# Outdoor Sports Institute — Online Trail Build School

**Building Great Trail Experiences** 



## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH







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- Tuesday 3/9 Intros
- 3/9 to 3/15 First take home (Trails Planning)
- Tuesday 3/16 First webinar
- 3/16 to 3/22 Second take home (Trails Construction)
- Tuesday 3/23 Second webinar
- 3/23 to 3/29 Third take home (Trails Design)
- Tuesday 3/30 Last webinar



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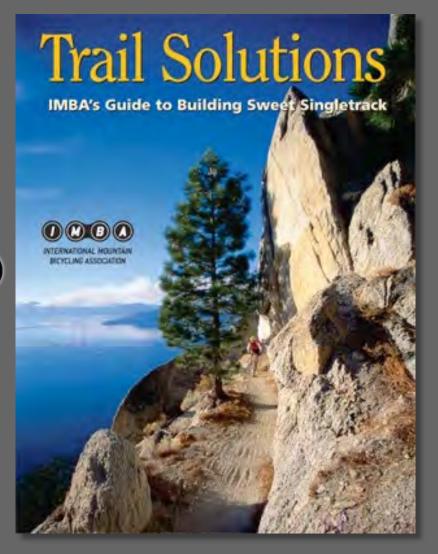






Providing professional trail services including: Planning, Design, Construction, and Education





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To allow the public to <u>experience</u> and <u>appreciate</u> our public lands, while <u>minimizing the public's</u> impact on the landscape.

By creating a positive recreation experience, trails can help bonds the visitor with the land.

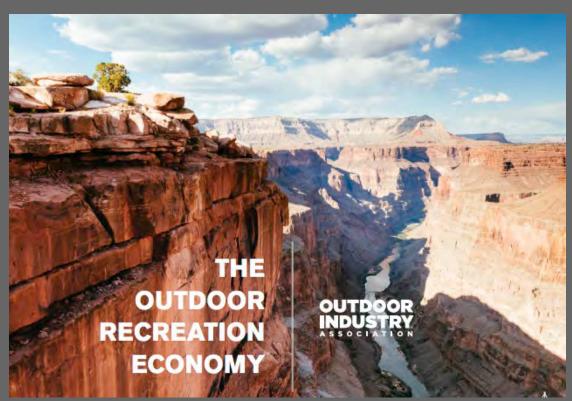








### **Outdoor Recreation is BIG Business**



THE
OUTDOOR
RECREATION
ECONOMY
GENERATES:

\$887 BILLION

CONSUMER SPENDING ANNUALLY

7.6 MILLION

MERICAN JOBS

\$65.3 BILLION

IN FEDERAL TAX REVENUE

\$59.2 BILLION

IN STATE AND LOCAL TAX REVENUE

ONSUMER SPENDING ANNUA









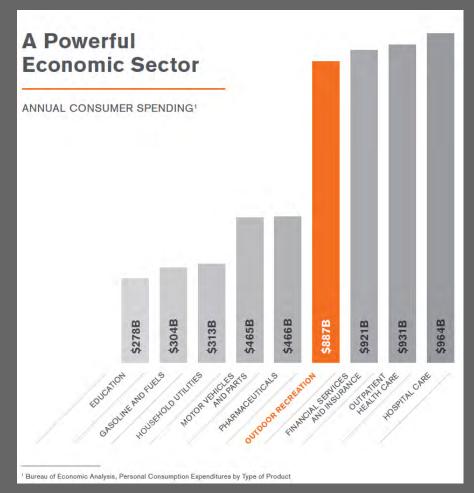




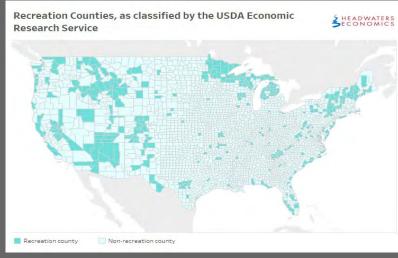








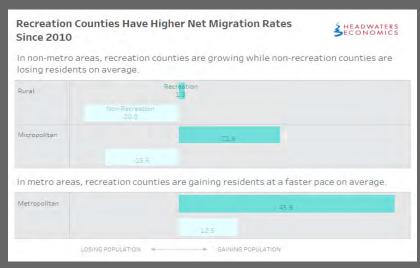


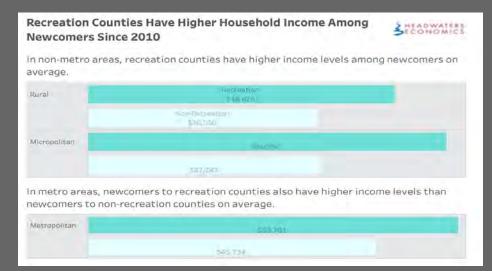








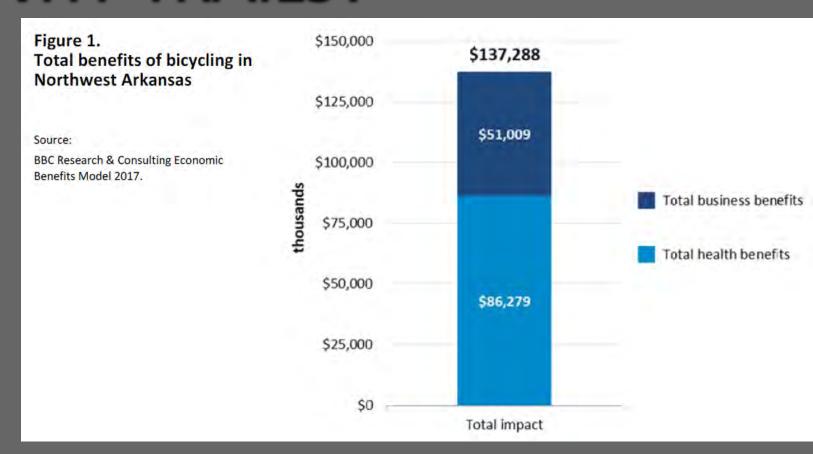




**Great trails create great communities!** 

Health benefits, including reduced health spending

More children outside, engaged in nature









# WHAT IS A "HIGH QUALITY TRAIL EXPERIENCE"?

A high quality trail experience is difficult to define but easy to recognize.

In the context of recreation trails, especially mountain bike trails, this is realized when a trail design merges the desired outcomes and difficulty that a rider seeks with the setting in which the outcomes are realized. These variables ultimately equate to an overall level of sustainability that protects resources while simultaneously providing a trail user with the outcomes they seek.





# WHY HIGH QUALITY TRAILS?

Improved long-term cost-effectiveness

Better visitor management tool

Transform communities and spaces

Ensure positive outdoor recreation experiences

Maximize potential economic benefits

















- failure to meet desired user outcomes (experiences and associated benefits) are everywhere: overcrowded trails, trails with little use, trail users who feel "pushed out" by other users, and unauthorized routes.
- **Economic Sustainability** Can the land manager and the community bear the long-term costs of maintaining a trail? If it provides a valuable experience, it is likely worth the investment, but it must be weighed against shrinking maintenance budgets.





Traditional activity-based outdoor recreation management evolved to outcomes-focused management:

"...an approach to recreation management that centers on the positive outcomes gained from engaging in recreational experiences."



## Trail Project Development Life Cycle

Feasibility Study

- Market & Demand Analysis

- Project Area Recon

- SWOT Assessment

Concept Plan

- Terrain Analysis - Development Zones

- Experience Objectives - Connectivity

- Key Control Points (positive and negative)

- Trail Corridors - Trail Specifications

Master Plan - Phasing Plan - Construction Approach

- Cost Opinion - Permitting Requirements

Contracting - Statement of Qualifications - Bids

- RFP Development and Advertising

- Proposal Evaluations - Award - Signed Contracts

Design Development

- Detailed Trail Alignments - Trail Segment Definitions

- Feature Locations/ID

Construction Documents

- Permitting - Engineering - Site Layout

- Erosion Control Measures

Construction - Project Management - Quality Control

- Mobilization - Building - Flow Checking

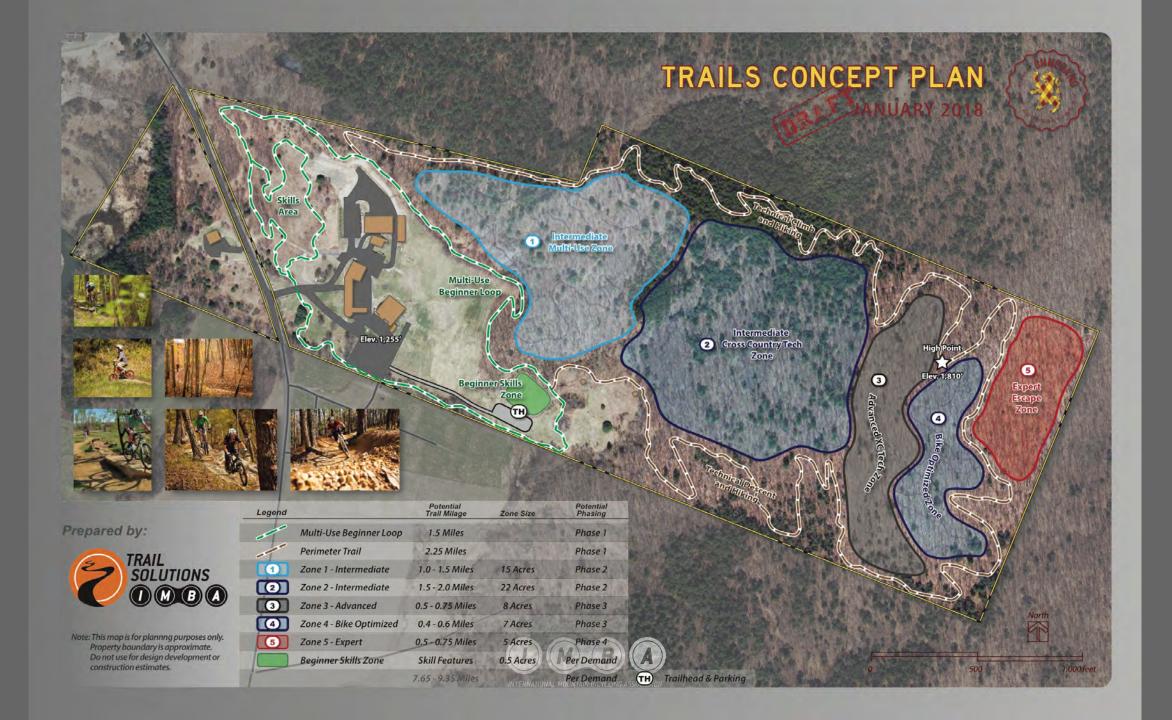
- SWPPP Monitoring - Final Inspection

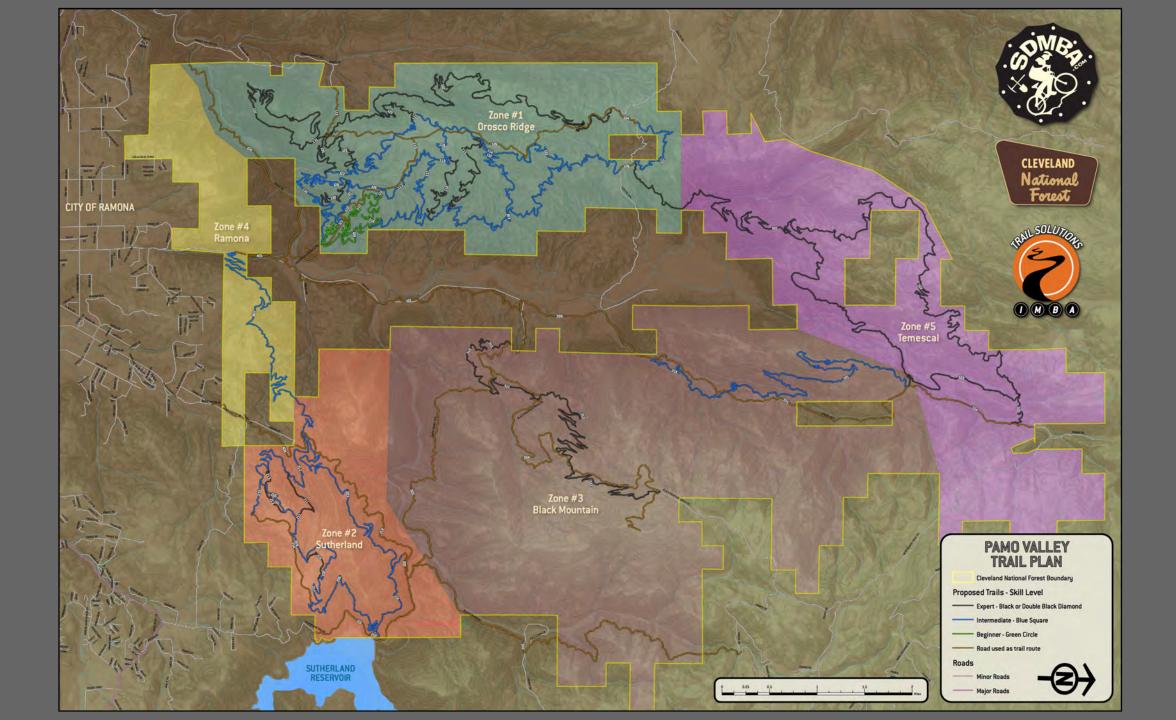
Post Build

- Management - Maintenance

- Assessment - Reporting









#### **Trail Specifications** Duluth Traverse Trail System Version: 1.2 (130220)

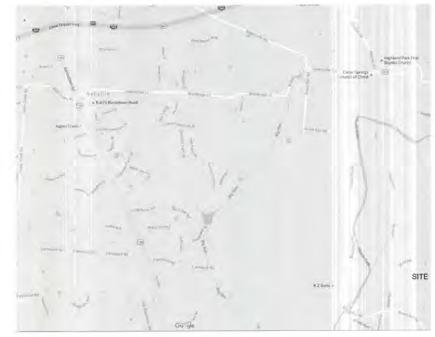
abel	Working title	Difficulty Rating	Symbol <sup>1</sup>	Use	Directions [	Feature Frequency	Constructe d Treed Width <sup>2,4</sup>	Ave Trail Grade per 1000'	Grade:	Max Trail Grade: descending <sup>6</sup>	Min Turn Radius	Max Turnpa d Grade <sup>2</sup>	Max Berm/Tur n Camber			Exposure (without railing)	Unavoidabl e Obstacles	Avoidable Obstacles (over 50% of tread or less)	Rollable Feature Height (jumps, berms, etc.)	Roughasit y (surface texture)*	Tread and trail features	Notes
	Green Singletrack (Traditional shared-use singletrack)	Easier	Green Circle	foot	Two-Way	Low	48"	556	20%	20%	10	10%	15%	48*-72*	10-12'	less the 18"	less then 2"	less then 6"	97	low	Firm trail surface. May include rock armored section.	
	Blue Singletrack (Traditional bike- optimized singletrack)	More Difficult	Blue Square	foot	Two-Way	Medium	36*	7%	25%	50% (armored over 25%)	8'	15%	30%	36"-72"	8-12"	less then 48"	less then 8"	less then 24"	24*	med	Modest rough tread is expected. May include steps and terraces.	May include features similar to those on easier "Bump and Pump" or "Jump" trails.
	Black Singletrack (Traditional technical singletrack)	Most Difficult	Black Diamond	bike, foot	Preferred	High	18"	10%	50% (armored over 25%)	100% (armored over 25%)	6'	15%	50%	36"-48"	8-12'	no limit	less then 18"	less then 48°	18"	high, some very high	Significant unavoidable obstacles are expected. May include steps, stairs, rock gardens, loose rock, and significantly	Seek out rocky ridges. Selective machine work to create very organic appearing rock strewn tread. Most rock and tread work is almed at sustainability rather than ease of passage. Trials like
pec 4	Green Bump Pump	Easier	Green Circle	bike, foot	Preferred	High	48"	3-5%	20%	30% (armor as function of flow)	15	10%	30%	48-72"	8-10'	less the 36"	less then 2"	less then 6"	12*	low	Firm trail surface. Rollers and berms. May include rock surfaced sections.	
pec 5	Blue Bump Pump	More Difficult	Blue Square	bike, foot	Preferred	High	36"	7-10%	30%	100% (armor as function of flow)	10	15%	50%	36"-72"	10'-12'	less then 60"	less then 2"	less then 24"	24"		Firm trail surface. Rollers, roller doubles, berms predominate. May include significant armored sections.	Demonstration trail at Spirit Mtn is an example of the upper end of this spectrum.
pec 6	Black Bump Pump	Most Difficult	Black Diamond	bike	One-Way	High	36*	10-12%	n/a	150% (armor as function of flow)	7	25%	150%	36"-72"	10'-12'	less then 120*	less then 8*	less then 48"	36*	med	Firm trail surface. Rollers, roller doubles, berms predominate. May also include steps, stairs, rock gardens and exposed	
pec 7	Green Jump	Easier	Green Circle	bike	One-Way	Medium	48"+	3-5%	n/a	30% (armor as function of flow)	20"	10%	150%	48-72"	10-12'	less the 36"	less then 2"	less then 6"	18*	low	Smooth continuously cambered trail surface. Easily rollable jumps.	A green jump trail could fit within a stacked-loop system. Blue ar Black are likely best done at a resort.
pec 8	Blue Jump	More Difficult	Orange Pill, medium	bike	One Way	Low	48"+	7-10%	n/a	100% (armor as function of flow)	15	15%	00%	48-72"	12'-15	less then 60"	less then 2*	less then 24"	30"	low	Smooth continuously cambered trail surface. May include significant armored sections. More complex jump	Complete berms, plan on extreme drainage solutions - sumps + culverts.
pec 9	Black Jump	Most Difficult	Orange Pill, large	bke	One-Way	Low	48"+	10-12%	n/a	150% (armor as function of flow)	15	25%	00%	48-72"	12'-15'	less then 120"	less then 8"	less then 48°	48"	med	Firm trail surface. May include rock surfaced sections. Some jumps may not be rollable.	Complete berms, plan on extreme drainage solutions – symps + culverts.
pec 10	Green Gravity	Easler	Orange Pill, small	bike	One way	Medium	48"	7-10%	n/a	100% (armor as function of flow)	20"	15%	150%	48-72"	12	less the 36"	less then 18'	less then 24"	18"	high	Entry level downhill course. Will include rocks, steps, and terroces. Drops will be rollable.	For all DH types, potentially only at Spirit Mtn.
pec 11	Blue Gravity	More Difficult	Orange Pill, medium	bike	One way	Medium	36"	10-15%	n/a	co% (mandatory drops	15	25%	6996	36"-72"	12"	less then 60"	less then 48°	n/a	30*	yery high	Intermediate level downhill course. Handatory drops. Will include significant steps, stairs, rock gardens and exposed	
pec 12	Black Gravity	Most Difficult	Orange Pill, large	bike	One way	High	24"	15-20%	n/a	co% (mandatory drops	15	25%	100%	36"-72"	12'	less then 120°	less then 72"	n/a	48"	very high	Advanced level downhill course. Significant mandatory drops. Will include extreme terrain that has a high penalty for failure.	
pec 13	Gateway trail	Easlest	Green Circle	bike, foot, horse	Two-Way	low	48"+	3-5%	10%	15%	12		10%		10-12'							Very front-country, likely connected to a recreation park. Typicall- under a mile.
pec 14	Access tole trail	Easlest		bike, foot, horse	Two-Way	none																AASTHO spec trail:



### SUSTAINABLE TRAIL PLAN

### Brown Forman Silo Center Bike Park

At The Parklands of Floyds Fork, 8710 Stout Rd. (Turkey Run Pkwy.), Louisville, Kentucky



GOOGLE LOCATION MAP



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C1.1	TRAIL PLAN & NARRATIVE							
C2.1	SUSTAINABLE TRAIL DETAILS							



Brown Forman Silo Center Bike Park

SWPPP Cover Sheet

C0.1







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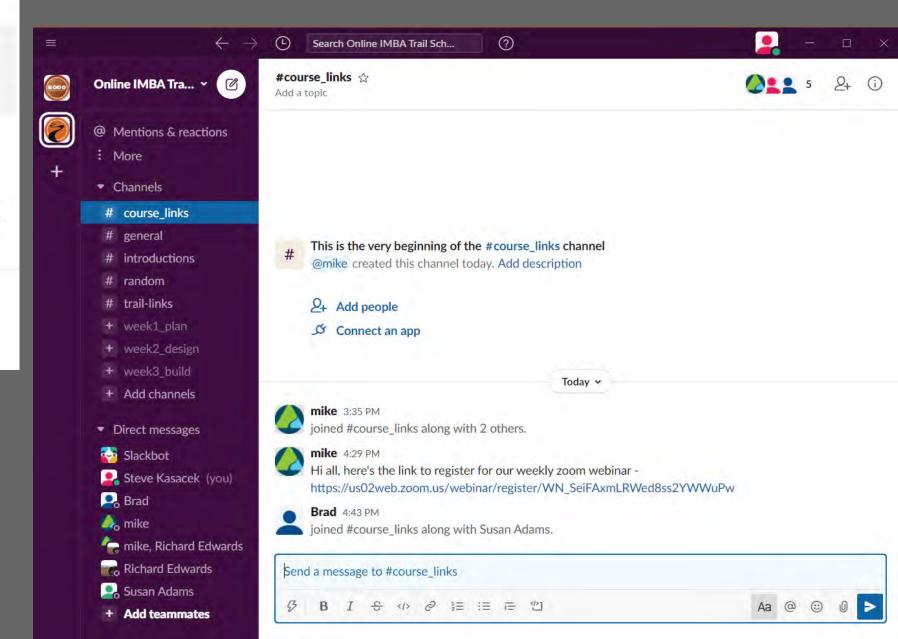
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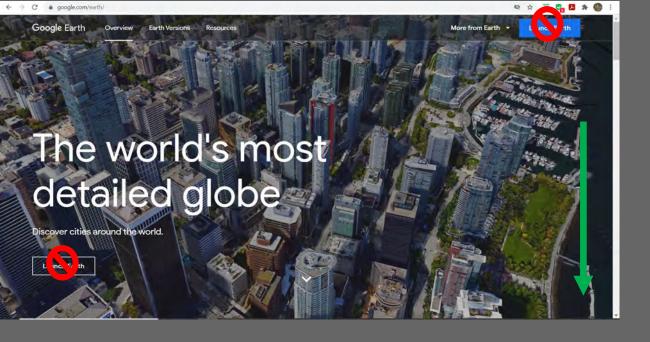
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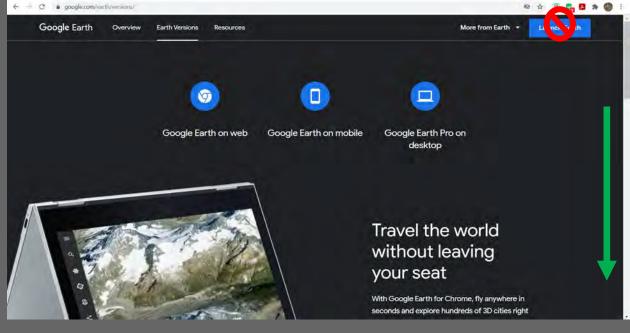
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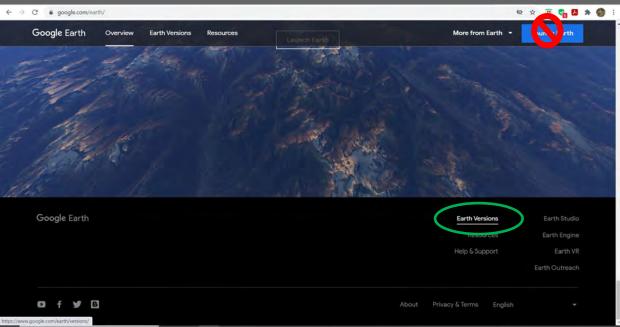
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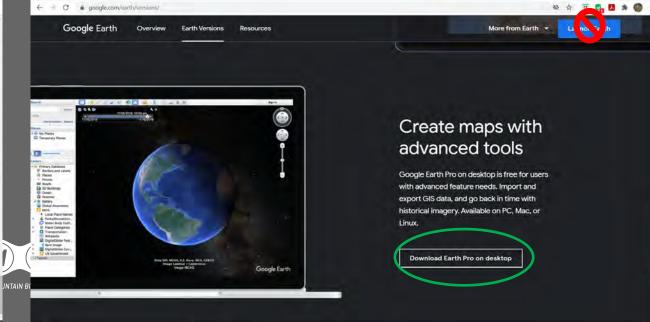
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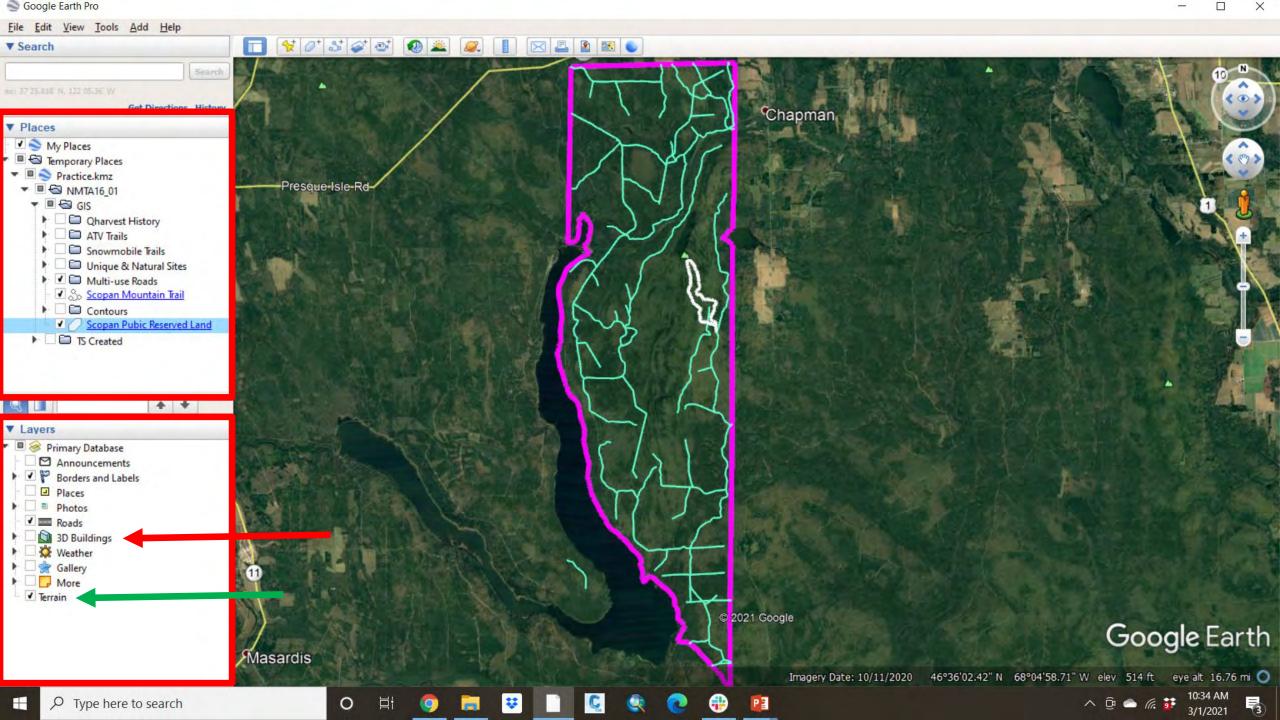


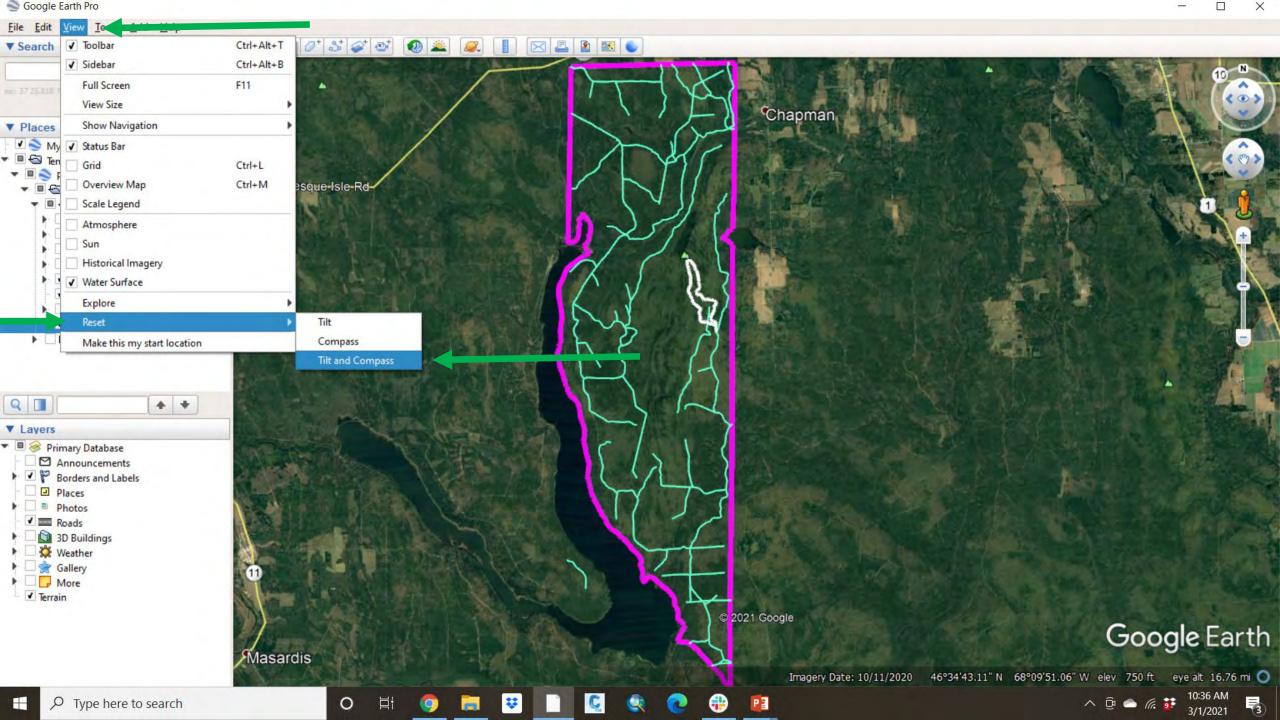


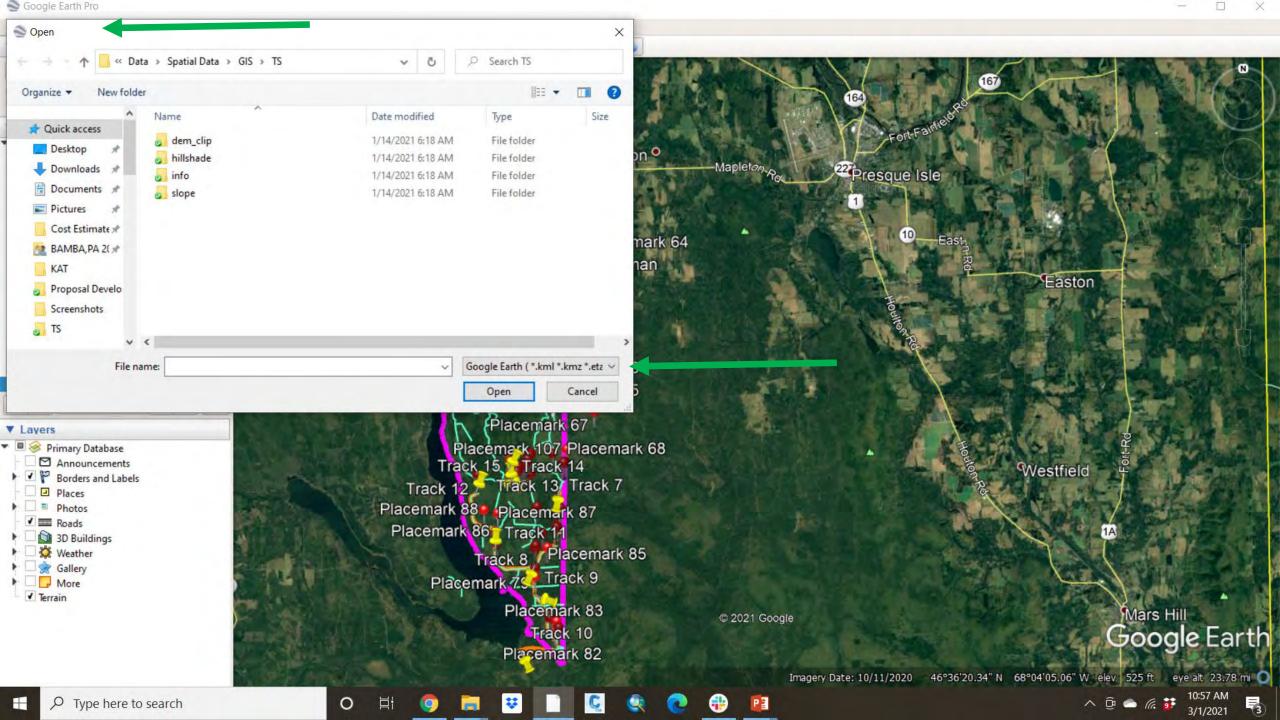


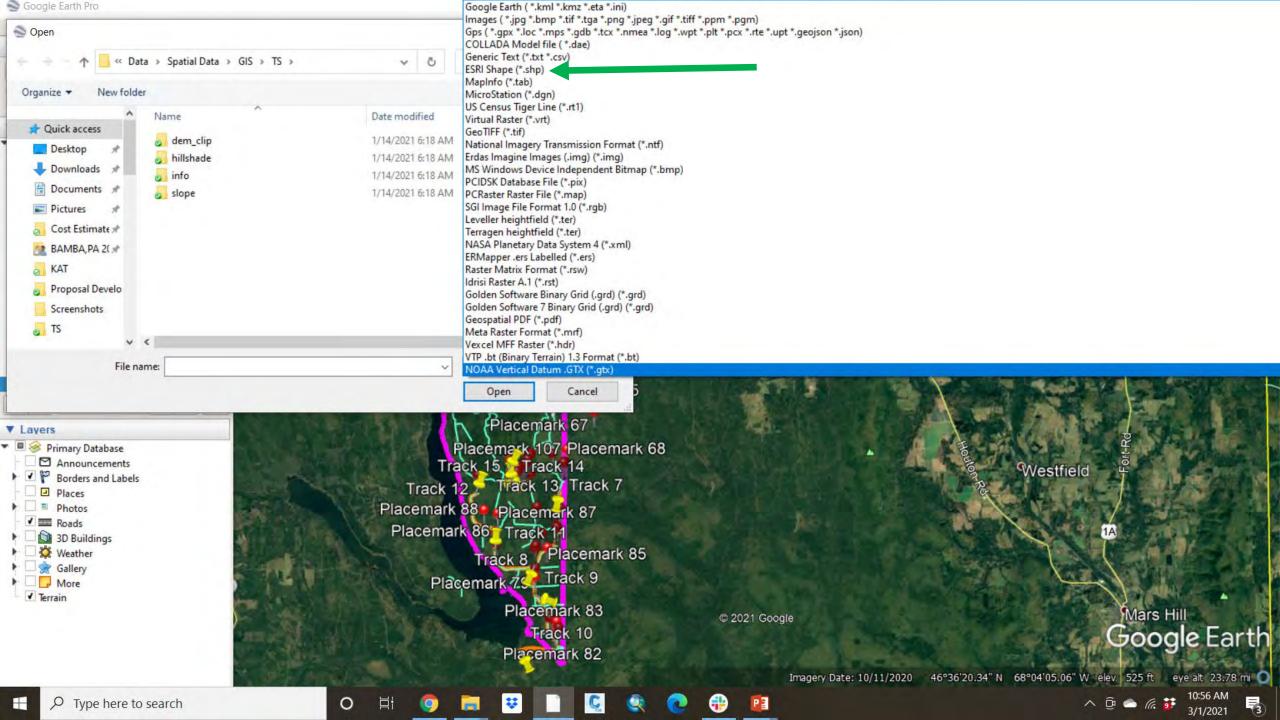


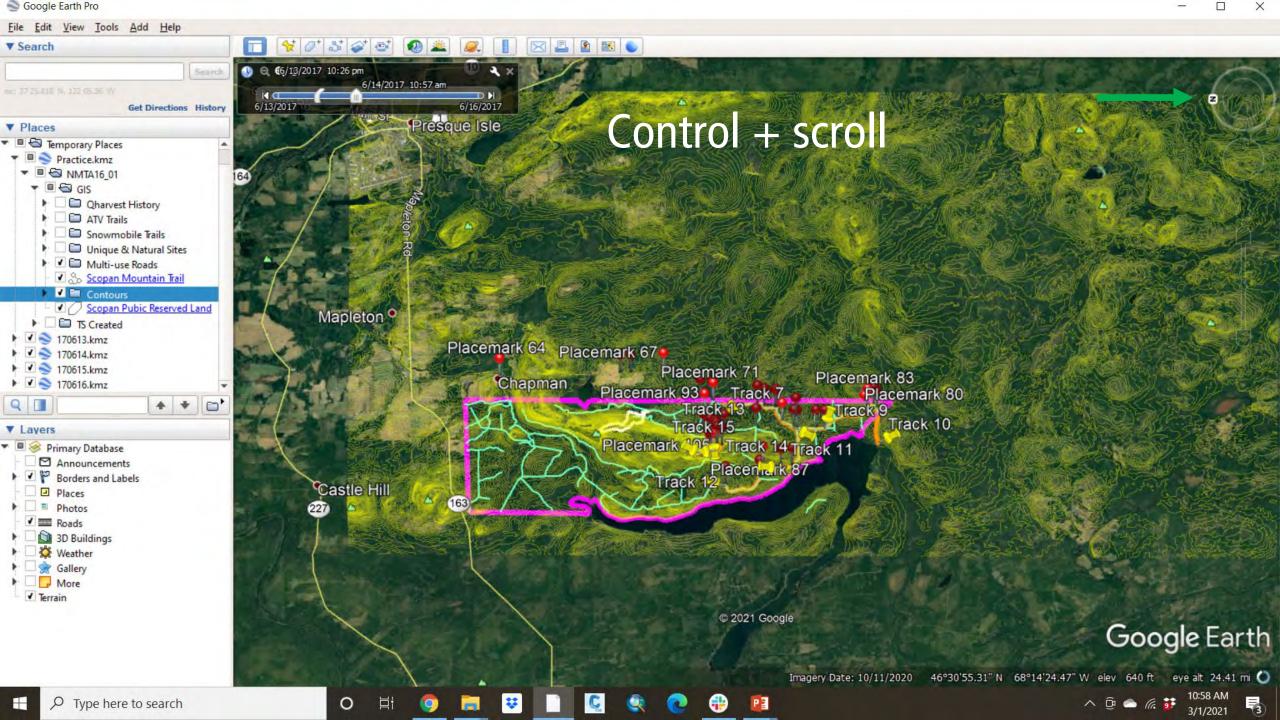


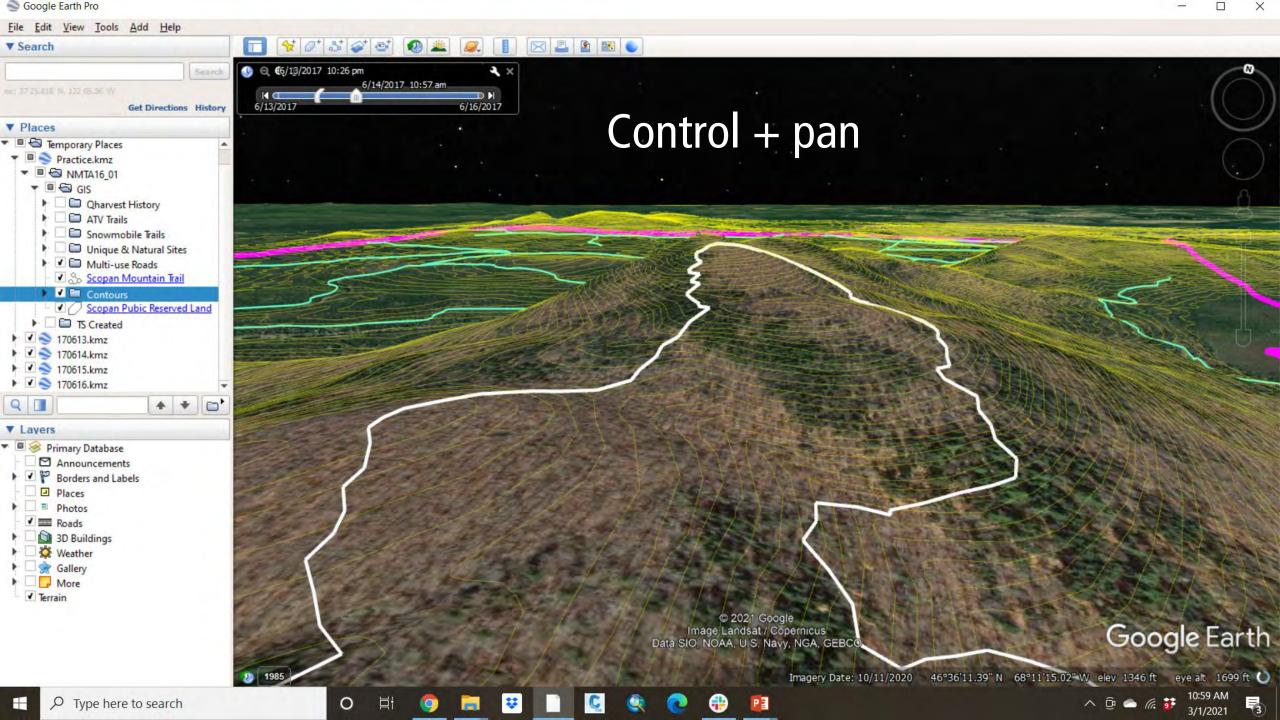


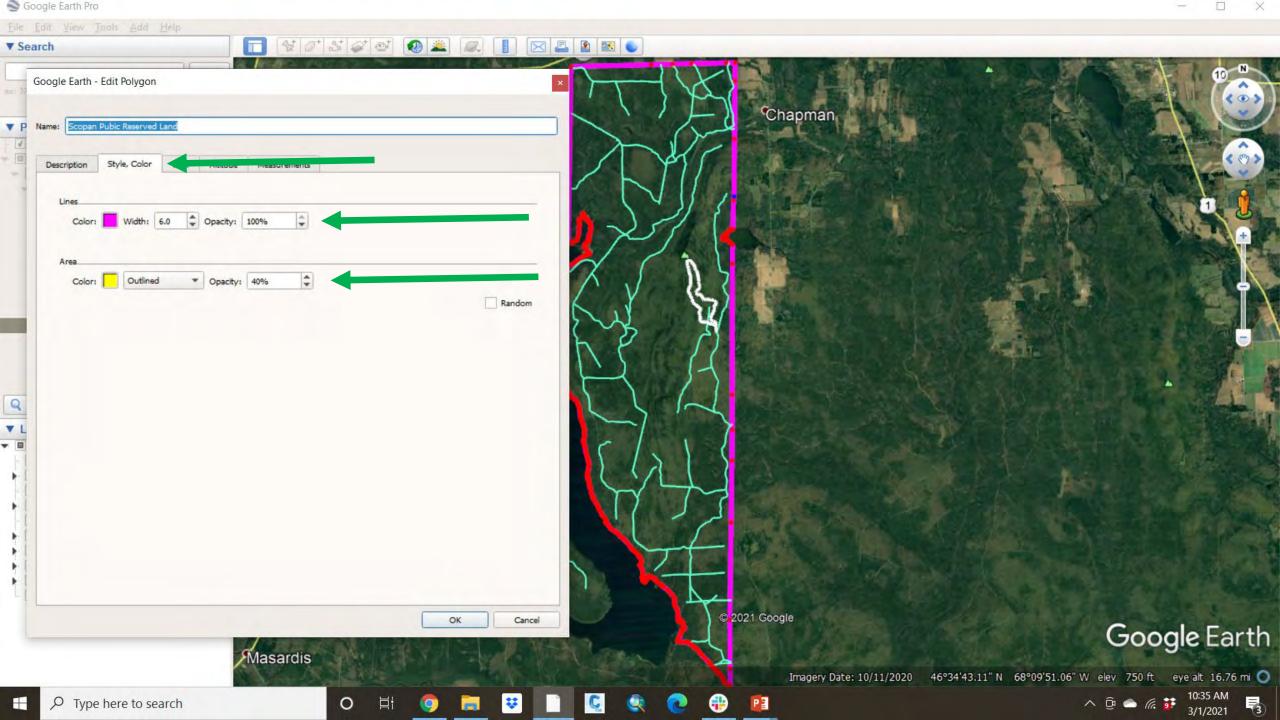


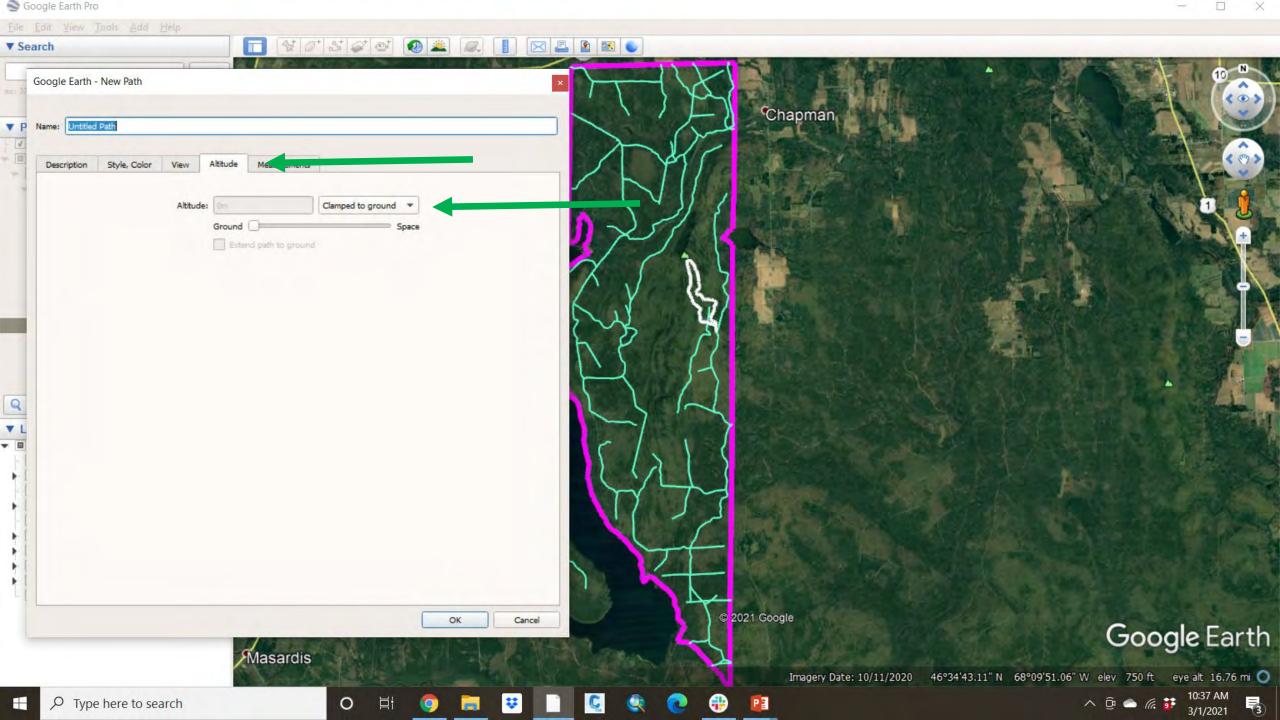


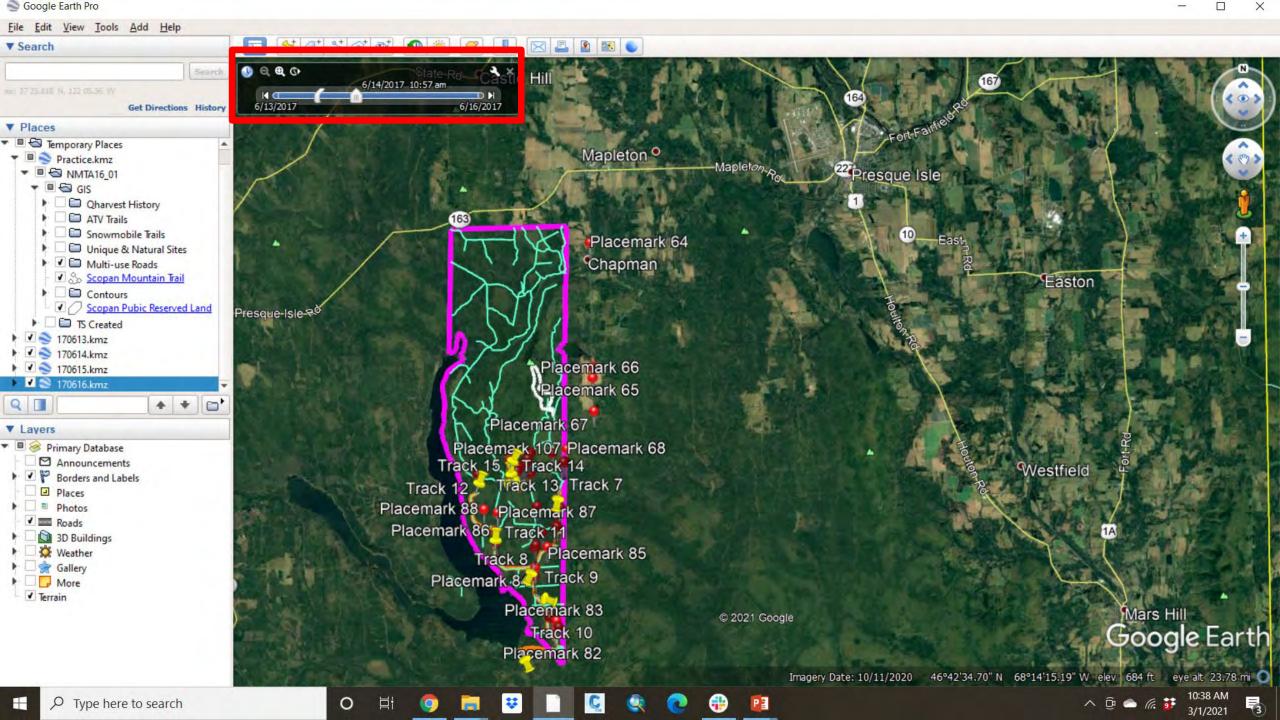


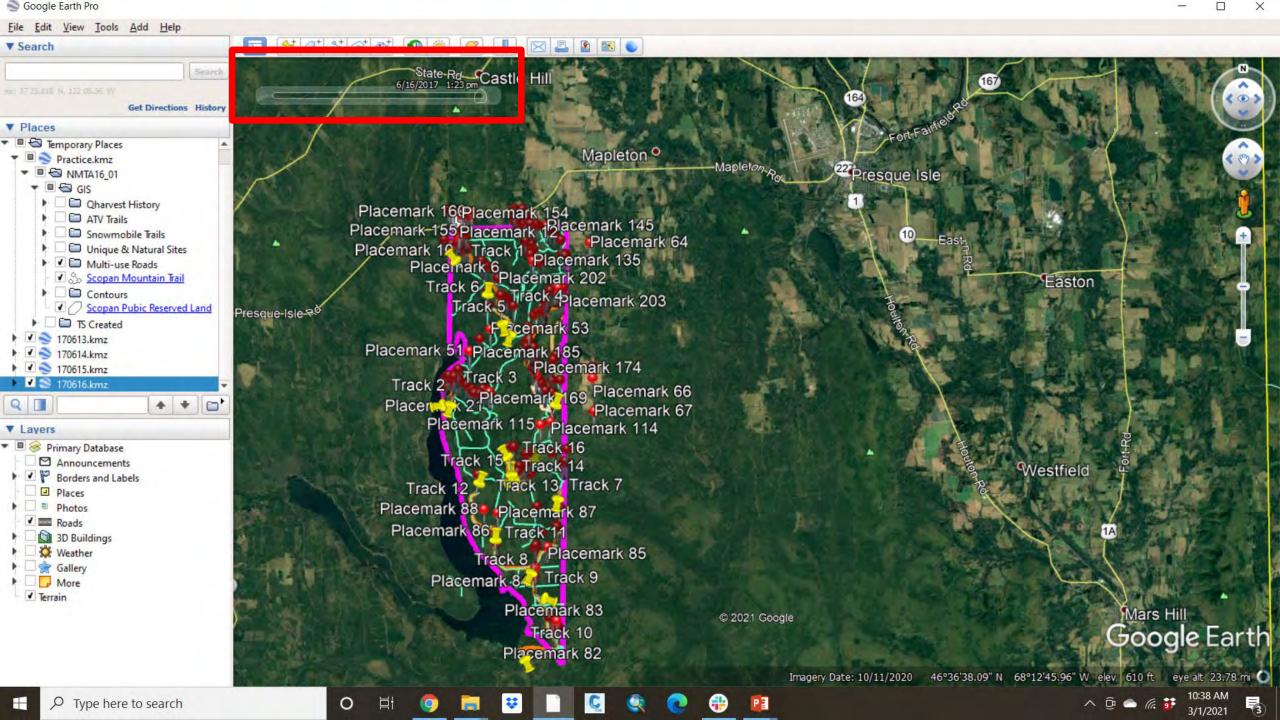


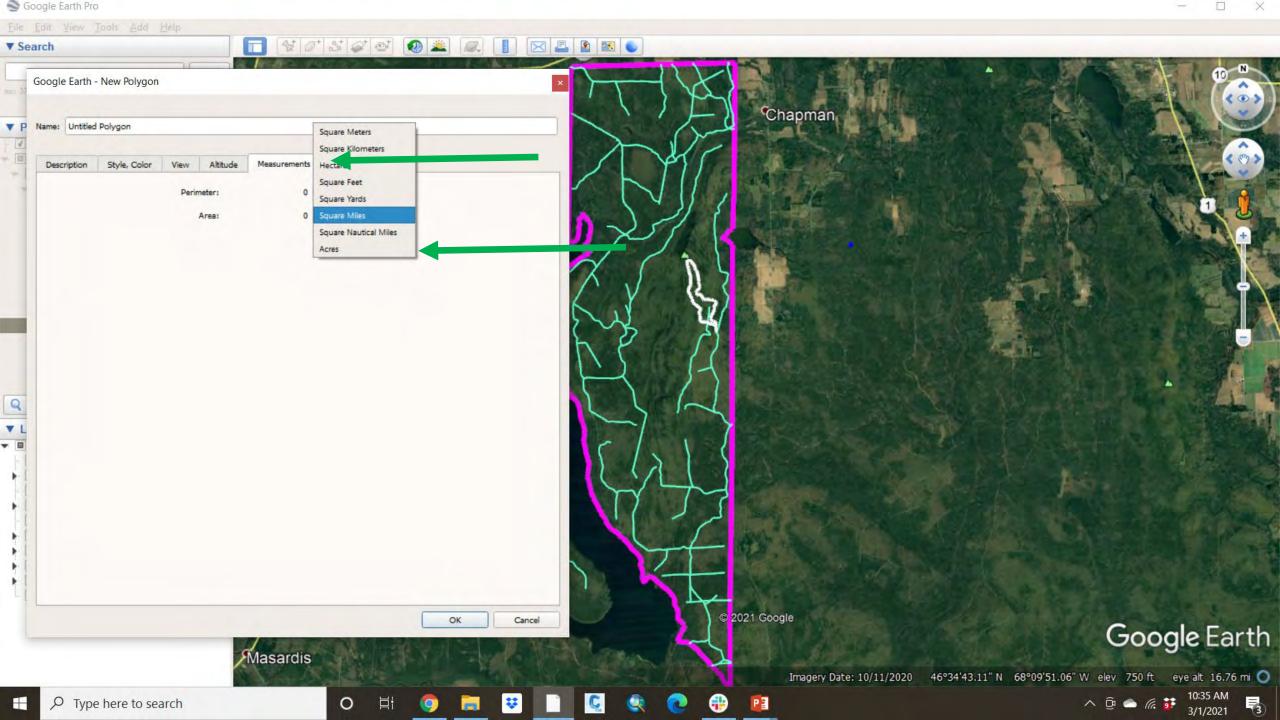


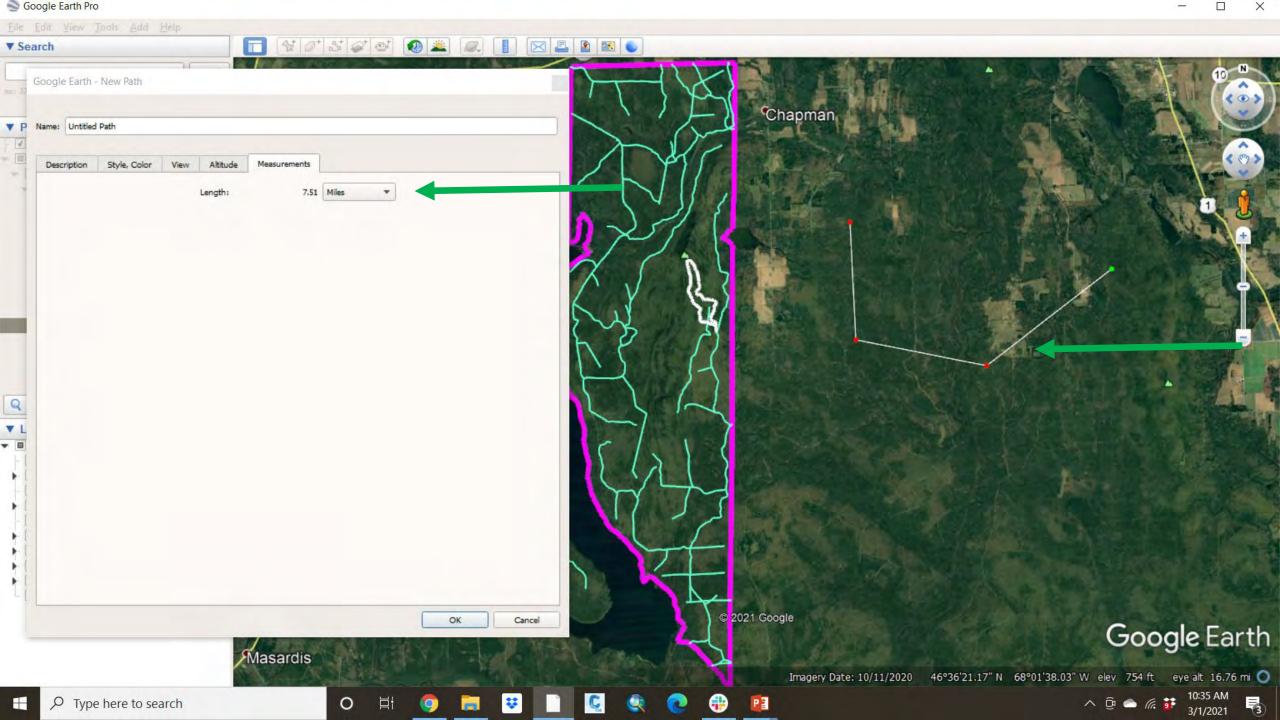


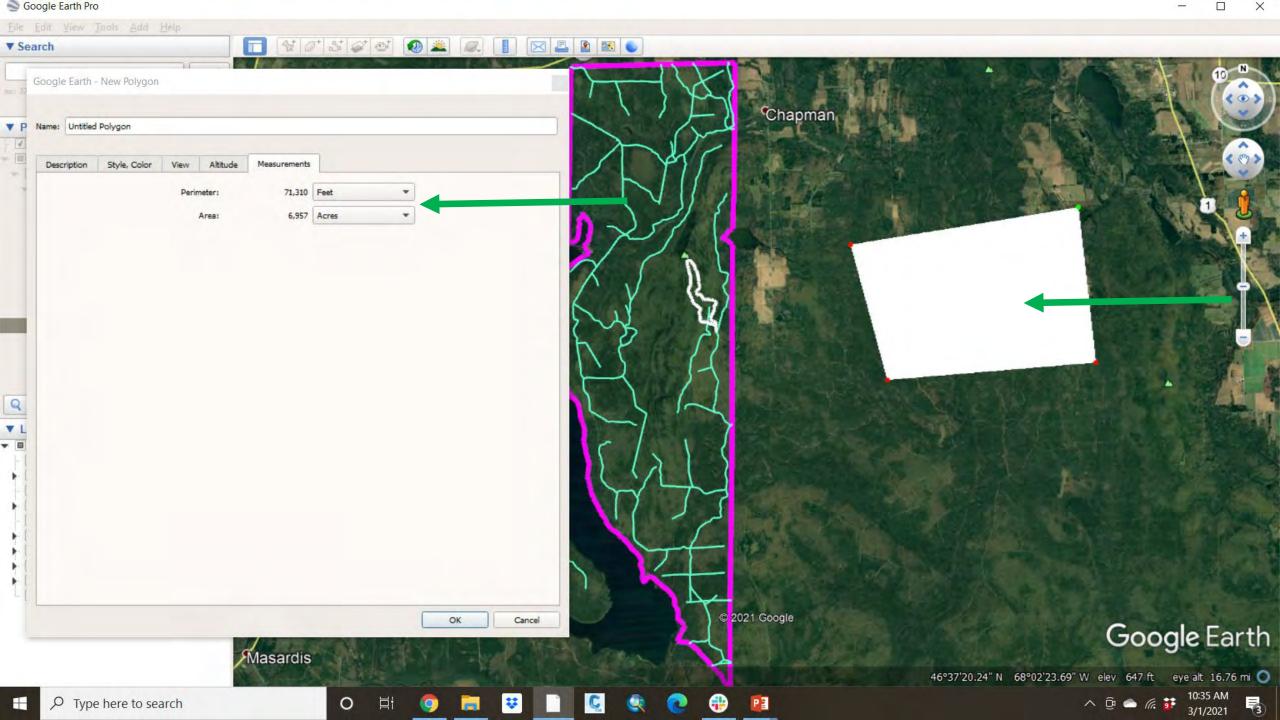














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