



Exercise # 3

National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy
Science Analysis Report: Application to the Southeast Region
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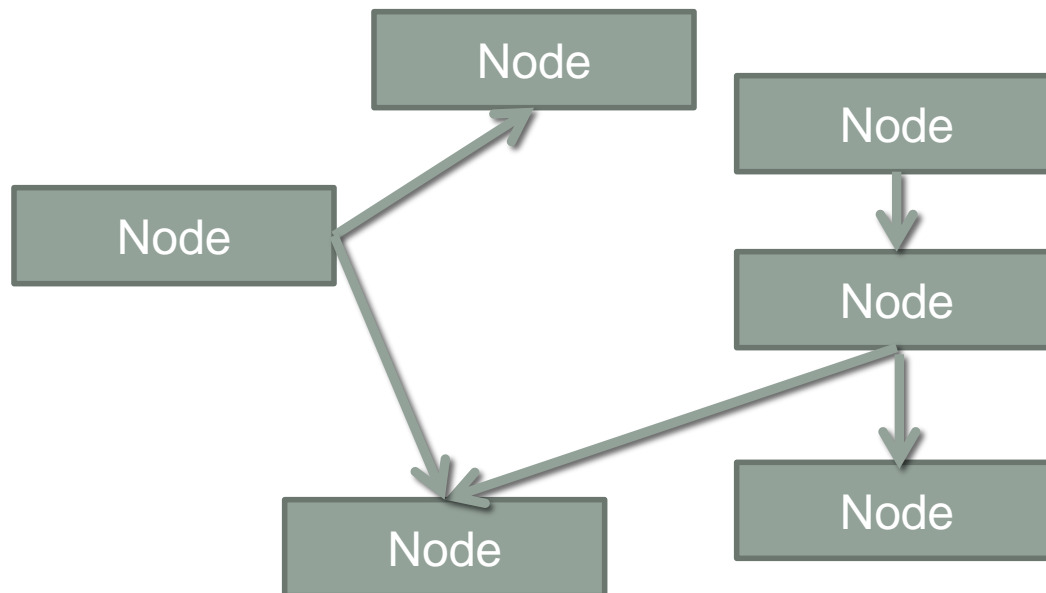
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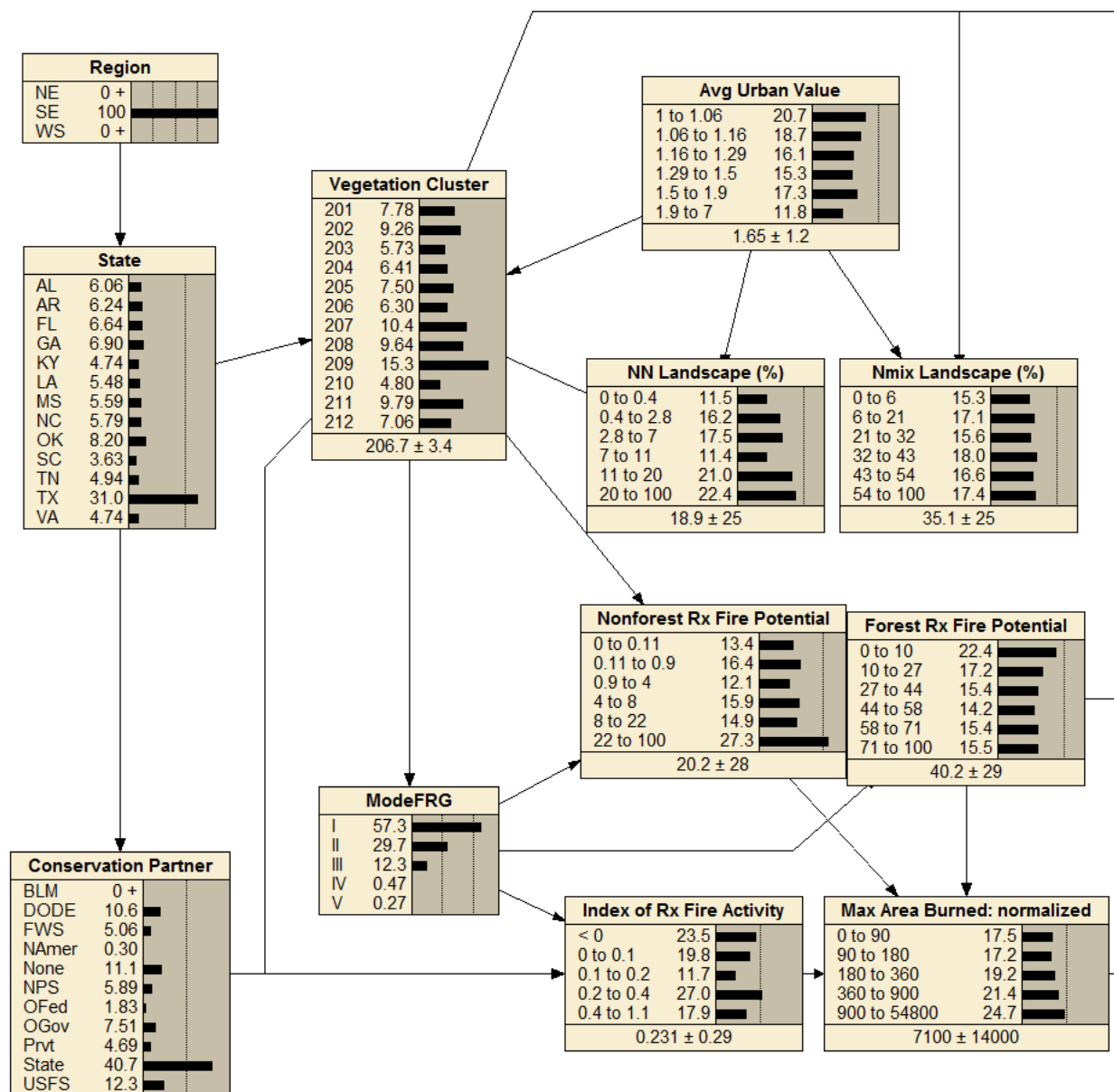
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A BAYES NETWORK

Cohesive Fire Bayes Network (Prescribed Fire)

- A type of structure for a network
- Assumes that nodes have conditional dependencies on each other that are shown in an acyclic graph. That is, the graph has no cycle or start point.
- There are cause and effect relationships among many nodes

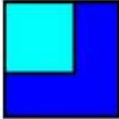





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Set-up: First, open the **Table of Contents** (with the "Show" or the "Contents" button). Then we can begin.

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Preface: How to approach this tutorial.





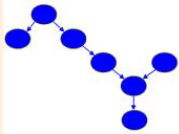

A. Introduction to Bayes Nets

- What is a Bayes Net?
 - Why are they useful?
 - Why are they called Bayes nets?
 - What are they used for?
 - Automated diagnosis
 - Prediction
 - Financial risk management, portfolio allocation, insurance
 - Modeling ecosystems
 - Sensor fusion
 - Monitoring and alerting
 - Interesting Properties of Bayes Nets
- Using a Bayes Net
 - Compiling the net
 - Entering findings
 - positive state findings
 - negative findings
 - likelihood findings
 - removing findings
- Probabilistic Inference
 - Compiling, revisited
 - Explaining away
 - Blocking
- Basic Decision Making
 - Utility Nodes
 - Decision Nodes
 - Techniques for getting good valuations

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October 14, 2013 - IDI will relocate its headquarters to a new building in Vienna, VA beginning this November. For more

EXERCISE #3

Explore Data with Belief Networks (Netica)

Exercise # 3

INTRODUCTION

Similar to Exercise #2, this exercise will expose you to Netica and how it's used, however we will be using a traditional belief network, rather than a naive network. That is, the structure of the network has more cause and effect relationships between multiple nodes and can be explored differently.

TASK(S)

Your task for this exercise is to work with a partner and complete the activities outlined below. Most activities have a related question, which you should answer and write down in the space provided.

If you have any questions about the software or run into any issues, several facilitators will be walking around the room to answer your questions.

ACTIVITY/PROCESS

Activity #1

1. Open the Netica file called "Rx Fire_Southeast" (File> Open...navigate to desktop)
2. Take a close look at the nodes within the network and notice how the arrows are drawn differently from Exercise #2. Notice the distribution of data without any findings selected.
3. Look at the Index of Prescribed Fire Activity node (called "Index of Rx Fire Activity"). Select the state called "<0" and notice the distribution of data in the "Max Area Burned: normalized". Toggle through each state in the "Index of Rx Fire Activity" node and see how the distribution changes.

Activity #2

1. Make sure all findings are removed from the network (click on the "red x" button at the top called "Remove Case (Findings)").
2. Look at the forested prescribed fire potential node (called "Forest Rx Fire Potential"). Select the first state (0-10) and toggle through the others to see how they effect "Max Area Burned: normalized".
3. Now, do the same thing again and notice the number at the BOTTOM of the "Max Area Burned: normalized" node. This is the average Maximum Area burned in acres.
4. **Question: How does this average change? What is the average in "Max Area Burned: normalized" when you select the smallest state (0-10) in the "Forest Rx Fire Potential" node?**

Activity #3

1. Make sure all findings are removed from the network (click on the "red x" button at the top called "Remove Case (Findings)").
2. Look at the State node. Begin to select each state within the southern region and notice how they

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affect primary conservation partner ("Conservation Partner"), non-forest prescribed fire potential ("Non-Forest Rx Fire Potential"), forest prescribed fire potential ("Forest Rx Fire Potential"), and the index of prescribed fire activity ("Index of Rx Fire Activity"). Note: You may need to toggle by removing the findings each time.

3. **Question: What interesting relationships do you notice as you toggle through each state in the southern region?** _____

Activity #4

1. Make sure all findings are removed from the network.
2. Now explore the network by selecting Texas from the "State" node and repeat Activities 1-3. Note: Make sure not to remove the findings for Texas in the "State" node for each activity.
3. **Question: Do you see different trends within the data?**

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

You will need the following items:

- Personal laptop
- Netica file saved on desktop ("Rx Fire_Southeast")

RESOURCES

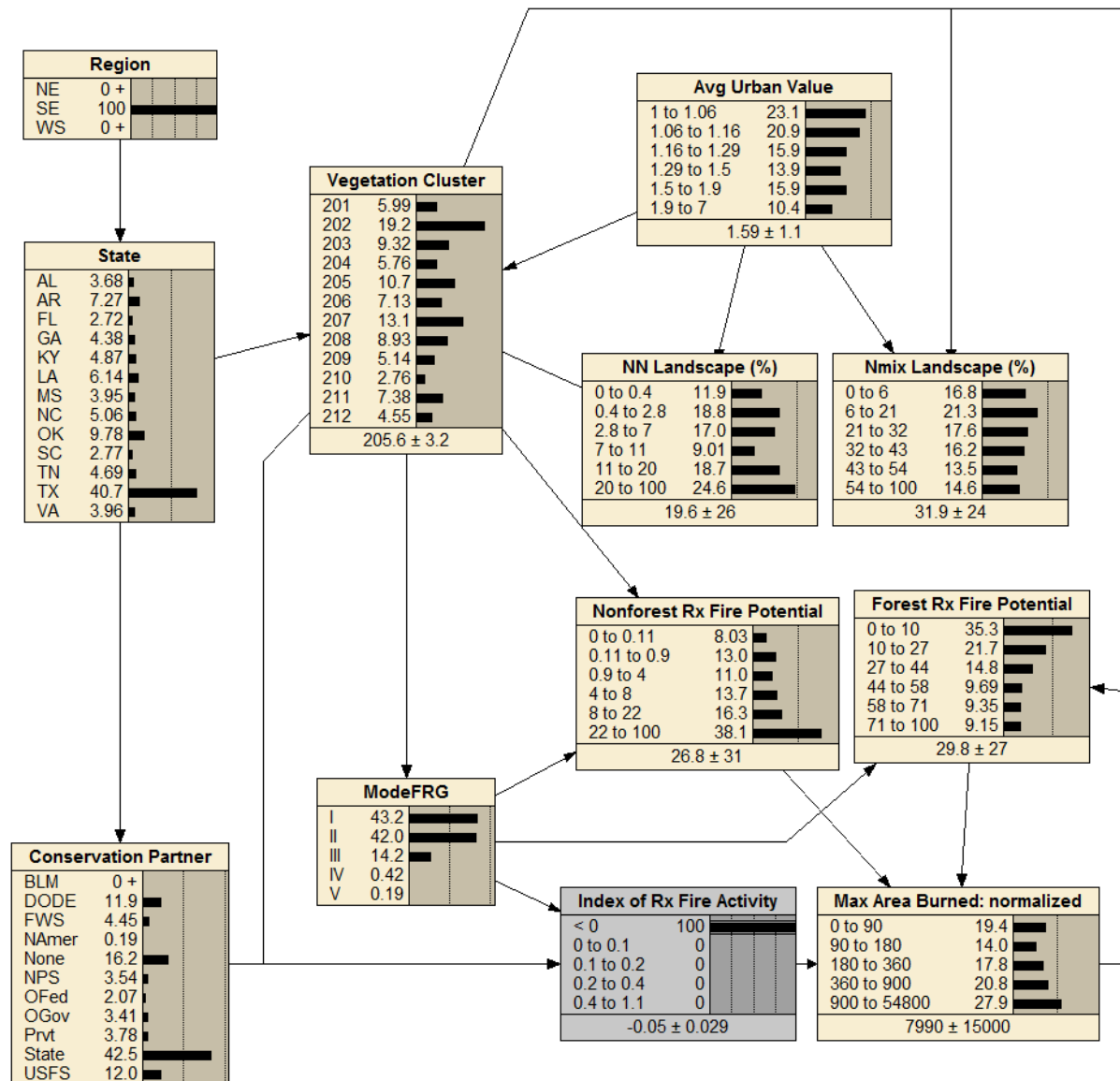
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Tasks and Process

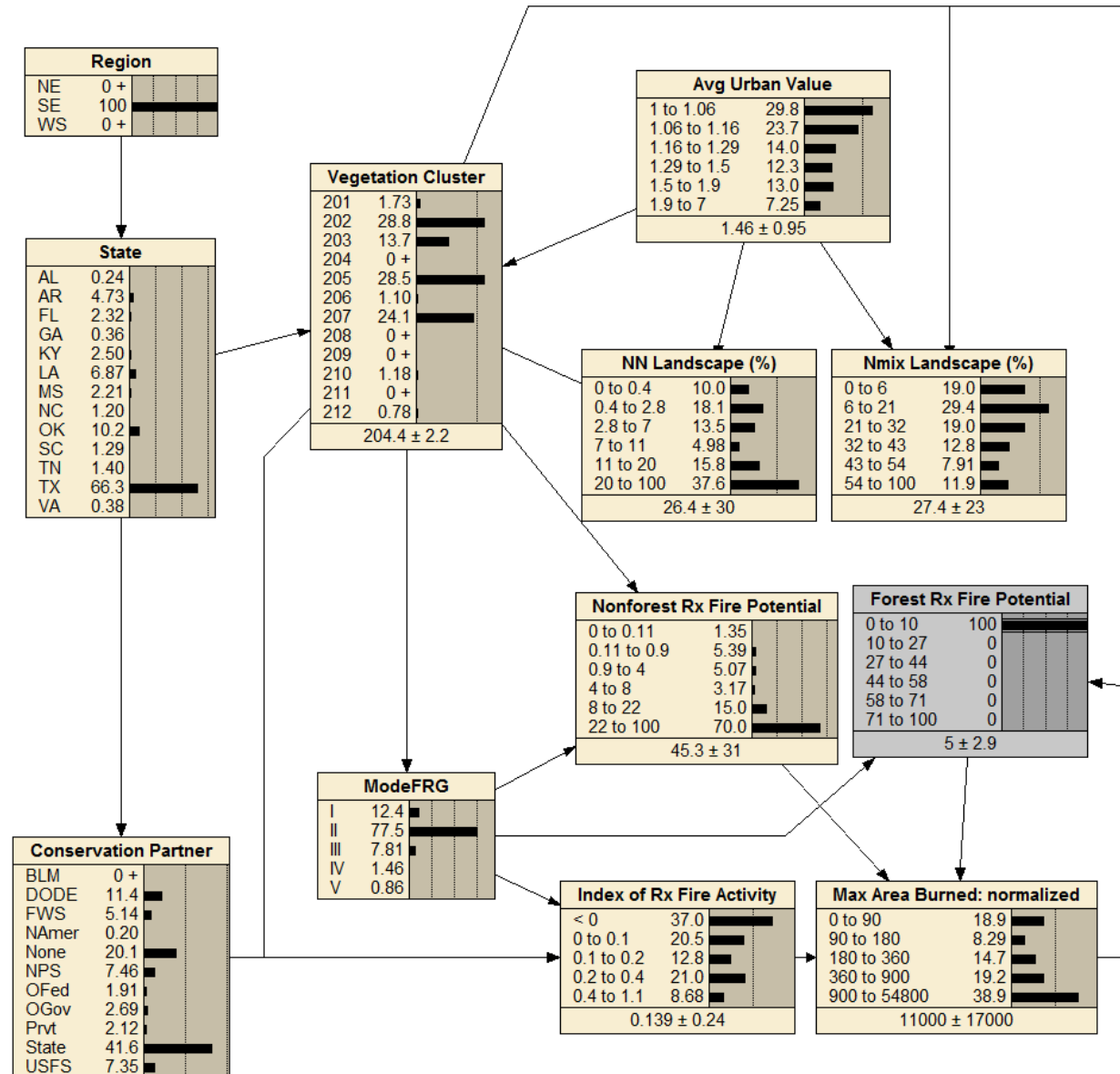
- Everyone will pair up in groups of two
- You will need:
 - NETICA installed on your laptop
 - “county RX Fire Southeast” file
- Go through the FIVE activities outlined in the Exercise Handout
- If you have questions, please raise your hand and someone will assist you...

LET'S GET STARTED

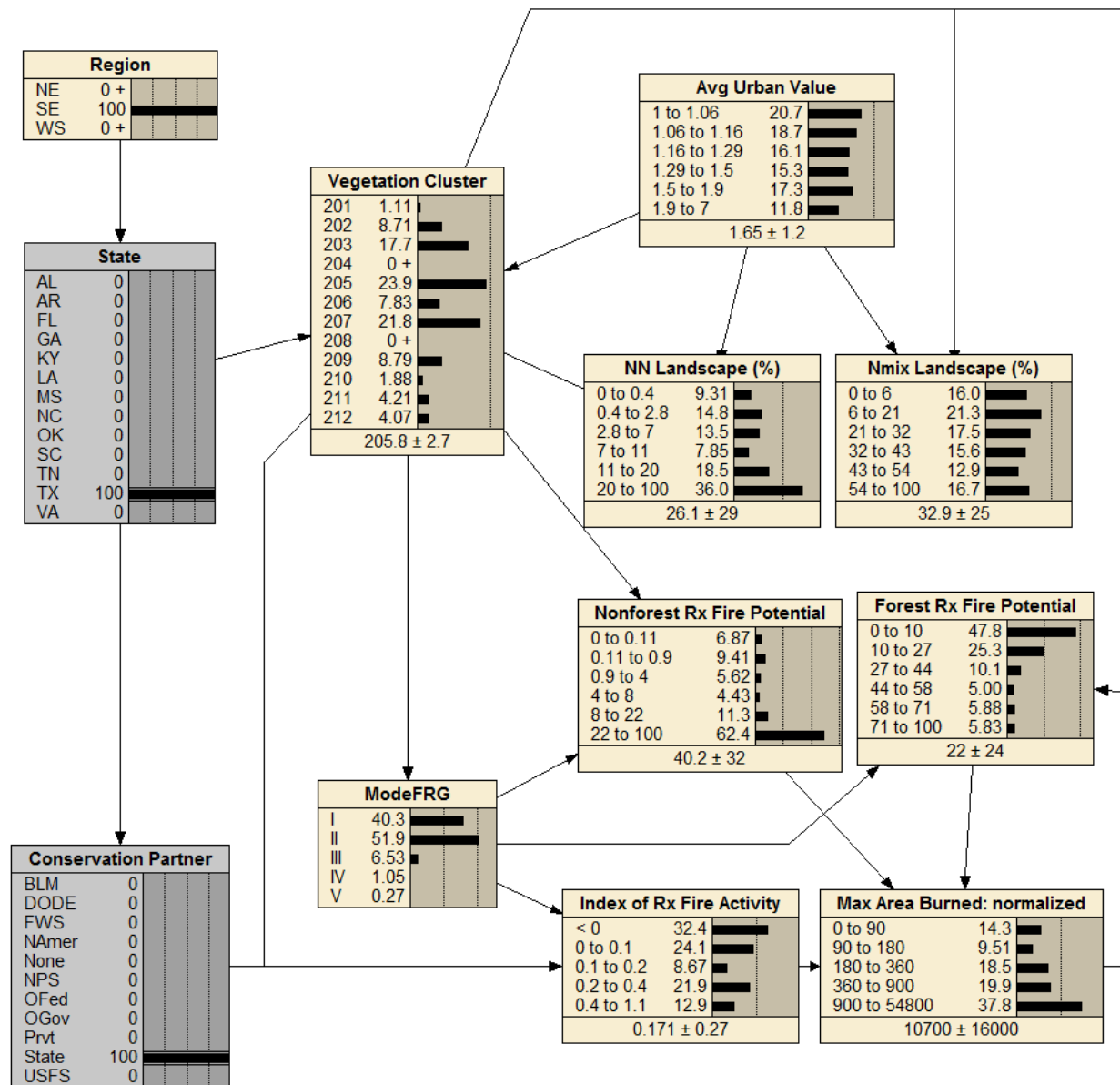
Activity #1



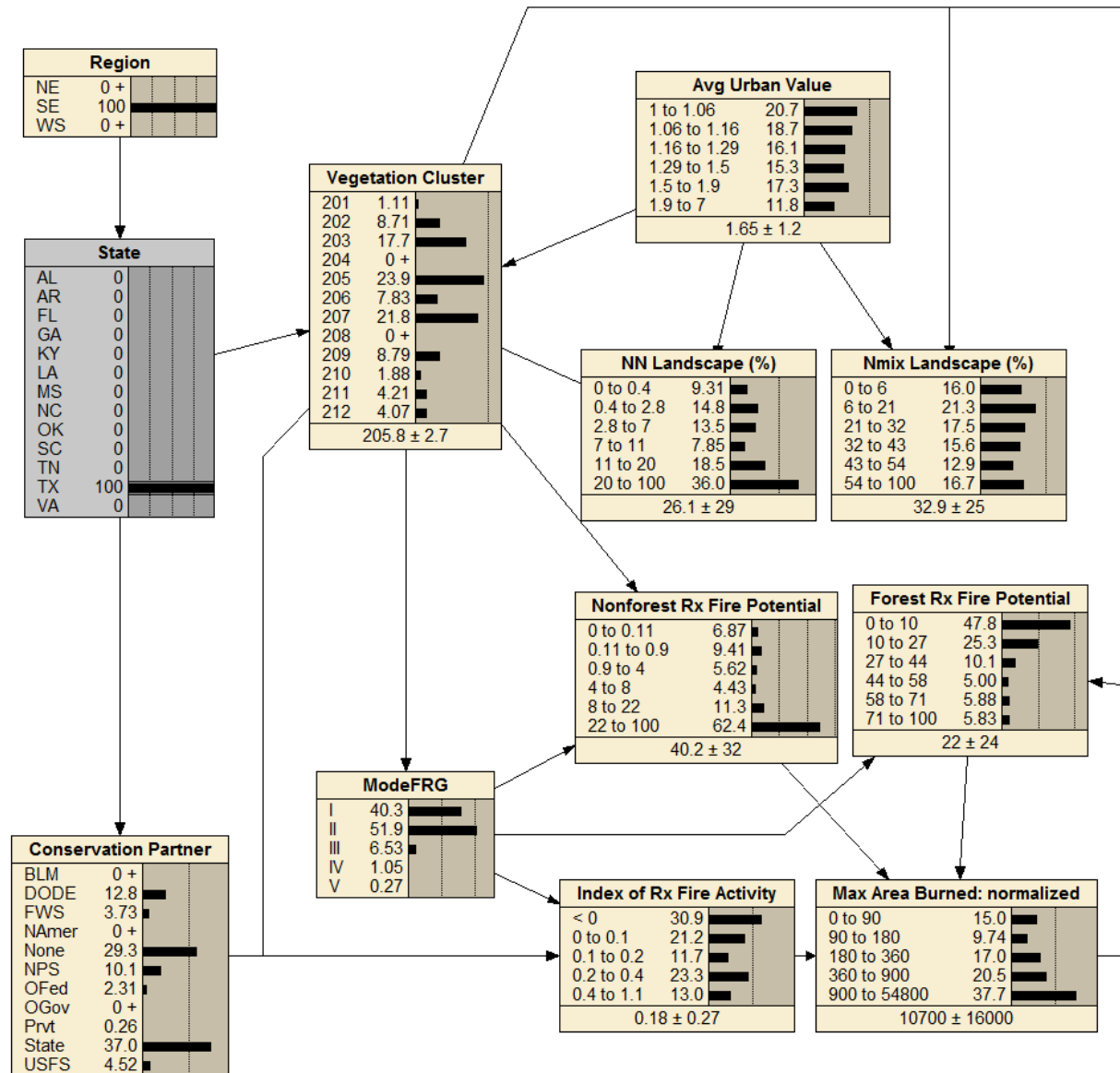
Activity #2



Activity #3



Activity #4



Activity #5

Node: **Pct_Nm** Apply OK

Chance % Probab_ Reset Close

VegClusR	Avg Urban Value	0 to 6	6 to 21	21 to 32	32 to 43	43 to 54	54 to 100
201	1 to 1.06	0	19.057	10.205	38.37	27.687	4.681
201	1.06 to 1.16	0	8.589	10.805	49.231	21.104	10.27
201	1.16 to 1.29	4.664	13.054	40.419	35.437	3.205	3.221
201	1.29 to 1.5	5.464	13.486	37.498	36.901	6.65	0
201	1.5 to 1.9	9.173	12.419	33.864	38.898	5.646	0
201	1.9 to 7	32.427	54.048	6.412	7.114	0	0
202	1 to 1.06	19.119	49.855	31.026	0	0	0
202	1.06 to 1.16	32.309	39.72	21.296	6.674	0	0
202	1.16 to 1.29	38.958	47.574	13.468	0	0	0
202	1.29 to 1.5	66.835	33.165	0	0	0	0
		38.29	43.019	18.691	0	0	0
		28.068	71.932	0	0	0	0
		0	16.515	25.505	27.122	19.077	11.781
		0	0	17.743	34.363	13.24	34.654
		0	0	25.743	21.004	31.018	22.235
		0	0	40.097	0	39.447	20.456
		0	0	0	0	100	0
		0	61.59	38.41	0	0	0
		17.295	14.282	0	11.021	31.136	26.266
		30.823	5.614	8.064	0	19.242	36.256
		20.593	3.516	5.624	13.653	15.863	40.751
		6.2	5.752	0	18.926	15.058	54.064
		0	0	14.715	1.722	15.482	68.081
		12.814	0	0	32.21	5.151	49.825
		36.026	31.999	14.361	15.198	2.417	0
		0	40.701	18.313	6.402	16.318	18.265
		0	0	33.497	22.429	0	44.074
		0	0	0	54.7	0	45.3
		0	0	0	0	0	100
		0	0	0	0	0	100
		0	0	0	0	68.947	31.053
		7.5	6.616	17.853	27.989	11.688	28.353
		21.825	4.91	15.021	5.541	16.355	36.349

Pct_Nm (node of Rx_Fire_Southeast)

Name: **Pct_Nm** Title: **Nmix Landscape (%)**

Nature **Continuous**

State: New OK

Interval: **0** - **6** Delete Apply

Description

Reset Close Table Help

Vegetation Cluster

201	7.78
202	9.26
203	5.73

ModeFRG

I	57.3
II	29.7
III	12.3
IV	0.47

State

3.06
3.24
3.64
3.90
4.74
5.48
5.59
5.79
8.20
3.63
4.94
31.0
4.74

Vegetation Partner

0 +

Initial

16.5 ± 1.2
