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Comparing the extent and permanence of headwater streams from two field surveys to values from hydrographic databases and maps

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22 ABSTRACT: Supreme Court cases have questioned if jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act
23 extends to water bodies such as streams without year-round flow. Headwater streams are central
24 to this issue because many periodically dry, and because little is known about their influence on
25 navigable waters. An accurate account of the extent and flow permanence of headwater streams
26 is critical to estimating downstream contributions. We compared the extent and permanence of
27 headwater streams from two field surveys to values from databases and maps. The first used data
28 from 29 headwater streams in nine US forests, whereas the second had data from 178 headwater
29 streams in Oregon. Synthetic networks developed from the nine-forest survey indicated that 33 to
30 93% of the channel lacked year-round flow. Seven of the nine forests were predicted to have
31 >200% more channel length than portrayed in the high resolution National Hydrography Dataset
32 (NHD). The NHD and topographic map classifications of permanence agreed with ~50% of the
33 field determinations across ~300 headwater sites. Classification agreement with the field
34 determinations generally increased with increasing resolution. However, the flow classification
35 on soil maps only agreed with ~30% of the field determination despite depicting greater channel
36 extent than other maps. Maps that include streams regardless of permanence and size will aid
37 regulatory decisions and are fundamental to improving water quality monitoring and models.

38 KEY TERMS: headwater streams; flow permanence; hydrography; mapping; ephemeral;
39 intermittent; perennial

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41 INTRODUCTION

42 Water body mapping provides basic information necessary for the management,
43 protection, and restoration of freshwater resources and the services and benefits (e.g., water
44 quality, flood protection, and wildlife habitat) that they provide to society. Water bodies range
45 greatly in size and their abundances are often inversely related to their sizes (Leopold et al.,
46 1964). Therefore the task of locating and recording the spatial distribution and hydrologic
47 connectivity of smaller water bodies can be more difficult than for their larger counterparts.

48 Small streams are often called headwater streams because they represent the exterior or
49 most upland links of channel networks. Because of their size, typically shallow channel incision
50 relative to groundwater table elevations, and position in the landscape, many headwater streams
51 are prone to natural drying; however regional and local factors, such as climate, topography, and
52 geology, are important in determining if, when, and where drying will occur (Williams, 2006).
53 The duration, frequency, timing, and predictability of flow or presence of water or saturated
54 conditions (i.e., hydrologic permanence) are used to classify streams (e.g., Hedman and
55 Osterkamp, 1982; Poff and Ward, 1989; Uys and O’Keefe, 1997). Streams that do not
56 experience drying, outside of extreme drought, are called perennial or permanent. In contrast,
57 streams that experience recurrent drying (no water in the stream channel) are called temporary
58 streams. Temporary streams can be broadly divided into either intermittent or ephemeral classes.
59 Intermittent streams have dry and wet (aquatic) phases that are somewhat predictable in time
60 (e.g., seasonal) and have groundwater as a major source (i.e., elevation of the water body’s bed is
61 seasonally below the groundwater table). Ephemeral streams flow only in immediate response to
62 hydrologic events such as large rainstorms; they have short, often less predictable aquatic phases

63 and derive water from direct precipitation, surface runoff and/or interflow after precipitation or
64 snowmelt.

65 A recent US Supreme Court case (*Rapanos v United States* 547 US 715 (2006)),
66 questioned whether the jurisdictional scope of the Clean Water Act (CWA) would extend to
67 headwater streams, particularly those that do not have perennial flow (Nadeau and Rains, 2007;
68 Leibowitz et al., 2008; Caruso, 2011). A database that characterizes the extent and flow
69 permanence of headwater streams would help ease the burden on regulators and the regulated
70 community by reducing the number of disputes and onsite evaluations. Regardless of the details
71 that emerge from future guidance or legislation for jurisdictional determinations, accurate
72 documentation of the geographic extent of headwater streams and their hydrologic permanence is
73 fundamental to CWA jurisdiction, as well as national water quality monitoring and improving
74 water quality models.

75 Various hydrography resources are used by water resource agencies for decision making.
76 For example, headwater stream designations on 1:24,000-scale topographic maps or Natural
77 Resource Conservation Service (NRCS; formerly Soil Conservation Service) 1:15,840-scale soil
78 maps are used to inform stream classifications in states like Ohio and North Carolina (OHEPA,
79 2009; NCDWQ, 2010). The National Hydrography Dataset (NHD;
80 <http://nhd.usgs.gov/data.html>) is the primary digital hydrography resource in the United States
81 and has been used to design a national water quality monitoring program (Paulsen et al., 2008)
82 and to model the transformations and transportation of materials across landscapes (e.g.,
83 Alexander et al., 2007).

84 The NHD is derived from the marriage of two predecessors: US Geological Survey's
85 (USGS) Digital Line Graphs (DLGs) and US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Reach

86 File (RF; Dewald and Roth, 1998). The US EPA developed the RF as a spatially referenced
87 database of uniquely identified stream reaches, including aspects such as direction and inter-
88 reach connectivity (Horn and Grayman, 1993). The sources of the geographic base layer of
89 stream lines for the RF versions are the DLGs (Horn and Grayman, 1993). The original
90 geographical positioning of stream DLGs are derived from the digitized stream lines (i.e., “blue
91 lines”) that were delineated on USGS high-resolution (i.e., 1:24,000 scale) and medium-
92 resolution (i.e., 1:100,000 scale) topographic maps for most of the US (e.g., most of Alaska
93 coverage is only available at the 1:250,000 scale). Delineation of streams on USGS 1:24,000-
94 scale (7.5-minute quadrangle) topographic maps was based on interpretations from stereo
95 orthophotographs and verification from field surveys and interviews with local residents, where
96 available (Drummond, 1974; Mark, 1983; Leopold, 1994; K. Roth, USGS, April 8, 2010,
97 personal communication). Because of various updates and corrections to the NHD and the lack
98 of funding to support such updates to topographic mapping, stream depiction on topographic
99 maps do not necessarily correspond with the NHD across the US (K. Roth, USGS, April 8, 2010,
100 personal communication). Perennial and intermittent reaches are differentiated on topographic
101 maps by solid and dashed blue lines, respectively. FCodes are 5-digit identifiers of the feature
102 type and combinations of characteristics and values (USGS 2009). The stream and river reaches
103 are considered as a feature type in the NHD and have different FCodes for perennial (FCode
104 46006) and intermittent (FCode 46003) reaches.

105 The standards set out for mapping streams on topographic maps (Chorely and Dale, 1972;
106 Drummond, 1974; Mark, 1983; USGS, 1999; 2009) suggest the following in regards to the
107 topographic maps and NHD coverage of headwater streams: 1) ephemeral channels were meant
108 to be excluded, but could be mistakenly depicted as a result of flow permanence overestimation;

109 2) individual stream segments recognized as being too short or minor or too close to the
110 watershed boundary were excluded; 3) recognition and delineation of headwater streams may
111 vary because of physiographic properties and seasonality (including the visibility of streams
112 through forest canopies when interpreting from stereo orthophotographs); and 4) fewer
113 headwater streams would be delineated on the 1:100,000-scale maps than on 1:24,000-scale
114 maps. These suggest that the NHD will underestimate the true extent of headwater streams on
115 the landscape, but the documentation of headwater streams will be non-randomly distributed due
116 to the variability of mapping accuracy within the NHD. In fact, previous studies across various
117 geographic areas have consistently found that the extent of headwater streams depicted by the
118 NHD and on topographic maps fall short compared to that determined from field surveys
119 (Morisawa, 1957; Coates, 1958; Hansen, 2001; Heine et al., 2004; Roy et al., 2009; Brooks and
120 Colburn, 2011). Despite these limitations, the NHD is still the most comprehensive digital
121 source currently available for the extent and permanence of headwater streams in the US
122 (Nadeau and Rains, 2007).

123 Recognizing the limitations of hydrography databases and maps in representing the actual
124 extent and flow permanence of headwaters is important for several reasons. In particular
125 because headwater streams represent a dominant interface between terrestrial and freshwater
126 ecosystems, hydrology is a critical factor influencing pattern and process in river networks, and
127 hydrography is a fundamental tool used in water resource monitoring, modeling, and decision
128 making. The objective of this study was to compare the extent and permanence of headwater
129 streams from field surveys to existing values from national databases and maps. Here we present
130 two case studies comparing the extent and permanence of headwater streams to existing
131 hydrography resources. The first case study used geographical and hydrological data from a

132 study on indicators of hydrologic permanence for forested headwater streams (Fritz et al., 2006;
133 Fritz et al., 2008), hereafter referred to as the Headwater Intermittent Stream Study (HISS). The
134 second case study incorporated data from a study assessing the discriminatory ability of the
135 Streamflow Duration Assessment Method (SDAM), a rapid field-based protocol for classifying
136 the hydrologic permanence of streams in Oregon (Nadeau, 2011).

137 METHODS

138 Our approach for evaluating the ability of existing maps to represent headwater stream
139 characteristics consisted of three types of analyses. First, we compared the permanence class
140 (perennial, intermittent, or ephemeral) of headwater reaches as determined by field visits with
141 the permanence class as documented by various map resources. For this analysis, data from the
142 two field studies (HISS and SDAM) were separately compared to data from six different
143 resources (Table S1). Second, network measures of stream order and link magnitude (HISS data
144 only) were compared across mapping resources for each field study. Lastly, we compared
145 channel lengths (total and by flow permanence class) derived from field surveys to those from
146 existing map resources for the catchments containing the nine HISS study forests. The HISS and
147 SDAM analyses are further described below.

148 *HISS study*

149 The HISS sites included 29 headwater streams from nine mesic forests across the
150 contiguous US (Figure 1). All streams drained catchments with >90% forest cover. Seventeen
151 headwater streams from four of the forests (core forests) were monitored for two years (2003 and
152 2004) and the 12 streams in the remaining five forests (satellite forests) were monitored only one
153 year (2005). Three to four discontinuously spaced stream reaches (30 m long) were positioned
154 longitudinally along each of the headwater streams to establish a range in hydrologic

155 permanence (Fritz et al., 2006). There were a total of 105 stream reaches. The coordinates were
156 recorded for each stream reach using handheld GPS units (WorldNavigator, Teletype Co.,
157 Boston, Massachusetts) on personal digital assistants and confirmed with concordance to local
158 topography (Pocket Navigator, Maptech, Inc. Amesbury, Massachusetts). Coordinates were also
159 recorded for channel heads of each stream in the core forests and the Illinois satellite forest.
160 Hydrologic permanence for each of the resulting 105 reaches was determined and recorded as
161 continuous surface flow, interstitial flow (i.e., most of the streambed in shallow habitat units is
162 exposed but flow in these units is visible as trickles or rivulets between stones and/or flow is
163 visible at the tail and head of pools), isolated pools, or dry based on at least two field
164 observations per year. Using spring (April-May) and summer (August-September) field
165 observations of hydrologic status, reaches were classified as having perennial, intermittent, and
166 ephemeral flow regimes. Perennial reaches had either surface flow or interstitial flow during
167 both spring and summer observations. Intermittent reaches had flow during spring but either had
168 isolated pools or were dry in summer. Ephemeral reaches did not have flow during either
169 summer or spring observations. These class assignments based on observations had >80%
170 agreement with the flow classification (following definitions in Hedman and Osterkamp 1982) of
171 reaches using continuous monitoring data (electrical resistance sensors and data loggers)
172 collected at a subset of 69 reaches (Fritz et al., 2006).

173 We generated synthetic stream networks for each forest using the Arc Hydro Tools
174 extension (<http://resources.arcgis.com/content/hydro/surface-water/about>) within ArcGIS 10.0
175 (ESRI, Redlands, California). Ten meter digital elevation models (DEMs;
176 <http://seamless.usgs.gov/>) were obtained from the National Elevation Dataset (NED) for the
177 encompassing study forest catchments. Our original intent was to delineate study catchments for

178 each forest using the encompassing 12-digit Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUCs;
179 <http://nationalmap.gov/viewer.html>). However, due to clear discrepancies in the extent of
180 headwater streams depicted among adjacent county-level NRCS soil maps (which were digitized
181 and georeferenced in ArcGIS 10.0) for portions of the study networks within the 12-digit HUCs,
182 we chose not to use entire encompassing 12-digit HUCs. Therefore, we extracted and processed
183 stream networks for portions of the encompassing 12-digit HUCs that had county-level soil maps
184 that comparably depicted the extent of headwater streams. We estimated the extent of
185 ephemeral, intermittent and perennial channels within the study catchments by plotting the
186 coordinates for study reaches and origins and determining the flow accumulation coefficients
187 (FAC) that extended the stream network to within ± 10 m of these coordinates. The FAC
188 represents the threshold of the cumulative number of DEM grid cells required to initiate the
189 formation of a stream channel or to reach the origins of perennial or intermittent flow. Where
190 applicable, the origins of the ephemeral, intermittent and perennial flow (sensu Paybins, 2003)
191 were represented as the upstream-most locations having the respective flow permanence field
192 designations. Where we recorded coordinates for multiple channel origins, origins of
193 intermittent flow, and/or origins of perennial flow within a stream network, we determined the
194 range of estimated channel lengths for a given flow class. For each flow class, we determined
195 the best estimate of associated channel length within the networks by identifying the FAC that 1)
196 best described the network structure by incorporating the most field determined tributaries and 2)
197 best estimated the field determined extent of the tributary lengths. To correct for the additional
198 stream length created due to the use of a grid-based stream network, all final generated stream
199 networks were simplified using the “simplify line” tool. A maximum allowable offset value of

200 10 meters was used in the creation of the simplified stream network to control the streams from
201 being oversimplified.

202 We compared the total stream lengths from the generated stream networks to those
203 delineated in the high- and medium-resolution NHD flowlines (1:24,000 and 1:100,000 scales,
204 respectively); and to digitized NRCS (1:15,840 scale) stream networks. Field-based
205 determinations of flow permanence class at each reach were compared to flow permanence
206 classes assigned to reaches in the high- and medium-resolution NHD, USGS topographic maps
207 (1:24,000 and 1:100,000 scales), and the digitized NRCS stream networks. Because the NHD,
208 USGS topographic and NRCS soil maps do not delineate streams as being ephemeral, in our
209 comparisons we assumed that stream reaches in our synthetic networks that were not delineated
210 by the NHD or on maps were recognized by those sources as ephemeral stream reaches. In other
211 words, our assessment of permanence classification did not penalize the hydrographic resources
212 for not delineating reaches with ephemeral flow. However, disagreement with our field
213 determinations can result where the hydrography resources depicts ephemeral streams as having
214 intermittent or perennial flow. Lastly for each study reach we compared Strahler stream order
215 and link magnitude determined from the generated stream networks to those determined from the
216 networks delineated in the high- and medium-resolution NHD, USGS topographic and NRCS
217 soil maps. Reaches not depicted in the NHD or on maps were designated as zero-order reaches
218 by the NHD or maps.

219 *SDAM study*

220 The second case study focused on headwater streams in Oregon and will hereafter be
221 referred to as SDAM. For this case study we probabilistically selected study reaches from a
222 population of reaches in Oregon that were stratified to ensure a wide range of flow permanence.

223 In order to logistically achieve a large sample size, the surveyed population included only
224 headwater reaches that intersected with the census 2000 road network (i.e., primary, secondary,
225 and local, no interstate roads). The population of headwater reaches included three groups. Two
226 of the groups were perennial and intermittent streams delineated on the high-resolution NHD
227 (1:24,000) that intersected with the road network and were near NHD intermittent-perennial
228 transitions and delineated stream (“blue line”) origins. The third group was stream-road
229 intersections generated from a synthetic, extended stream network. We generated the extended
230 stream network using the 30-m DEM to extract a statewide raster linear stream network from a
231 gridded flow accumulation dataset and set a 10-ha minimum drainage area threshold. Strahler
232 stream order was assigned to each segment of the synthetic network. We then identified all the
233 additional first-order streams that intersected roads in the extended network. A total of 187
234 headwater stream reaches were geographically located using GPS between August 2008 and
235 October 2009. Of those, 178 were surveyed during at least one late-summer (i.e., the dry season)
236 period and one early-spring (i.e., the wet season) period to characterize hydrologic permanence.
237 Drainage areas for the sites ranged from 0.01 to 478.5 km². We used a combination of dry and
238 wet season assessments of hydrologic condition as described above, electrical resistance sensor
239 data and subsurface (i.e., hyporheic) flow measurements to characterize flow permanence as
240 being ephemeral, intermittent or perennial at the 178 reaches. Hyporheic flow was documented
241 where surface water was observed flowing into alluvium and returning to the surface
242 downstream. Stones on the streambed surface were moved or shallow pits dug in the streambed
243 to confirm the presence of hyporheic flow. Of the 178 reaches, 88 were located east and 90 were
244 located west of the Cascade Range. Generally, areas east of the Cascades are drier than areas to
245 the west due to the rain shadow created by the mountain range. Reach lengths surveyed were

246 either 35 to 40 times the channel width or 30 m, whichever was longer. Reaches were positioned
247 sufficiently upstream of road crossings to reduce the effect road crossings may have had on
248 hydrologic permanence. Field-based determinations of flow permanence were compared to the
249 delineations in the high- and medium-resolution NHD (ArcGIS 9.2 and the ArcHydro tools
250 extension, ESRI, Redlands, California) and on USGS quadrangles (1:24,000, 1:100,000, and
251 1:250,000 scales; Terrain Navigator, MyTopo, Billings, Montana). Because the NHD and USGS
252 topographic maps do not include most ephemeral streams, in our comparisons we assumed that
253 stream reaches not delineated by NHD or on maps were recognized by those sources as
254 ephemeral stream reaches. Strahler stream order determined from the NHD and topographic
255 maps was also determined for each site and compared between resolutions.

256 RESULTS

257 *HISS*

258 Total annual and summer precipitation was above normal during the study years except
259 in Washington and Illinois where conditions were dry compared to historic levels (Table 1). Of
260 the 105 headwater stream reaches surveyed, 41% and 71% were not delineated (i.e., no stream
261 lines) as part of the high- and medium-resolution NHD channel networks, respectively (Table 2).
262 As expected, similar percentages of the reaches were not delineated on USGS 1:24,000- (43%)
263 and 1:100,000-scale (72%) topographic maps. Of the 43 reaches not delineated as stream
264 channel by the high-resolution NHD (i.e., those we coded as ephemeral), 14 and 7 were field-
265 determined to have intermittent and perennial flow, respectively. The medium-resolution NHD
266 did not delineate 29 and 24 reaches that were field-determined to have intermittent and perennial
267 flow, respectively. Overall there was approximately 55% and 38% agreement on permanence
268 classification between the field determination and the high- and medium-resolution NHD,

269 respectively (Table 2). The disagreement between NHD and field-based classifications was
270 mainly a result of the NHD tending to underestimate permanence (40% and 58% for high and
271 medium resolutions, respectively) relative to the field determinations (Table 2). While
272 permanence classifications from the soil maps had low agreement (30%) with the field
273 determinations, the extent of the stream networks from the soil maps were more complete than
274 the NHD or topographic maps, delineating approximately 79% of the study reaches as channels
275 in stream networks (Table 2).

276 Drainage density (i.e., total channel length divided by drainage area) based on best
277 channel length estimates for the synthetic stream networks across the 9 forests (Table 3) ranged
278 from 2.9 to 9.9 km/km². Source areas for surveyed channel heads ranged from 0.006 km² in
279 Indiana to 0.015 km² in southeast Ohio. The percentage of total stream length that had
280 temporary flow regimes (i.e., ephemeral and intermittent) based on best estimates ranged from
281 33% to 93% (Table 3). Seven of the nine forests were estimated to have substantially greater
282 (201% to 423%) total channel lengths compared to lengths on the high-resolution NHD (Table 4,
283 Figure 2). However, 51 to 71% of the channel length for the synthetic networks was ephemeral
284 and therefore not included in the high-resolution NHD. The differences in combined lengths of
285 intermittent and perennial reaches between synthetic and high-resolution NHD networks varied
286 greatly among forests (Table 4). For instance, the combined lengths of intermittent and perennial
287 channels were comparable between high-resolution NHD and synthetic networks for the forests
288 in Indiana and south central Ohio, but these lengths differed greatly for other locations such as
289 Kentucky and West Virginia.

290 The distributions of stream order differences for the 105 reaches between the synthetic
291 networks and the NHD and topographic networks were positively skewed (Figure 3). The

292 median difference in stream order was one between the synthetic networks and the NHD and
293 topographic networks across the 105 reaches, but was more positively skewed for the medium
294 resolution than the high resolution. Strahler stream order designation based on the high-
295 resolution NHD network agreed with the synthetic network for ~14% of the study sites. The
296 percent agreement for stream order designation was twice as high between the soil map network
297 and the synthetic network and the median difference was zero. The link magnitudes of the study
298 reaches depicted on soil map networks were also more comparable to the synthetic networks than
299 to those derived from NHD and USGS topographic networks (Figure 4). Only 6 of the 105 study
300 reaches had the same link magnitude derived from the synthetic and high-resolution NHD
301 networks compared to 28 reaches having the same derived from the synthetic and soil map
302 networks.

303 *SDAM*

304 Total annual precipitation for Oregon was below normal (lower tercile of NCDC data) in
305 2008 and 2009. There were 37 (21%) and 122 (68%) reaches that were not delineated (i.e., no
306 stream line and so classified as ephemeral) on the high- and medium-resolution NHD,
307 respectively (Table 5, Figure 5 shown as zero-order streams). Of the 37 reaches not delineated
308 on the high-resolution NHD, only 7 and 3 were determined to be intermittent and perennial,
309 respectively. However, over half (i.e., 63 of 122) of the stream reaches not delineated on the
310 medium-resolution NHD were either intermittent or perennial (Table 5). Out of the 178 sites,
311 43%, 66% and 82% were not delineated as streams on USGS 1:24,000-, 1:100,000- and
312 1:250,000-scale topographic maps, respectively (Table 5, Figure 5 shown as zero-order streams).

313 The overall percent agreement for permanence classification between the field
314 determinations and the high- and medium-resolution NHD was 42% and 51%, respectively

315 (Table 5). Across all reaches, the high-resolution NHD generally overestimated flow
316 permanence relative to field determinations, including 43 ephemeral reaches classified as being
317 either intermittent or perennial, whereas the medium-resolution NHD tended to underestimate
318 flow permanence. The overall percent agreement of flow permanence classification between
319 field determinations and the high-resolution NHD across the reaches was 44 and 40% for reaches
320 east and west of the Cascades, respectively. However, the NHD classifications tended to
321 overestimate permanence (i.e., 51% out of a total of 56% disagreement) east of the Cascades,
322 whereas disagreement west of the Cascades was more balanced between overestimation and
323 underestimation of permanence (37% and 23% out of a total of 60% disagreement, respectively).

324 The overall percent agreement of flow permanence classifications between those on
325 USGS topographic maps and our field determinations ranged from 42 to 50%, and the
326 percentage of permanence underestimation tended to increase with decreasing resolution (Table
327 5). The overall percent agreement for the 1:24,000-scale topographic maps (50%) was more
328 similar to that of the medium-resolution NHD (51%) than that of the high-resolution NHD
329 (42%). However, percent agreement of flow permanence classifications for only reaches we
330 determined in the field to be intermittent or perennial was comparable for the high-resolution
331 NHD (44%) and the 1:24,000-scale topographic maps (45%). These were higher than those for
332 medium-resolution NHD (30%), 1:100,000-scale maps (20%), and 1:250,000-scale maps (14%).

333 The median difference of Stahler stream order designations between high- and medium-
334 resolution NHD for the SDAM study reaches was one stream order, but ranged from being
335 identical to being as different as four stream orders (Figure 6A) even when considering only
336 those reaches determined to be perennial (Figure 6B). There was less discrepancy between
337 stream order determined from 1:24,000- and 1:100,000-scale USGS topographic maps where the

338 median difference was zero and ranged from zero to three stream orders for all reaches (Figure
339 6C) and up to two stream orders for perennial reaches (Figure 6D).

340 DISCUSSION

341 Channel extent and flow class are two fundamental pieces of hydrography information
342 that can be used and evaluated from mapping resources. In both case studies described here, a
343 substantial number of headwater streams were not depicted on the NHD and topographic maps.
344 Brooks and Colburn (2011) determined the upstream extent of 83% of surveyed streams in a
345 385-km² watershed in north-central Massachusetts were underestimated based on blue line
346 designations on USGS topographical maps. As expected, the extent of headwater channels
347 depicted by existing mapping resources tended to increase with higher mapping resolution (e.g.,
348 1:24,000 scale > 1:100,000 scale). This is consistent with findings of previous studies in coastal
349 Oregon (Vance-Borland et al., 2009) and in Colorado (Caruso and Haynes, 2011), where
350 1:100,000-scale maps portrayed only one-third to half the channel length depicted on 1:24,000-
351 scale maps. While the extent of headwater channels depicted on NRCS maps (1:15,840 scale)
352 for the HISS study locations was often much more detailed than those in the NHD and on
353 topographic maps, there were also study locations where the opposite was true (e.g., Washington,
354 New Hampshire). Field surveys in three physiographic provinces in North Carolina determined
355 that NRCS soil maps tended to overestimate the extent of streams, whereas the high-resolution
356 NHD (1:24,000 scale) tended to underestimate them (Colson et al., 2008). Field data from the
357 Chattooga River Basin in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina indicated that the
358 1:100,000- and 1:24,000-scale topographic maps only identified 14% and 21% of the stream
359 network, respectively (Hansen, 2001). These values fall within the ranges for the medium- (7% -

360 18%) and high-resolution NHD (21 – 33%) we estimated for the seven HISS forests that
361 included ephemeral channel lengths (excludes Washington and New Hampshire).

362 Flow classification from existing mapping resources only agreed with ~50% of our field
363 determinations across almost 300 headwater reaches. For both case studies, reaches that were
364 determined in the field to be ephemeral were rarely depicted as perennial reaches by mapping
365 resources. Far more common than these were unmapped perennial reaches. The way in which
366 high resolution flow classifications differed from our field determinations generally differed
367 between case studies. Classifications from the NHD and maps tended to underestimate flow
368 permanence relative to HISS field determinations, whereas those for the SDAM reaches tend to
369 overestimate flow permanence. This may be explained in part because the HISS sites were
370 largely in mesic continental regions, whereas the SDAM sites included more coastal and arid
371 regions in Oregon. Previous field surveys across 12 western states also indicated a tendency for
372 the medium-resolution NHD to overestimate hydrologic permanence in arid regions (Stoddard et
373 al., 2005). They found that 30% of the perennial stream lengths depicted on the medium-
374 resolution NHD were determined to be intermittent or ephemeral in the field whereas only 7% of
375 the intermittent stream lengths were found to be perennial (Stoddard et al., 2005). Precipitation
376 at most HISS study locations during field determinations was also above normal, whereas
377 rainfall was below normal across Oregon during the SDAM surveys. Land cover for HISS
378 watersheds was forest, whereas the SDAM catchments drained a broad range of land covers and
379 uses. Headwater streams in forested catchments may have been more difficult for cartographers
380 to discern in orthophotographs than those in non-forested catchments. Inconsistent interpretation
381 among cartographers (Leopold 1994) and varying source material for different parts of the
382 country is another possible explanation for the difference in how the NHD flow classifications

383 disagreed with field determinations between the case studies. The high-resolution NHD for
384 Oregon was based on the best available source dataset, so for some portions of Oregon the NHD
385 delineates more first-order streams than it does for other portions of Oregon and the United
386 States in general (D. Wickwire, Bureau of Land Management, September 5, 2012, personal
387 communication). The NHD is the most comprehensive digital hydrography source for making
388 broad comparisons in the US; however users making regional comparisons might implicitly
389 assume that any error or bias would be systematic across the database. Our findings point out
390 that errors/bias for flow classification of headwater streams is not systematic and argue for
391 careful scrutiny of NHD-based results.

392 Ephemeral channel represented at least half of the estimated total length in six of the nine
393 HISS synthetic networks and most of that length was not depicted on existing mapping
394 resources. The combined lengths of intermittent and perennial channel depicted in the medium-
395 resolution NHD for each location were also lower than those from our synthetic networks.
396 Unlike channel extent, agreement in terms of flow permanence did not necessarily increase with
397 mapping resolution. For example, there was higher overall agreement between SDAM field
398 determinations and classifications from the medium resolution than from the high-resolution
399 NHD. There was also higher agreement between the HISS field determinations and
400 classification from the 1:24,000-scale topographic maps than from the 1:15,840-scale NRCS
401 maps. In both cases the greater disagreement stemmed from the higher resolution source tending
402 to overestimate flow permanence for headwater reaches. Stream length within a Chattooga basin
403 having temporary flow regimes was estimated to represent 72% of the entire stream network
404 (Hansen, 2001) and was within the range we determined from the HISS case study.

405 Although there are limitations of using stream order to characterize and compare streams,
406 it is a practical way to stratify stream size (Hughes et al., 2011) and is used as a criterion in
407 jurisdictional determinations (Caruso and Haynes, 2011). The synthetic networks we derived for
408 the HISS locations suggest that most first-order channels are not portrayed in the NHD and on
409 topographic maps, and that many of these are ephemeral. The median stream order difference
410 between field and NHD designations was one stream order for the high- and medium-resolution
411 NHD, but differences could be as high as four stream orders. This is consistent with previous
412 literature dealing with the influence of mapping scale on stream order characterization
413 (Scheidegger, 1966; Hughes and Omernick, 1983). Because we did not survey upstream of the
414 SDAM study reaches, we were unable to determine stream order from the field, however given
415 their small sizes it is likely that most of the channels were first and second order. Based on
416 1:12,000-scale topographic maps, first- and second-order streams represented about 79% of the
417 total length of coastal and Cascade stream networks in Oregon (Boehne and House, 1983). A
418 field survey of stream channels in the Chattooga River Basin in Georgia, South Carolina and
419 North Carolina determined that 78% of streams were first order and contributed to 59% of the
420 total stream length in the basin (Hansen, 2001). If we assume that all first-order channels are
421 ephemeral, then first-order channels contributed between 49% and 71% of the total length of the
422 HISS networks that had ephemeral channels. However, this range is likely conservative because
423 there were first-order reaches with intermittent and perennial flow and flow class transitions are
424 not limited to confluences where stream order increases.

425 The discrepancies in channel extent and flow class between NHD resolutions has large
426 implications because the medium-resolution NHD has been used to design national water quality
427 monitoring (Paulsen et al., 2008) and model transport and transformation across landscapes (e.g.,

428 Alexander et al., 2007). This excludes a substantial portion of river networks from assessment
429 and potentially underestimates the mediating role of headwater streams as the interface between
430 uplands and downstream waters (Benstead and Leigh 2012). The difference in extent between
431 these NHD resolutions also has large implications on the conservation of aquatic fauna such that
432 critical habitat may be excluded from management plans (e.g., Wigington et al., 2006). Using
433 the medium-resolution NHD, Nadeau and Rains (2007) calculated that 53% (2,900,000 km) of
434 the total stream length in the continental US were headwater (first order) streams and 50% of
435 these were ephemeral and intermittent. Our findings suggest that most streams depicted on the
436 medium-resolution NHD as first-order streams would be determined to be second-order streams
437 in the field and that most first-order channels are not depicted in the medium-resolution NHD.
438 The percentage of reaches that were not depicted in the medium-resolution NHD as channels but
439 were determined to be perennial were 32% (24/75) and 25% (30/122) for HISS and SDAM case
440 studies, respectively. Therefore, the percentage of first-order streams with ephemeral and
441 intermittent flow may be on the order of 68% - 75% based on our findings from these case
442 studies. This is likely a conservative estimate given that we did not have study areas in the more
443 arid regions like the Great Plains and the American Southwest, where higher percentages of first-
444 order streams would be expected to have ephemeral and intermittent flow. Also our estimates of
445 channel length from the HISS case study indicate that the medium-resolution NHD depicts a
446 small percentage (as low as 0 to 15%) of the ephemeral and intermittent channel length in some
447 forested areas.

448 Existing mapping approaches for channel extent largely depend on identifying the
449 location of channel heads in the landscape. However, in most regions this does not provide the
450 details necessary to characterize flow permanence among headwater reaches of a stream

451 network. The hydrology of most headwater streams is notoriously more variable than larger
452 downstream rivers. For example, surface flow in stream networks draining agricultural
453 catchments in western Oregon expands almost by two orders of magnitude from the dry summers
454 to the wet winters (Wigington et al., 2005). Several field studies have characterized where
455 intermittent flow and perennial flow originate along headwater streams and many of these utilize
456 basin and geomorphic measurements, such as drainage area, drainage density and entrenchment
457 ratio (Paybins, 2003; Rivenbark and Jackson, 2004; Svec et al., 2005; Olson and Brouillette,
458 2006; Fritz et al., 2008). Although the probability of perennial flow generally increases with
459 increasing drainage area and channel size, thresholds and their probability distributions vary
460 among regions because of differences in climate, topography, soils and geology (Winter, 2007;
461 Jaeger et al., 2007). For example, streams having a 70% probability of being perennial in coastal
462 Oregon had a drainage area of only 0.04 km² (Clarke et al., 2008), whereas in Massachusetts, the
463 equivalent probability of being perennial is associated with streams having a drainage area of 1.5
464 km² (Bent and Steeves, 2006). Even within regions there are local factors such as bedrock
465 fractures, headcuts and sediment deposits which govern the distribution of perennial surface flow
466 in headwater streams (Anderson et al., 1997; Steinheimer et al., 1998; Hunter et al., 2005).

467 Land use and human alteration of headwater channels can also influence the permanence
468 of flows in headwater streams. For example, vegetation changes can alter evapotranspiration
469 losses and therefore surface water yields (Stednick, 1996, Hibbs et al. 2012). Urban
470 development can decrease flow permanence by reducing groundwater recharge, however leaky
471 infrastructure and greater channel incision may sustain surface flows in urban headwater streams.
472 The mean drainage area associated with perennial streams in urban areas of the Cincinnati, Ohio
473 metropolitan area was 0.48 km², whereas it was 0.31 km² for forested areas (Roy et al., 2009).

474 Using a field-validated synthetic network, the combination of stream burial and alteration of flow
475 permanence in urban areas lead to an estimated decrease of 93% of ephemeral and 46% of
476 intermittent channels but an increase of 22% of perennial channels compared to forested areas
477 (Roy et al., 2009). It was clear from this study and others that most mapping studies of
478 headwater streams have been done over relatively small areas and where catchments have natural
479 land cover. However, together these studies do illustrate the limitations associated with the
480 existing databases, provide some sense of how the true extent and flow permanence varies across
481 the US and ways in which the national inventory can be improved.

482 Hydrogeographic databases are important tools for the regulating and regulated
483 community. Regardless whether or not headwater streams are deemed jurisdictional waters, a
484 database that accurately delineates these water bodies would alleviate, or provide an objective
485 means for prioritizing, field visits to confirm existence and associated hydrology. Models,
486 sampling designs or management plans based on limited hydrography will either exclude a
487 significant proportion of the stream network or lump headwater streams with surrounding
488 uplands despite having very different hydrogeomorphic processes and connections (Bishop et al.,
489 2008). Our findings should caution users of hydrographic databases and maps regarding the
490 portrayal of the extent, flow permanence, and topology of headwater stream networks. The
491 cartographic origins of the NHD limit this database from characterizing the extent and
492 permanence of many headwater streams. Depicting the geographic extent and flow permanence
493 are fundamental to understanding the cumulative contributions of headwater streams to
494 navigable water bodies. Compared to perennial and even intermittent counterparts, we know
495 relatively little about the ecology of headwater ephemeral channels which are especially absent
496 from existing hydrographic resources. There have been recent developments in methods to

497 characterize the extent and flow permanence of water resources (e.g., James et al., 2007; Turner
498 and Richter, 2011; Jaeger and Olden, 2012), but there is a need to expand the application of such
499 tools over larger spatial scales in an effort to improve the accuracy of national hydrographic
500 resources.

501 Supporting Information

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693 Table 1. Precipitation ranks (1 = wettest year or summer on record) derived from nearby
 694 National Weather Service stations with daily records >50 y. na = not available (National
 695 Weather Service data incomplete), - = not applicable to study periods because survey data were
 696 collected before that period.

Study location	Year	Precipitation ranks (rank / y on record)	
		Annual	June - September
IN	2003	20/101	15/108
	2004	35/101	55/108
KY	2003	18/71	14/78
	2004	2/71	8/78
SC OH	2003	na	10/95
	2004	19/84	40/95
SE OH	2003	1/75	3/80
	2004	2/75	5/80
IL	2004	50/60	64/67
	2005	44/60	-
NH	2005	1/66	7/69
VT	2005	18/103	31/104
WA	2004	48/58	9/62
	2005	49/58	-
WV	2004	5/79	13/80
	2005	17/79	-

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698 Table 2. Confusion matrices for 105 HISS headwater reaches comparing field determined
699 hydrologic permanence and information from the National Hydrographic Dataset (NHD;
700 1:24,000 scale [high resolution] and 1:100, 000 scale [medium resolution]) from topographic
701 maps (1:24,000 and 1:100,000 scales), and from digitized National Resources Conservation
702 Service (NRCS) soil maps (1:15,840 scale). Notes: E = ephemeral (no Fcode in NHD or no line
703 on maps), I = intermittent (Fcode = 46003 or line dashed on maps), and P = perennial (Fcode =
704 46006 or line solid on maps). Bold values are the number of reaches with agreement between
705 field determination and NHD or map hydrologic permanence classes. Errors of omission
706 describe the instances where the mapping resource omitted reaches of a flow class that were
707 classified in the field whereas errors of commission describe the instances where the mapping
708 resource falsely identifies the flow class of reaches documented in the field. Overestimate
709 describes the percentage of sites where the predicted class from the database or maps had higher
710 permanence than that determined in the field (sum of sites to the right of the diagonal divided by
711 the matrix total (105)). Underestimate describes the percentage of sites where the predicted class
712 from the database or maps had lower permanence than that determined in the field (sum of sites
713 to the left of the diagonal divided by the matrix total (105)).
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Field determination	NHD high			
	E	I	P	Errors of omission
E	22	0	0	0/22 = 0.0%
I	14	20	5	19/39 = 48.7%
P	7	21	16	28/44 = 63.6%
Errors of commission	21/43 = 48.8%	21/41 = 51.2%	5/21 = 31.2%	Overall disagreement: 44.8% overestimate: 4.8% underestimate: 40.0%

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Field determination	NHD medium			
	E	I	P	Errors of omission
E	22	0	0	0/22 = 0.0%
I	29	6	4	33/39 = 15.4%
P	24	8	12	32/44 = 72.7%
Errors of commission	53/75 = 70.7%	8/14 = 57.1%	4/16 = 25.0%	Overall disagreement: 61.9% overestimate: 3.8% underestimate: 58.1%

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Field determination	1:24K TOPO			
	E	I	P	Errors of omission
E	22	0	0	0/22 = 0.0%
I	16	16	7	23/39 = 59.0%
P	7	11	26	18/44 = 40.9%
Errors of commission	23/45 = 51.1%	11/27 = 40.7%	7/33 = 21.2%	Overall disagreement: 39.0% overestimate: 6.7% underestimate: 32.4%

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Field determination	1:100K TOPO			
	E	I	P	Errors of omission
E	21	0	1	1/22 = 4.5%
I	31	4	4	35/39 = 89.7%
P	24	6	14	30/44 = 68.2%
Errors of commission	55/76 = 72.4%	6/10 = 60.0%	5/19 = 26.3%	Overall disagreement: 62.8% overestimate: 4.8% underestimate: 58.1%

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Field determination	NRCS			
	E	I	P	Errors of omission
E	7	14	1	15/22 = 68.2%
I	10	22	7	17/39 = 43.6%
P	5	36	3	41/44 = 93.2%
Errors of commission	15/22 = 68.2%	50/72 = 69.4%	8/11 = 72.7%	Overall disagreement: 69.5% overestimate: 20.9% underestimate: 48.6%

741 Table 3. Best estimate of generated channel lengths (ranges) for the nine HISS networks. Notes: Best estimated
 742 lengths were generated from the flow accumulation coefficients that best captured the field survey of origins, see text
 743 for more details. Ranges are shown for networks where multiple origins of a flow type were surveyed. E = ephemeral;
 744 I = intermittent; and P = perennial.

Study location	Area (km ²)	Best estimated length (range; km)			Total
		E	I	P	
IN ¹	100.6	361.2 (361.2 – 618.8)	156.1 (111.8 – 193.3)	38.4	555.7 (511.4 – 850.6)
KY ¹	30.8	112.2 (86.3 - 141.2)	53.6 (52.6 – 70.2)	31.5 (25.1 – 47.8)	197.3 (164.0 – 259.1)
SC OH ¹	30.1	111.8 (94.6 – 214.1)	0.0	46.5 (45.0 – 51.7)	158.3 (139.6 – 265.8)
SE OH ¹	45.5	269.0 (242.1 – 310.9)	141.7 (76.1 – 193.9)	38.6 (26.5 – 46.6)	449.4 (344.7 – 551.4)
IL ¹	95.5	246.0 (154.4 – 532.8)	212.4 (205.0 – 266.9)	44.7	503.1 (404.1 – 844.3)
NH	36.7	-	43.8	33.0	76.8
VT	41.2	113.6	72.2	25.5	211.3
WA	46.9	-	45.0	91.2 (43.6 – 91.2)	136.2 (88.6 – 136.2)
WV	80.5	183.0 (121.7 – 313.1)	0.0	177.7 (121.7 – 283.0)	360.7 (243.4 – 596.1)

745 ¹ Total lengths based on distances downstream from the surveyed channel head origins, remaining forests based on downstream
 746 distances from the upstream-most reaches surveyed.

747 Table 4. Percent differences between best estimated lengths from generated (Table 3) and
 748 mapped stream lengths for total channel length and intermittent and perennial channel length
 749 (I+P) from areas draining the nine HISS locations. Notes: Mapped stream lengths derived from
 750 the medium- (1:100,000 scale) and high-(1:24,000 scale) resolution National Hydrography
 751 Dataset (NHD) and from digitized National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil maps
 752 (1:15,840 scale).

Study location	NHD medium		NHD high		NRCS	
	% difference		% difference		% difference	
	Total	I+P	Total	I+P	Total	I+P
IN	1331.0	401.0	210.4	8.7	-6.6	-67.3
KY	542.2	176.9	373.4	104.2	126.8	-2.2
SC OH	496.5	75.2	267.2	7.8	14.2	-66.5
SE OH	974.0	331.1	423.7	110.2	147.0	-0.8
IL	455.7	183.9	201.9	54.2	15.8	-40.8
NH	-	12.8	-	-11.1	-	50.6
VT	1291.8	543.5	223.1	49.4	275.4	73.6
WA	-	219.1	-	-35.4	-	381.4
WV	459.8	175.8	306.6	100.3	87.8	-7.5

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Table 5. Confusion matrices for 178 headwater streams in Oregon comparing field determined hydrologic permanence and information from the high-(1:24,000 scale) and medium-resolution (1:100,000 scale) National Hydrographic Dataset and from topographic maps (1:24,000, 1:100,000, and 1:250,000 scales). Notes: E = ephemeral (no Fcode in NHD or no line on topographic maps), I = intermittent (Fcode = 46003 or line dashed on topographic maps), and P = perennial (Fcode = 46006 or line solid on topographic maps). Bold values are the number of streams with agreement between field determination and NHD or topographic hydrologic permanence classes. Errors of omission describe the instances where the mapping resource omitted reaches of a flow class that were classified in the field whereas errors of commission describe the instances where the mapping resource falsely identifies the flow class of reaches documented in the field. Overestimate describes the percentage of sites where the predicted class from the database or maps had higher permanence than that determined in the field (sum of sites to the right of the diagonal divided by the matrix total (178)). Underestimate describes the percentage of sites where the predicted class from the database or maps had lower permanence than that determined in the field (sum of sites to the left of the diagonal divided by the matrix total (178)).

Field determination	NHD high			
	E	I	P	Errors of omission
E	27	33	10	43/70 = 61.4%
I	7	21	35	42/63 = 66.7%
P	3	15	27	18/45 = 40.0%
Errors of commission	10/37 = 27.0%	48/69 = 69.6%	45/72 = 62.5%	Overall disagreement: 57.9% overestimate: 43.8% underestimate: 14%

Field determination	NHD medium			
	E	I	P	Errors of omission
E	59	10	1	11/70 = 15.7%
I	33	22	8	41/63 = 65.1%
P	30	5	10	35/45 = 77.8%
Errors of commission	63/122 = 51.6%	15/37 = 40.5%	9/19 = 47.4%	Overall disagreement: 48.9% overestimate: 10.7% underestimate: 38.2%

Field determination	1:24K TOPO			
	E	I	P	Errors of omission
E	40	21	9	30/70 = 42.8%
I	16	25	22	38/63 = 60.3%
P	20	1	24	21/45 = 46.7%
Errors of commission	36/76 = 47.4%	22/47 = 46.8%	31/55 = 56.4%	Overall disagreement: 50.0% overestimate: 29.2% underestimate: 20.8%

Field determination	1:100K TOPO			
	E	I	P	Errors of omission
E	53	0	17	17/70 = 24.3%
I	35	8	20	55/63 = 87.3%
P	30	1	14	31/45 = 68.9%
Errors of commission	65/118 = 55.1%	1/9 = 11.1%	37/51 = 72.5%	Overall disagreement: 57.9% overestimate: 20.8% underestimate: 37.1%

Field determination	1:250K TOPO			
	E	I	P	Errors of omission
E	62	5	3	8/70 = 11.4%
I	50	8	5	55/63 = 87.3%
P	35	3	7	38/45 = 84.4%
Errors of commission	85/147 = 57.8%	8/16 = 50.0%	8/15 = 53.3%	Overall disagreement: 56.7% overestimate: 7.3% underestimate: 49.4%

Figure headings

Figure 1. Study forest locations for the Headwater Intermittent Streams Study (HISS).

Figure 2. Stream networks for a representative portion of the Kentucky study catchment comparing the synthetic stream network generated from field surveys of channel and flow origins (A), the digitized National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil map (B; 1:15,840 scale), the high-resolution National Hydrogeography Dataset (NHD) flowlines (C; 1:24,000 scale), and the medium-resolution NHD flowlines (D; 1:100,000 scale).

Figure 3. Distribution of Strahler stream order differences for the 105 HISS reaches based on the synthetic stream network generated from field surveys and stream networks from the high-resolution (1:24,000 scale) National Hydrogeography Dataset (NHD; A), medium-resolution (1:100,000 scale) NHD (B), USGS 1:24,000-scale topographic maps (C), USGS 1:100,000-scale topographic maps (D), and digitized NRCS 1:15,840-scale soil maps (E).

Figure 4. Biplots of the link magnitude of the 105 HISS study reaches for the generated synthetic stream networks compared to the high-resolution (1:24,000 scale) National Hydrogeography Dataset (NHD; A), medium-resolution (1:100,000 scale) NHD (B), USGS 1:24,000-scale topographic maps (C), USGS 1:100,000-scale topographic maps (D), and digitized National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil map (1:15,840 scale, E). The dashed lines represent 1:1.

Figure 5. Percent distribution of all Oregon study reaches ($n = 187$) across Strahler stream order based on the high- (1:24,000 scale) and medium-resolution (1:100,000 scale) National Hydrographic Dataset (NHD) and USGS topographic maps (1:24,000, 1:100,000, and 1:250,000 scales). Reaches shown as zero-order streams were not delineated as streams by NHD (no Fcode) or on topographic maps (no blue line).

Figure 6. Distribution of Strahler stream order differences of the Oregon study reaches based on stream networks from the high-resolution (1:24,000 scale) National Hydrogeography Dataset (NHD) and medium-resolution (1:100,000 scale) NHD for all reaches (n = 187; A) and for only perennial reaches (n = 50; B); from USGS 1:24,000- and 1:100,000-scale topographic maps for all reaches (C) and for only perennial reaches (D).

Figure 1

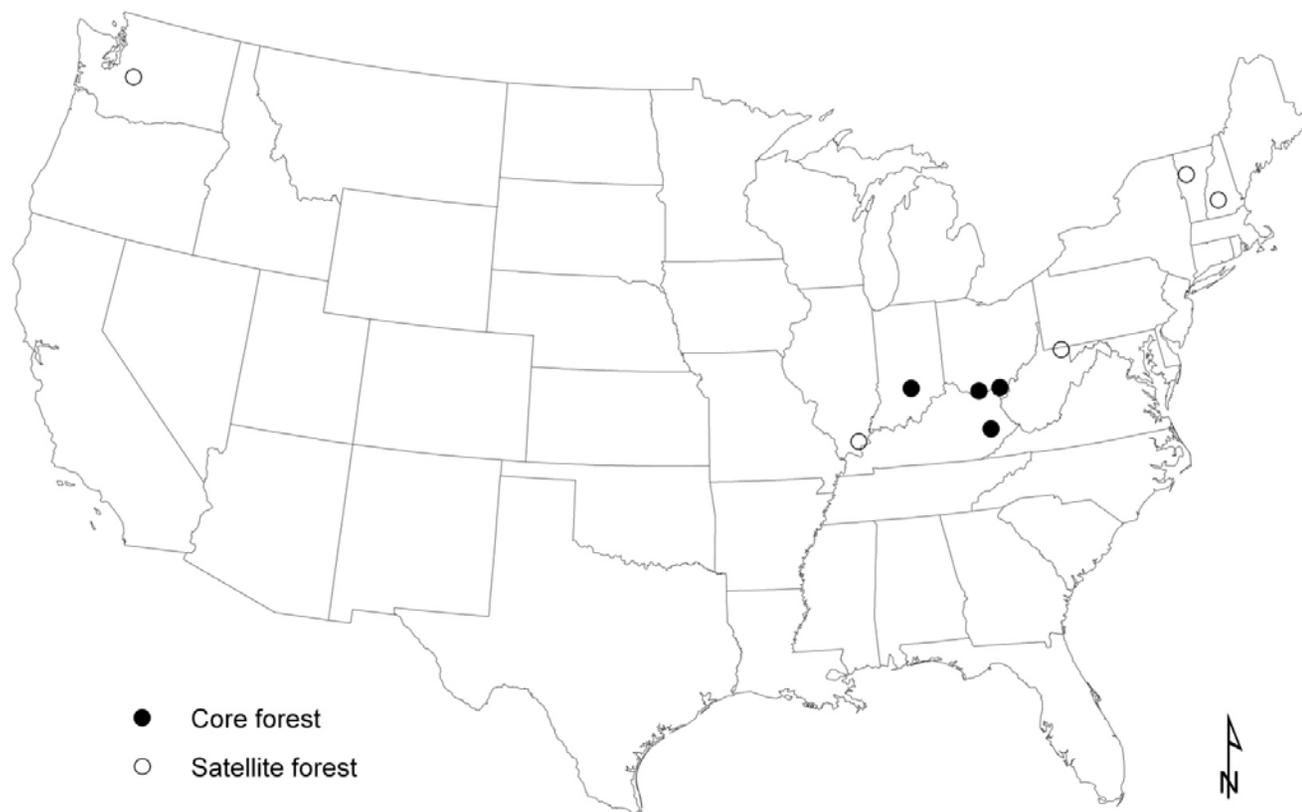


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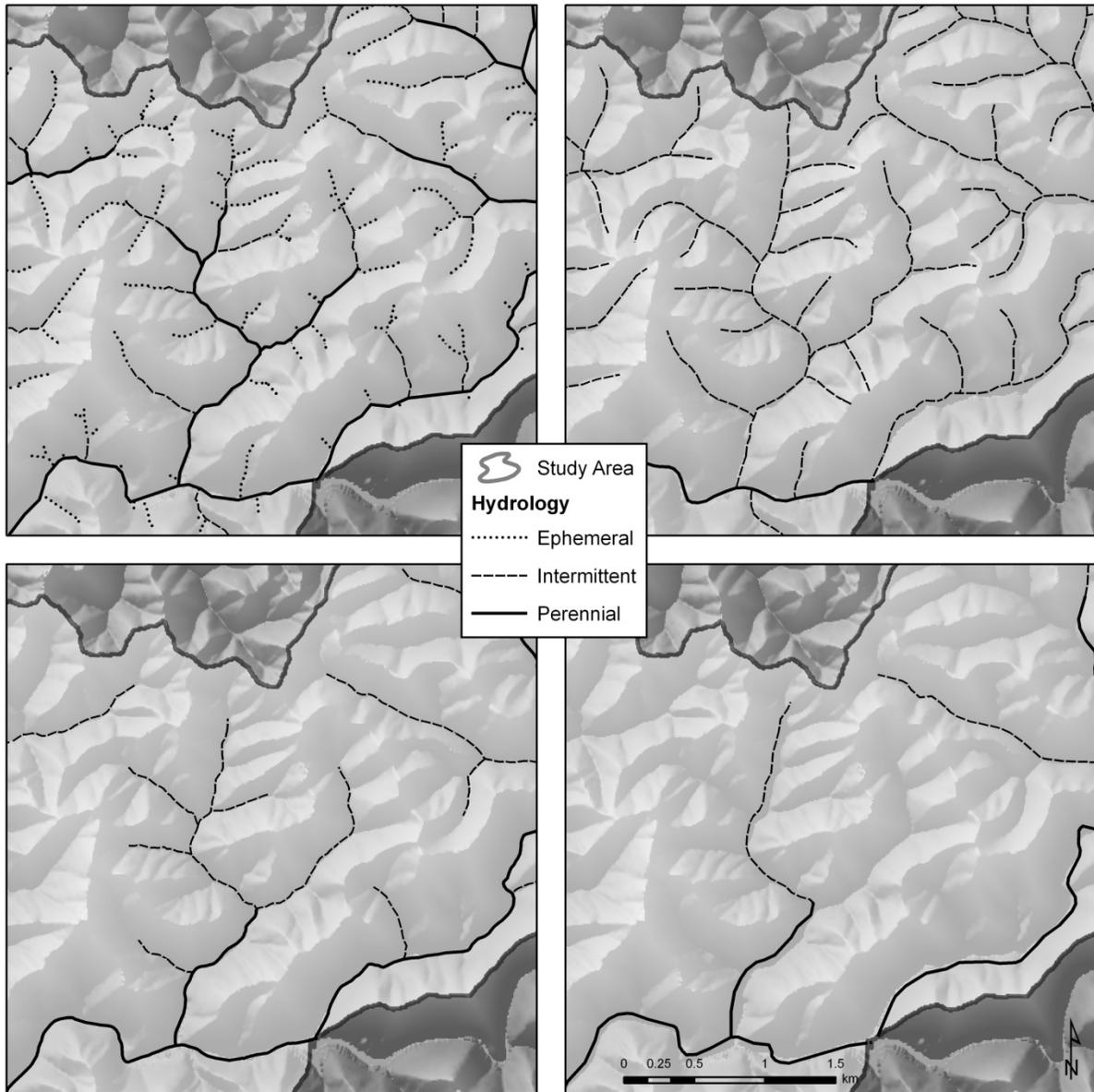


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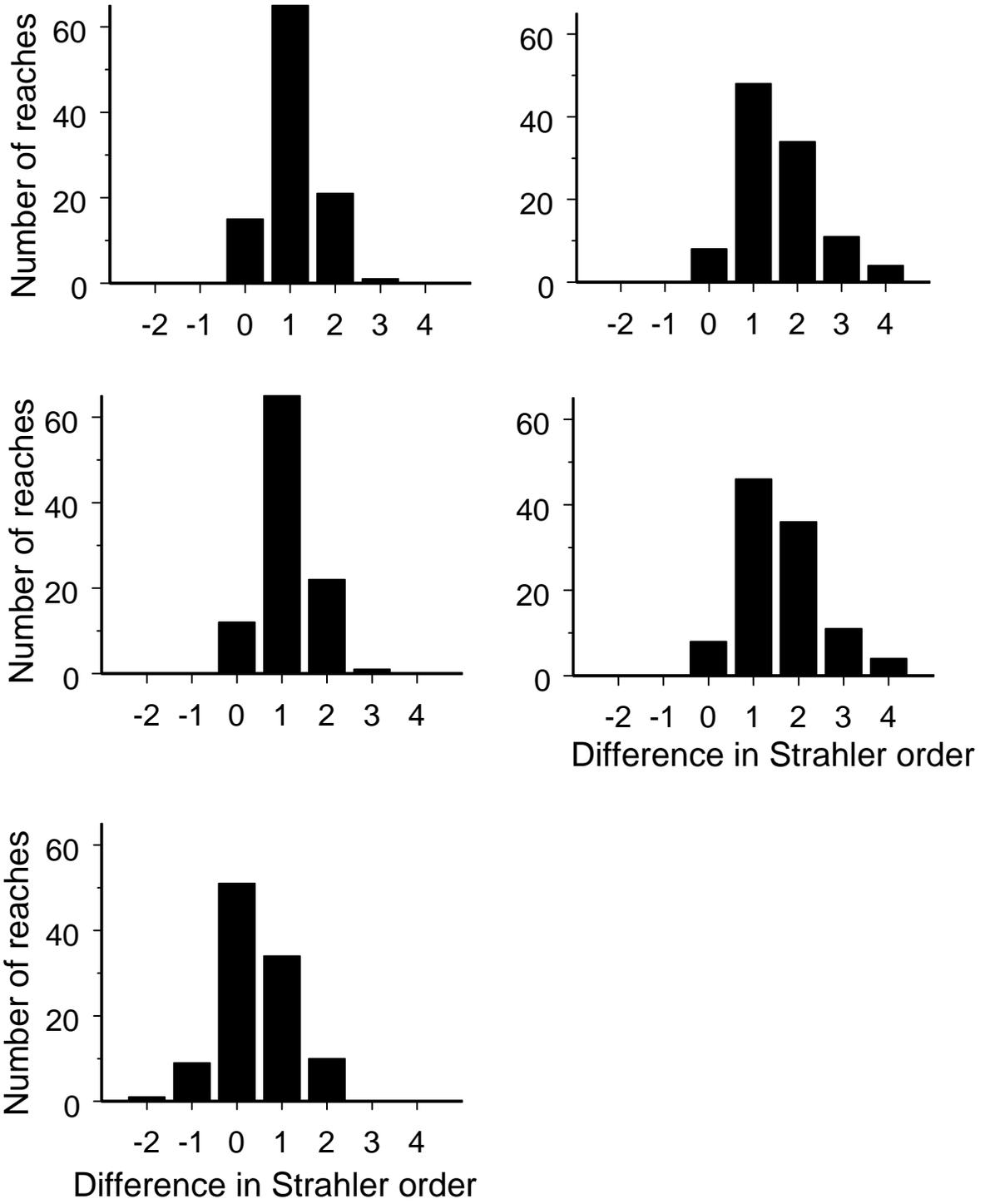


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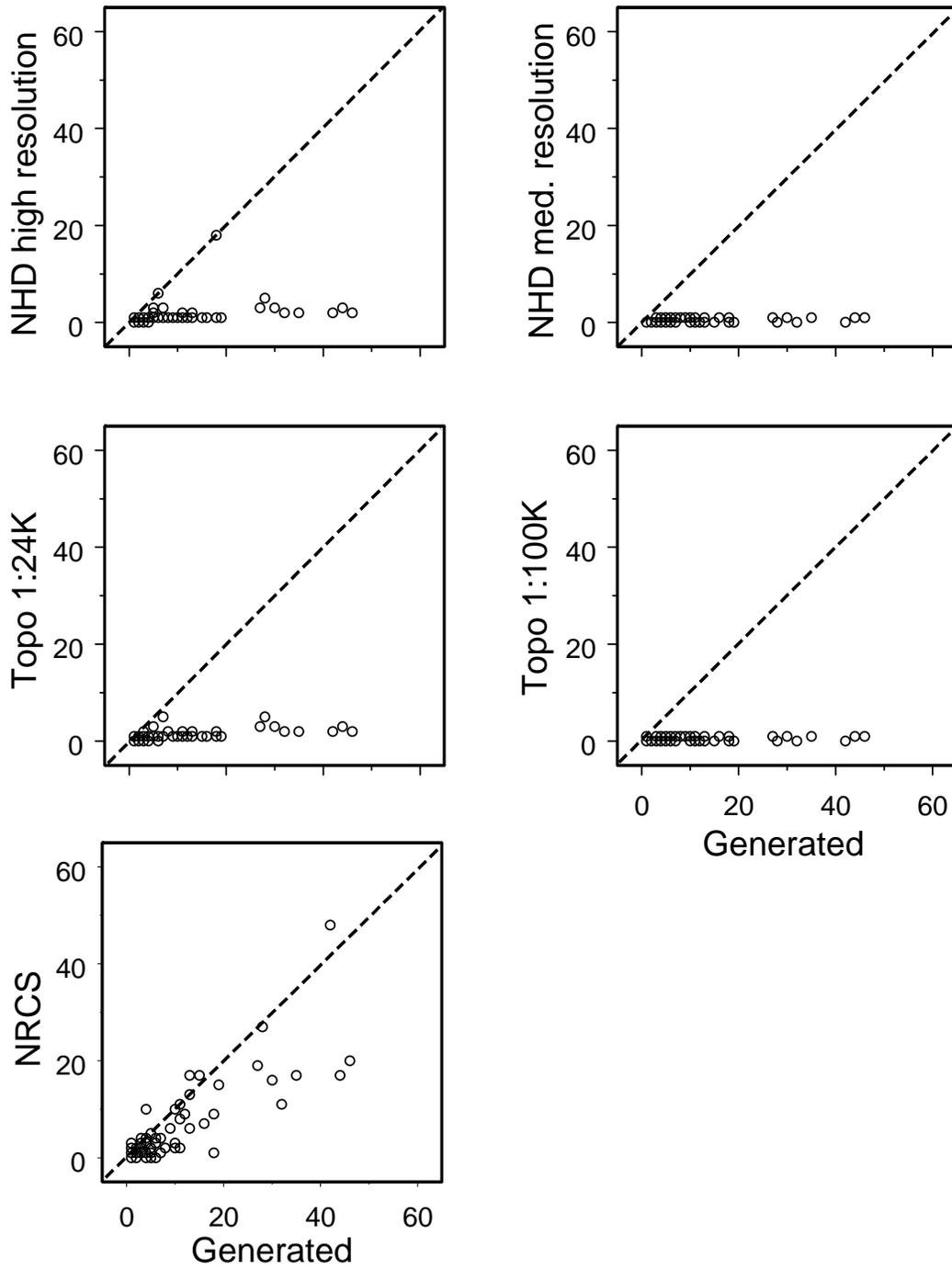


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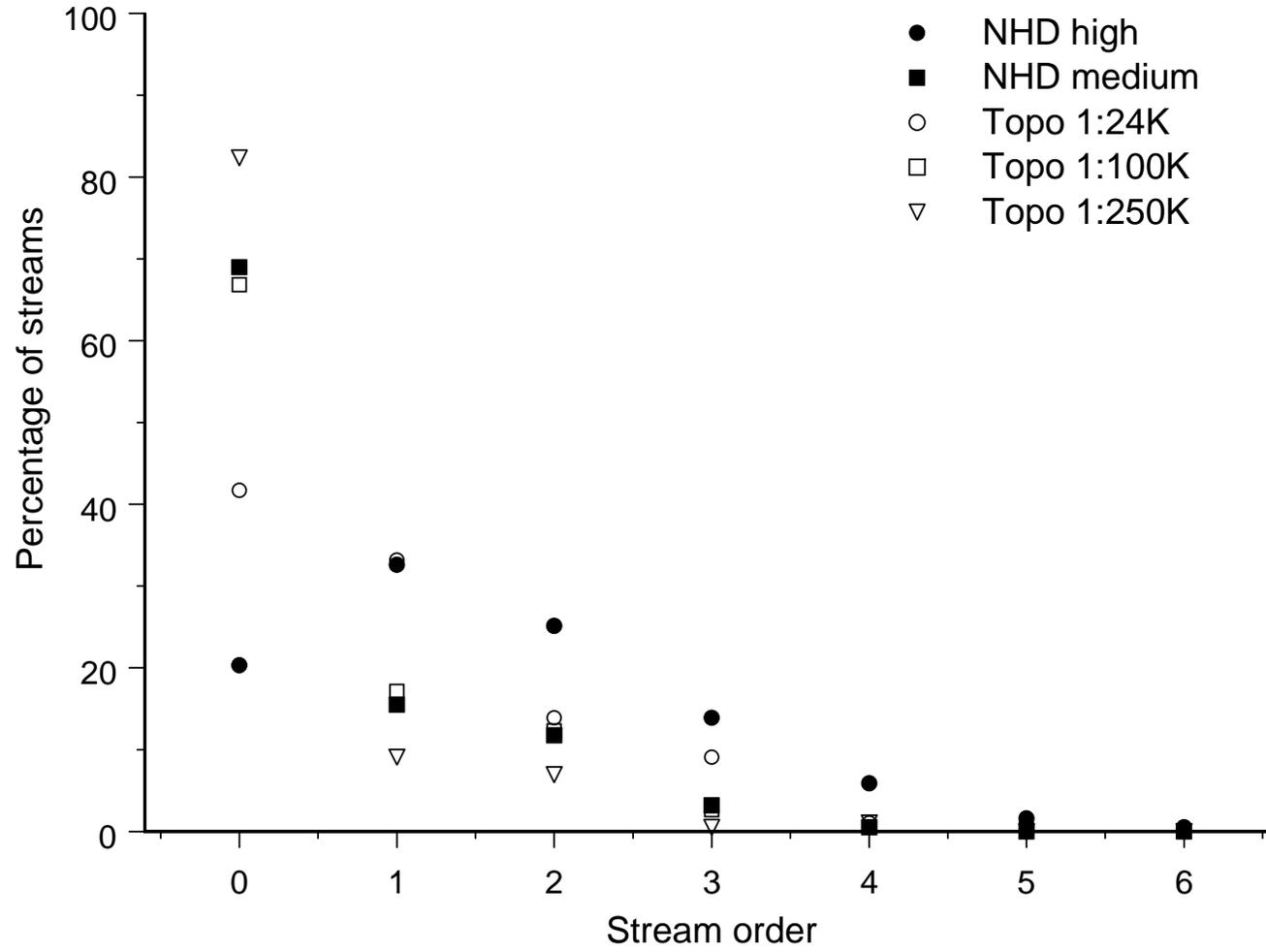
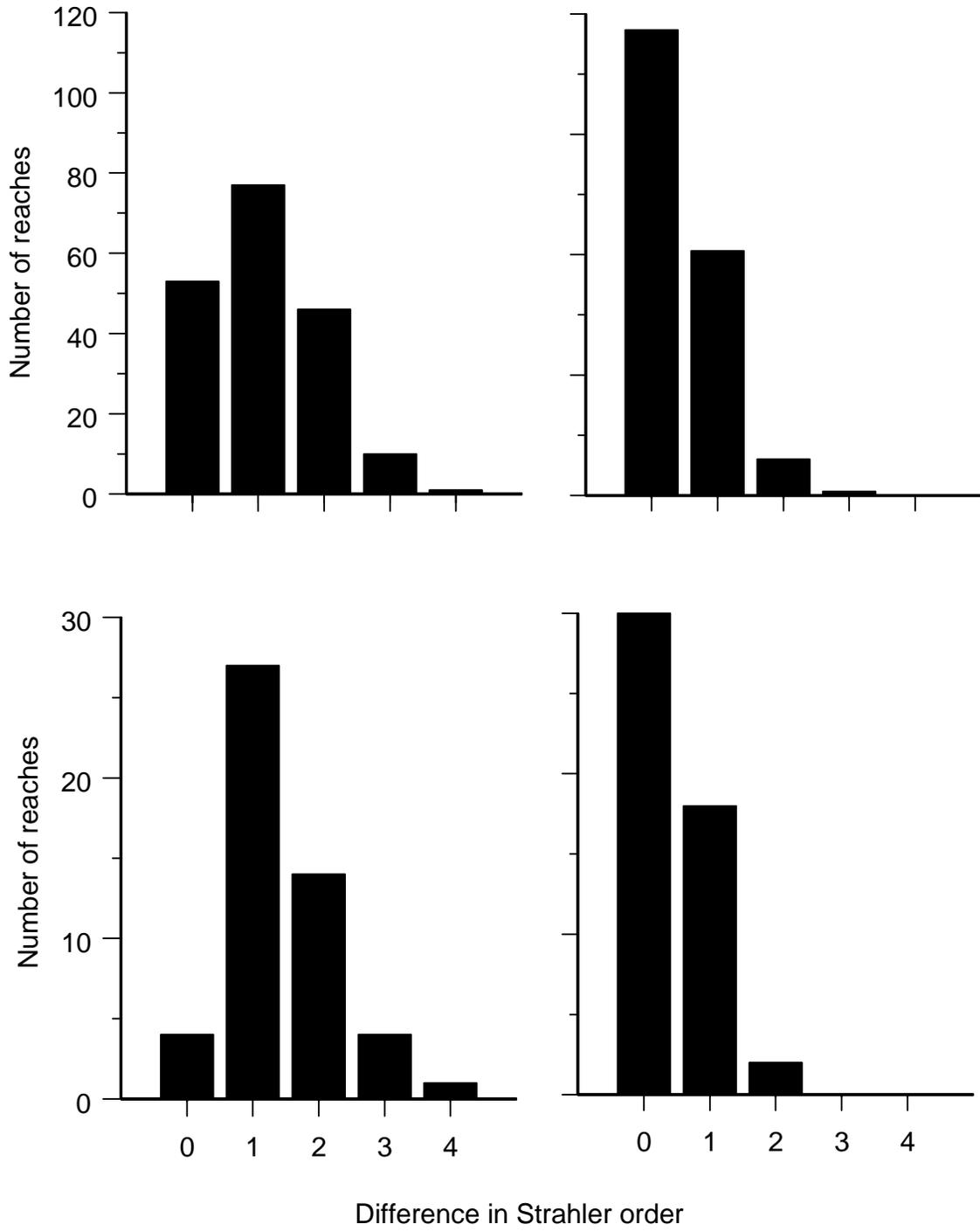


Figure 6.



Supplemental Table 1. Hydrogeographic resources used for comparisons.

Study Forest	Type	Reference
All	NHD _{24K}	http://nhd.usgs.gov
All	NHD _{100K}	http://nhd.usgs.gov
Indiana	USGS _{24K}	USGS. 1994. Story, IN quadrangle (N3900-W8607.5/7.5). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Revised 1967).
	USGS _{24K}	USGS. 1981. Elkinsville, IN quadrangle (N3900-W8615/7.5). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1947; Revised 1966).
	USGS _{100K}	USGS. 1990. Bloomington, IN (39086-A1-TM-100). 1:100,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1986).
	NRCS	Thomas, J. A. 1981. Soil survey of Monroe County, Indiana. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
	NRCS	Nagel, B. G. 1990. Soil survey of Jackson County, Indiana. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
	NRCS	Noble, R.A., R.C. Wingard, Jr., and T.R. Ziegler. 1990. Soil survey of Brown and part of Bartholomew County, Indiana. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
	NRCS	Thomas, J. A. 1985. Soil survey of Lawrence County, Indiana. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
Kentucky	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1989. Noble, KY quadrangle (37083-D2-TF-024). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field check 1954; Photoinspected 1976).
	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1992. Vest, KY quadrangle (37083-D1-TF-024). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1990; Edited 1991).
	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1978. Guage, KY quadrangle (N3730-W8307.5/7.5). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1978).
	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1983. Tiptop, KY quadrangle (N3730-W8300/7.5). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1978).
	USGS ₁₀₀	USGS. 1982. Irvine, KY (N3730-W8300/30X60). 1:100,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1982).
	USGS ₁₀₀	USGS. 1983 Hazzard, KY (373083-A1-TM-100). 1:100,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1982).
	NRCS	Hayes, R.A. 1998. Soil survey of Breathitt County, Kentucky. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
SC Ohio	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1995. Concord, OH quadrangle (38083-F4-TF-024). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1995).

	USGS ₁₀₀	USGS. 1991. Maysville, OH (38083-E1-TM-100). 1:100,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1991).
	NRCS	Lucht, T.E. and D.L. Brown. 1994. Soil survey of Adams County, Ohio. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
SE Ohio	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1977. Sherritts, OH quadrangle (N3837.5-W8230/7.5). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1961).
	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1989. Gallia, OH quadrangle (8082-G5-TF-024). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1961).
	USGS ₁₀₀	USGS. 1982. Ironton, OH (N3830-W8200/30X60). 1:100,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1981).
	NRCS	NRCS. 1998. Soil survey of Lawrence County, Ohio. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
	NRCS	NRCS. 1997. Soil survey of Gallia County, Ohio. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
Illinois	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1962. Eddyville, IL quadrangle (N3730-W8830/7.5). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1961).
	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1988. Herod, IL quadrangle (37088-E4-TF-024). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1959).
	USGS ₁₀₀	USGS. 1987. West Frankfort, IL (37088-E1-TM-100). 1:100,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1987).
	NRCS	Parks, W.D. 1975. Soil survey of Pope, Hardin, and Massac Counties, Illinois. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
New Hampshire	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1984. Lovewell Mountain, NH (43072-B1-TM-025). 1:25,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1980; Edited 1984).
	USGS ₁₀₀	USGS. 1985. Claremont (43072-A1-TM-100). 1:100,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1985).
	NRCS	Shook, R.A. 1983. Soil survey of Sullivan County, New Hampshire. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
Vermont	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1987. Hinesburg, VT (44073-C1-TF-024). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1948).
	USGS ₁₀₀	USGS. 1989. Lake Champlain South (44073-A1-TM-100). 1:100,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Edited 1986, Photoinspected 1988).

	NRCS	Allen, G.W. 1974. Soil survey of Chittenden County, Vermont. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
Washington	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1986. Sun Top, WA (47121-AS-TF-024). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1984; Edited 1986).
	USGS ₁₀₀	USGS. 1975. Snoqualmie Pass, WA. 1:100,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA.
	NRCS	Goldin, A. 1992. Soil survey of Snoqualmie Pass area, Parts of King and Pierce Counties, Washington. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.
West Virginia	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1986. Lake Lynn, PA – WV (39079-F7-TF-024). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1960).
	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1978. Bruceton Mills, WV - PA (N3937-5-W7937.5/7.5). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA. (Field checked 1960).
	USGS ₁₀₀	USGS. 1983. Morgantown, WV – PA - MD. 1:100,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior Reston, VA (Edited 1978)
	NRCS	Wright, E.L., C. H. Delp, K. Sponaugle, C. Cole, J.T. Ammons, J. Gorman, and F. D. Childs. 1982. Soil survey of Marion and Monogalia Counties, West Virginia. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.
Oregon	USGS ₂₄	USGS. 1977. Adel, OR (42119-B8-TF-024). 1:24,000 scale topographic map. US Department of Interior, Reston, VA (Field checked 1968).
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