

User Alert – January 15, 2013: Users running large or complex retrievals may receive a “proxy error”. This occurs when the retrieval takes longer than 10 minutes. Users experiencing issues may want to break down large retrievals into multiple, less complex retrievals or try running the retrievals during off-peak hours. Alternatively, users may want to work with data query specialists within FIA for their retrievals until this problem has been resolved. We are working with the USDA Forest Service computer operations to solve this problem. We will post a message here when the situation is resolved. Thank you for your patience.

FIA has implemented a new and improved algorithm in its online tool, EVALIDator (<http://apps.fs.fed.us/Evalidator/evalidator.jsp>). This new algorithm addresses user needs for distributing growth by classed variables (diameter class, tree class, log grade, etc.). It recognizes that classed variables change over time and that growth must be reconciled between the changed classes. This supplements the existing functionality which only allows growth to be distributed by either past or current class, and is the default growth distribution algorithm in the tools. In order for the algorithm to be used, the FIADB must be reprocessed to insert data into the new database table, TREE_GRM_ESTN, which is needed for the algorithm to be run. Reprocessing may take up to four weeks or more. In the interim, users needing reconciled growth distributions should contact:

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