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USING ARCVIEW

# DEM Mapping

Acquiring DEM data

# Directory Structure

- Before downloading SDTS DEMs into ArcView, a good thing to do is first build a directory structure.
- A good format might be  
`\75_minute_dem\Michigan (State_name)`
- Subdirectories will be created beneath  
`state_name`  
`\75_minute_dem\Michigan\evans_creek`

# On the Internet

- Log into the USGS EROS DATA CENTER site at  
<http://edcwww.cr.usgs.gov/doc/edchome/ndcdb/ndcdb.html>
- This is the place to start acquiring high resolution DEM data for mapping applications

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These products, [Digital Line Graphs](#), [Digital Orthophoto Quadrangles](#), [Digital Raster Graphics](#), and [Digital Elevation Models](#) -- are known collectively as [US GeoData](#). A number of US GeoData files are distributed by anonymous FTP at no charge.

All of these USGS product lines are described briefly in a [List of products](#). To launch an online search for a specific product, go to the Global Land Information System, or [GLIS](#).

The EDC also serves as the Land Processes Distributed Active Archive Center, or [DAAC](#), for NASA's Mission to Planet Earth program, serving satellite data for various scientific and resource-planning applications.

Printed USGS topographic maps are available from hundreds of dealers and from the Rocky Mountain Mapping Center. They may be located and ordered on this Web site, however, through a user-friendly interface called [Map Finder](#). A similar interface for [National Aerial Photography Program](#) products is [Photo Finder](#).

For other Federal agencies, the EDC also offers custom image processing and brokerage services for the acquisition of remotely sensed data held by other institutions.

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Customer Services  
U.S. Geological Survey  
EROS Data Center  
47914 252nd Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57198-0001

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# USGS Geographic Data Download

Click on 1:24,000 DEM

Data Sets:	1:250,000 DEM	1:24,000 DEM	1:2,000,000 DLG	1:100,000 DLG	1:24,000 DLG	LULC
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## NOTES:

- [Effective July 1, 1996](#)
- [These files are not directly viewable!](#)
- [FTP File Access](#)
- [Status Maps](#) are available for a limited number of data sets.
- [Geographic Data Download Statistics](#)
- [Public Domain Software](#) for use with DEM, DLG, DRG, LULC, and SDTS files.
- [Spatial Data Transfer Standard \(SDTS\)](#) information. **Note:** Please be aware that not all Native files have been converted to SDTS format. For a complete listing of data available in Native and SDTS, please go to [GLIS](#)

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## USGS Geographic Data Download

Data Sets:	1:250,000 DEM	1:24,000 DEM	1:2,000,000 DLG	1:100,000 DLG	1:24,000 DLG	LULC
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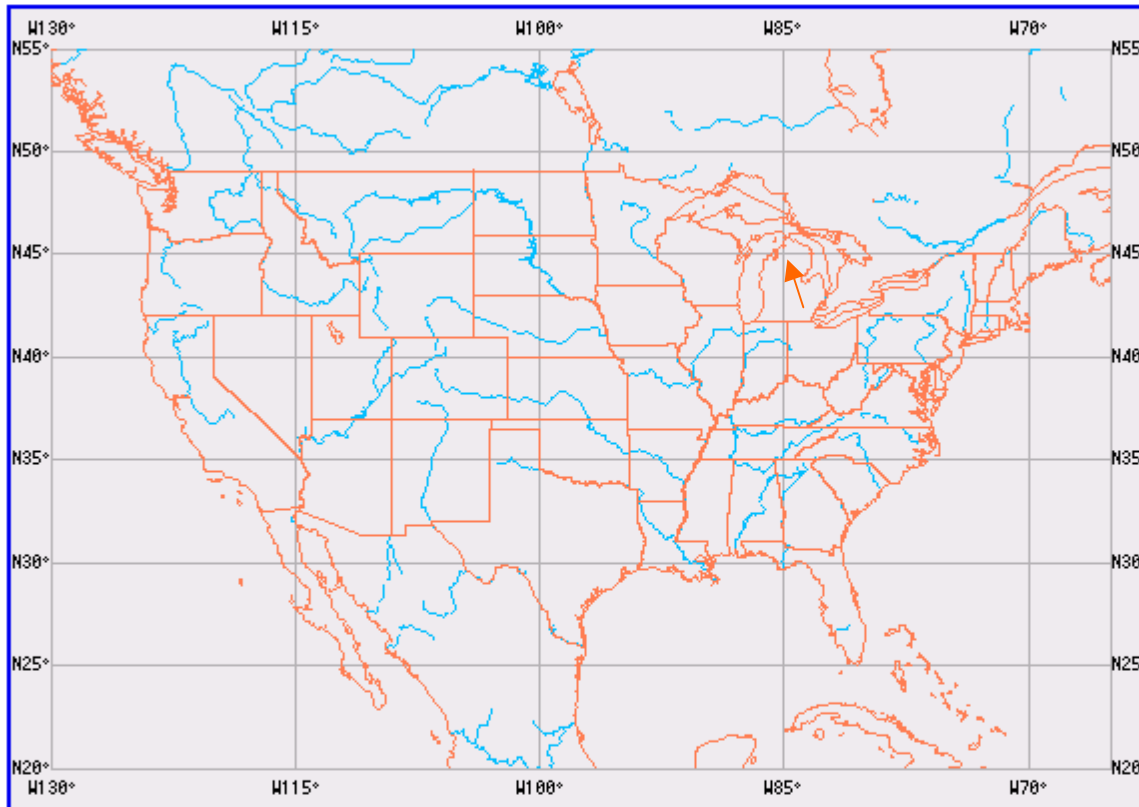
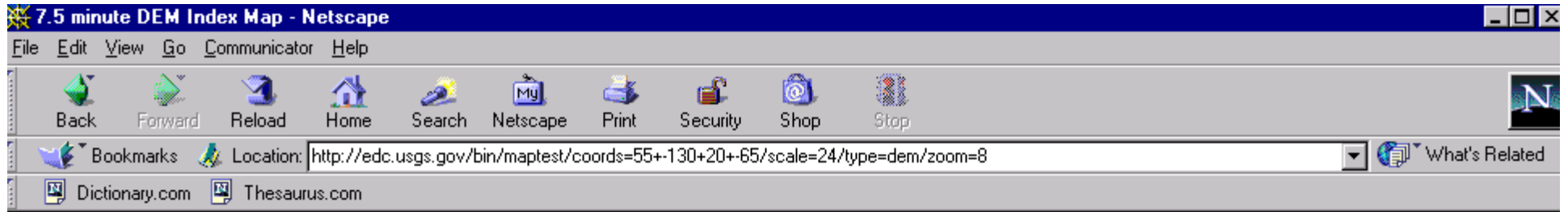
### 1:24,000 Scale Digital Elevation Models (DEM) SDTS format only

- [Examples](#)
- [Status Maps](#)
- [GLIS](#) to check availability in Native or SDTS formats.
- [Data User Guide](#) (National Mapping Program FTP)
- [NSDI DLG Metadata](#) (USGS Geospatial Data Clearinghouse HTML)
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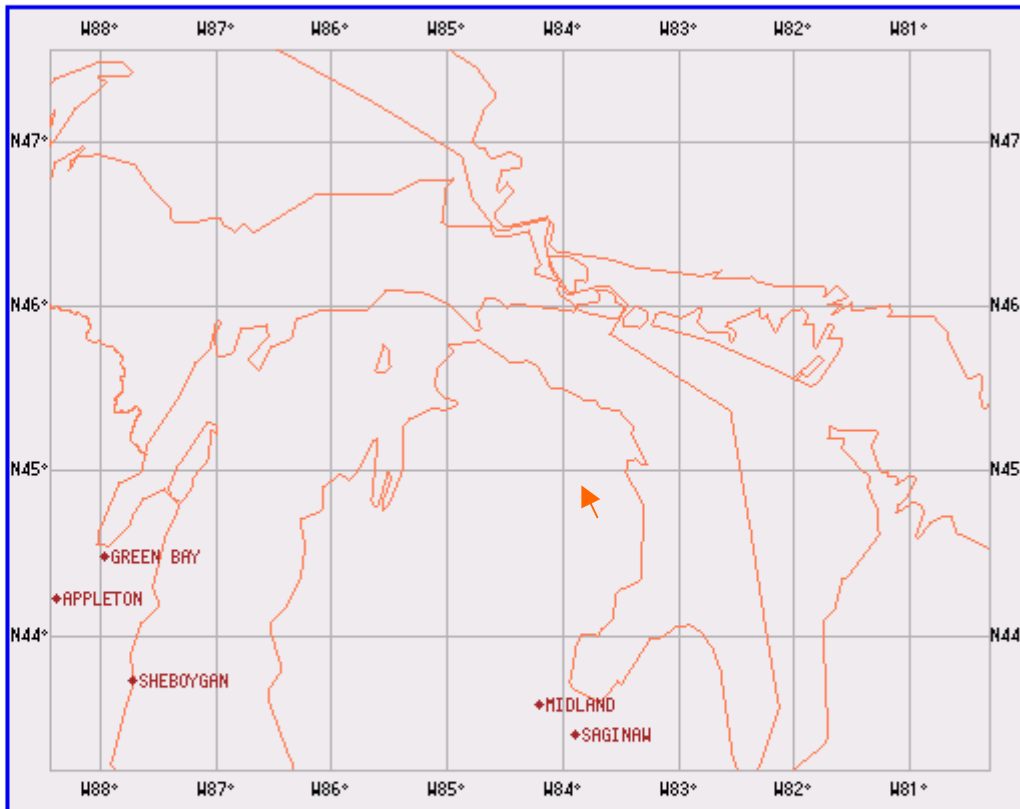
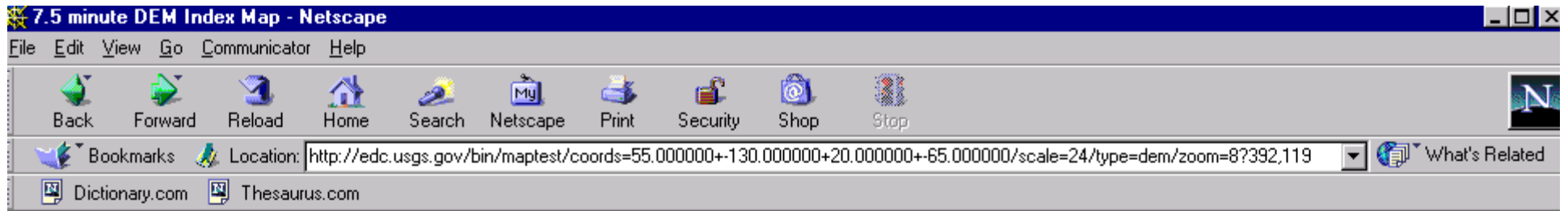




Select a point to zoom:

US map appears, select area of interest

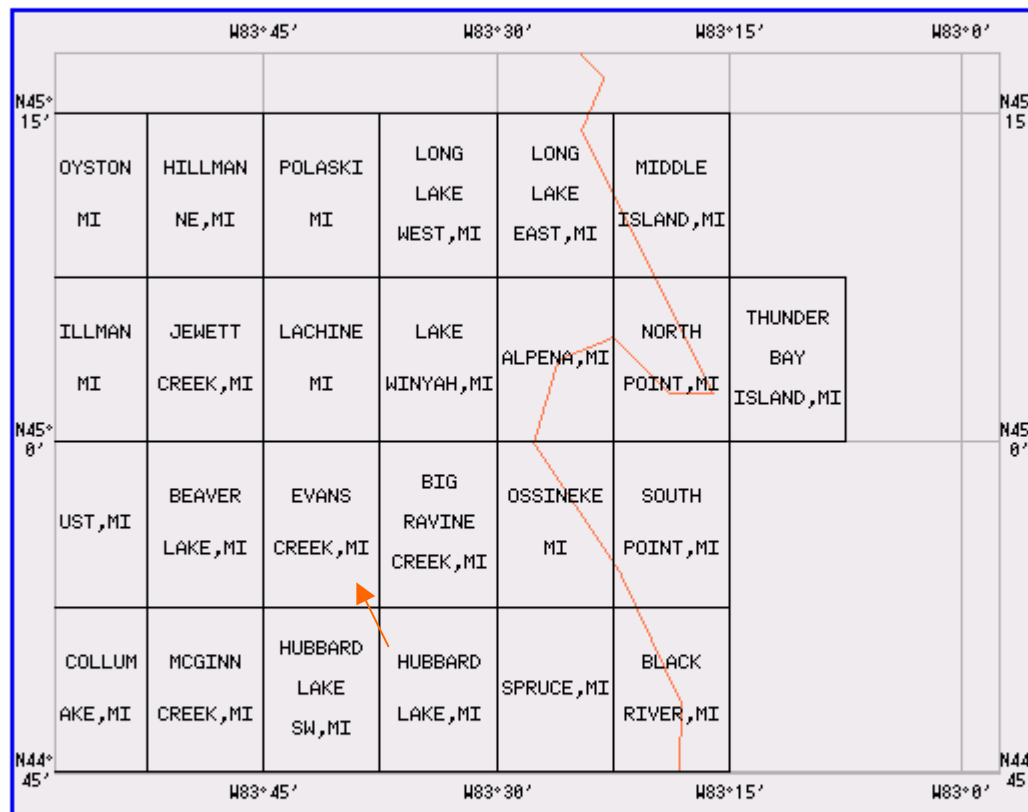
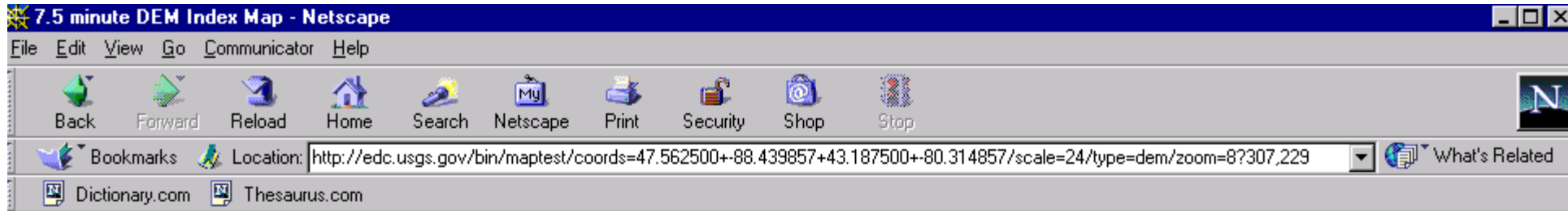




Select a point to zoom:

Zoomed to area of interest, select area of interest again





Select a map to access the data:

7.5' minute USGS quadrangles appear, select quadrangle of interest



7.5 Minute DEM Data - Netscape

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## 7.5 Minute Digital Elevation Model Data for N44.95 W83.68

The DEM files listed below are named after the quadrangles that fall within the region you selected. These files are sent with a MIME type of application/x-gzip. Please set your browser accordingly.

For more information about the DEM Data Set see the Digital Elevation Model GLIS [User Guide](#).

- [EVANS CREEK\\_MI](#)

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<URL: <http://edc.usgs.gov/bin/getmapdata/coords=45.198784+-84.347252+44.651909+-83.331627/scale=24/type=dem/zoom=8>>

Maintainer: <[edcweb@edcwww.cr.usgs.gov](mailto:edcweb@edcwww.cr.usgs.gov)>

Last modified: 28 January 2001.

Click on quadrangle name

Document: Done

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<a href="#">Name</a>	<a href="#">Size</a>	<a href="#">Description</a>
 <a href="#">Parent Directory</a>	-	
 <a href="#">30.1.1.1231106.tar.gz</a>	68k	

Click on file with .tar.gz extension

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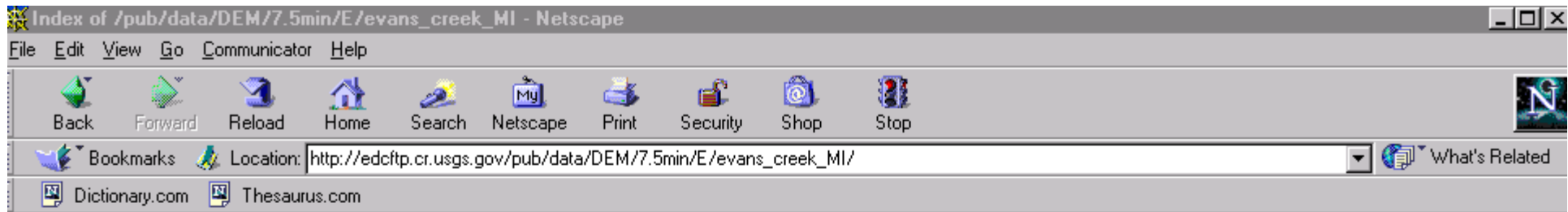
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Unknown File Type


 You have started to download a file of type application/x-gzip. Click "More Info" to learn how to extend Navigator's capabilities.

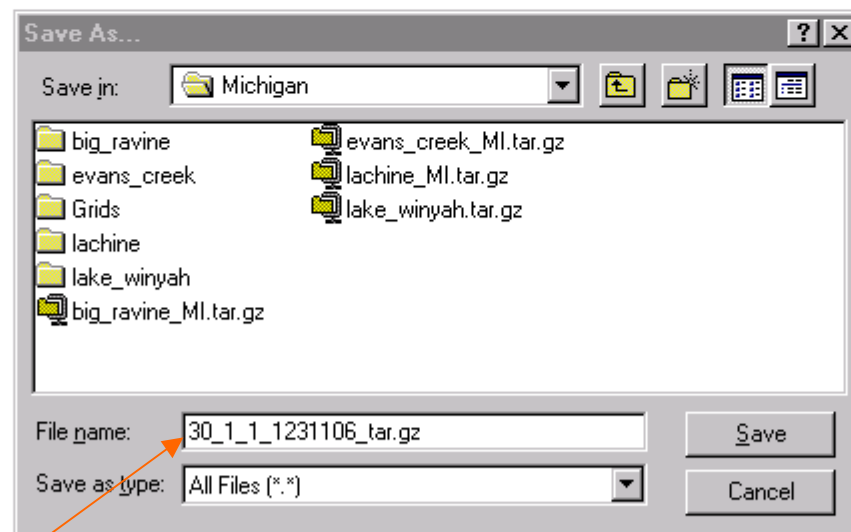
[More Info](#) [Pick App...](#) [Save File...](#) [Cancel](#)

Click save file



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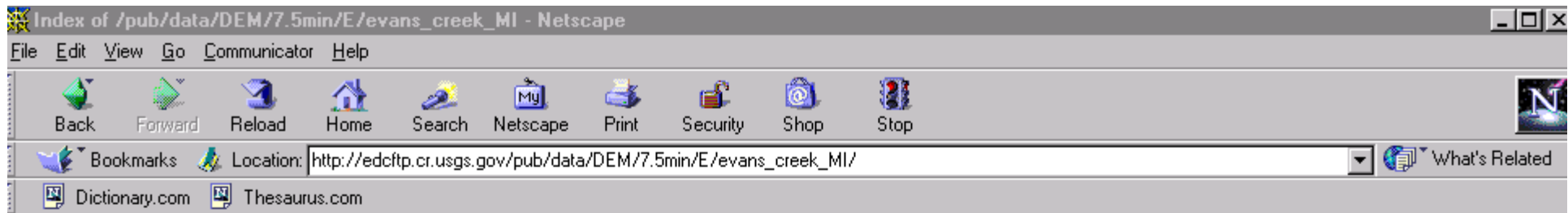
Select directory in which to download file and change this filename to the example on next slide



# Downloading files

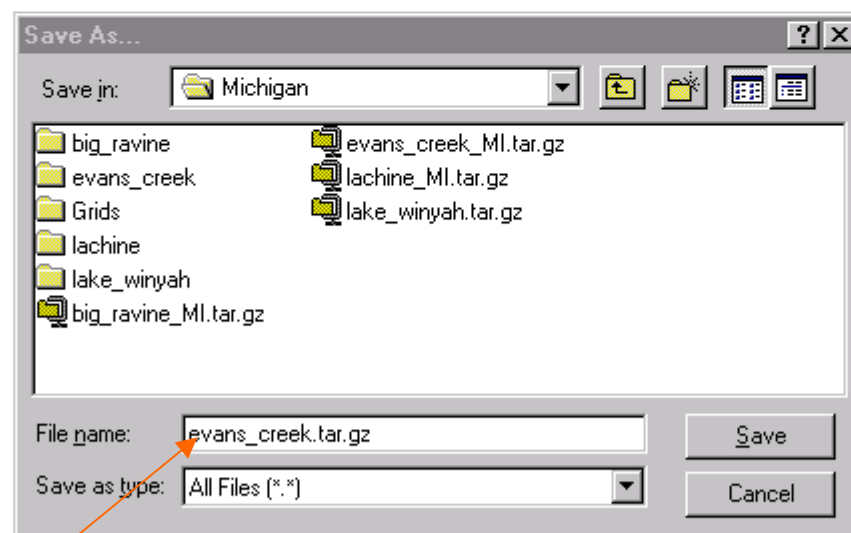
- When downloading a file it is best to rename it before actually downloading. The example file from the previous slide is `30.1.1.1231106.tar.gz`
- We can actually rename this file `evans_creek_MI.tar.gz`
- When you rename it be sure it has the `.tar.gz` extension on the end





## Index of /pub/data/DEM/7.5min/E/evans\_creek\_MI

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 <a href="#">30.1.1.1231106.tar.gz</a>	68k	



NOTE: new name still has .tar.gz extension, but is more comprehensive than the original name



# Tarred & Zipped

- The downloaded files are tarred and zipped
- Tar puts all the files together into one file
- Zip compresses the tarred file
- On the PC use a utility such as Winzip.  
Winzip will unzipt and untar at the same time.

# ArcView

- Once you have the files you want you can begin importing them into ArcView.
- One thing to be aware of is that the DEM files can be in meters or feet and they can be in 30x30 (most common) meter grids or 10x10 meter grids.
- Differences in vertical units will cause some extra processing steps

# Add grid directory to directory structure

Using Windows explorer add a directory to put your ArcView grid files in.

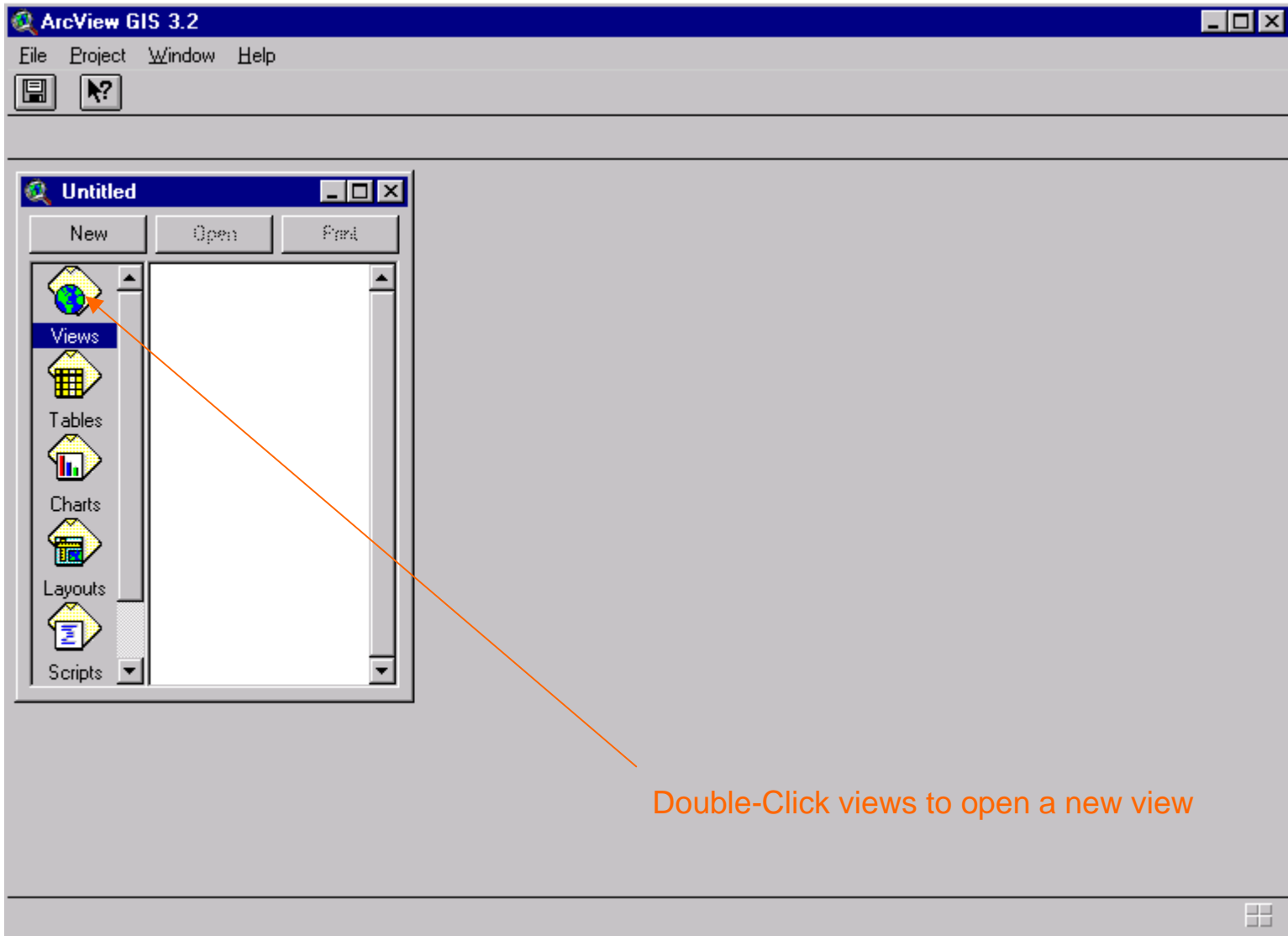
I usually just call mine grid.

`\75_minute_dem\Michigan\grid`

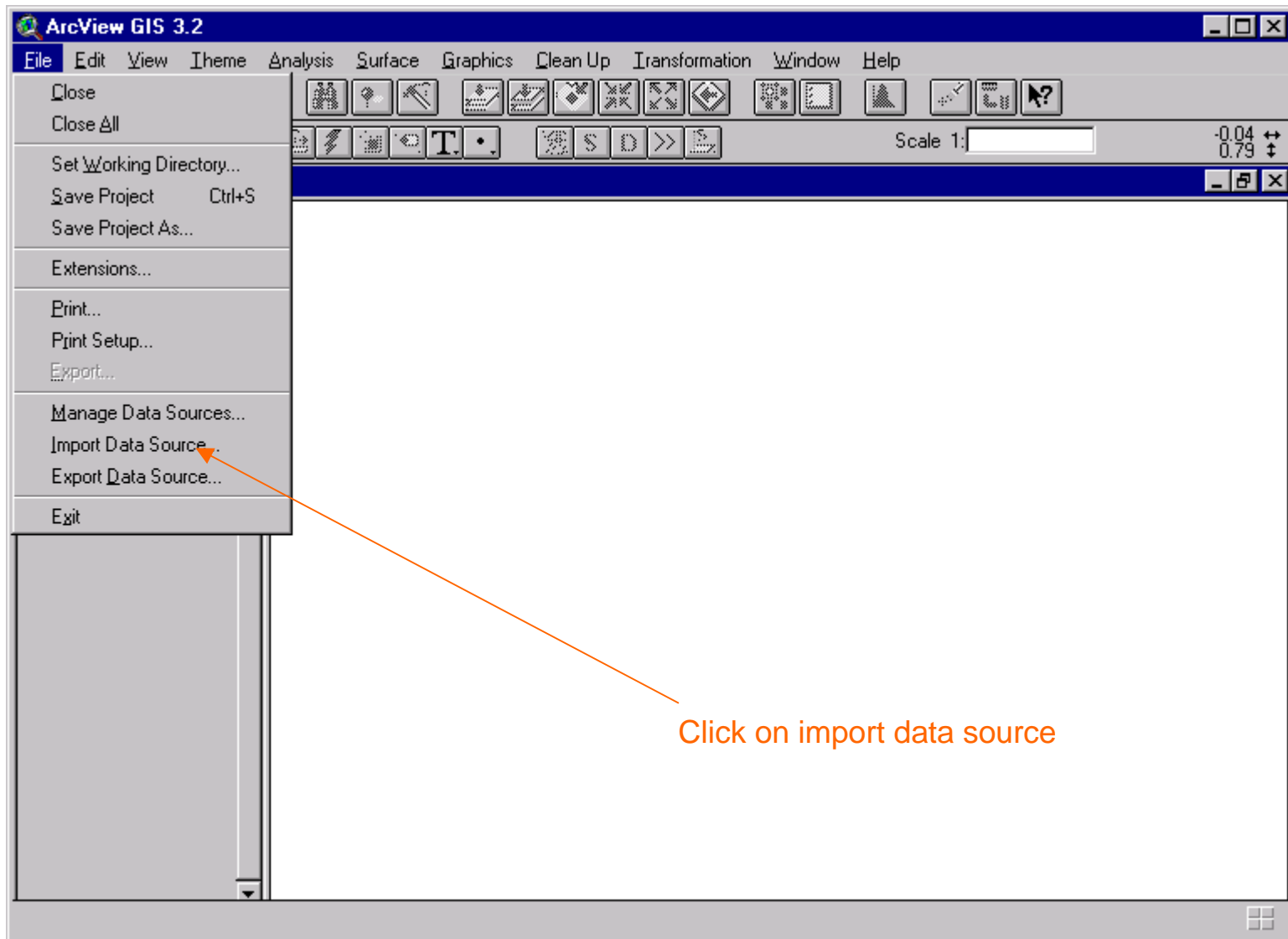
# USGS DEMs in ArcView

- Importing DEMs into Arcview.
- Combining multiple DEMs in ArcView (mosaic).
- Generating shaded relief maps in Arcview.
- Overlaying cultural data.

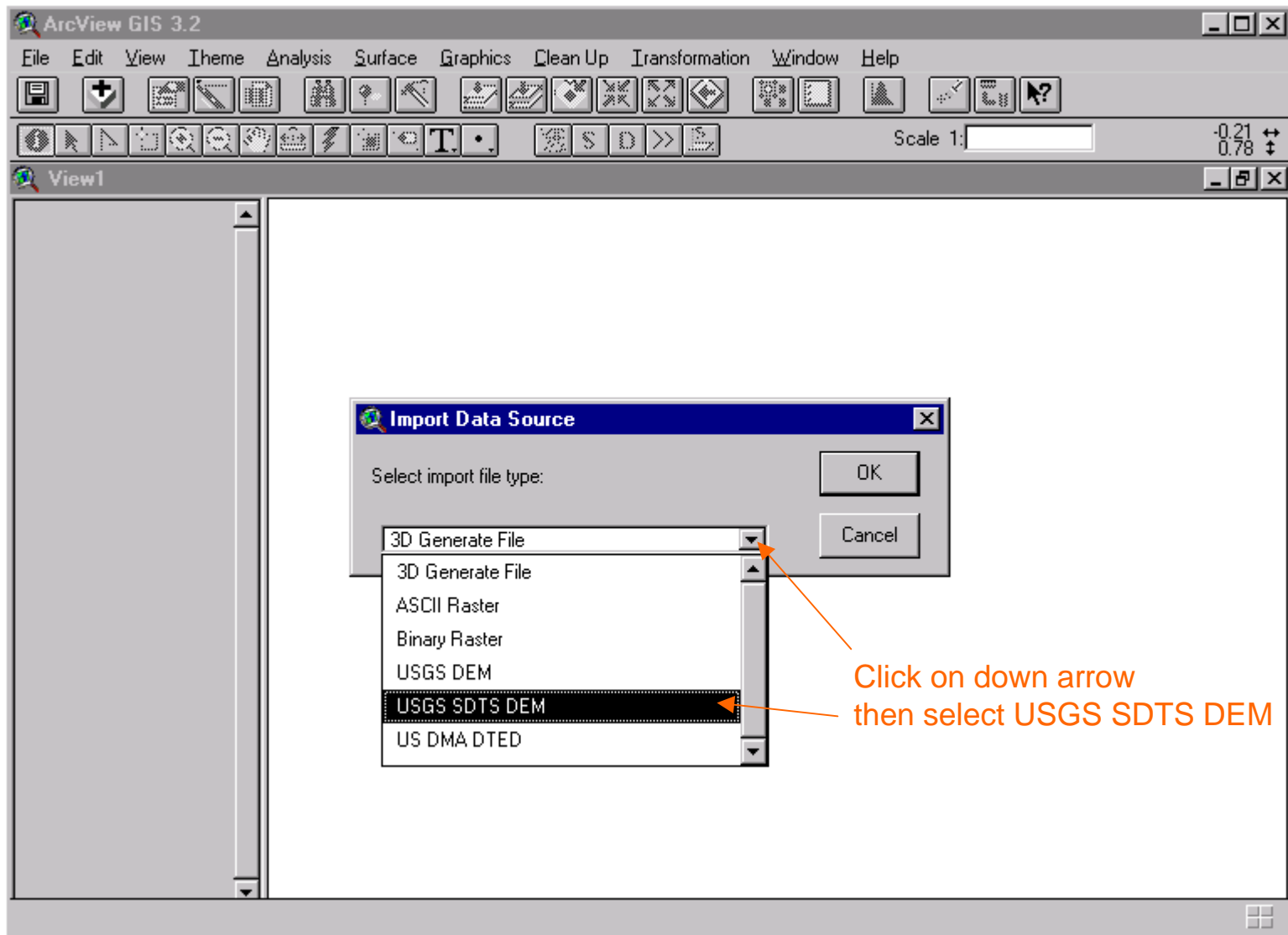
Open ArcView

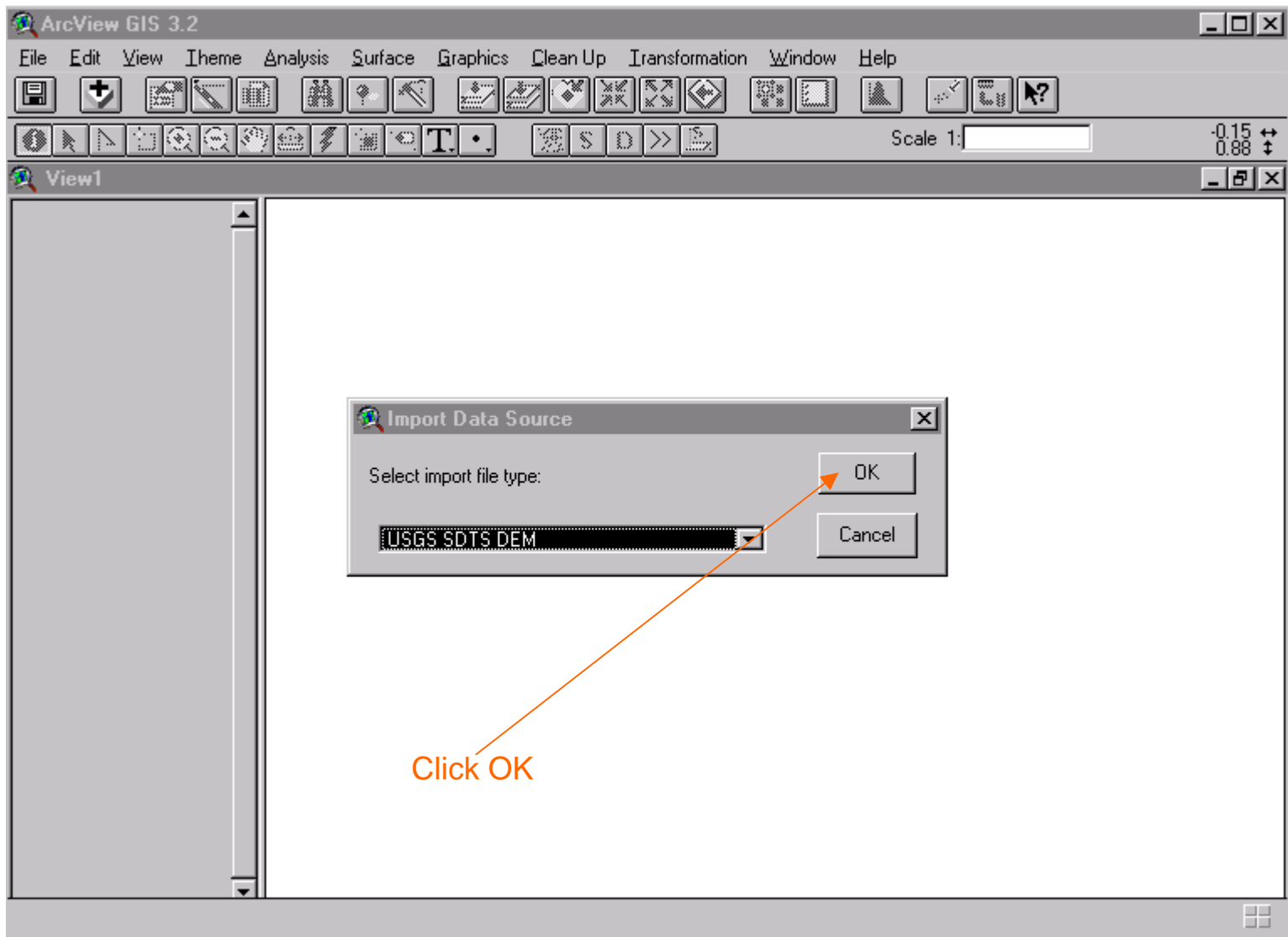


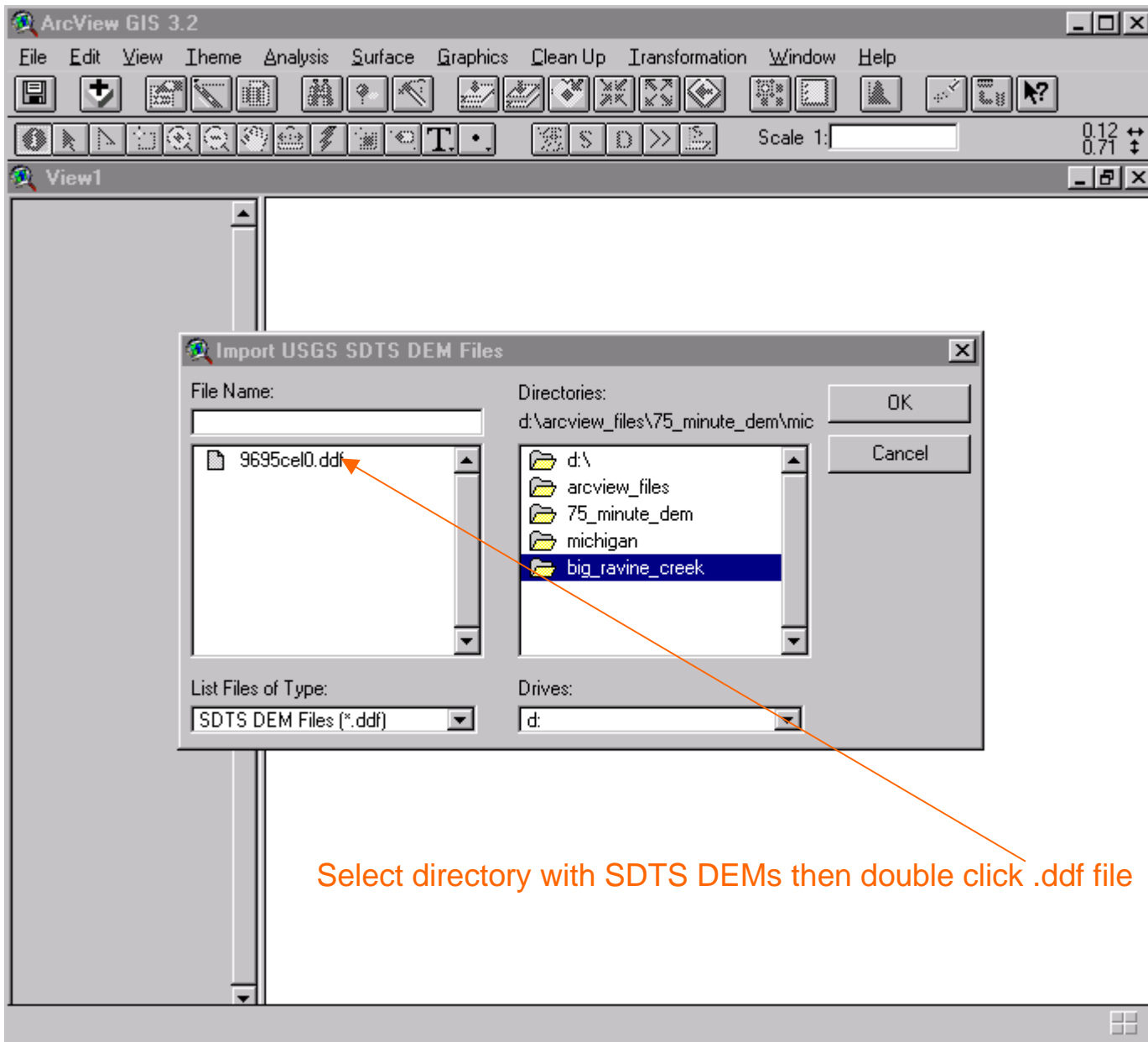
Double-Click views to open a new view



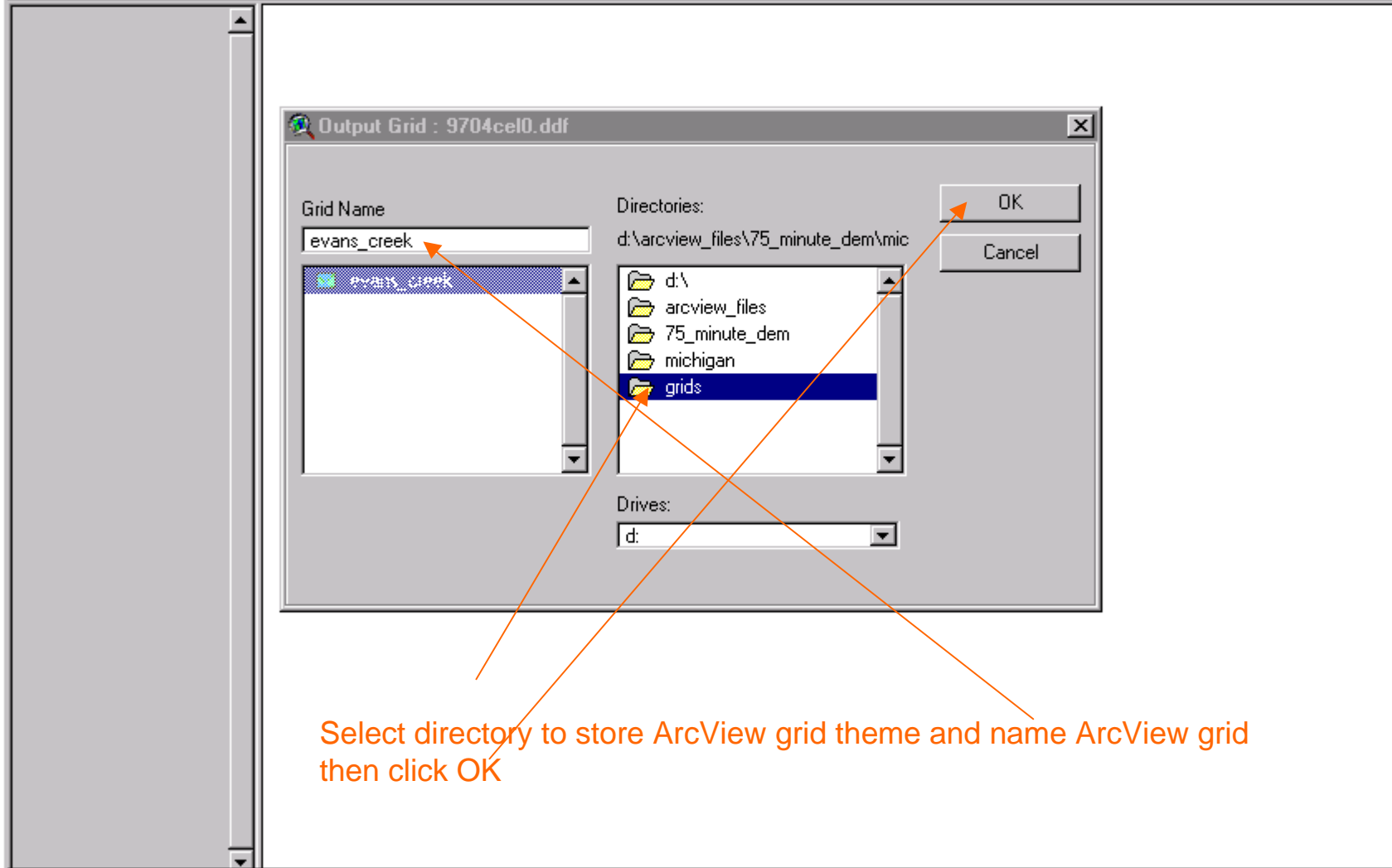
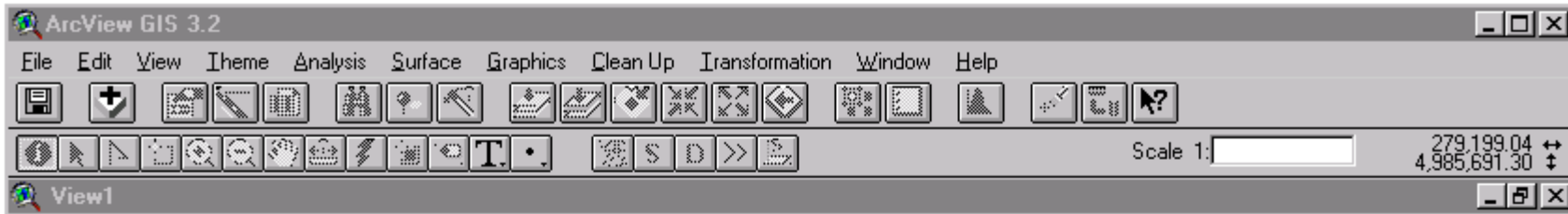








Select directory with SDTS DEMs then double click .ddf file



Select directory to store ArcView grid theme and name ArcView grid then click OK



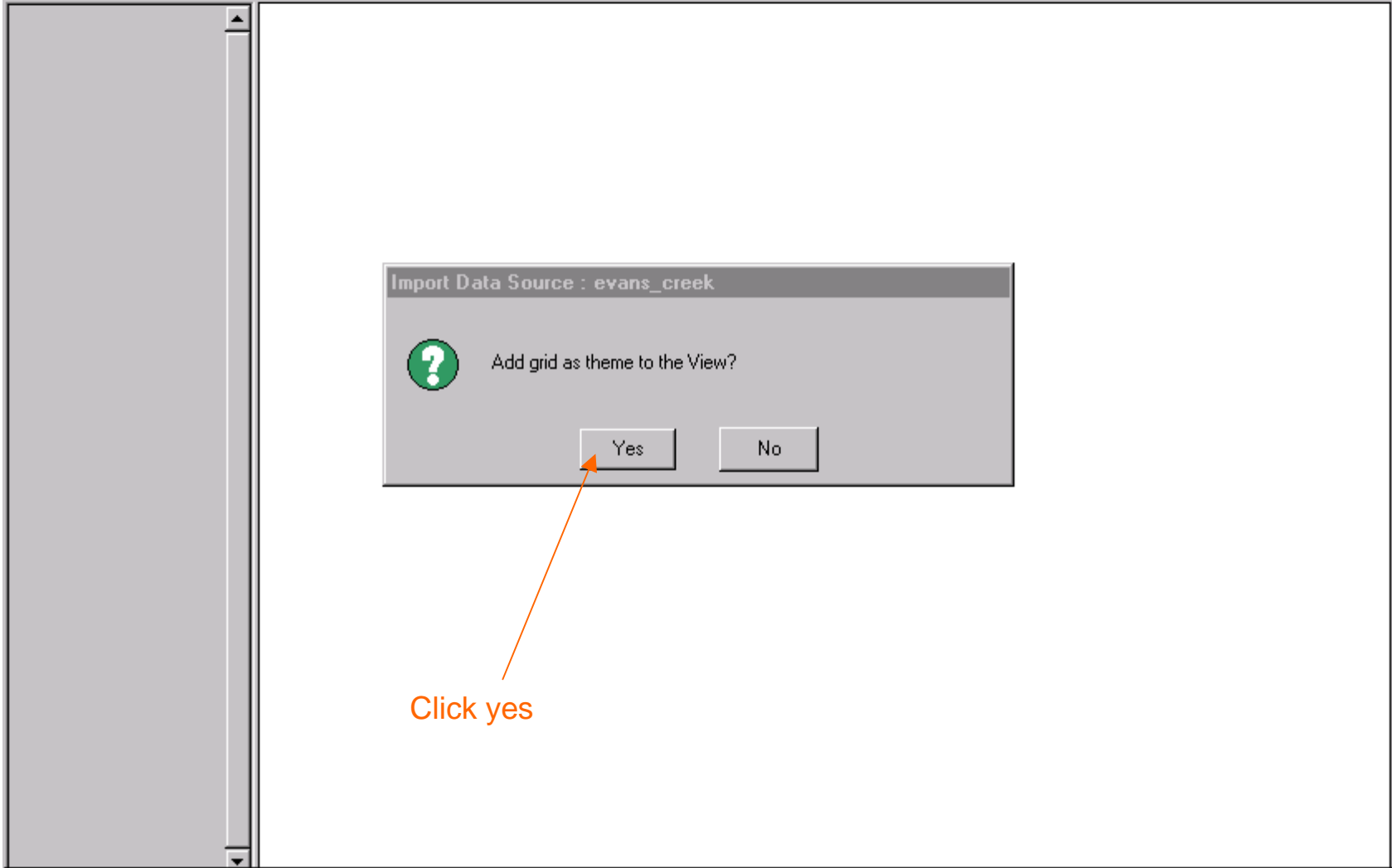
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View1

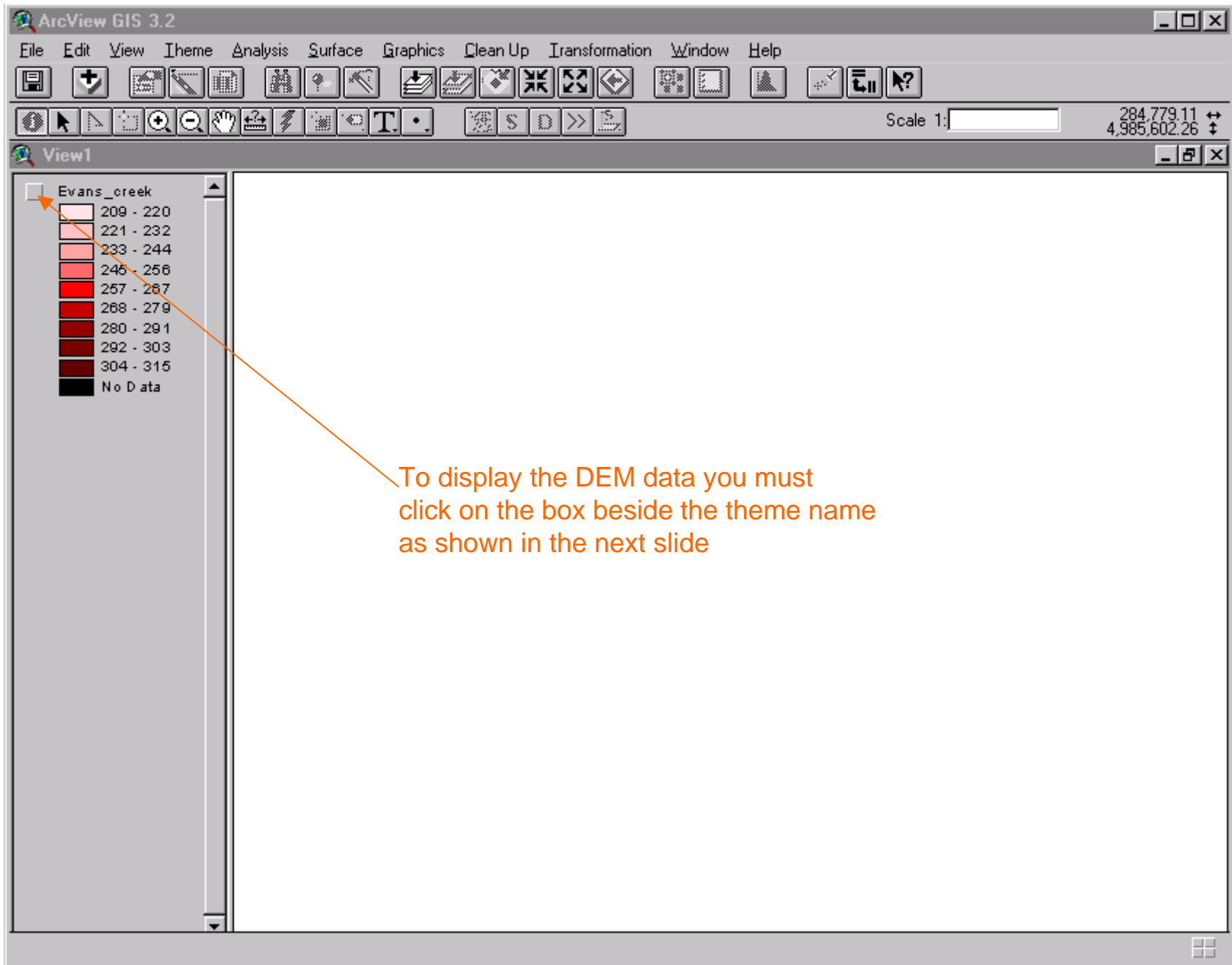


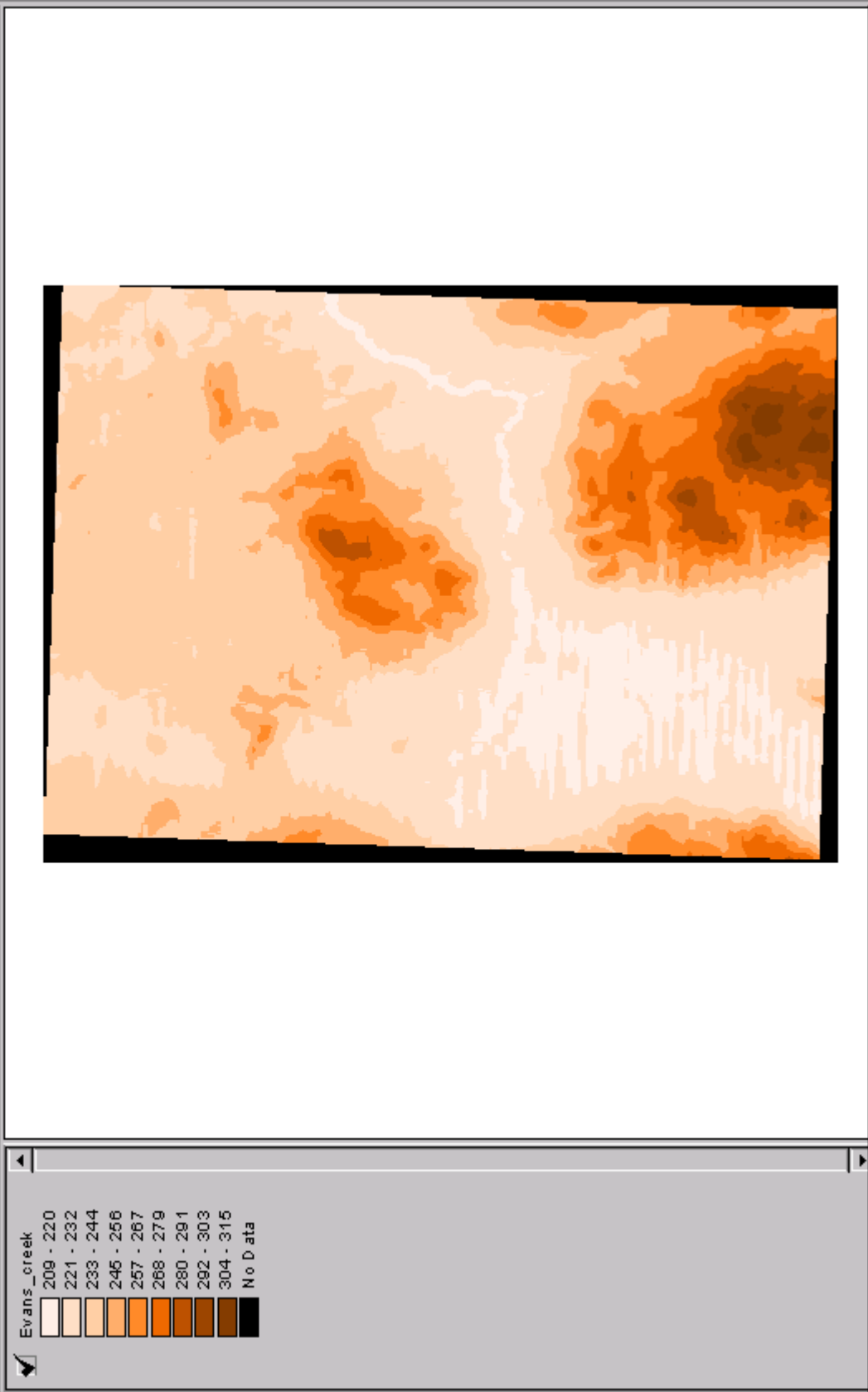
Import Data Source : evans\_creek

 Add grid as theme to the View?

Click yes



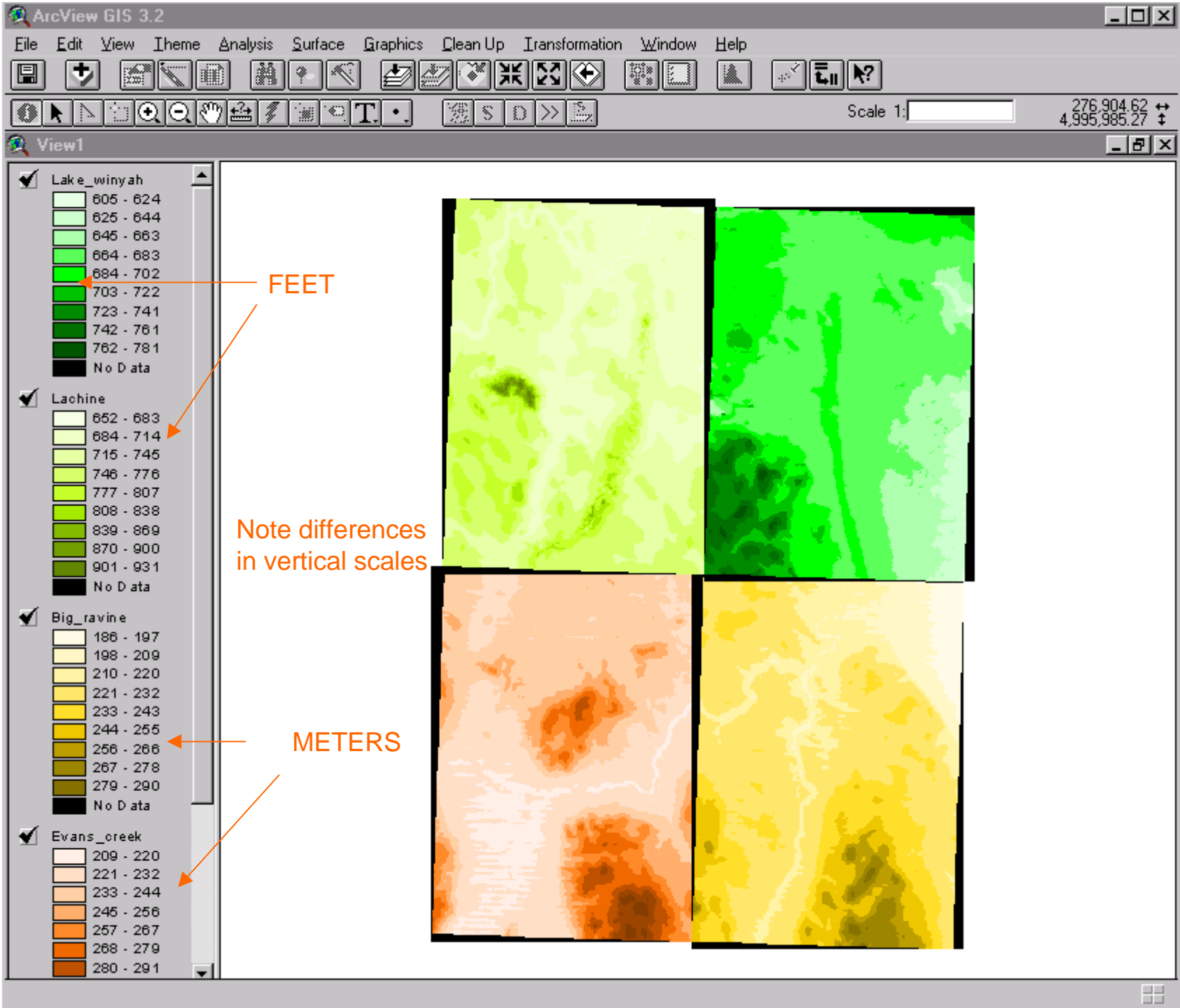




# Adding adjacent quadrangles

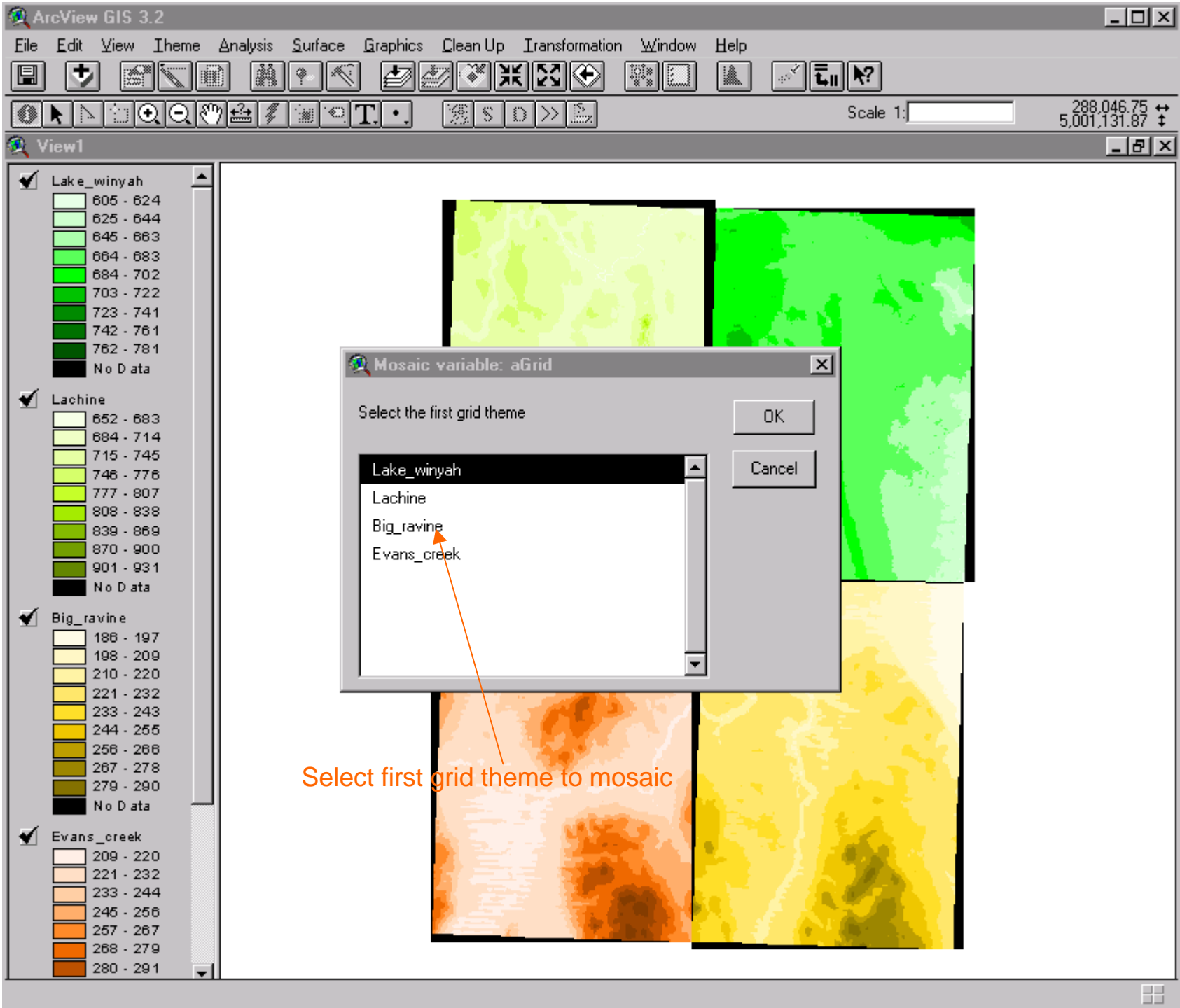
- We have downloaded 4 adjacent quadrangles in the same fashion as the first
- The next slide shows the 4 quadrangles displayed on the screen separately
- We will eventually mosaic these tiles together to form one quadrangle map
- Note on the following slide differences in the scale of the vertical units (meters & feet)

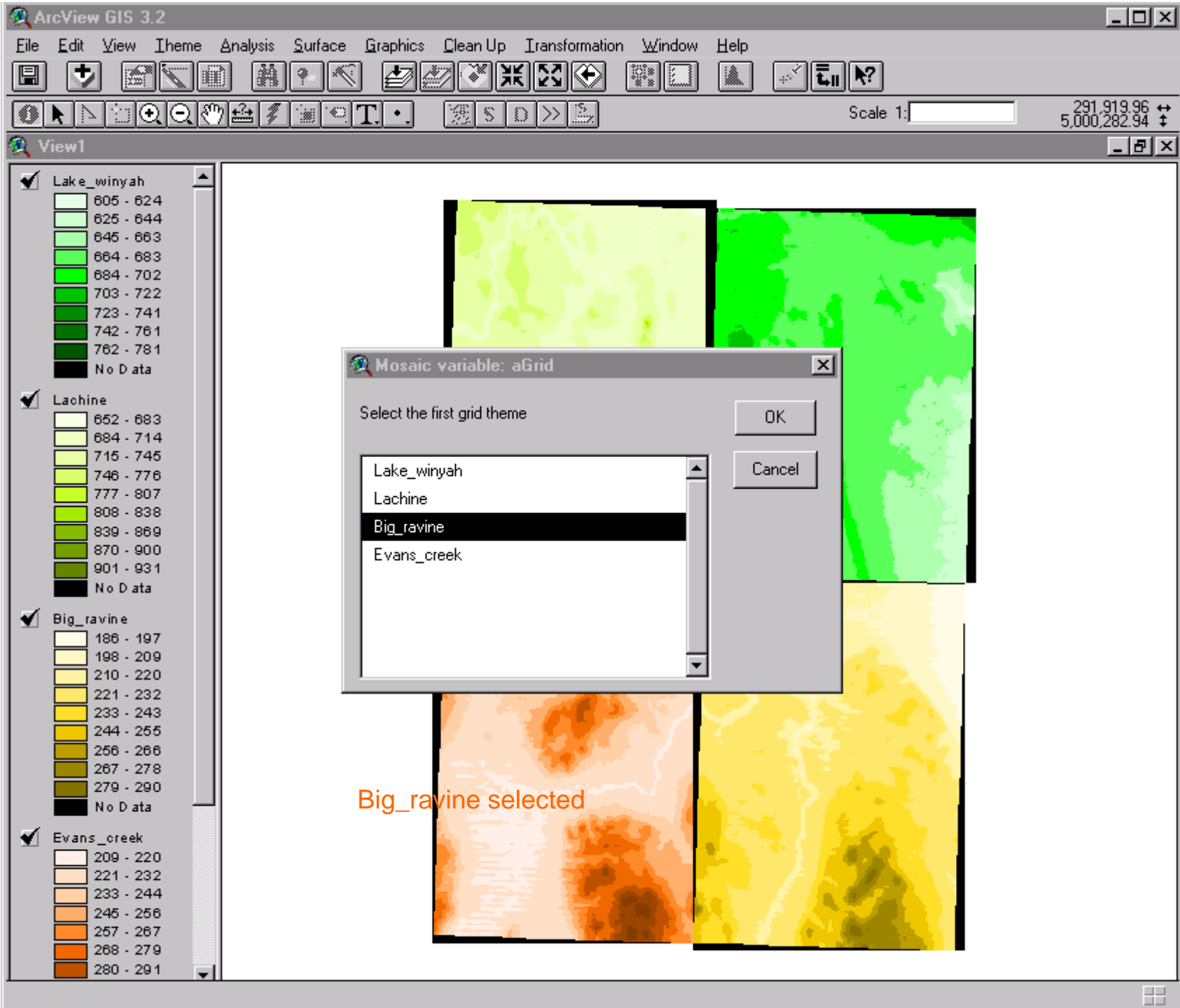




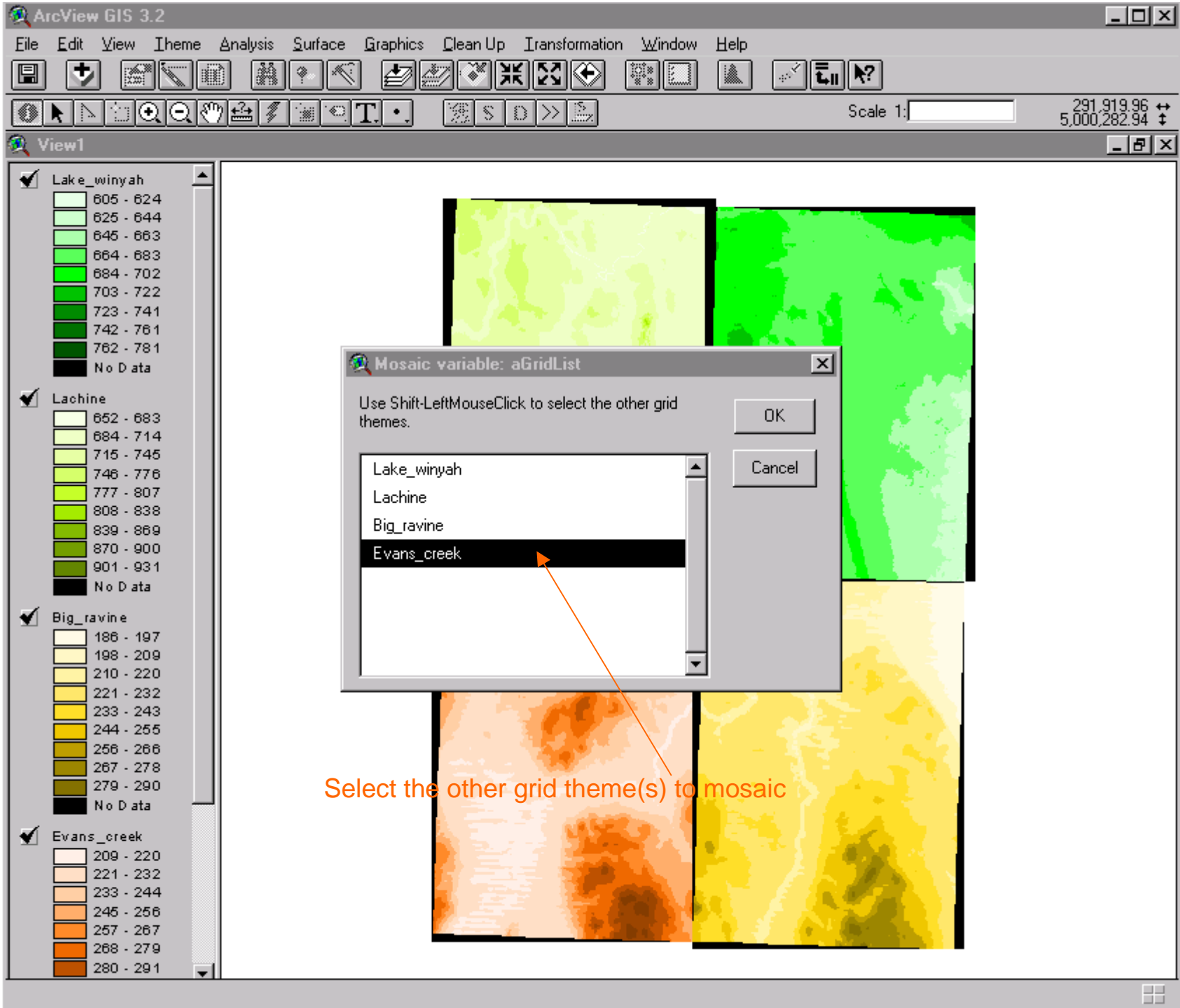
# Converting meters to feet

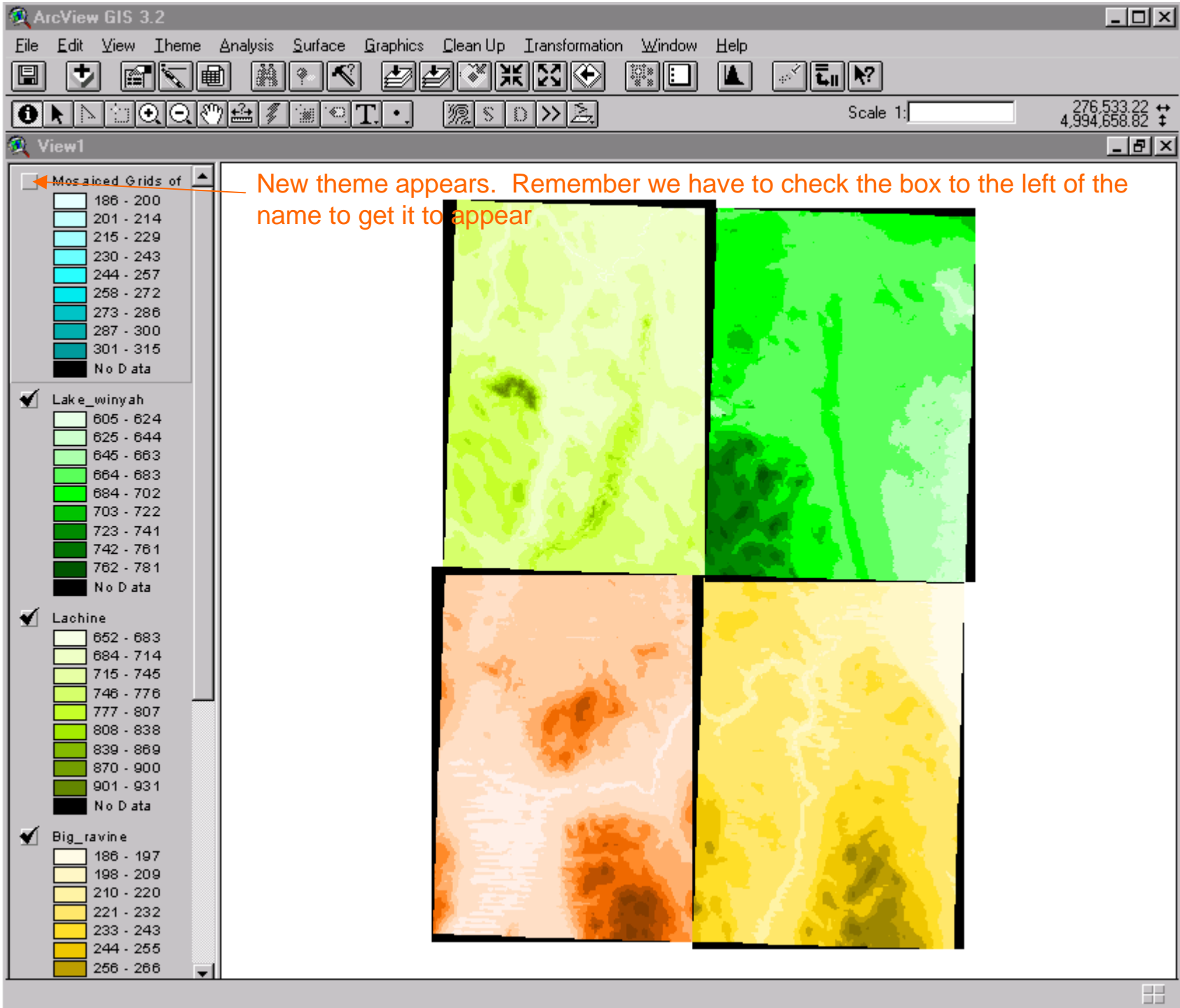
- First we combine the quadrangles with meter units
- We perform a calculator function to convert the grid data from meters to feet
- Finally we combine all the grids with vertical units in feet





Big\_ravine selected





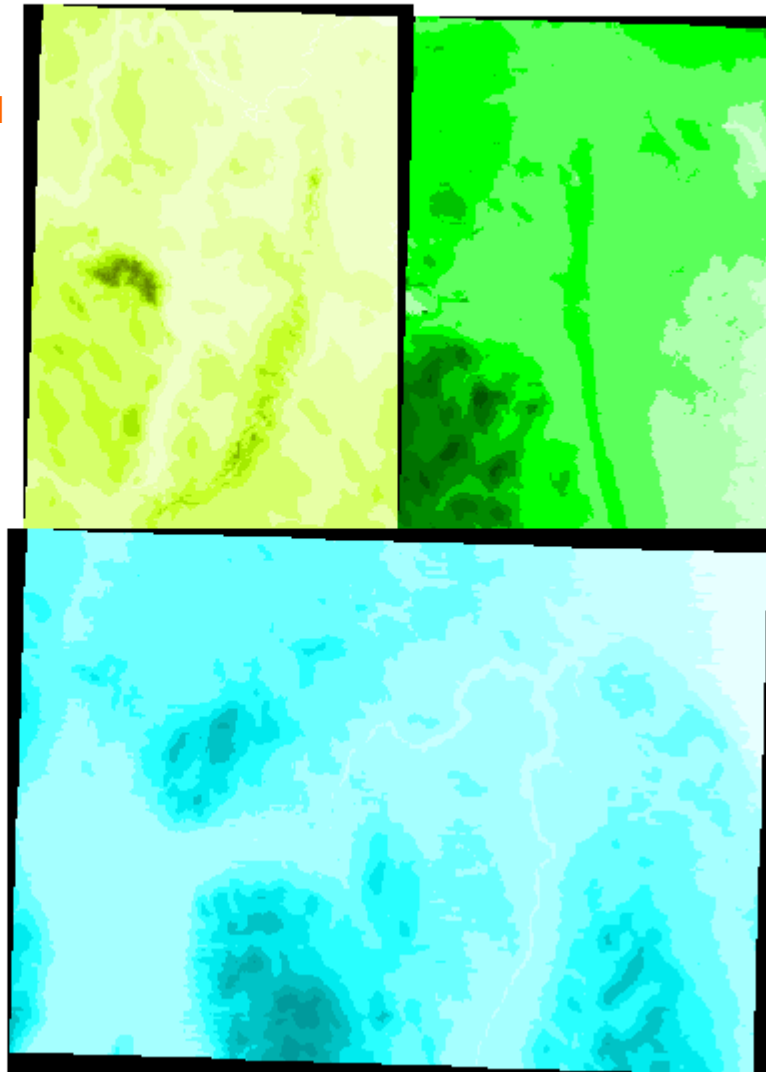


Scale 1:

276,586.28  
4,996,781.13

- Mosaiced Grids of
  - 186 - 200
  - 201 - 214
  - 215 - 229
  - 230 - 243
  - 244 - 257
  - 258 - 272
  - 273 - 286
  - 287 - 300
  - 301 - 315
  - No Data
- Lake\_winyah
  - 605 - 624
  - 625 - 644
  - 645 - 663
  - 664 - 683
  - 684 - 702
  - 703 - 722
  - 723 - 741
  - 742 - 761
  - 762 - 781
  - No Data
- Lachine
  - 652 - 683
  - 684 - 714
  - 715 - 745
  - 746 - 776
  - 777 - 807
  - 808 - 838
  - 839 - 869
  - 870 - 900
  - 901 - 931
  - No Data
- Big\_ravine
  - 186 - 197
  - 198 - 209
  - 210 - 220
  - 221 - 232
  - 233 - 243
  - 244 - 255
  - 256 - 266

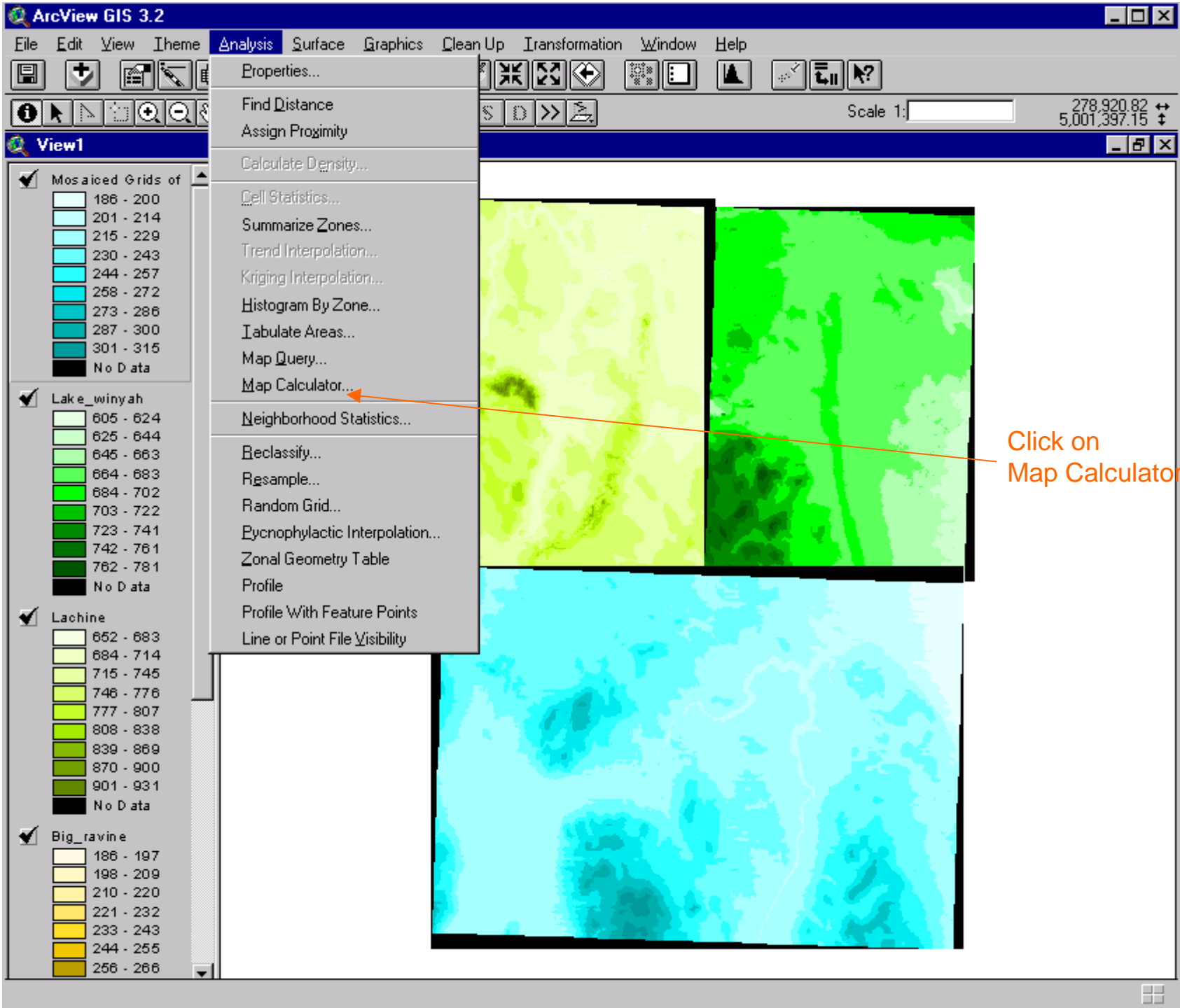
Notice now that the bottom panel covers the previous two



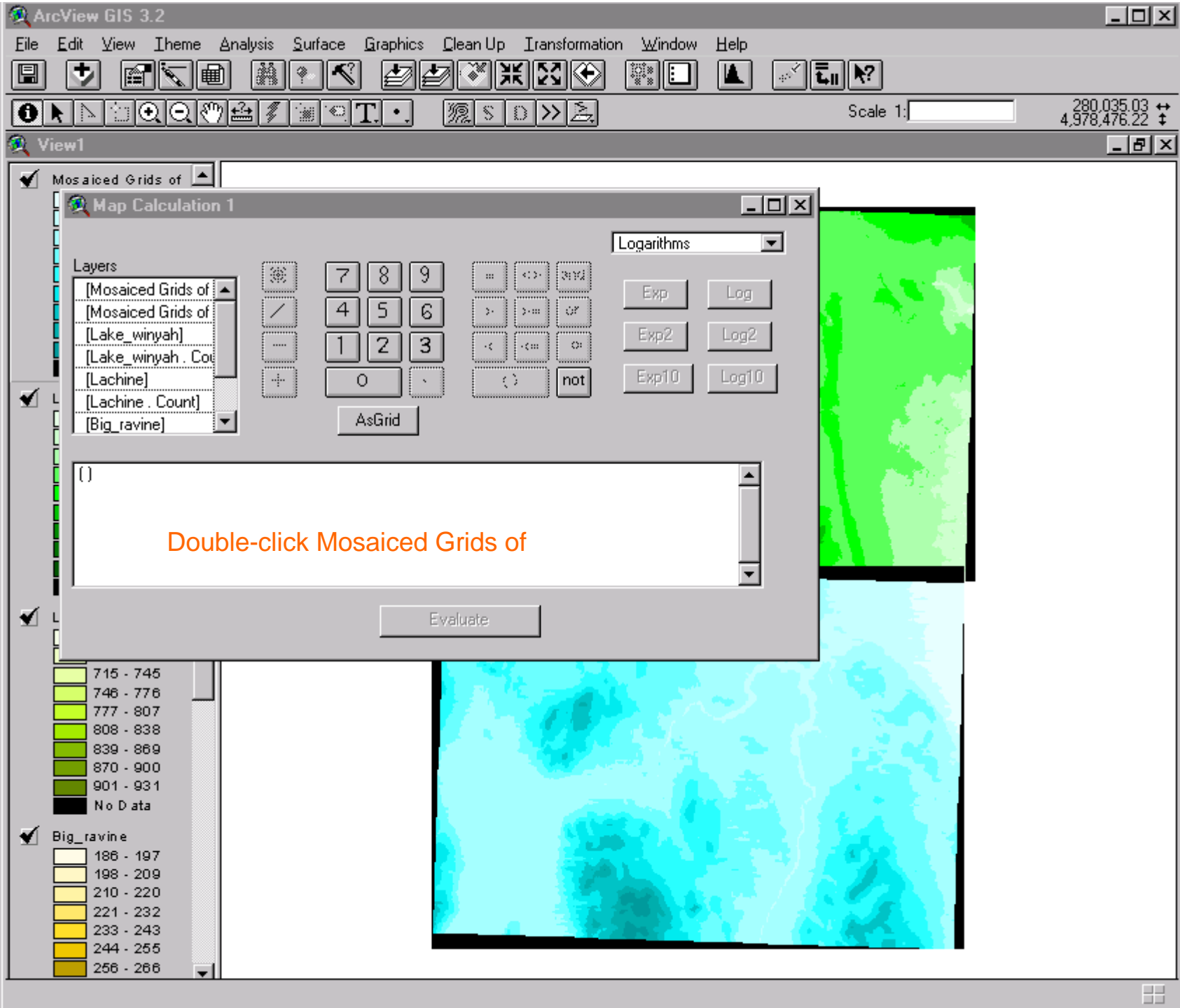
# Map Calculator

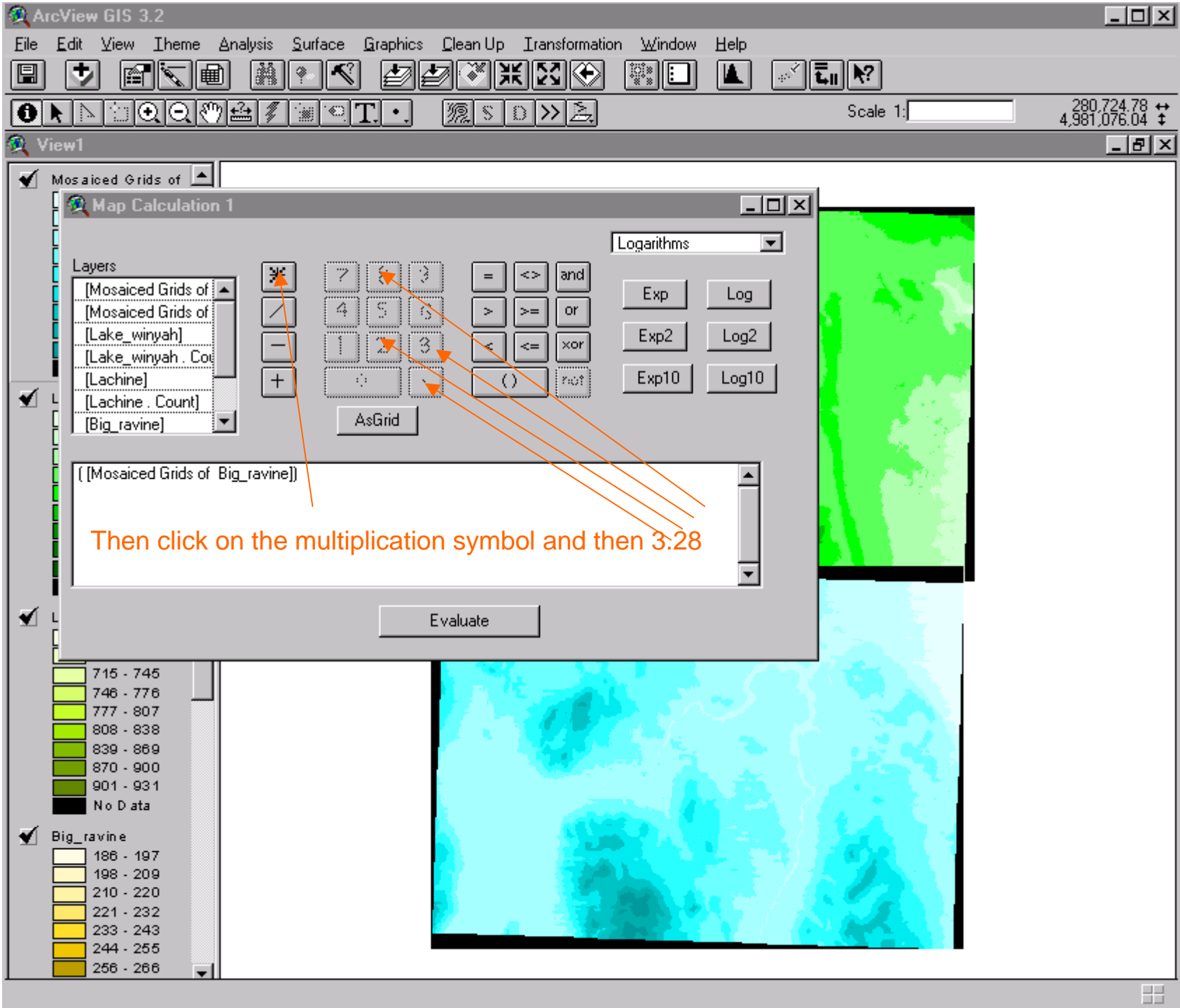
- Now that we have the meter quadrangles spliced together we can perform a mathematical operation to convert from meters to feet

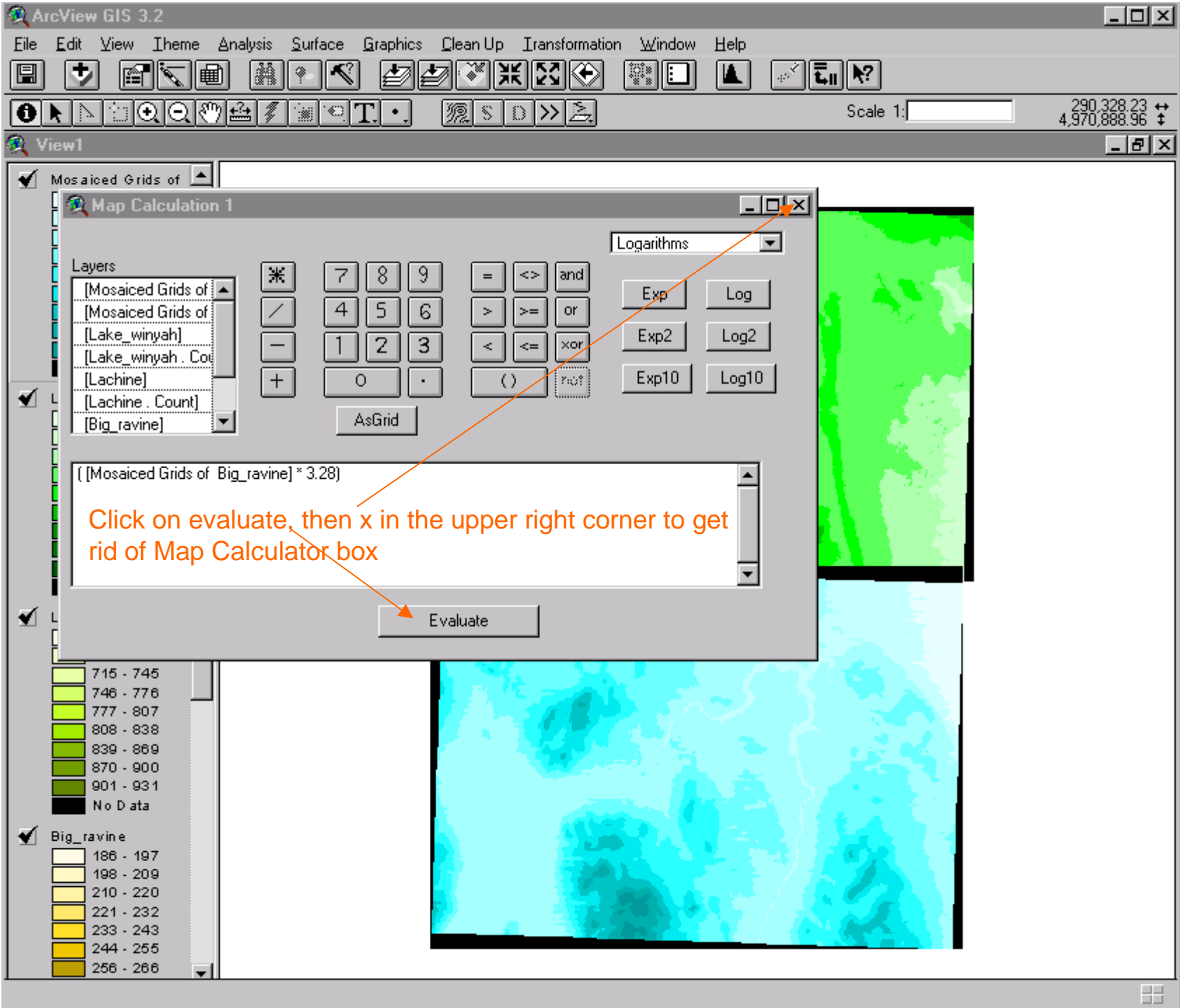




Click on  
Map Calculator

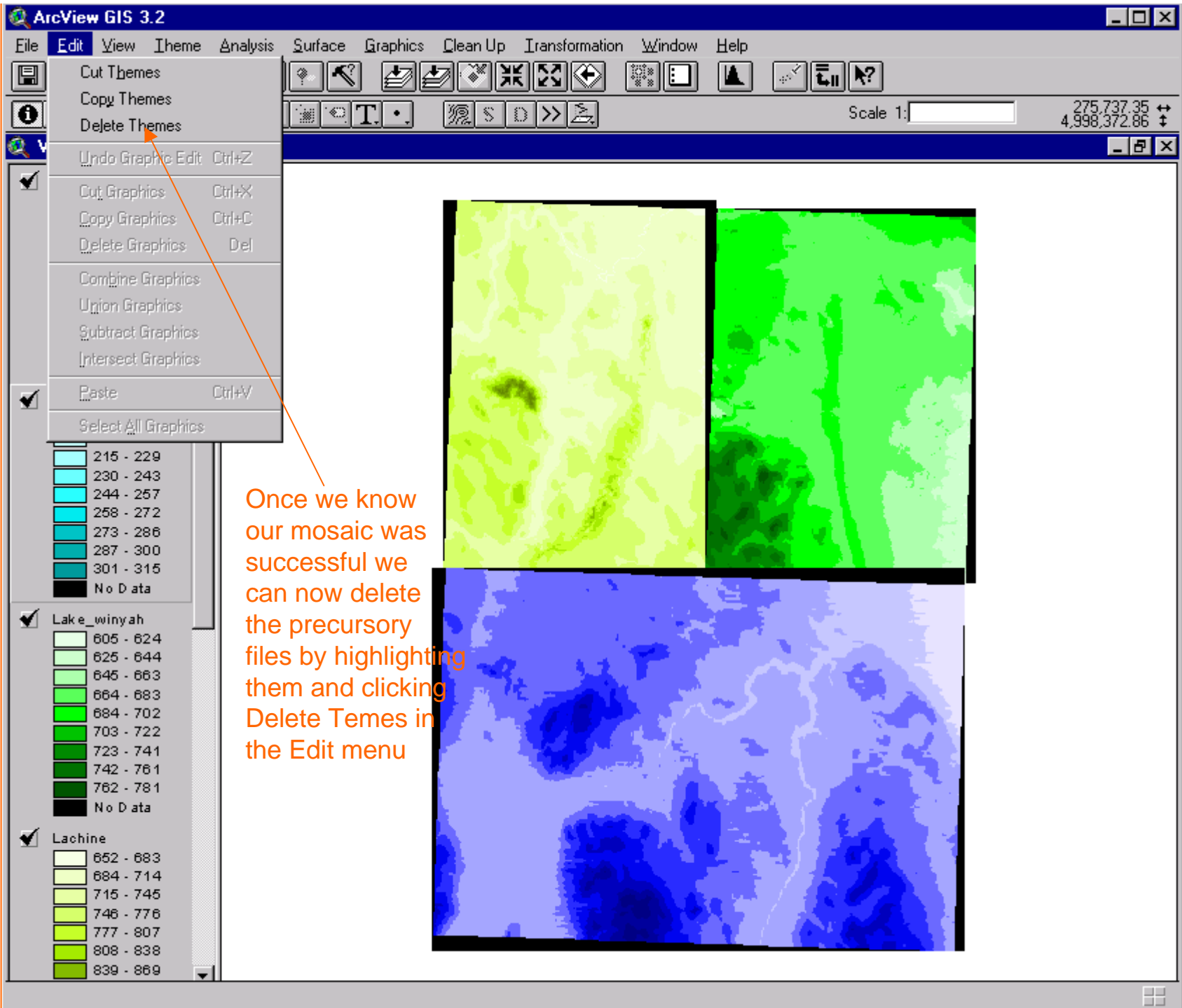






# Deleting unnecessary themes

- Once we've checked to make sure our new theme is correct by adding it to the view, we can eliminate the precursory themes.
- We do this by highlighting the themes we want to delete.
- To highlight one theme, click on it. To highlight multiple themes shift-click on them



# Combining the entire region

- Now we have the entire region we started with in the same vertical units
- We can now mosaic the files in feet together to get one continuous map.
- This process is the same that we used before.
- Transformation:Mosaic and then select the relevant files

Scale 1:  290,222.11  
5,000,070.71

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map Calculation 1	610.08 - 657.0
		657.093 - 704
		704.107 - 751
		751.12 - 798.
		798.133 - 845
		845.147 - 892
		892.16 - 939.
		939.173 - 986
		986.187 - 103
		No D ata
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lake_winyah	605 - 624
		625 - 644
		645 - 663
		664 - 683
		684 - 702
		703 - 722
		723 - 741
		742 - 761
		762 - 781
		No D ata
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lachine	662 - 683
		684 - 714
		715 - 745
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		870 - 900
		901 - 931
		No D ata

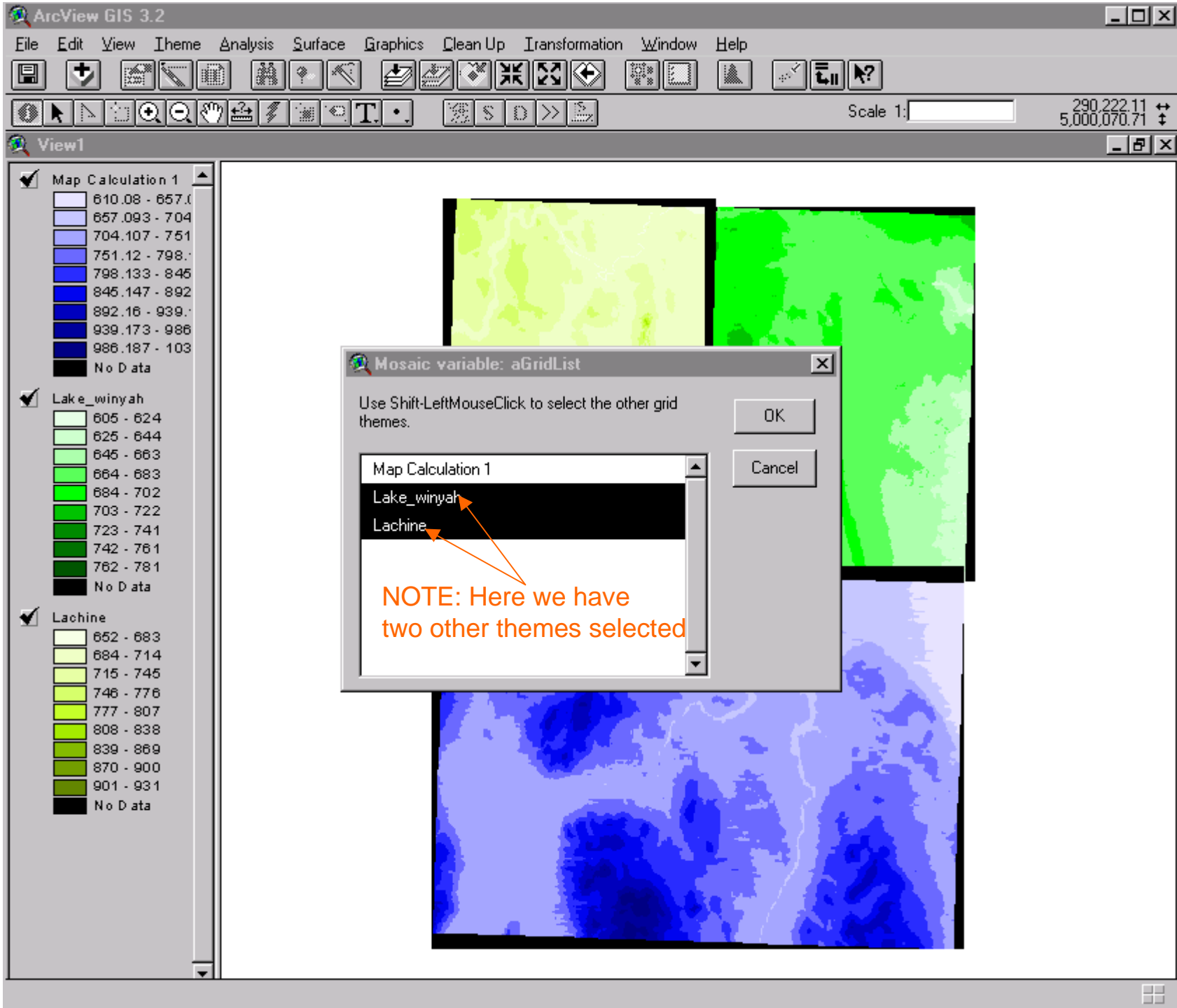
Mosaic variable: aGrid

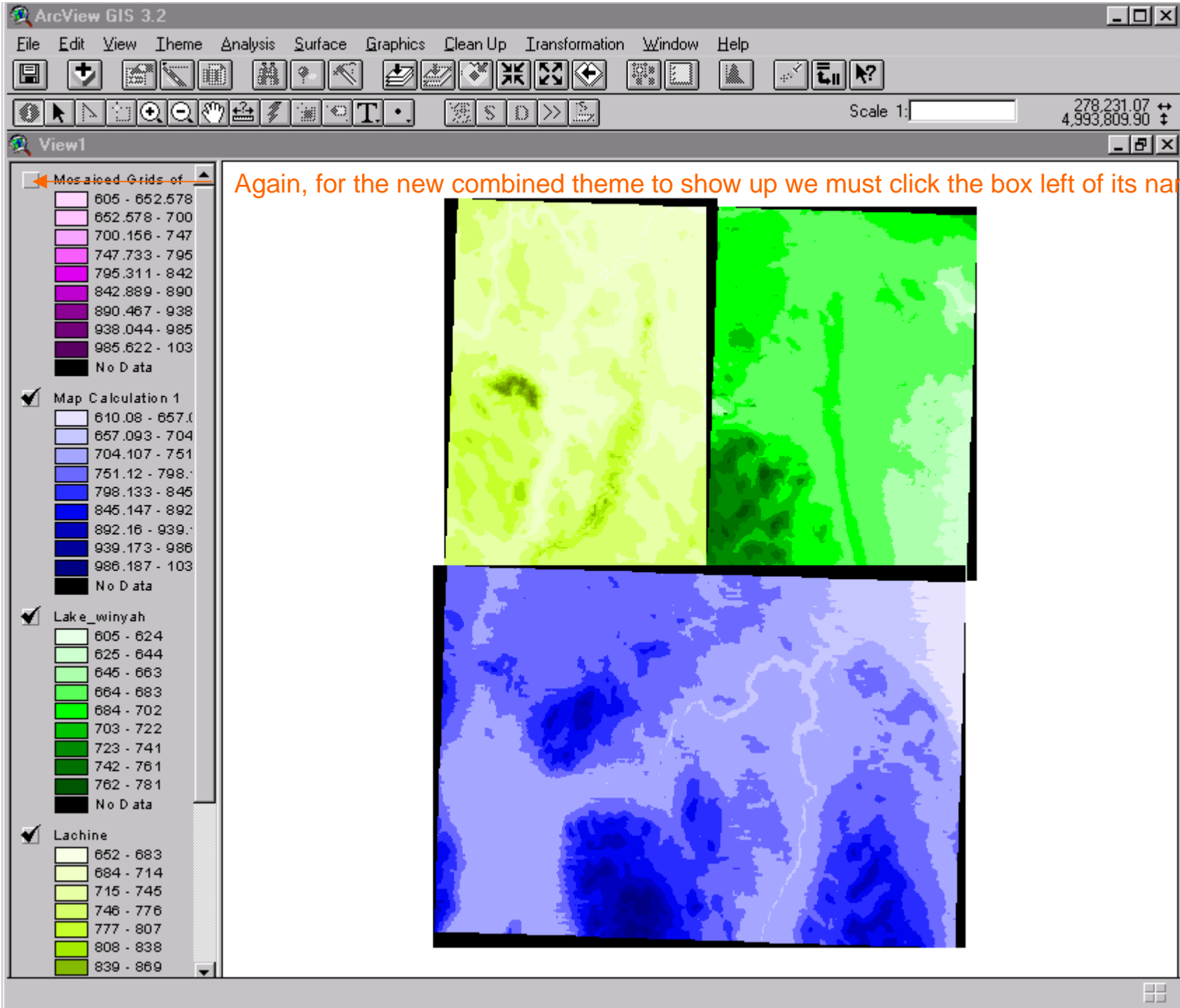
Select the first grid theme

- Map Calculation 1
- Lake\_winyah
- Lachine

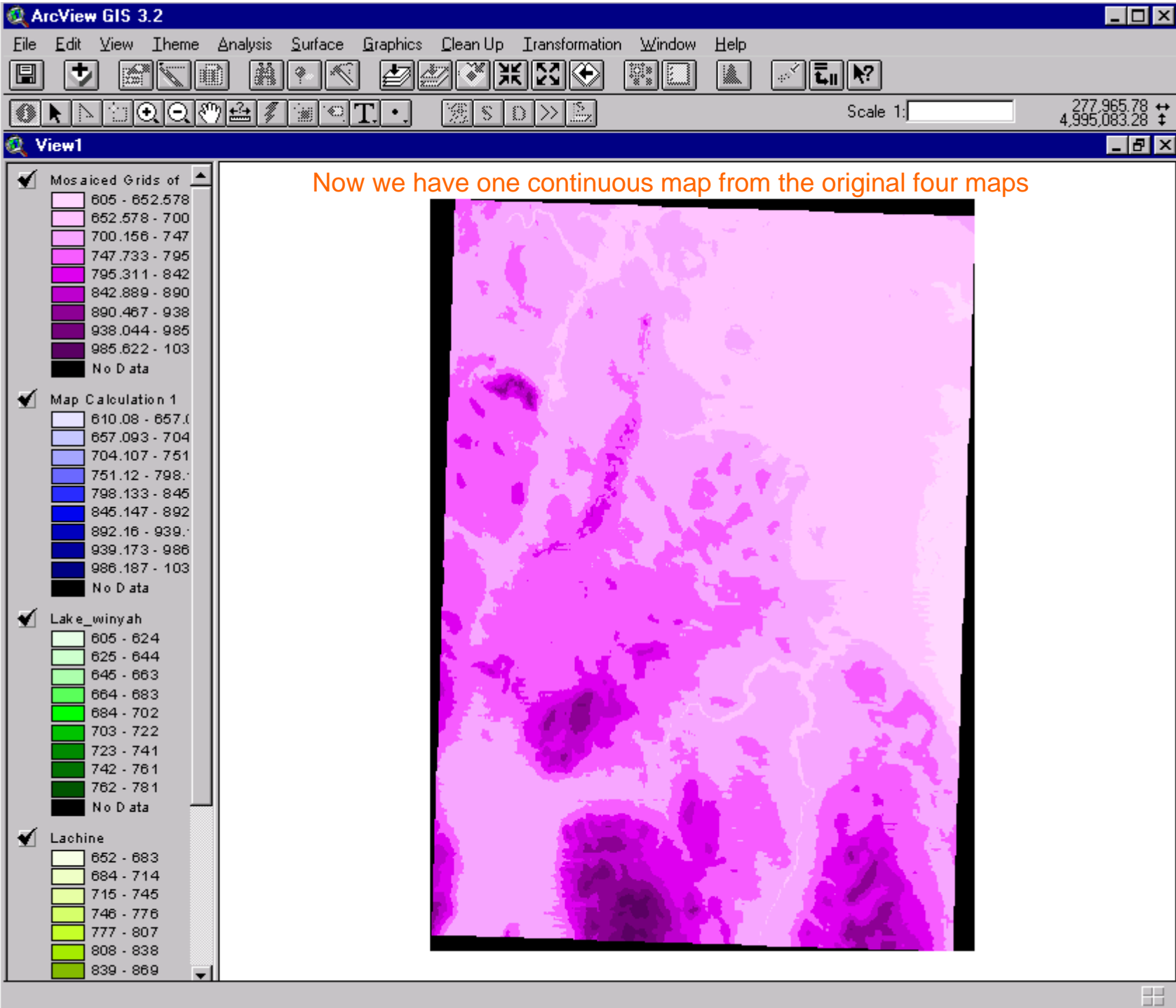
OK Cancel







Again, for the new combined theme to show up we must click the box left of its name

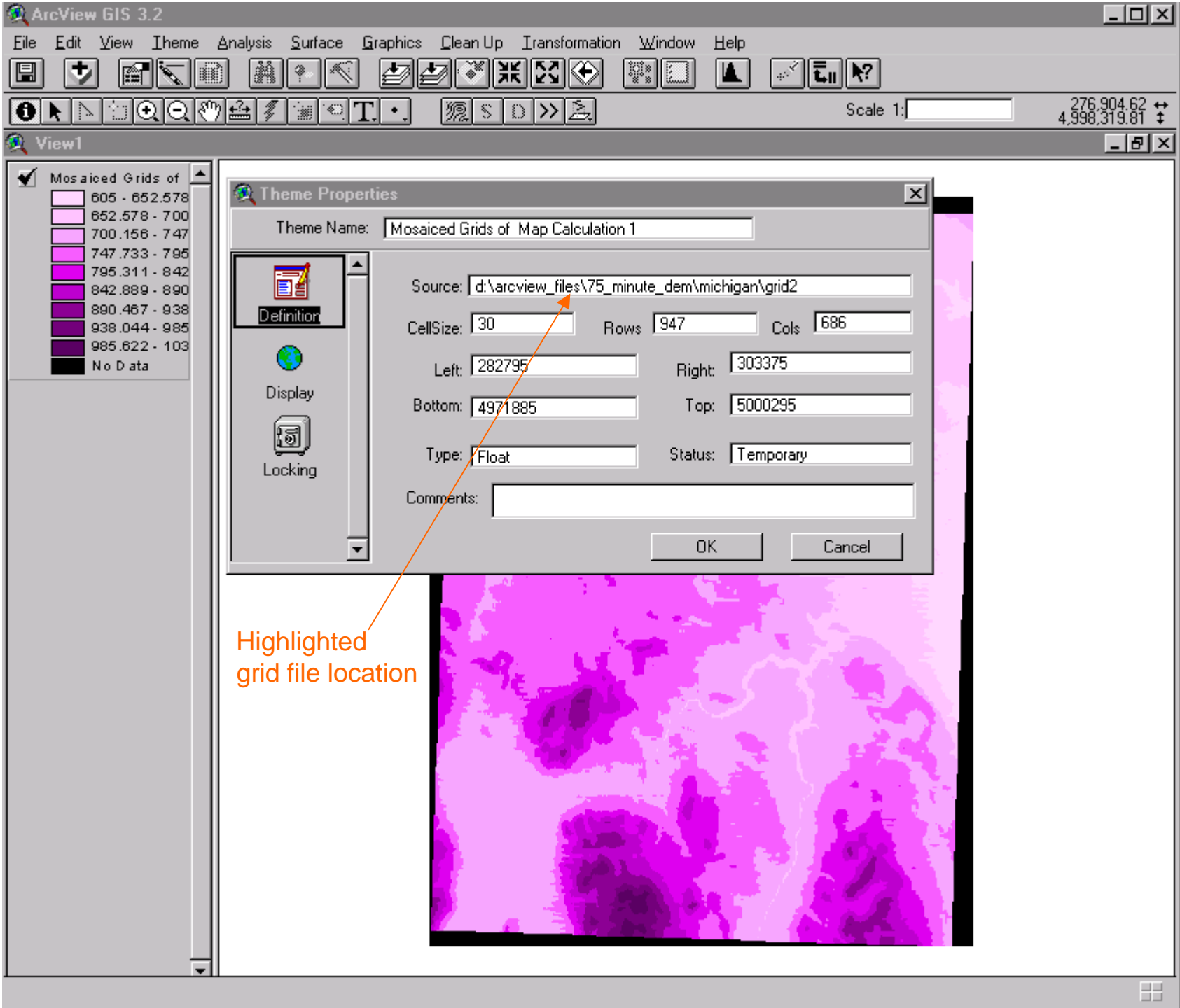


# House Cleaning

- Now we are in a position to create hill shaded relief maps.
- First however we may want to do some house cleaning.
- Our mosaic files are kept in a temporary file, arbitrarily named and are apt to get accidentally deleted.
- We can move this file to a more permanent position using manage data sources

# Where does my mosaiced file reside?

- If you have set a working directory (File:Set Working Directory) it will save the file as grid1 or grid2 etc. in that directory.
- If you delete this theme in a view, it will delete from the hard disk.
- Highlight the mosaiced theme, then go to Theme:Properties and it will show you the files location. See next slide.



Highlighted grid file location

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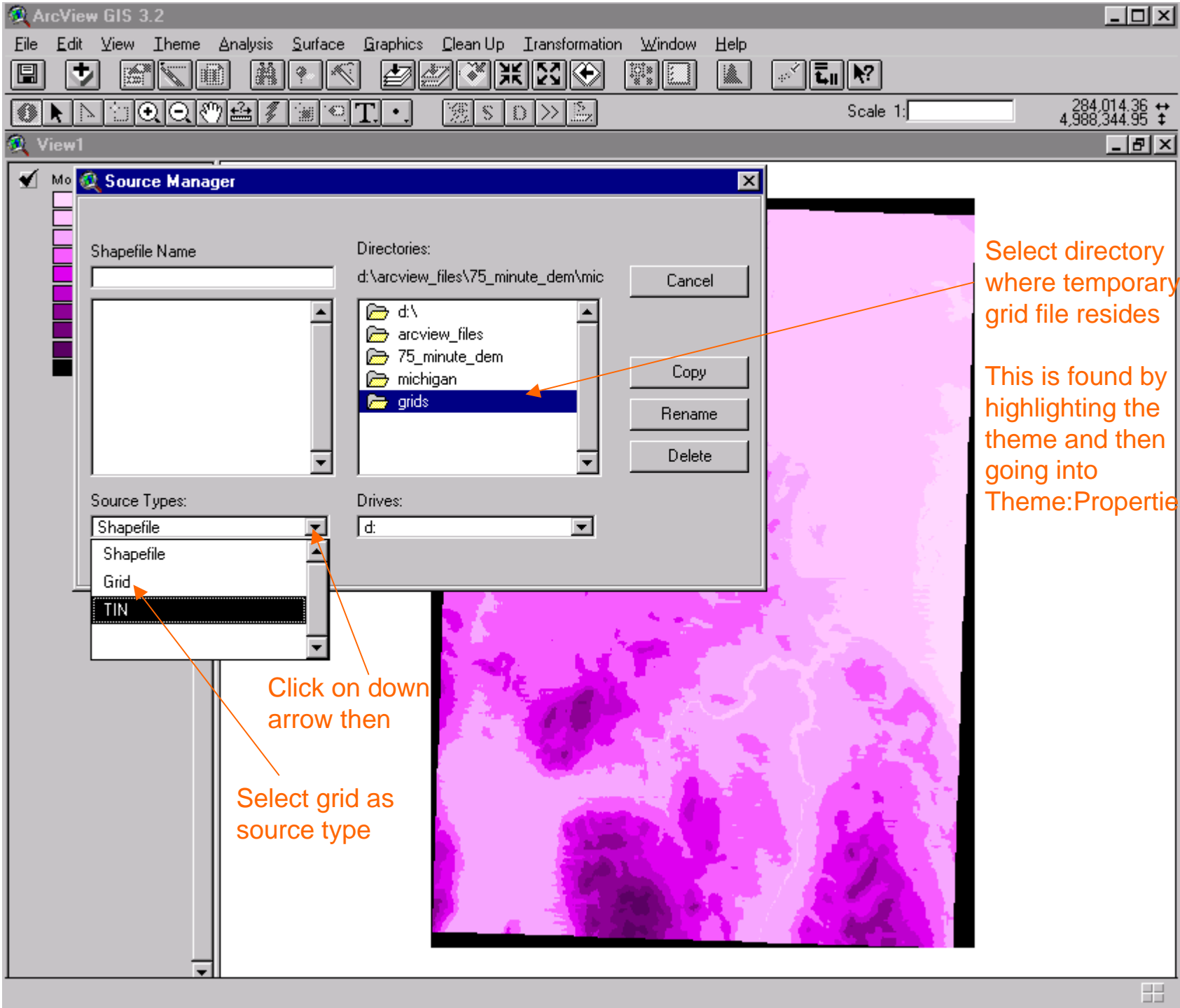
- Close
- Close All
- Set Working Directory...
- Save Project Ctrl+S
- Save Project As...
- Extensions...
- Print...
- Print Setup...
- Export...
- Manage Data Sources
- Import Data Source...
- Export Data Source...
- Exit



Scale 1: 275,631.24  
4,996,515.84



Click on  
Manage Data  
Sources

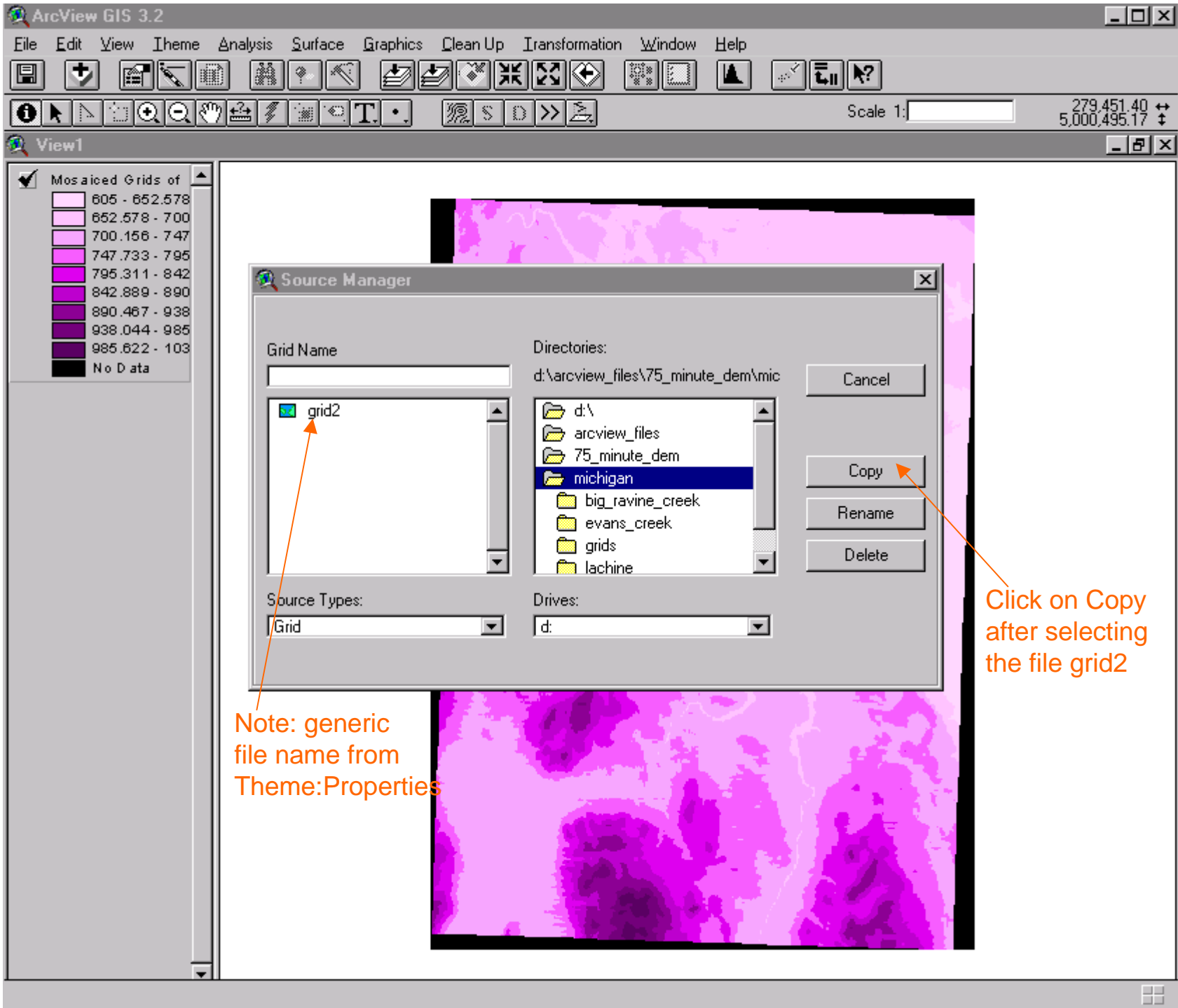


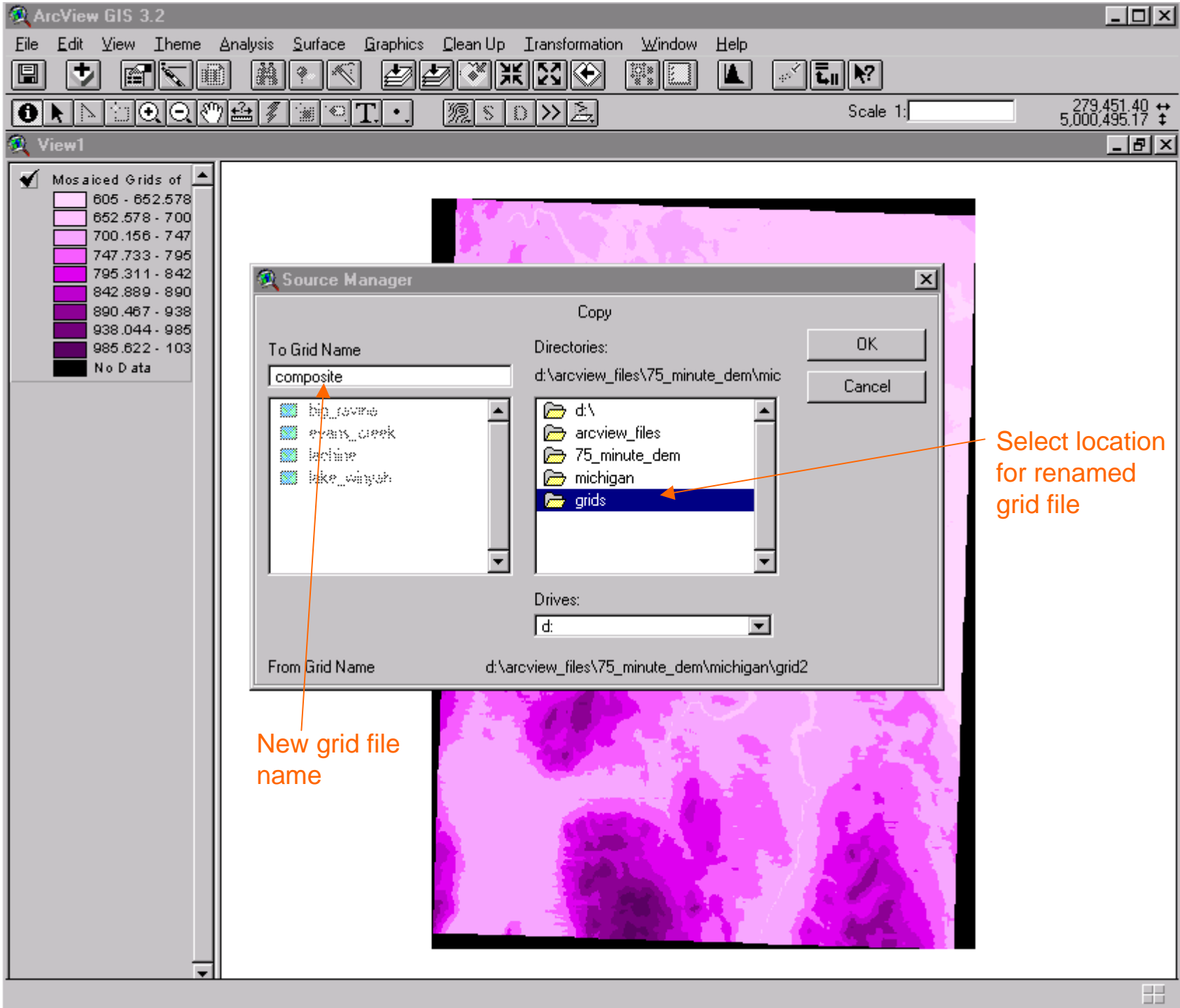
Select directory where temporary grid file resides

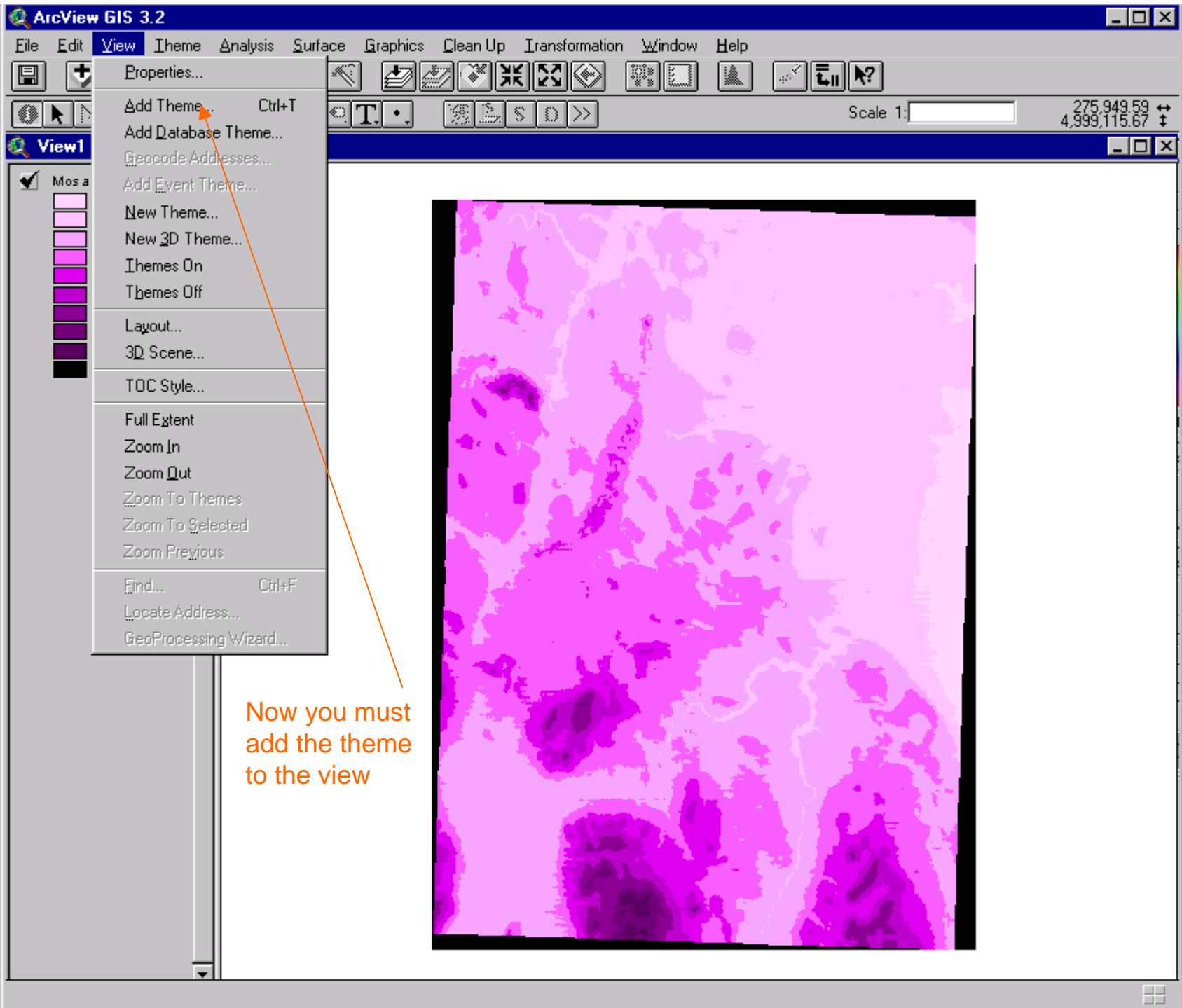
This is found by highlighting the theme and then going into Theme:Properties

Click on down arrow then  
Select grid as source type

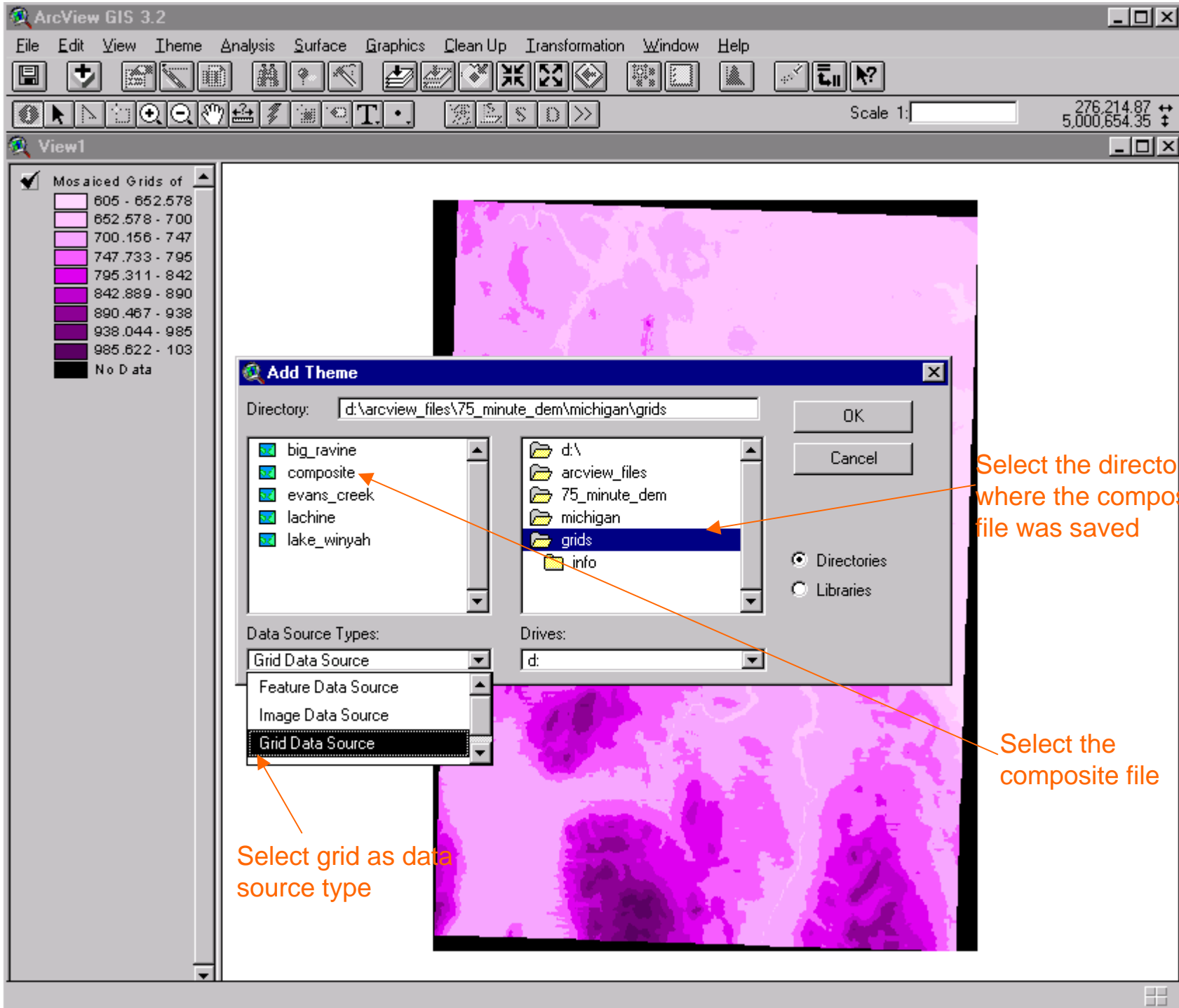


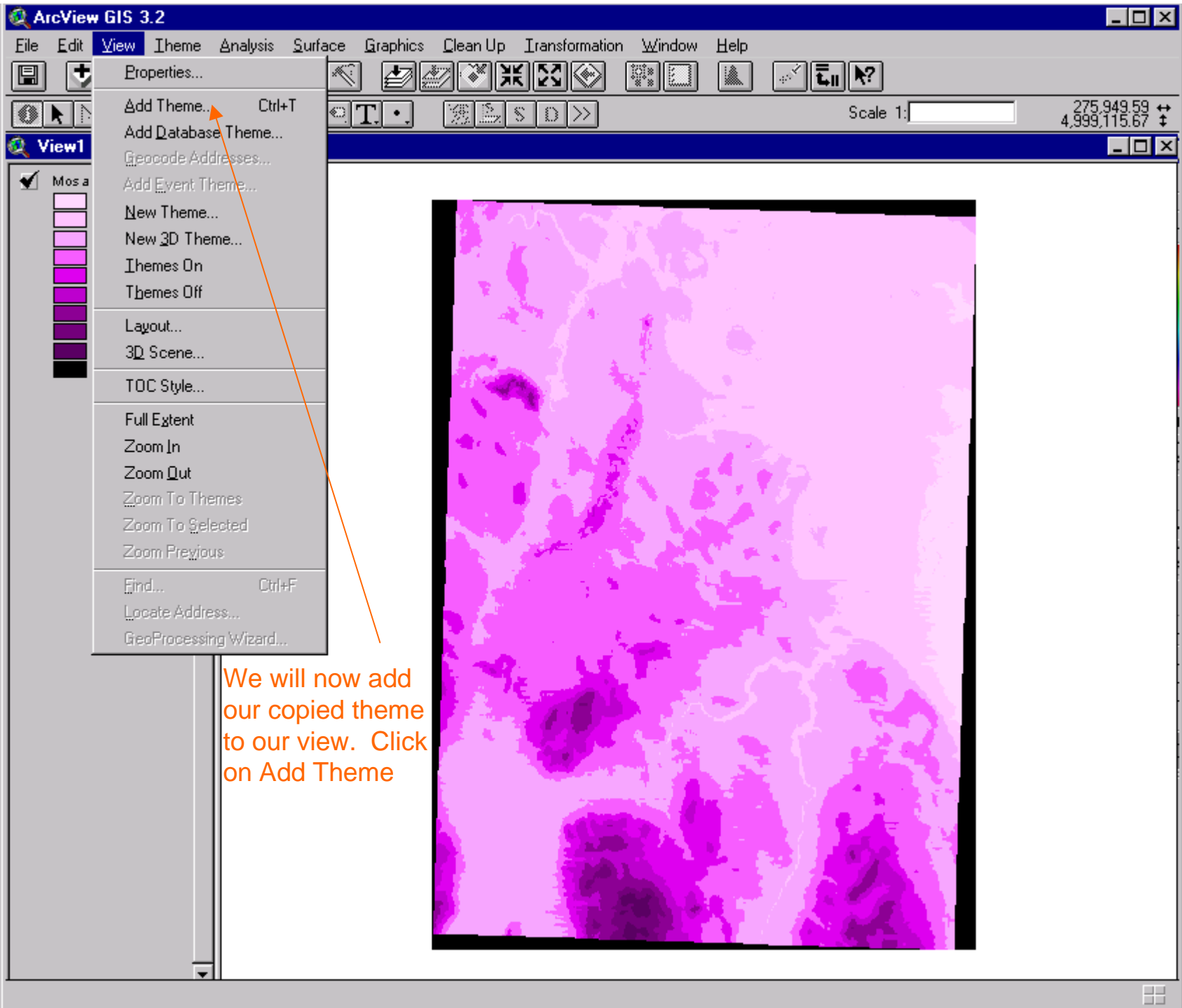




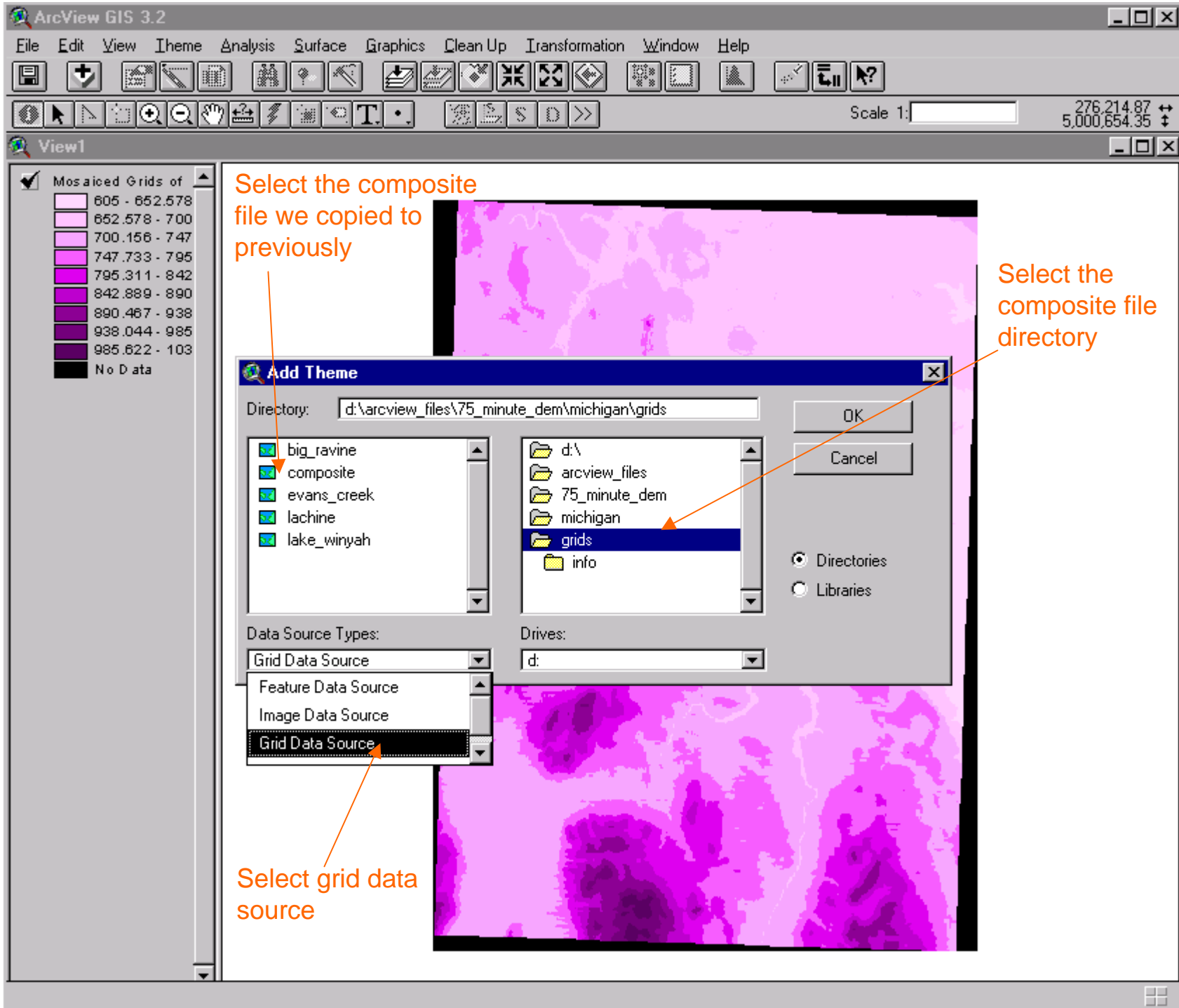


Now you must  
add the theme  
to the view





We will now add our copied theme to our view. Click on Add Theme



ArcView GIS 3.2

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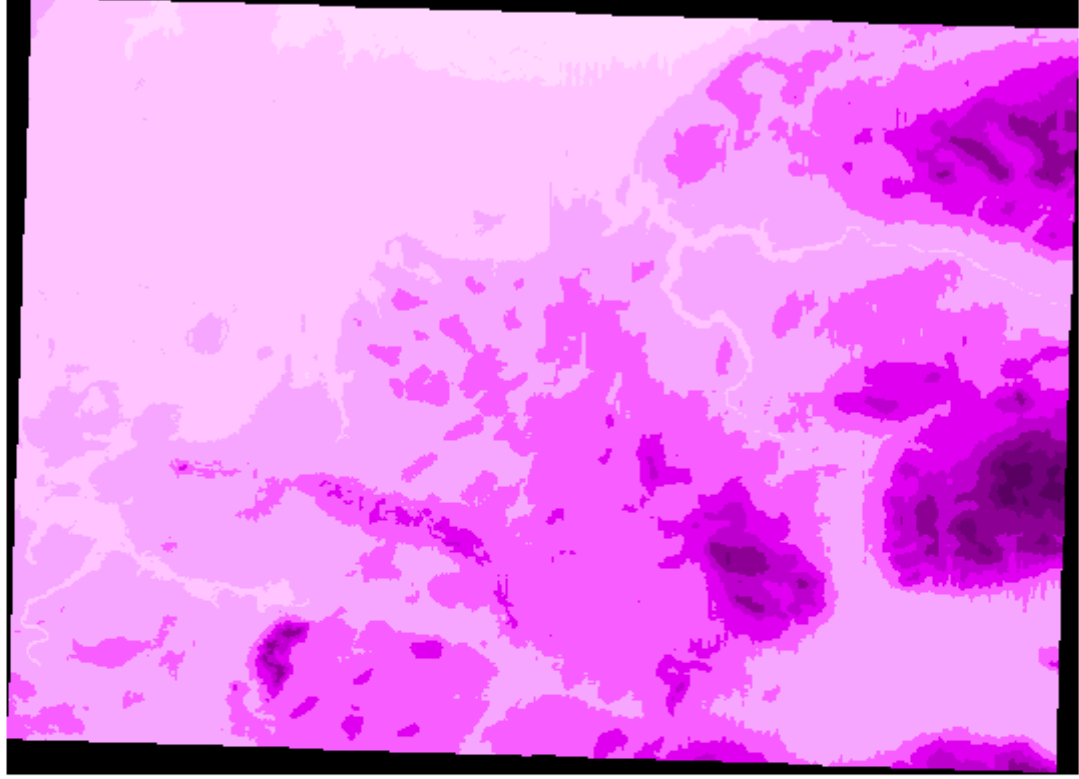
View1

Composite

605 - 652.578
652.578 - 700
700.156 - 747
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985.622 - 103
No Data

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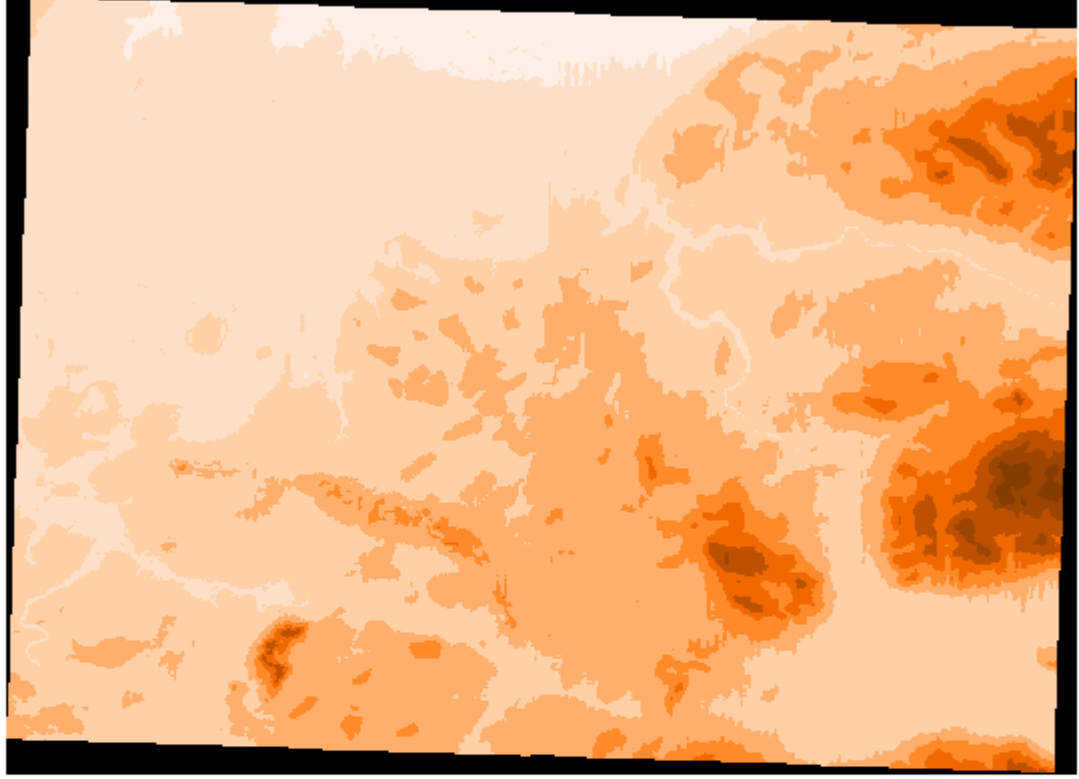
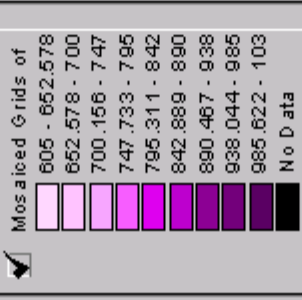
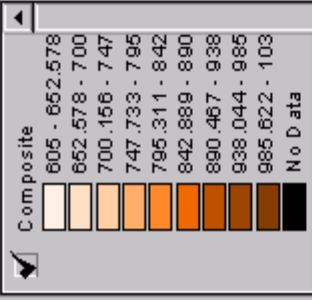
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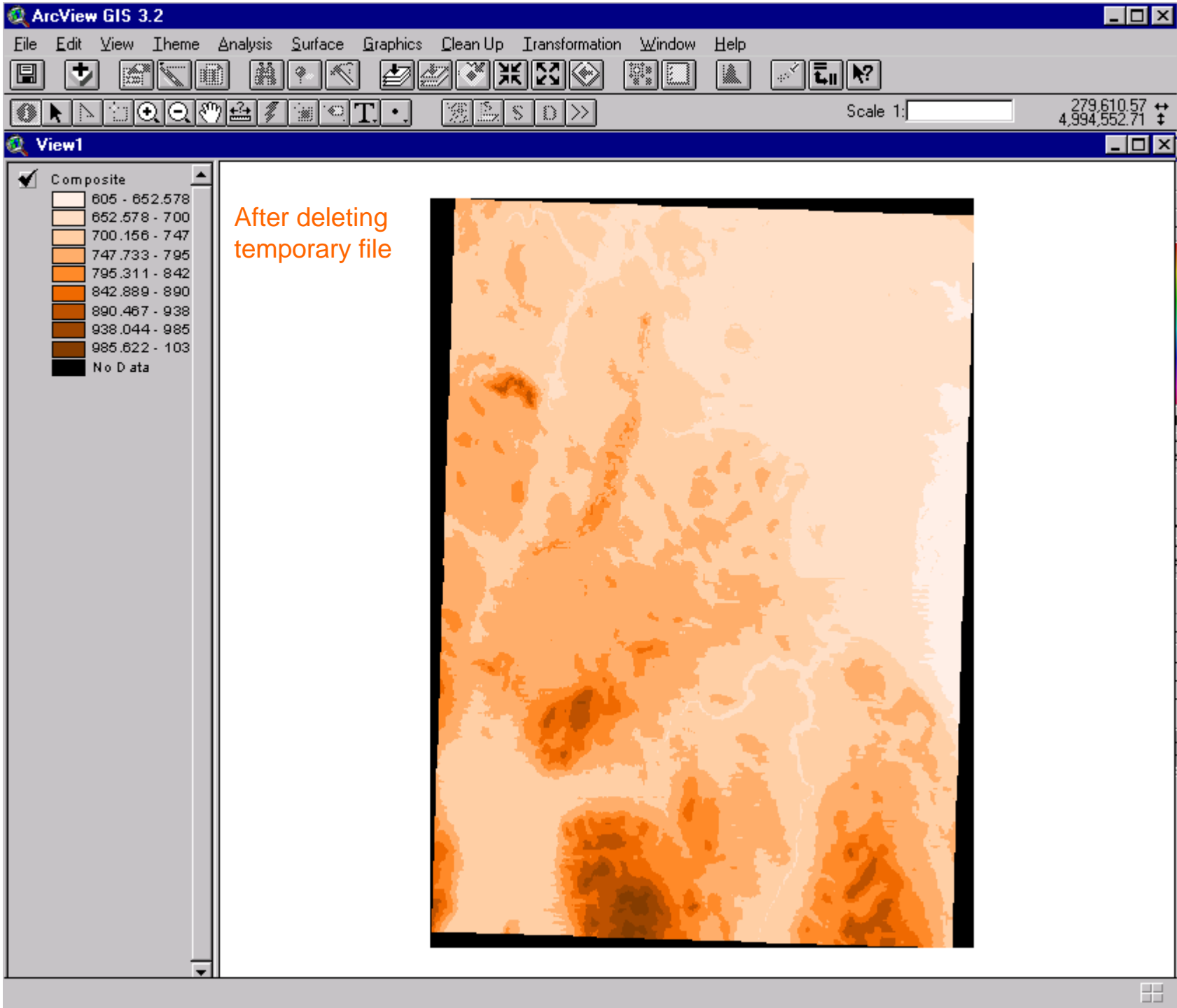


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View1

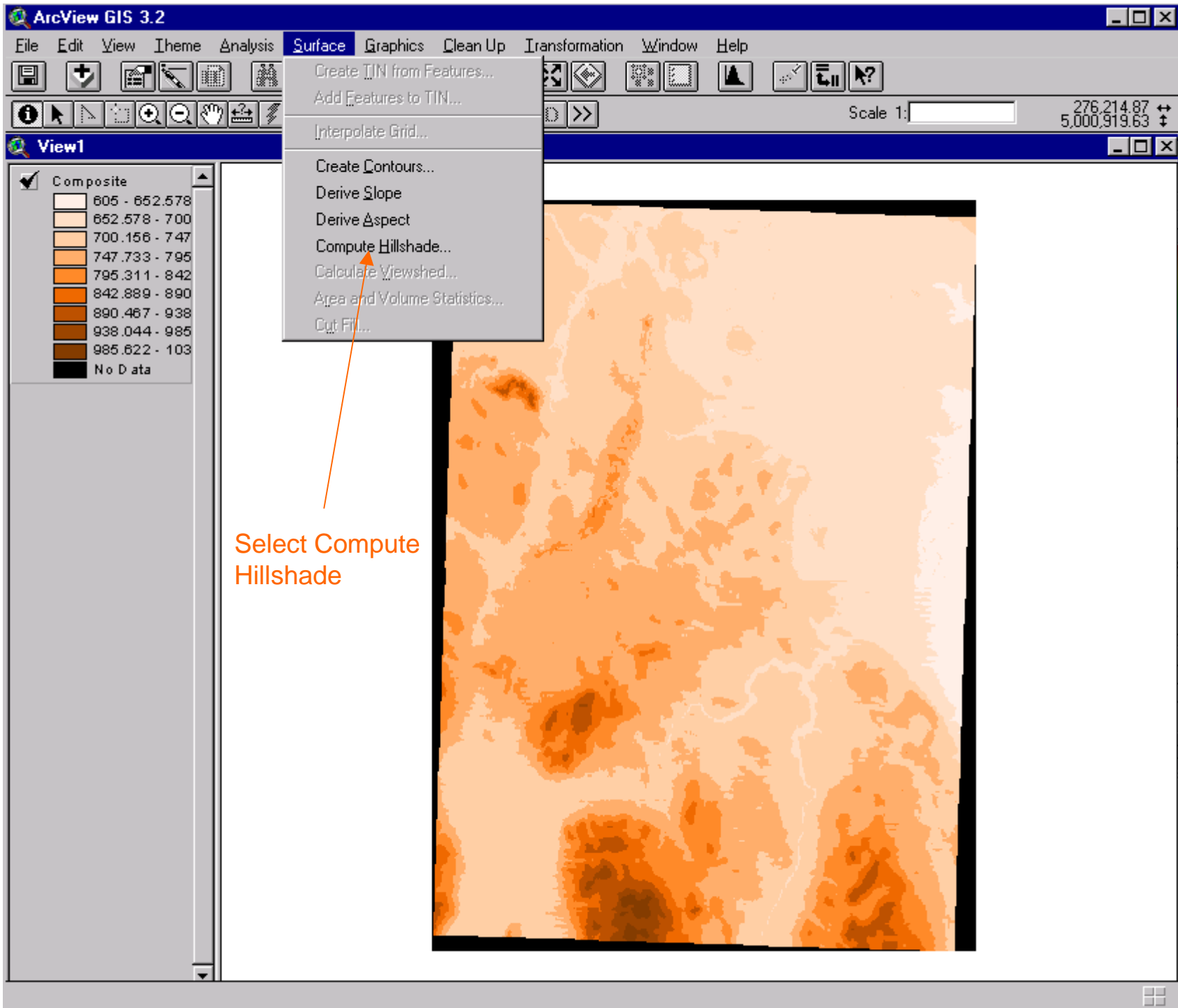


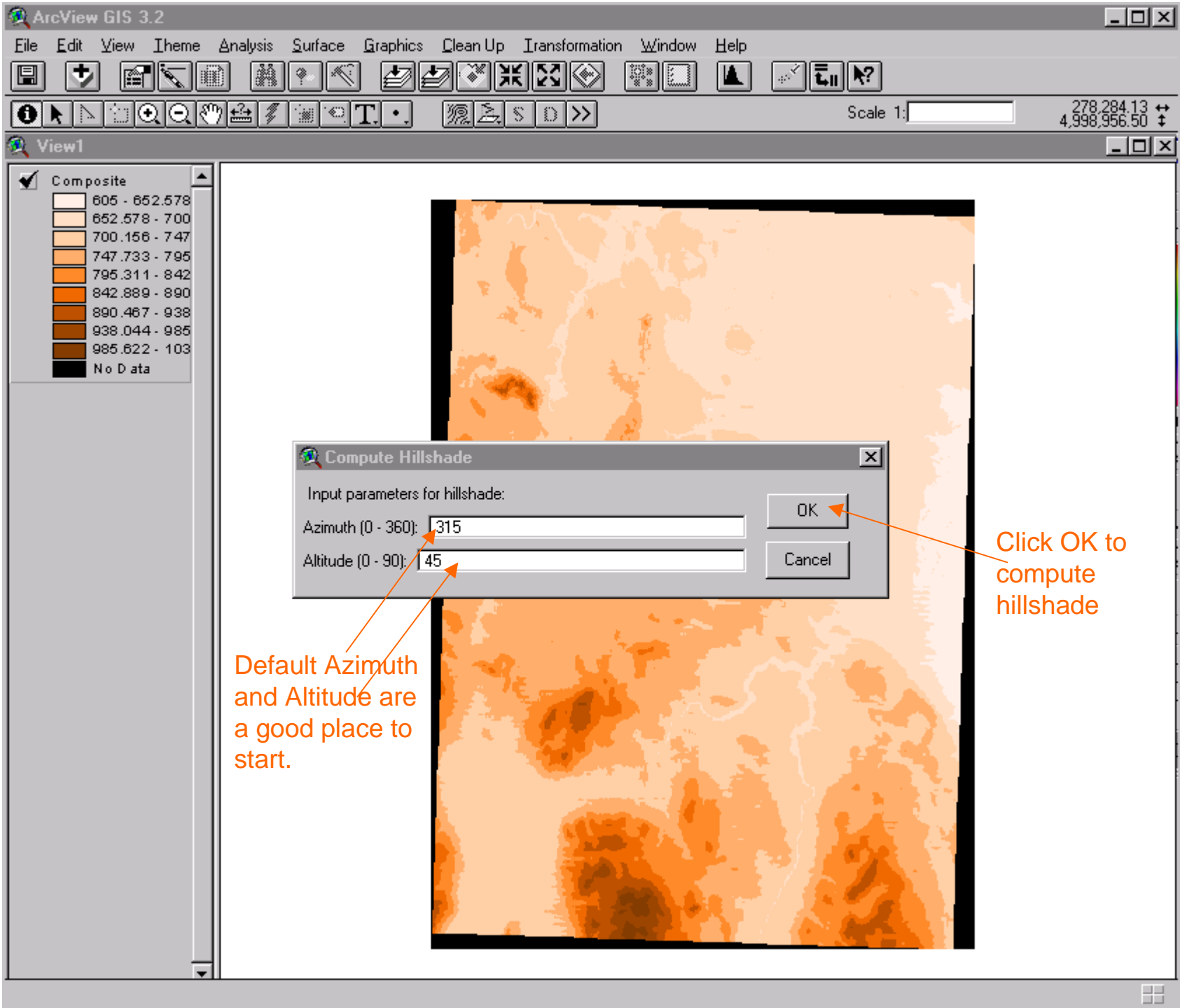




# Hillshade Relief Map

- Two components are required for a hillshaded relief map
- One is Azimuth, which is the sun's compass position relative to the map
- Altitude is the sun's position relative to the horizon.





Default Azimuth and Altitude are a good place to start.

Click OK to compute hillshade

Scale 1:



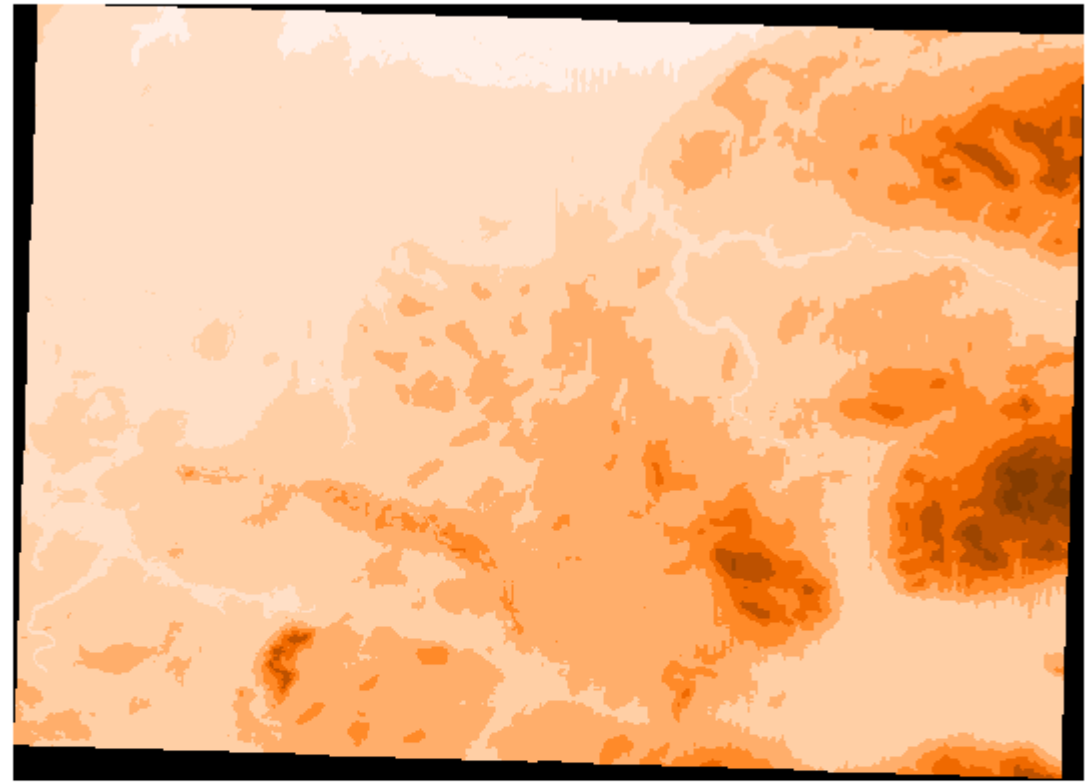
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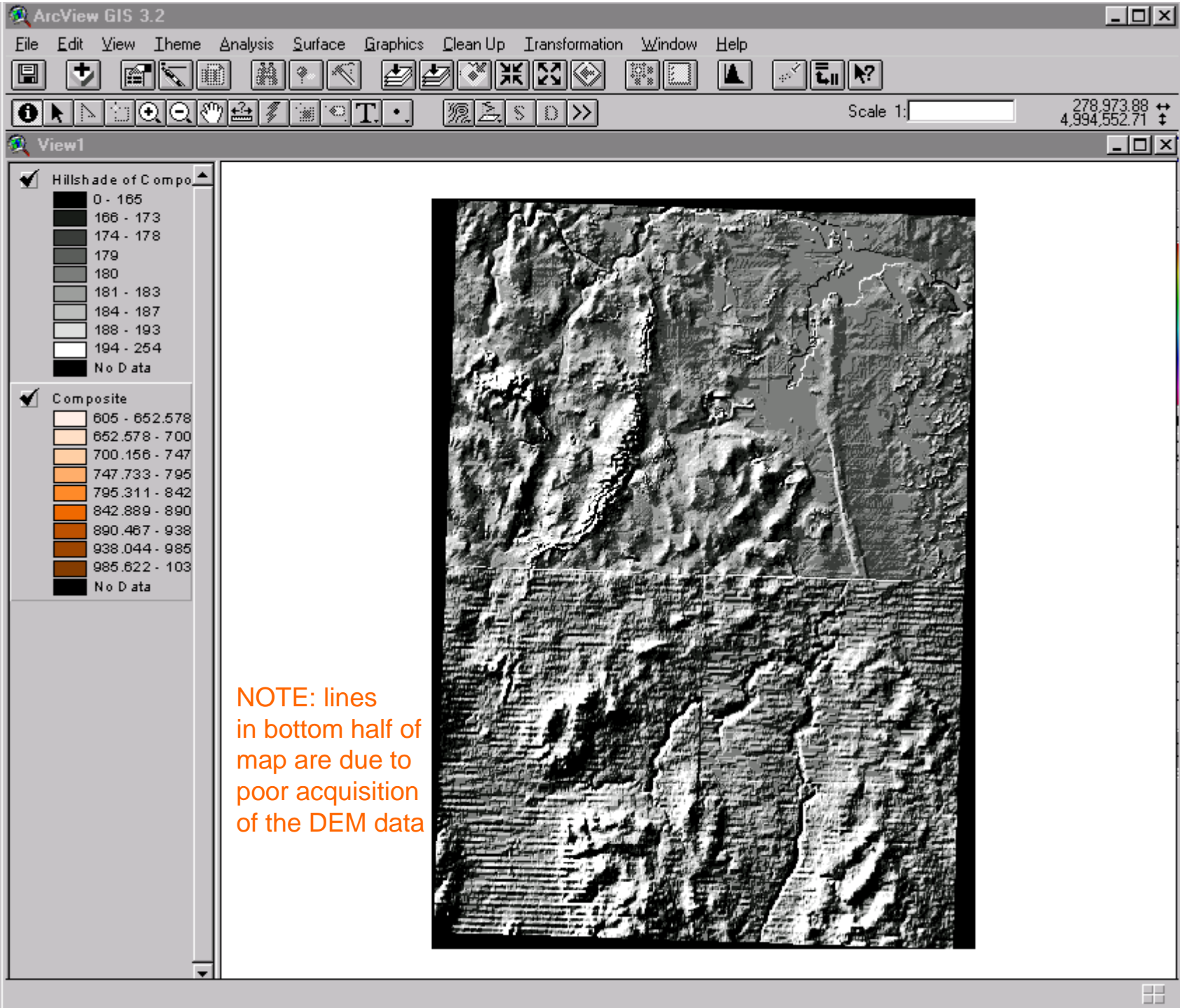
Hillshade of Composite

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166 - 173
174 - 178
179
180
181 - 183
184 - 187
188 - 193
194 - 254
No Data

Composite

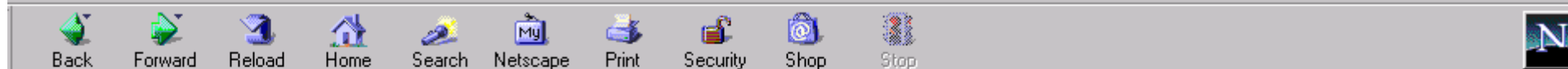
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# Setting Projection Info

- If not adding overlays in the same relative coordinates, we must tell ArcView what projection the grid file is in, and then the only data it knows how to overlay (without using a conversion utility) is in latitude and longitude coordinates.
- The next slide shows the DEM projection zones in Michigan.
- Our data is in UTM Zone 17



Data Download

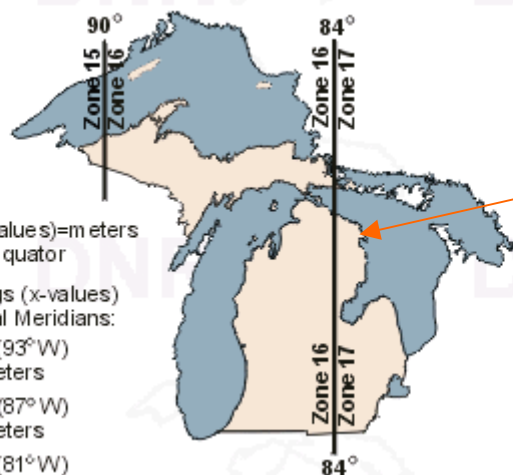
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### Universal Transverse Mercator

UTM Grid



Our data is from here

Northing (y-values)=m meters north of the E quator

False Eastings (x-values) on the Central Meridians:

- Zone 15 (93°W) 500,000 meters
- Zone 16 (87°W) 500,000 meters
- Zone 17 (81°W) 500,000 meters

### What is a Reference System?

A map projection will transform, or alter, two angles (latitude and longitude) in three dimensions, to x and y Cartesian coordinates in two dimensions. How do we come up with the latitude and longitude for a particular location? We tend to think of latitudes and longitudes as absolutes, but they are not. The angles that we call latitude and longitude are based on measurements that are relative to a specified origin and based on a model that has a precise shape and vertex.

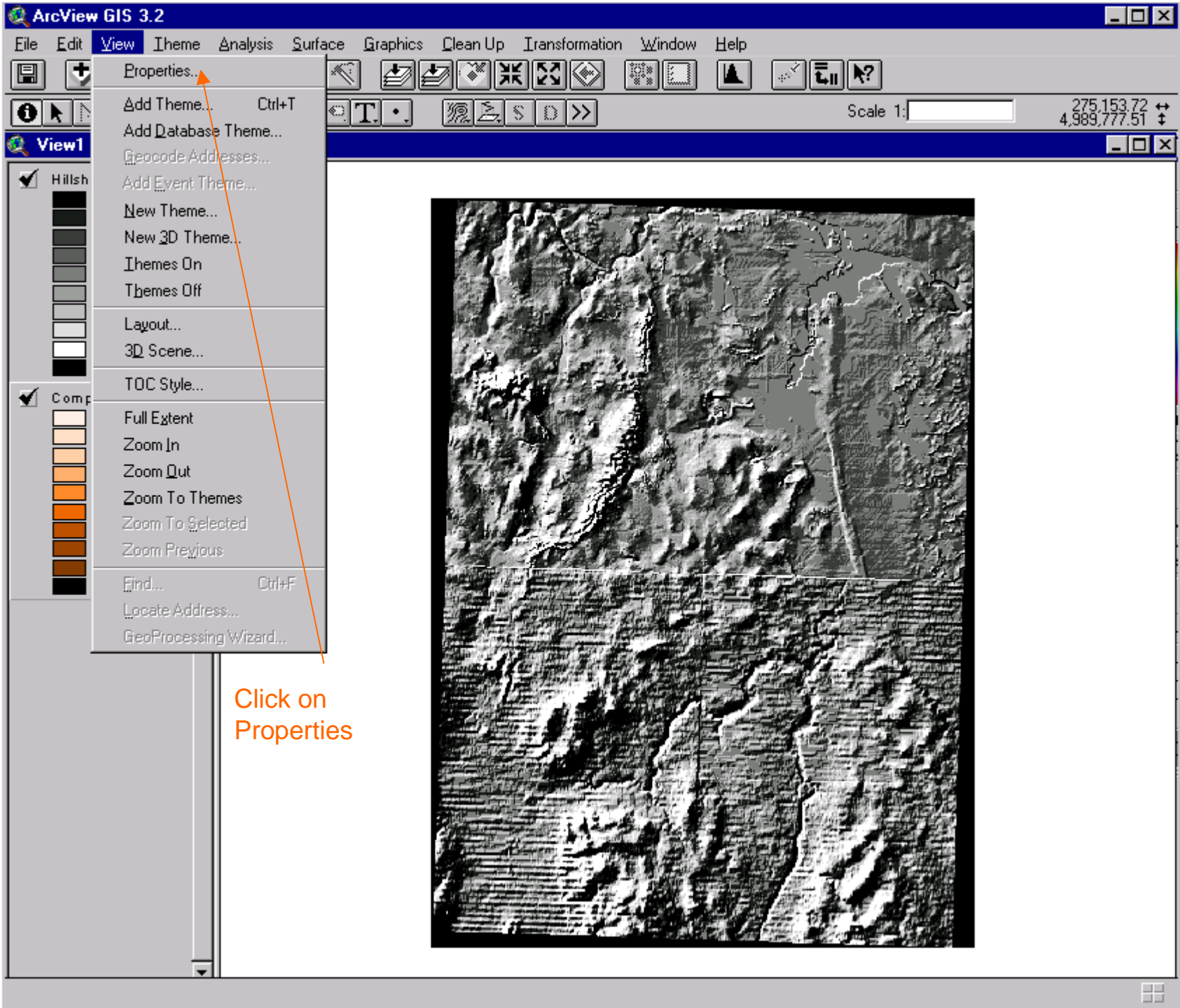
Even in a simple two-dimensional case, trying to describe the location of a point with only an angular distance is useless, unless we know the location of the angle's vertex, and the location of measurement.

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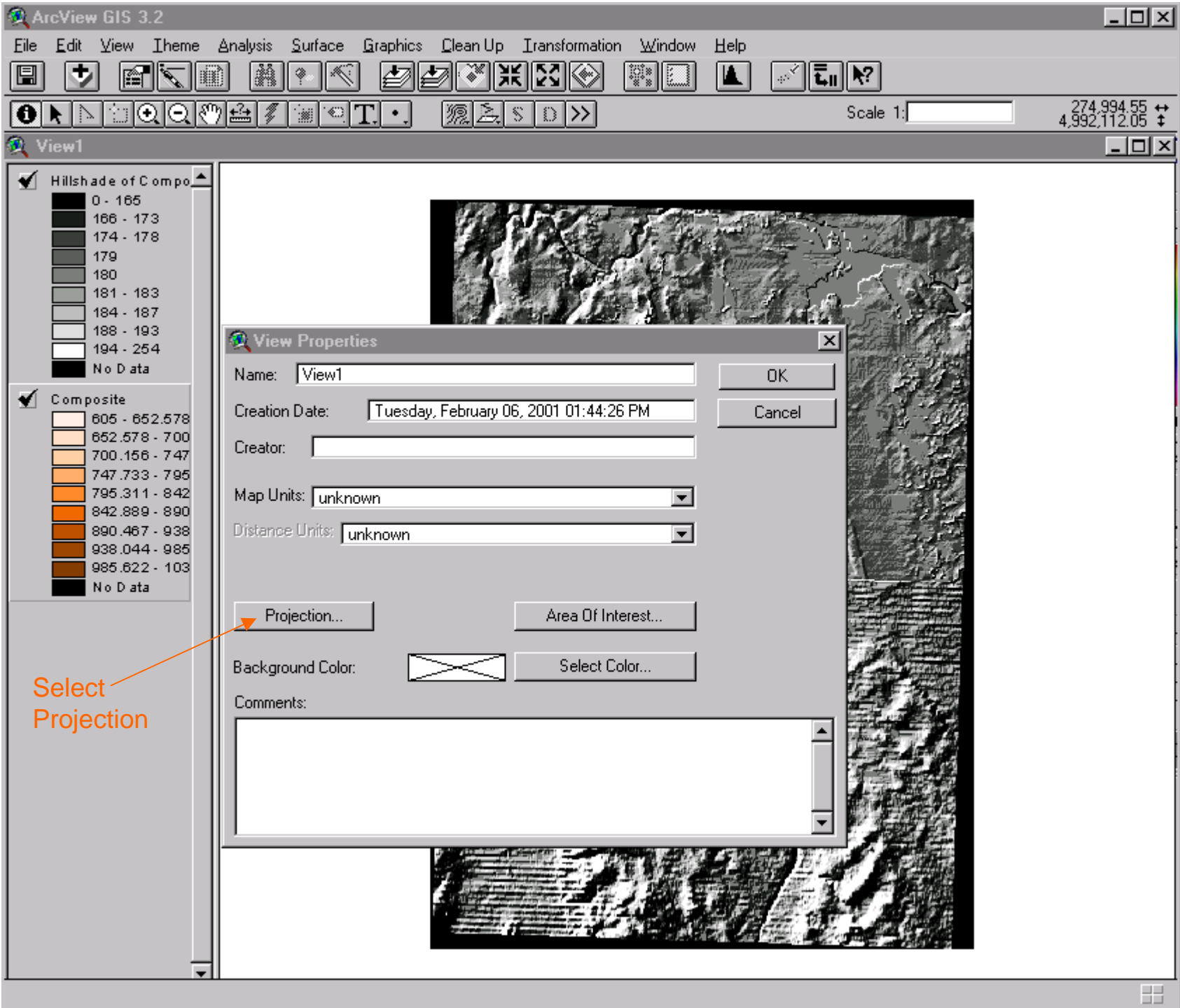
Site Map

Contact

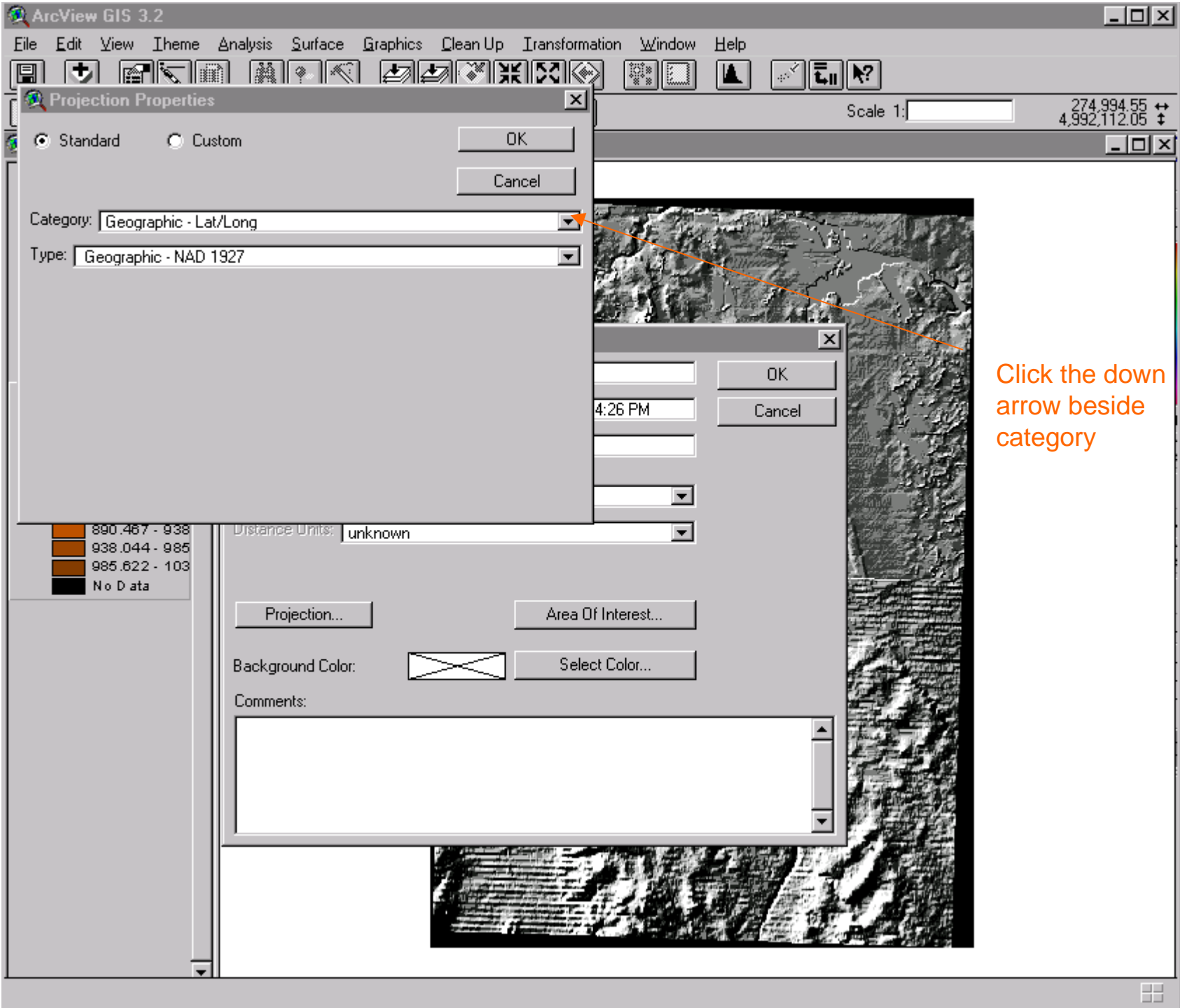


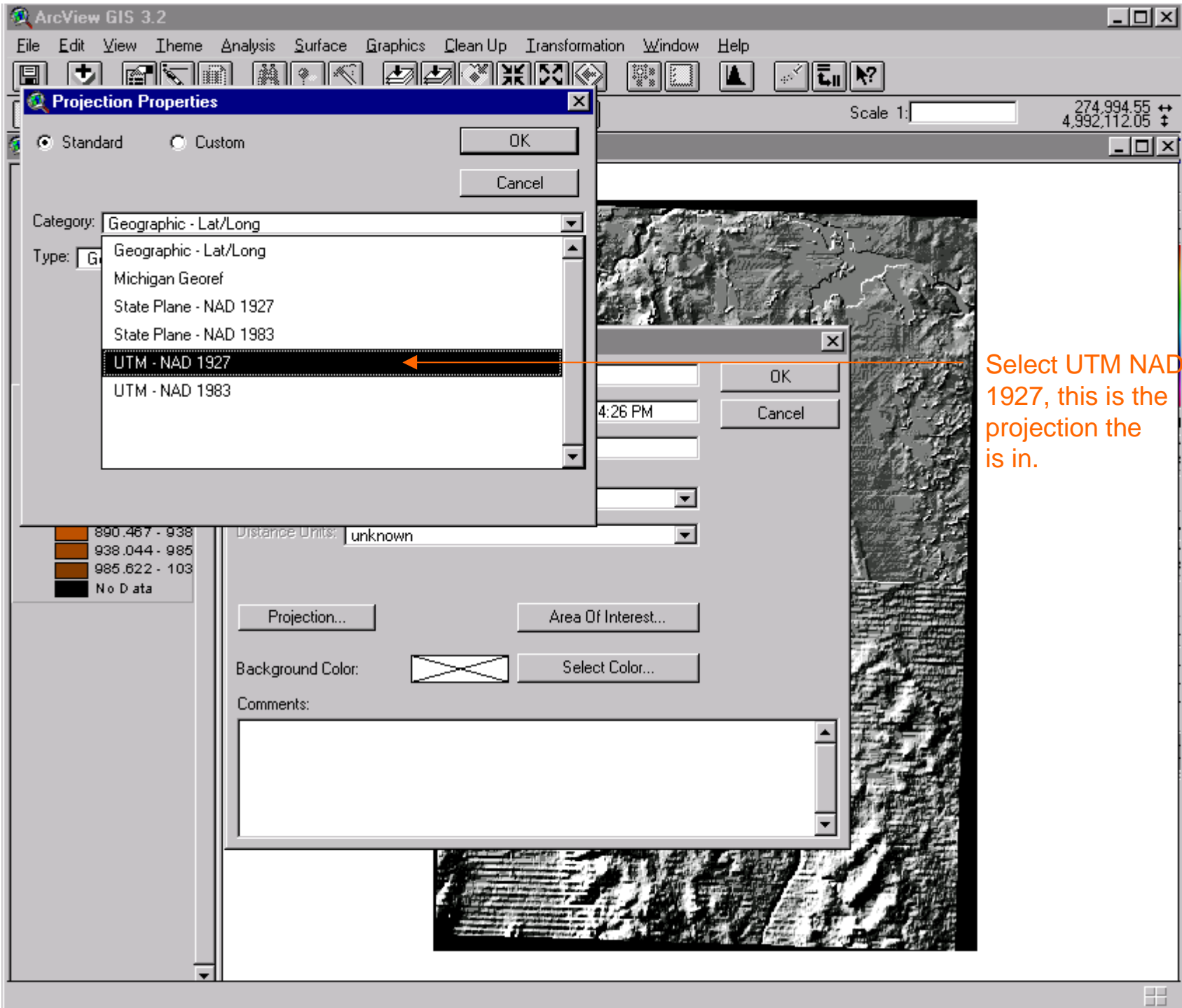


Click on  
Properties

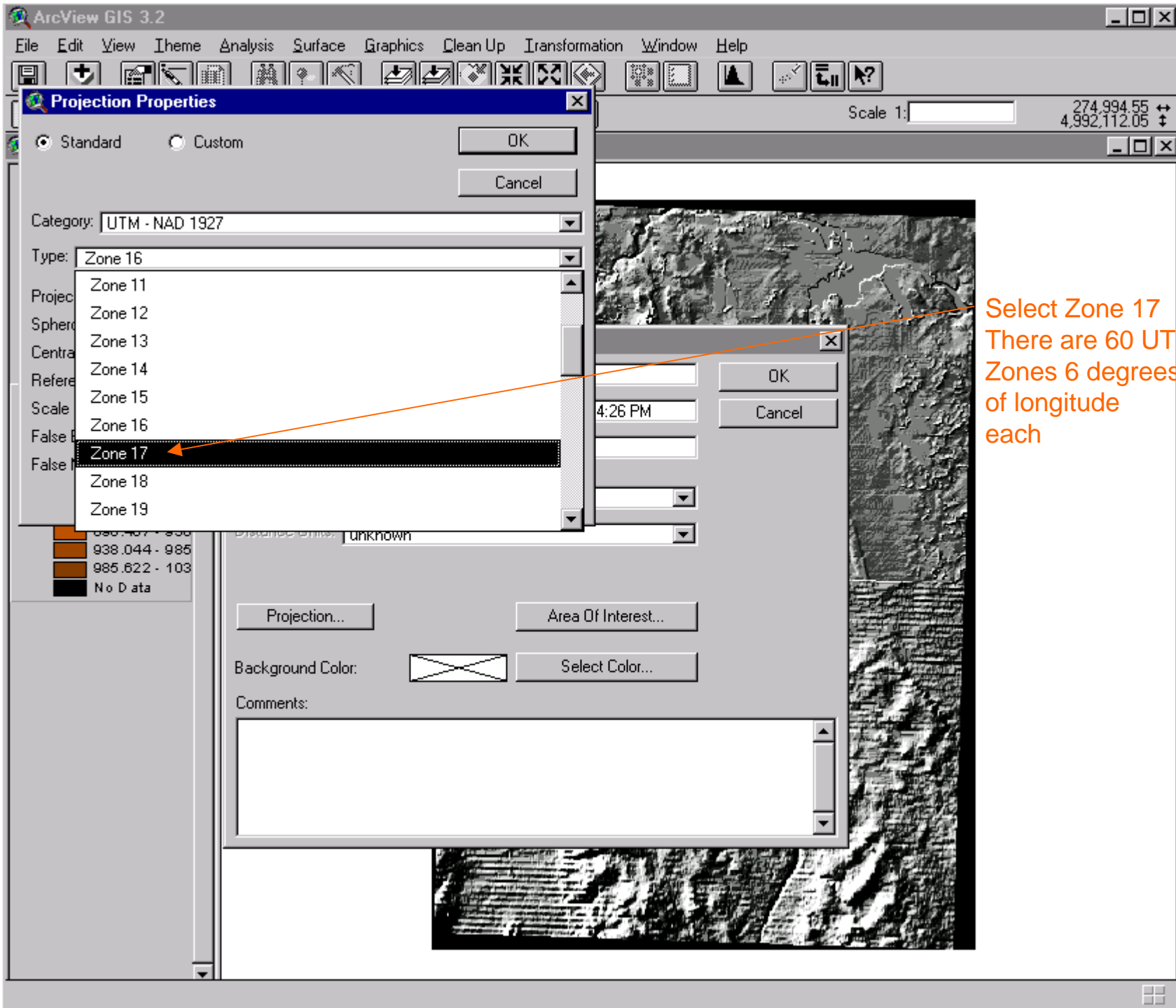


Select  
Projection





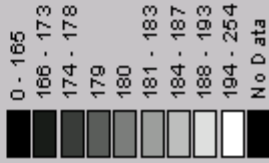
Select UTM NAD 1927, this is the projection the is in.



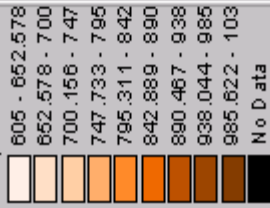
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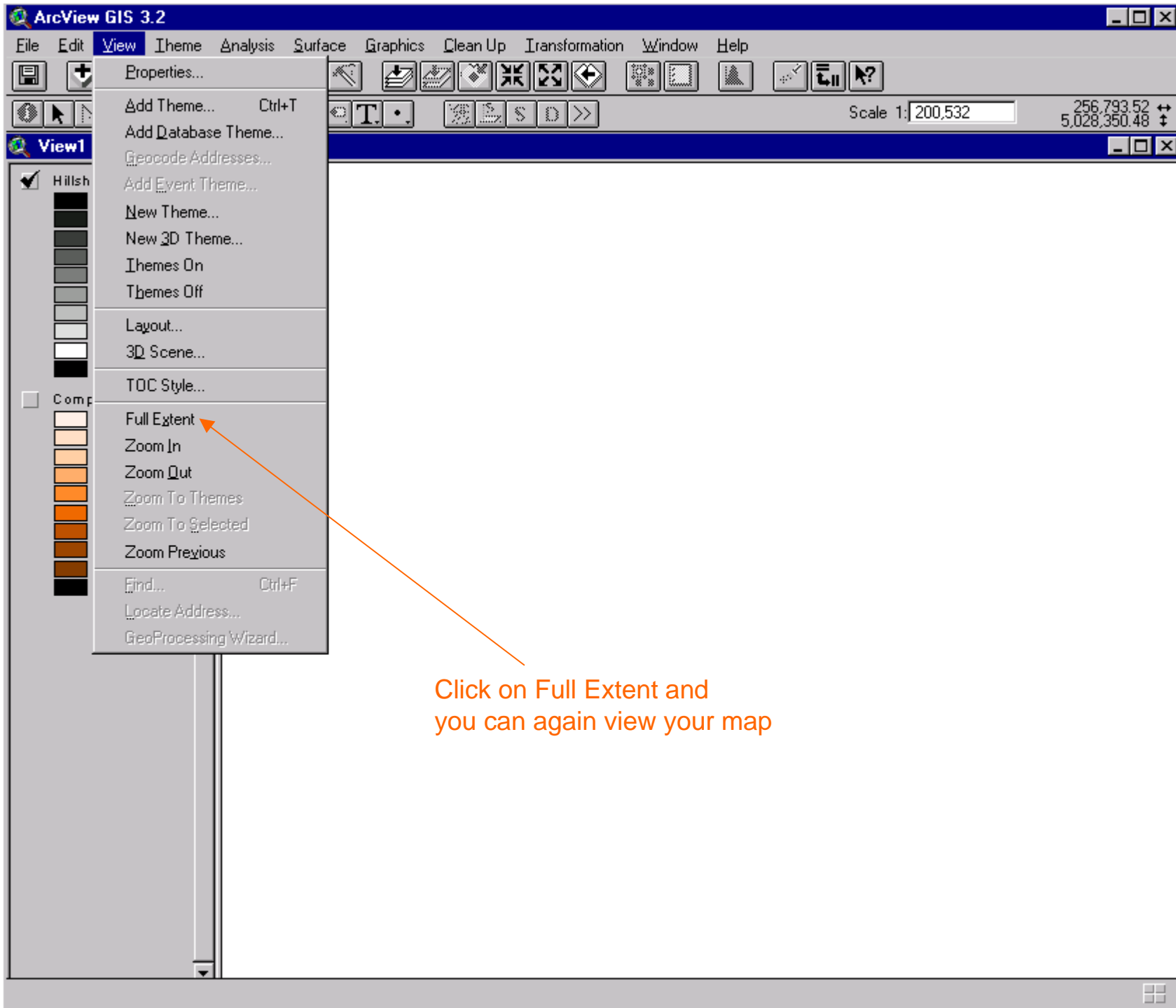
View1

Hillshade of Compo



Composite



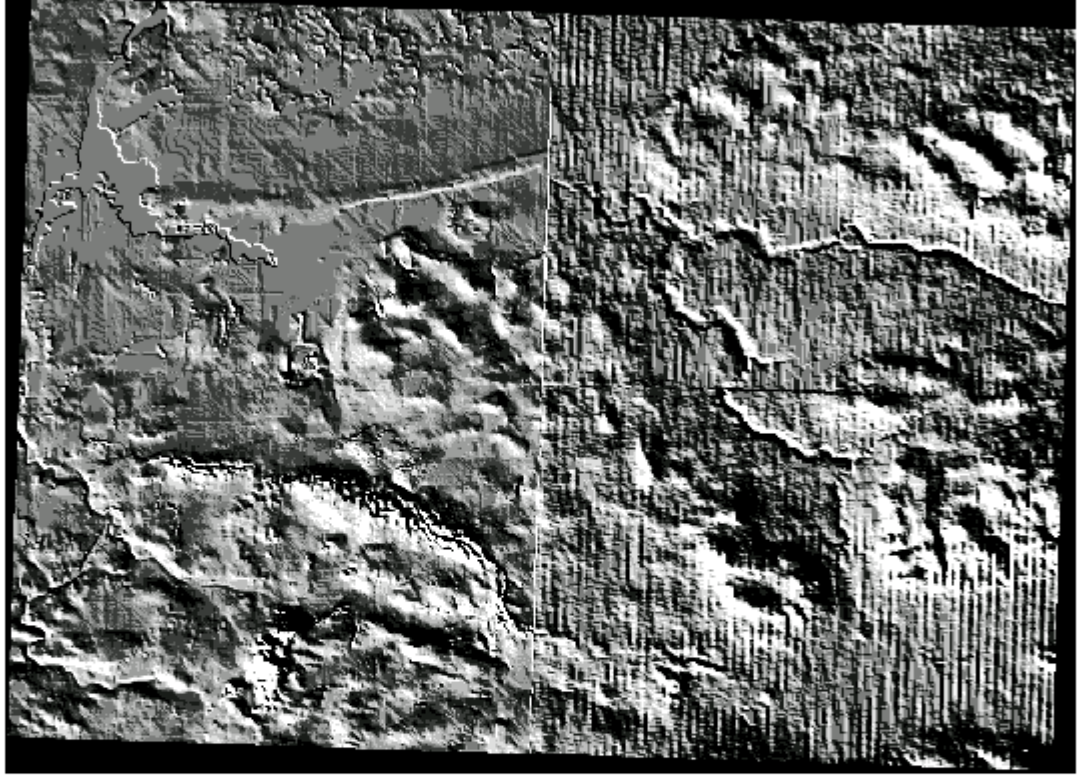


Click on Full Extent and you can again view your map

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Scale 1: 200,532

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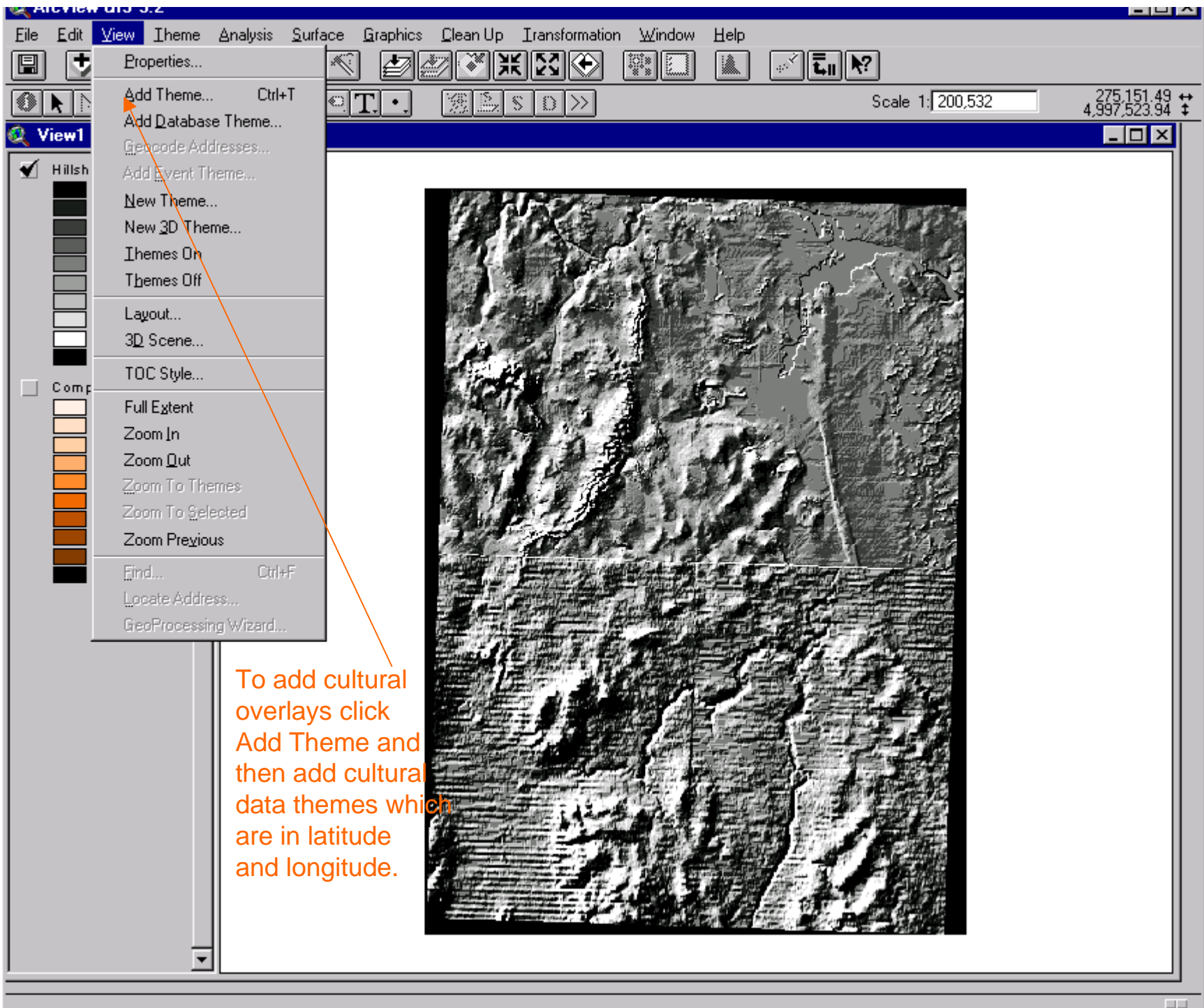
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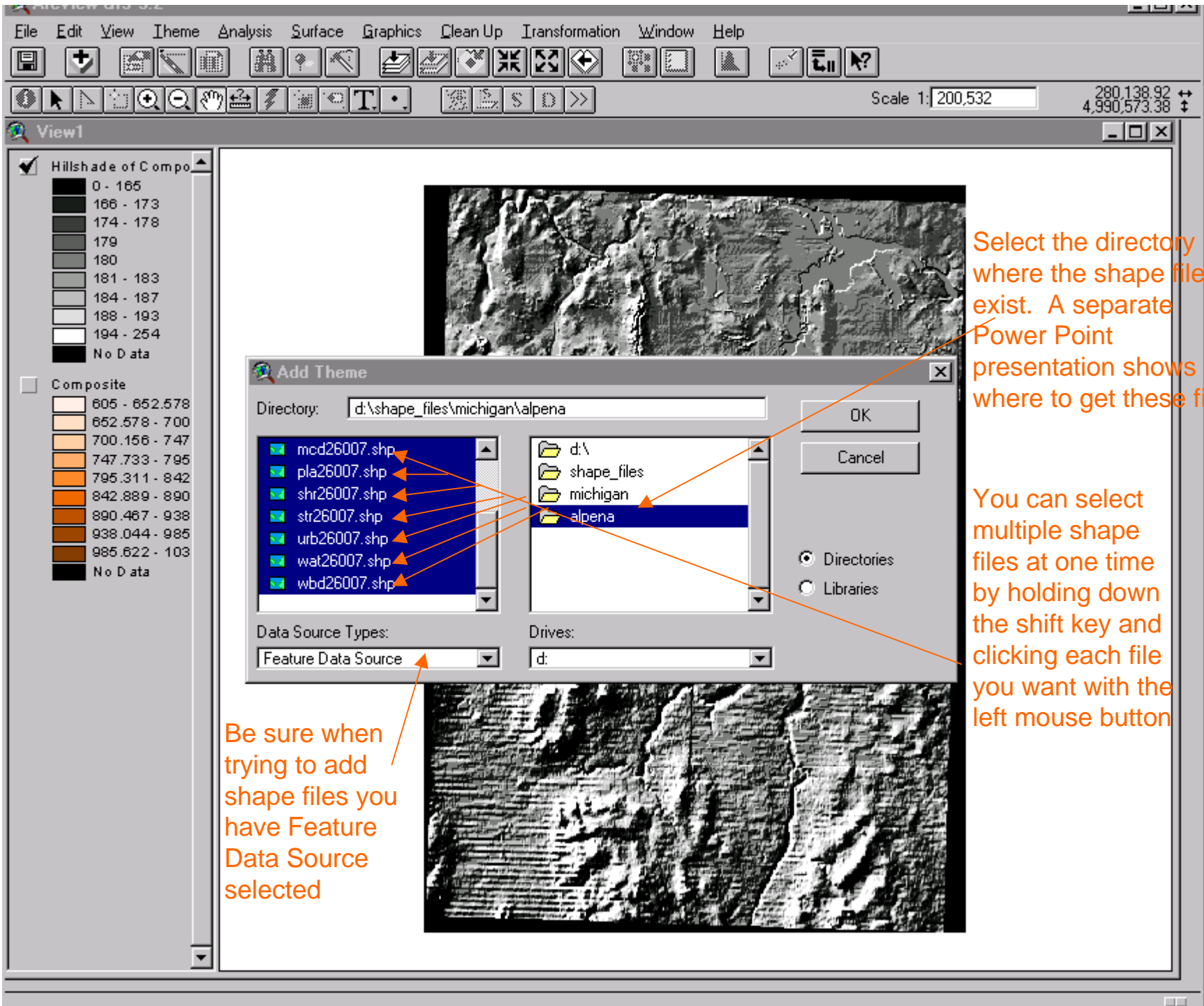
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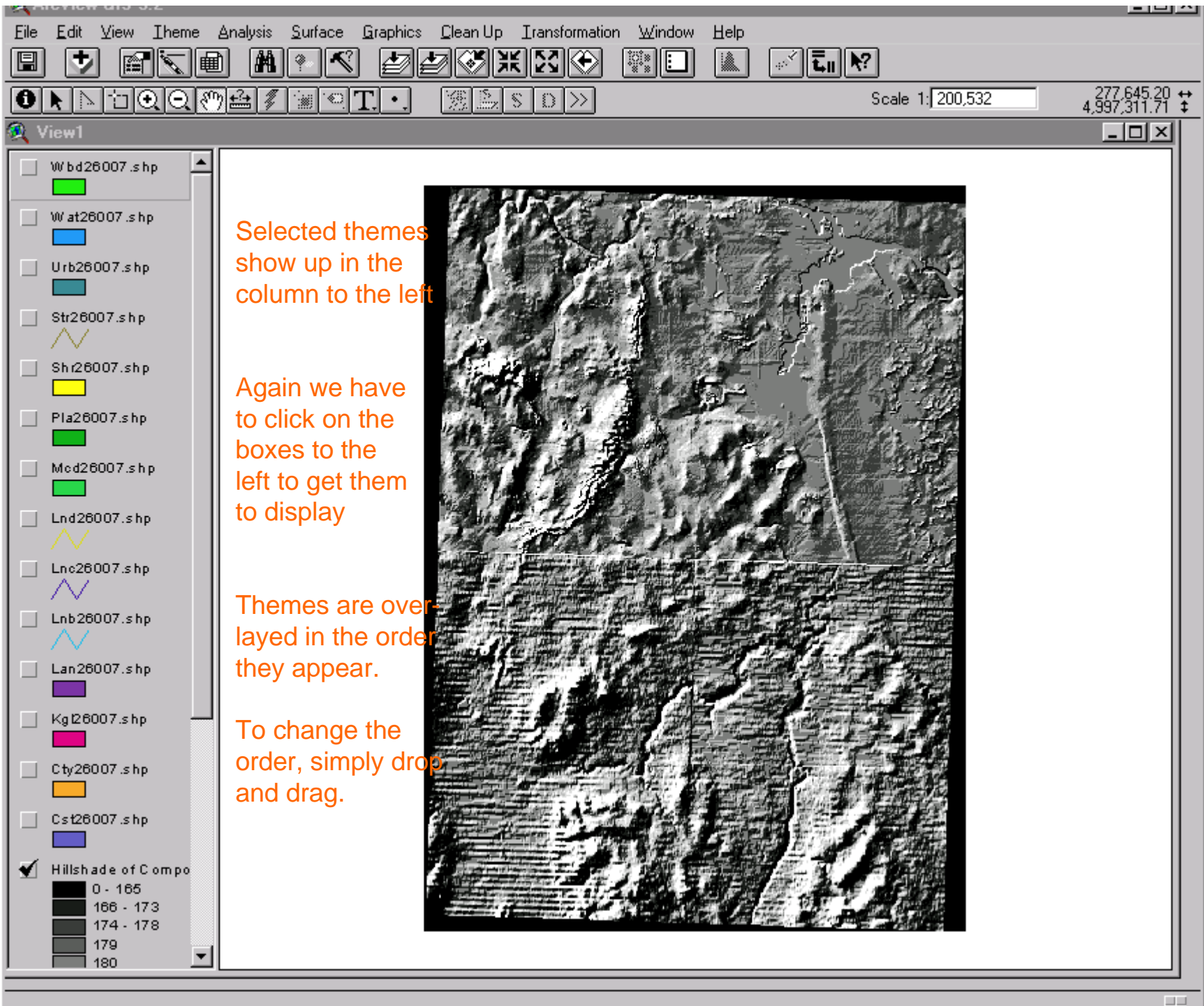
To add cultural overlays click Add Theme and then add cultural data themes which are in latitude and longitude.



Select the directory where the shape files exist. A separate Power Point presentation shows where to get these files

You can select multiple shape files at one time by holding down the shift key and clicking each file you want with the left mouse button

Be sure when trying to add shape files you have Feature Data Source selected

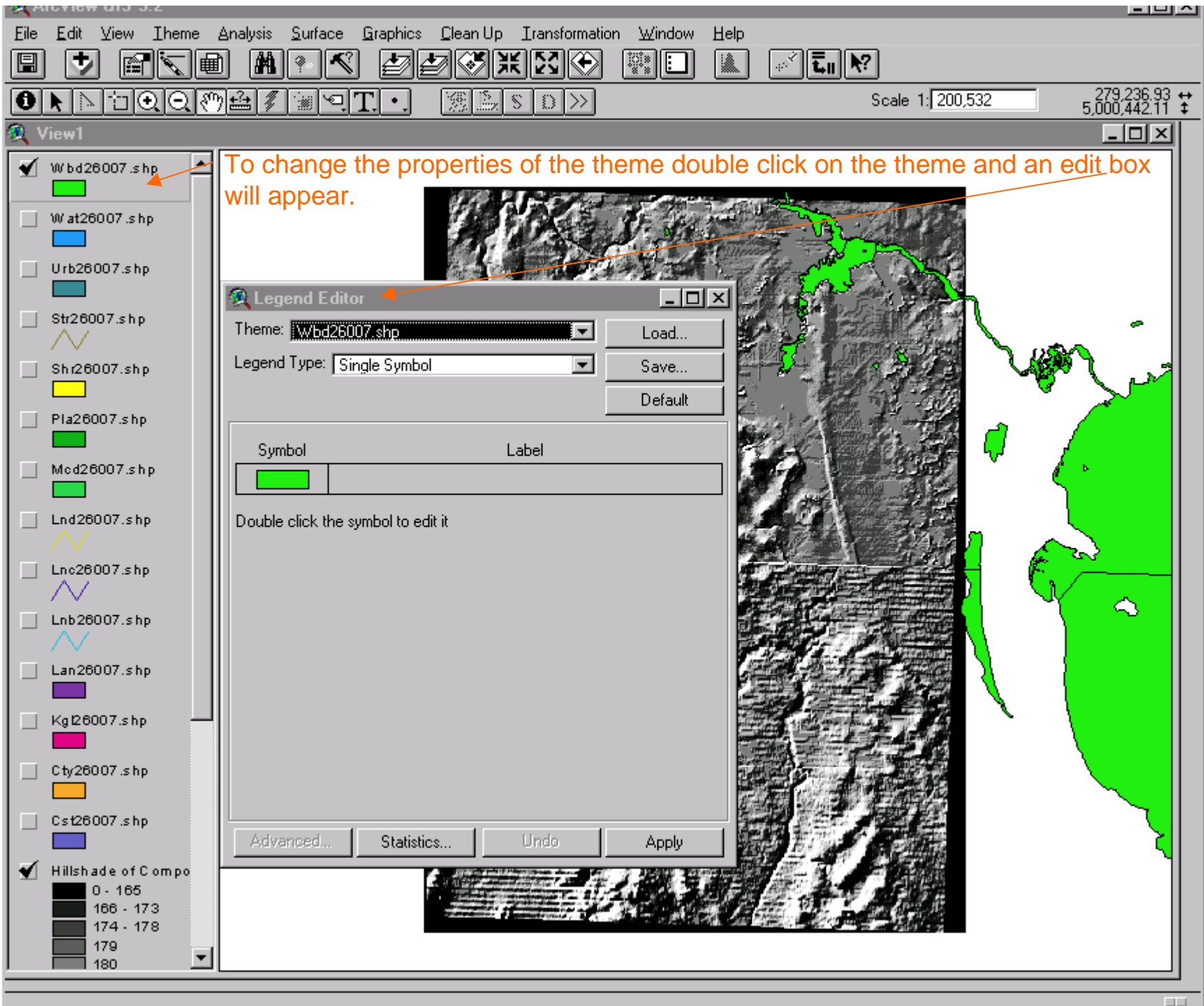


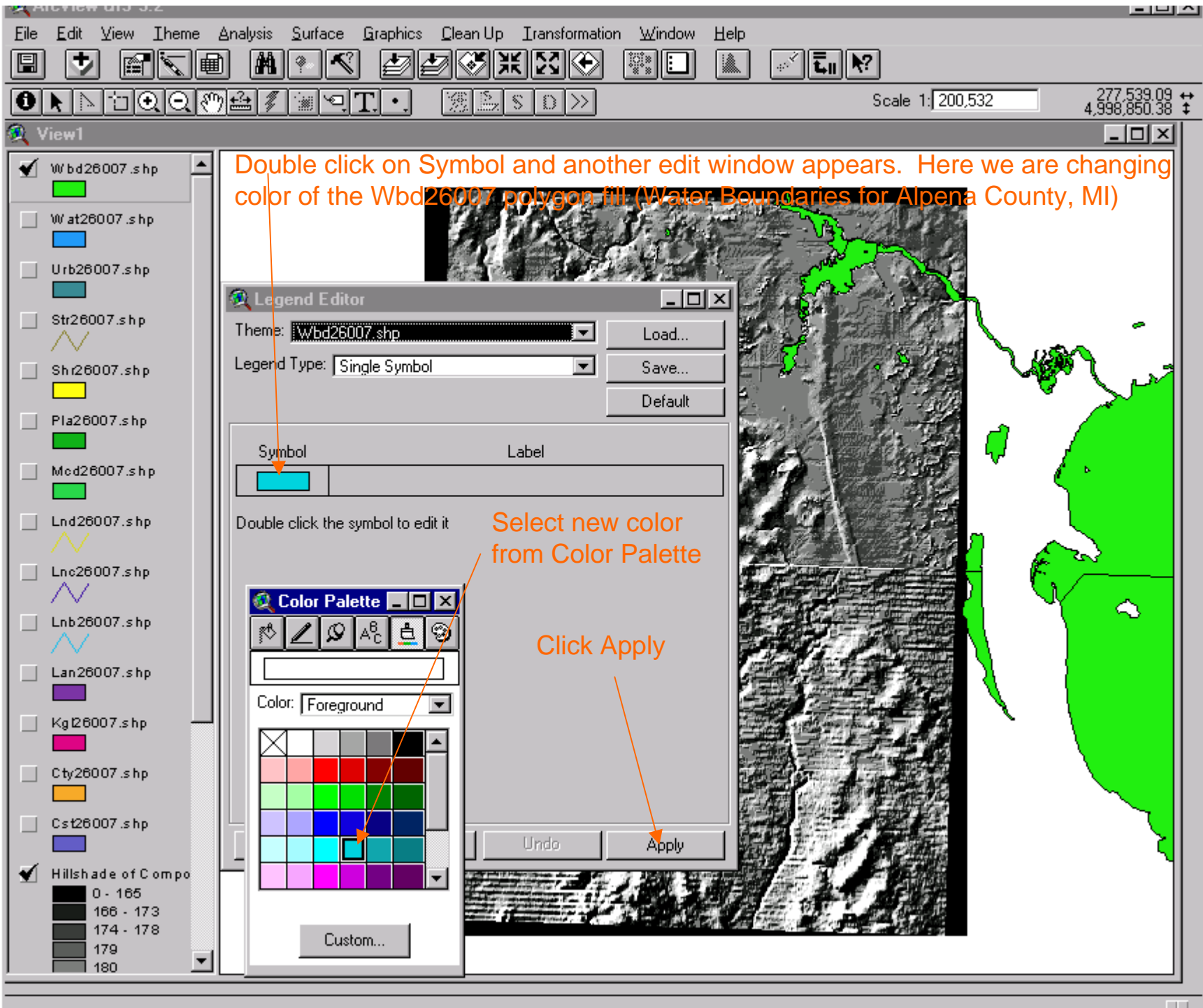
Selected themes show up in the column to the left

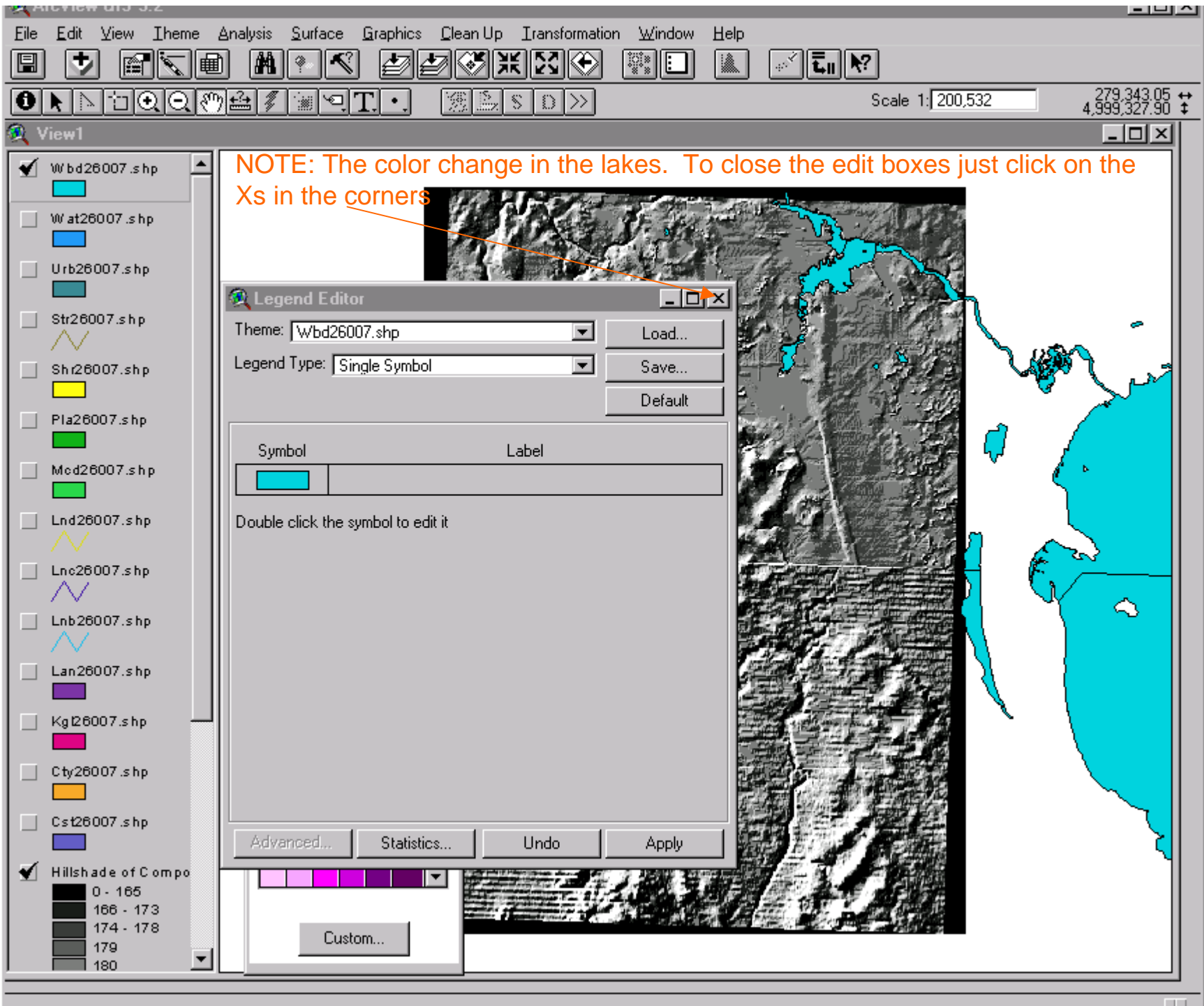
Again we have to click on the boxes to the left to get them to display

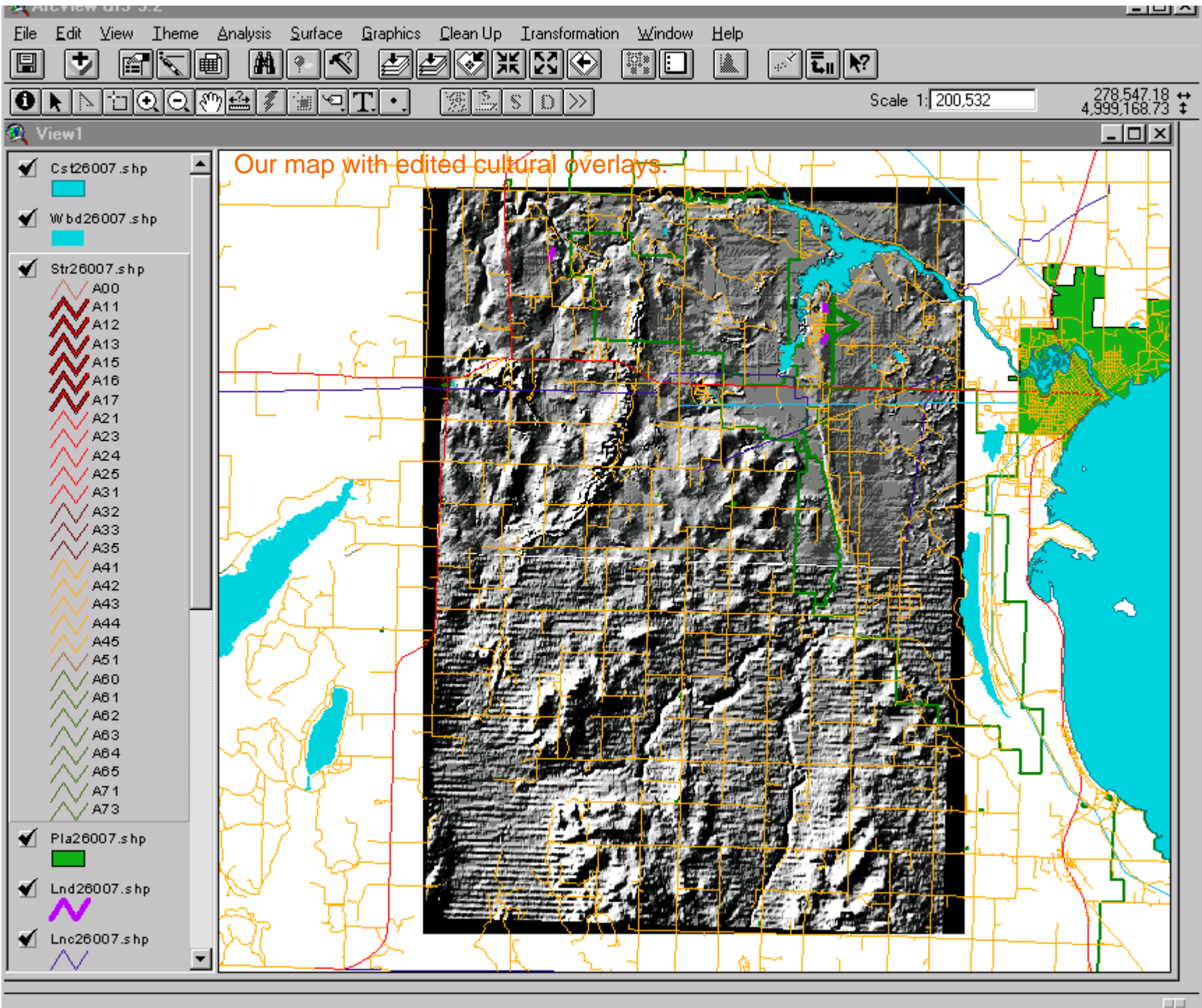
Themes are overlaid in the order they appear.

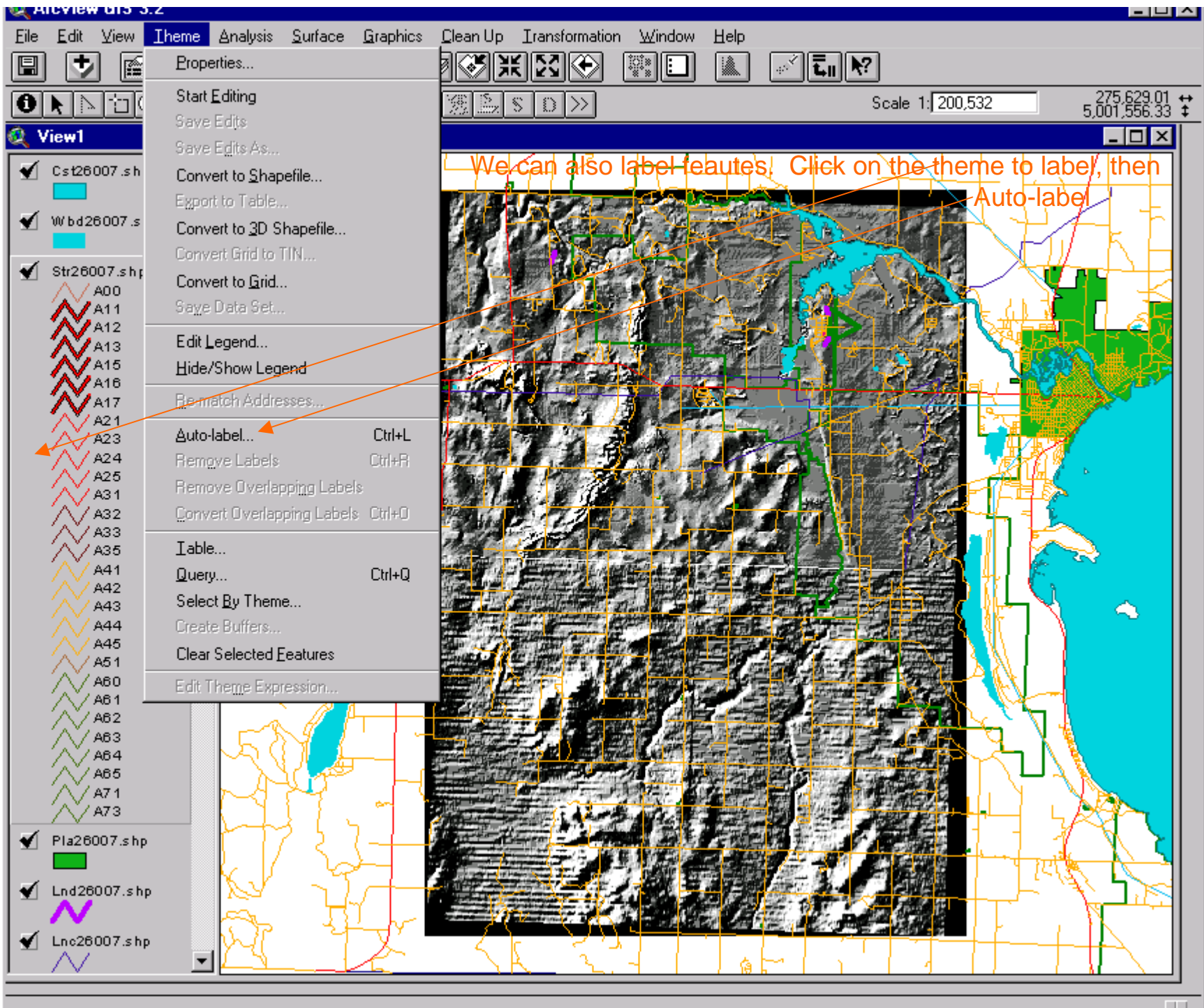
To change the order, simply drop and drag.



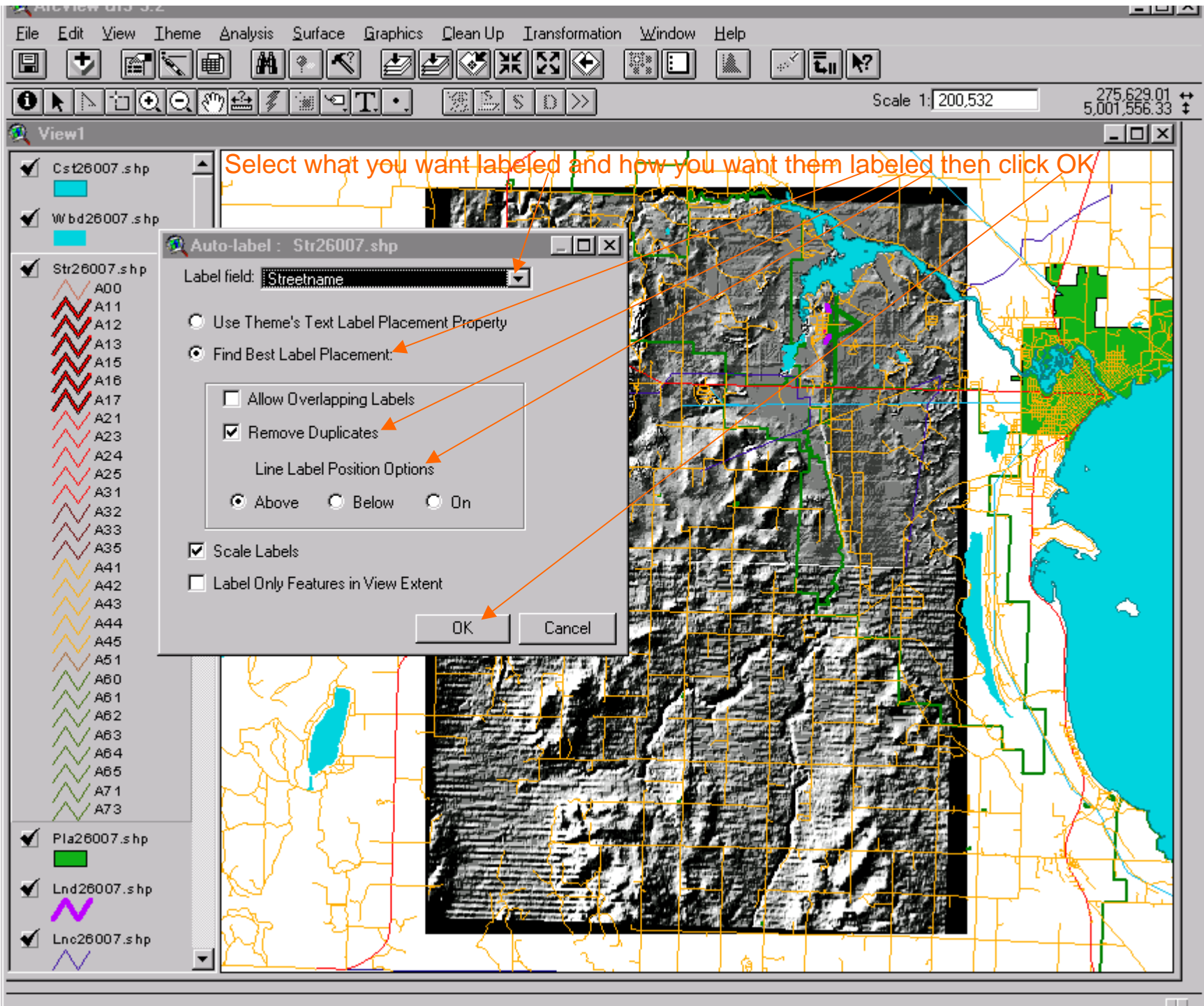






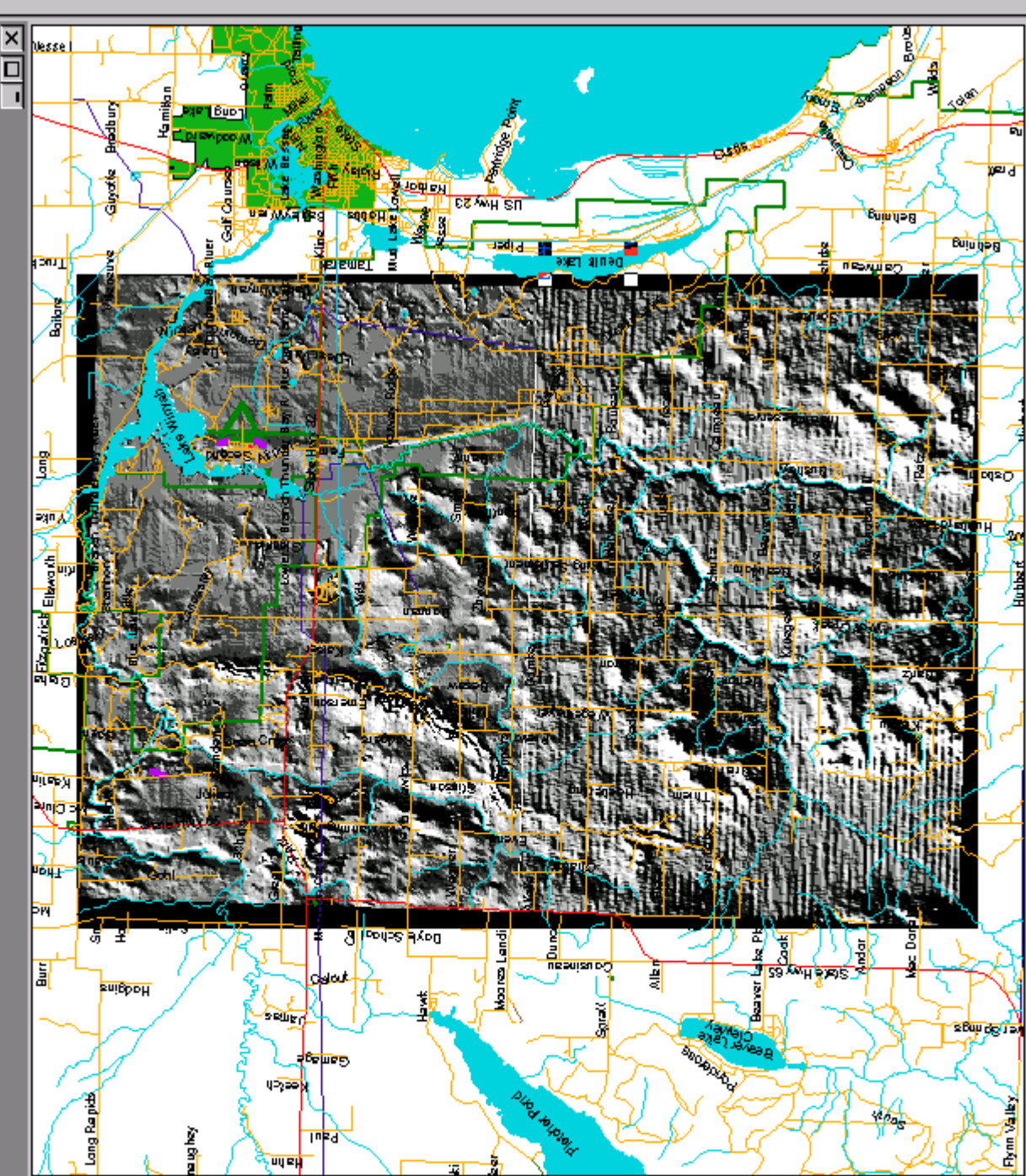








Scale 1: 200,532  
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View1

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# Font too big or too small

- If the fonts are not what you want you can change them.
- Go to Theme: Remove Labels
- Go to Window: Show Symbol Window
- This will pop up the edit window where you can select the font palette.
- Change your font and do Theme: Auto-label until the desired results