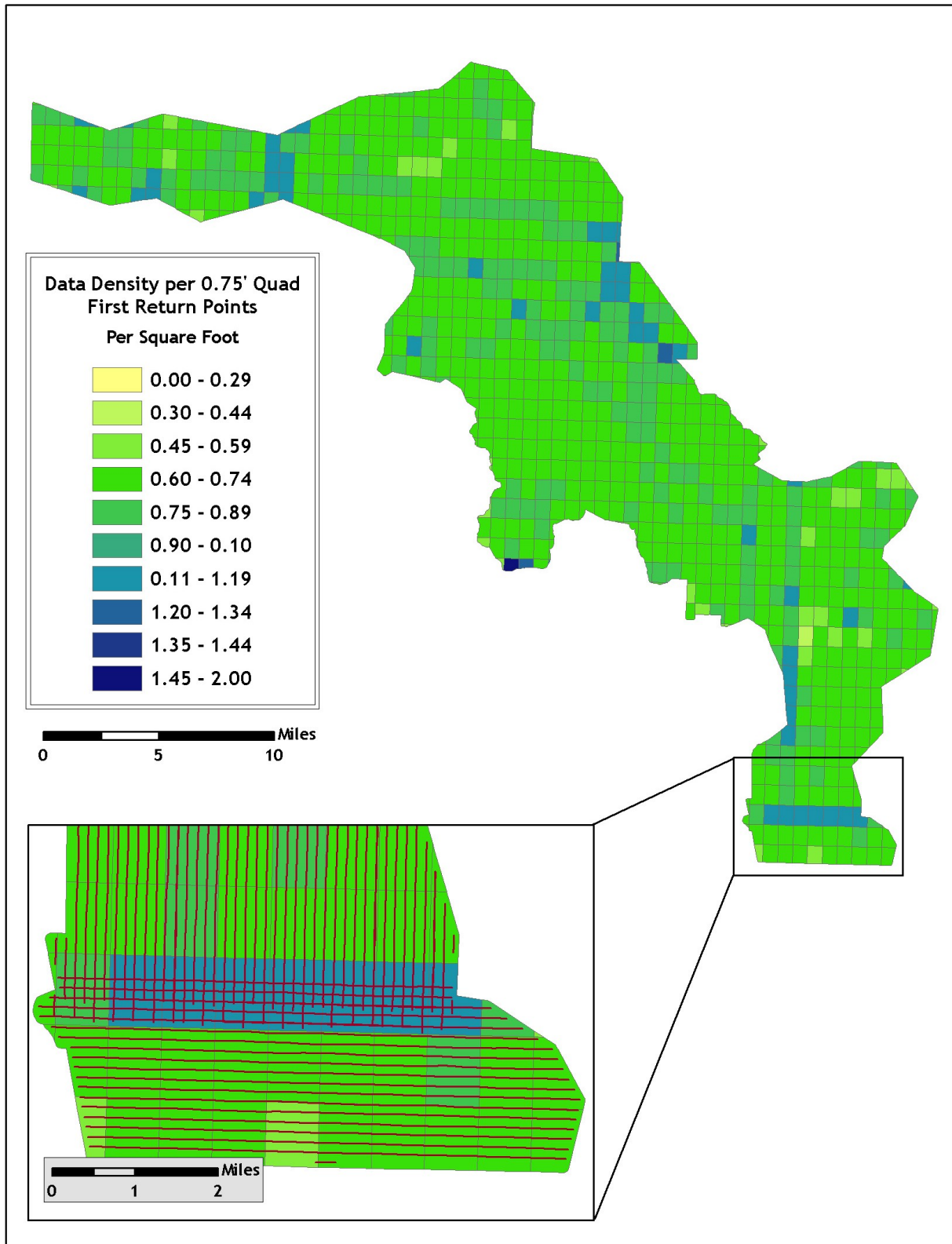
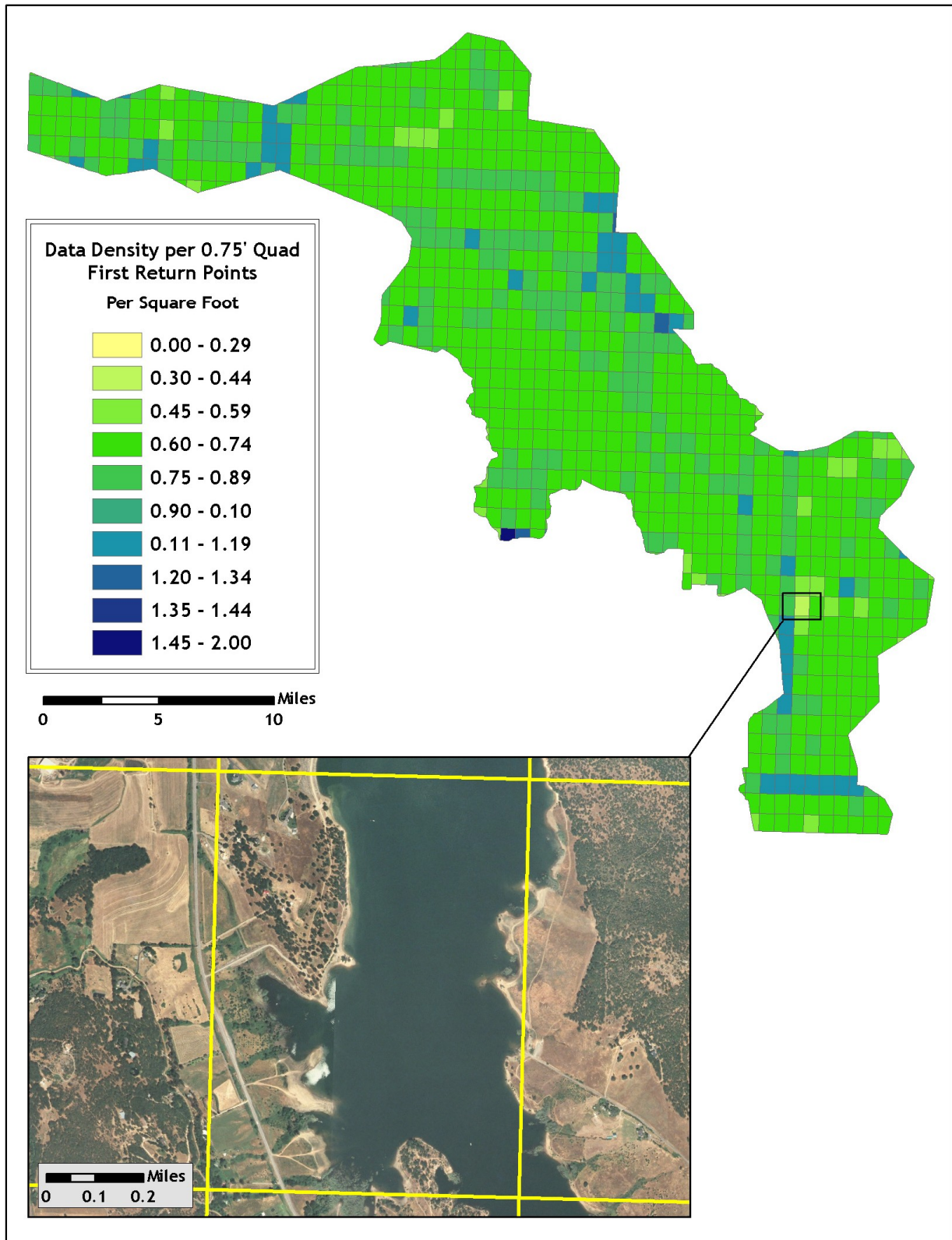


Figure 3.6. Quadrant containing low pulse density as a result of a water body.



4. Selected Imagery

Example areas are presented to show sample imagery (see **Figures 4.1 - 4.3**).

Figure 4.1. Section of the Rogue River located just south of Lower Table Rock. Topmost image derived from highest hit LiDAR, center image from bare earth LiDAR, bottom image derived from NAIP orthophoto.



Figure 4.2. Baseball field complex located off of Interstate-5, south of Medford . Top image derived from highest hit LiDAR and bottom image derived from bare earth LiDAR.

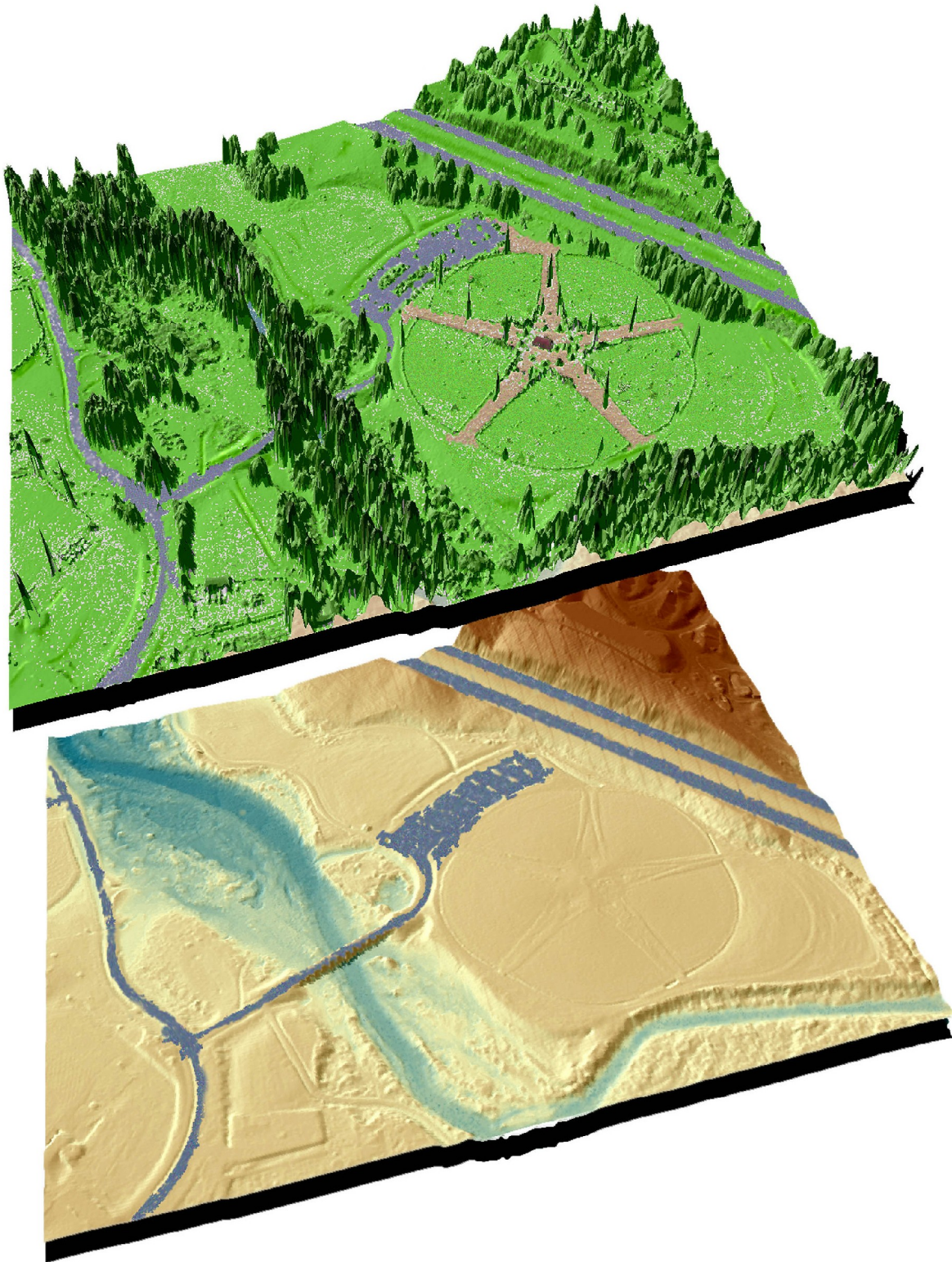


Figure 4.3. Dam at Emigrant Lake, southwest of Ashland. In Delivery Quad 42122B5. Top image derived from highest hit LiDAR and bottom image derived from bare earth LiDAR.

