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## Forest Vegetation Simulator



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## Highlights

We are pleased to announce the January 2024 release of the Forest Vegetation Simulator (FVS). The latest version is now available for download via our [website](#) or from the Forest Service Software Center.

In this bulletin we describe the major updates since our last FVS version release dated September 2023.

Our goal is to keep FVS users up-to-date on recent changes and new additions to the software. For more information on FVS, or to find past issues of our Newsletters or Bulletins, please visit our [website](#).

Feel free to let us know how we are doing. You may [email](#) us with any advice, ideas, or other input that you think will help.

## Release Info

Release date: 20240101

## FVS Interface Updates

This section highlights the updates and improvements made to the FVS interface which are intended to provide an improved user experience.

### Additional Database Validation

This minor release address' a common issue where users were able to input databases missing inputs which were required for FVS to process properly. This would often result in FVS crashing and / or not starting properly. Additional validation checks have been added to prevent users from installing invalid datasets, as well as notify the user of the missing required elements, from which tables those elements are missing, and providing a link to documentation detailing the input database requirements. In the instance of a 'sidedloaded' (copied directly into project folder) database with invalid data, the default training data will replace it.

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