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Highlights

We are pleased to announce the July 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 April 2024.

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: 20240701

FVS Interface Updates

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

Combination of FVS_Cases Table with Composite Tables Has Been Restricted

Current versions of FVS allow the possibility to select the FVS_Cases table in combination with any of the composite tables. This results in the list of stands being generated with the composite averages displayed for every stand (weighted averages being reported at stand level).

This has been modified and FVS_Cases can no longer be selected with composite tables. However, is still selectable with stand level, tree level, dbh, or height level tables. It should be noted that table selection logic only allows a single composite table to be selected at a time, and composite tables cannot be combined with any other table type. Multiple stand level tables can be selected together, but not with any other table type. DBH, Ht, Species, and Tree level tables can only be selected as single tables and not combined with any other table.

SN Variant Merchantability Specification Option Expansion

The ability to adjust merchantable top diameter and stump height in the southern variant (SN) was previously added and available via the BFVOLUME and VOLUME keywords. This option was inadvertently omitted from the Volume Modifier, Adjust merchantability limits option. Users of the SN variant will now be able to adjust top diameter and stump height merchantability specifications using the Adjust merchantability option.

Correction to Help Menu FVS_Summary2_East Table Descriptions

The description for the FVS_Summary2_East table in the Help menu erroneously stated the unit of measure for number of trees and total trees produced as a per hectare measure, rather than a per acre measure. This has been corrected for both measures.

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