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I. Introduction

Since 2008, the projects at U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center have been making more of their data holdings available to the public at no charge. As a result, projects began to "web-enable" data via EarthExplorer.

Following this direction, projects began to "web-enable" data via EarthExplorer (EE), Hazards Data Distribution Systems (HDDS), and Global Visualization Viewer (GloVis) access and distribution web portals. Users now require easier ways to access the data. For example, users have requested bulk downloads to support their requirements for access to larger amounts of data. To support these requirements, the Bulk Download Application (BDA) has been integrated with the EE and HDDS systems to allow this capability.

The overall goal of the BDA is to streamline and enhance the capability for delivering bulk data to customers while managing the resources that store these data. The EROS BDA service requires the user to use either the EE or HDDS as the front end systems for access to the query systems for the desired data. The BDA interfaces with the EROS Mass Storage System and other storage systems to facilitate download of data through a simple JAVA applet.

BDA Help Documents

The BDA Help Documents can be found at: https://lta.cr.usgs.gov/ee-help

BDA Application: http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/bulk/

BDA Help Document: https://lta.cr.usgs.gov/BulkDownloadApplication

II. Installation of Bulk Download Application (BDA)

The BDA is available at http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/bulk/. This link is also included in the order confirmation emails that you receive after orders are submitted.

You will be required to login using your EE credentials.

On this page, you will want to review the BDA information, and then download the application to your operating system.

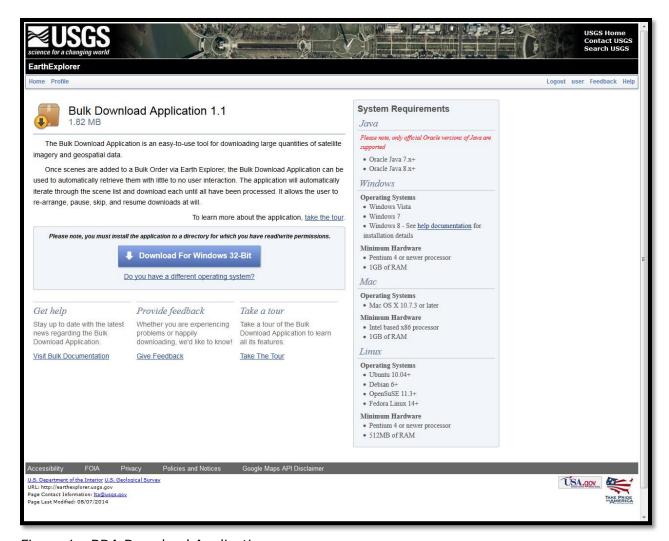


Figure 1 - BDA Download Application

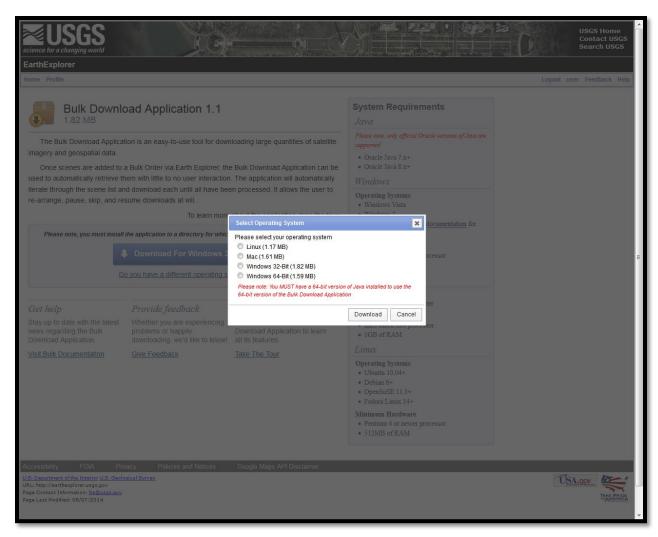


Figure 2 - BDA Select Operating System



Figure 3 - BDA Setup Wizard

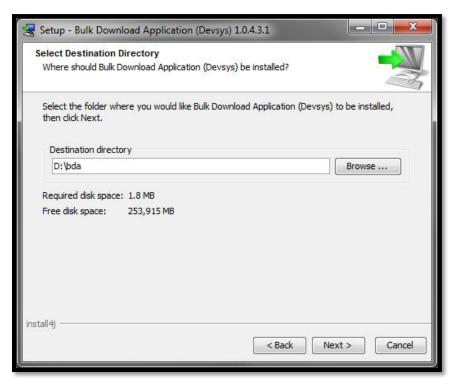


Figure 4 - BDA Select Destination Directory

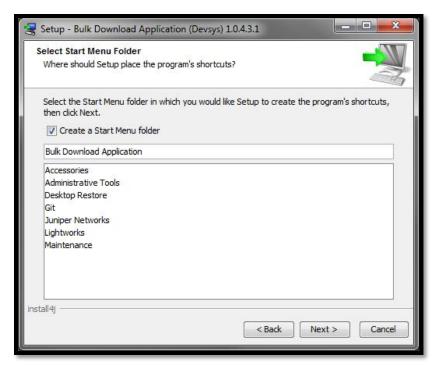


Figure 5 - BDA Select Start Menu Folder



Figure 6 - Completing BDA Setup Wizard

After you have installed the BDA, you are now ready to place bulk orders. See **Section III** or **Section IV**.

III. Searching for Data and Submitting Bulk Orders

The BDA can be used for data visible on the USGS <u>EarthExplorer</u> (EE) and <u>Hazards</u> <u>Data Distribution System</u> (HDDS) User Interfaces. The user must be logged in to download individual scenes or place bulk download requests.

A. Login

The login process allows registered users to log on to the EE system. As a registered user, you can use all of the EE features, including the ability to save your search criteria and results, download data, access subscription services and to save specific parameters you may want to apply to a specialized item request.

To log in, select the Login menu item from EE menu.

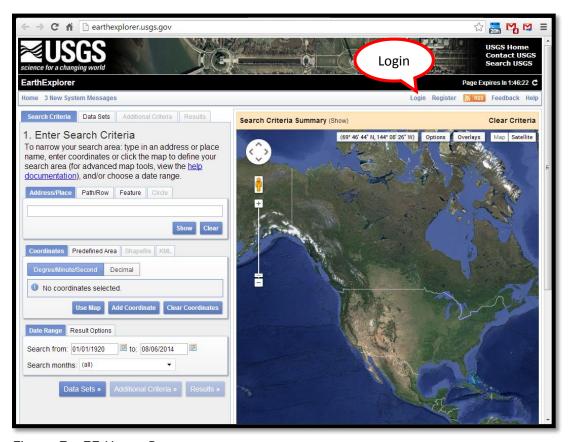


Figure 7 - EE Home Page

Enter your Username and Password then select the Sign In button.



Figure 8 - Login Username and Password

Once you are logged in, additional items will appear in the main menu bar.



Figure 9 - Main Menu Bar

B. Search Criteria

The EE system allows users to search, download, and order data held in the USGS archives through a number of query options. EE uses tabs in the application to facilitate stepping through each portion of the search process. The EE search process is broken down into four main areas:

- Search Criteria Provides the interface for entering various search options.
- Data Sets Provides the interface for selecting the data type.
- Additional Criteria Provides an interface for entering additional search criteria specific to the selected dataset.
- Results Provides the interface for displaying a textual and graphical view of the query results.



Figure 10 - Search Tabs

C. Enter Search Criteria using Search Criteria Tab

The Search Criteria tab allows users to enter their search criteria for the area or location they are interested in. Users can either enter their search criteria in the textual information in the Search Criteria tab panel, or use the Google Map interface.



Figure 11 - Search Criteria

Users can choose several search criteria options:

- Google Map Interface Allows the user to enter their area of interest using Google Map.
- Address/Place Allows the user to enter in an address or place name.
- Area Selected Allows the user to enter coordinates to define their area of interest. In addition, this area is updated when selecting areas on the map or when an address or place name is entered.
- Dates Selected Allows the user to enter a date range.
- Results Options Allows the user to modify the number of scenes to return from a search.

D. Data Sets Tab

The Data Sets tab allows the user to select the data set(s) to perform the search identified from the Search Criteria tab.

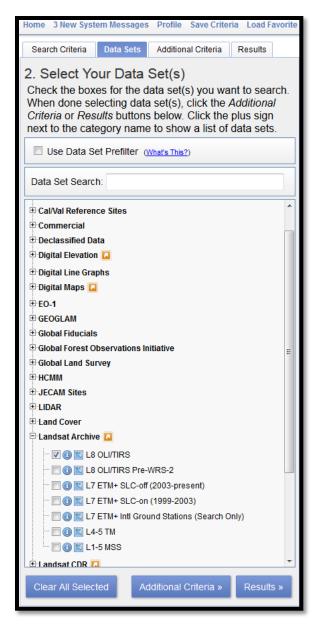


Figure 12 - Select Your Data Set(s)

The Data Set menu categorizes data sets into similar data collections. The EE system uses a dynamic tree menu with expandable/collapsible links for each major data collection. Click the plus sign \blacksquare next to the category name to expand the list of datasets for that collection. Click the minus sign \boxminus next to the category name to collapse the list of datasets for that collection.

E. Enter Additional Criteria Tab

The Additional Criteria tab is an optional input area that allows entry of additional search criteria for the data set(s) selected. Selecting the Additional Criteria tab displays the first dataset additional criteria form.



Figure 13 - Additional Criteria (optional)

Each data set in EE has additional criteria that can be filled in to narrow down the results of a search.

F. View Search Results Tab

The Results tab displays the results of the specified search for the area or location identified. The results panel displays the thumbnail and textual information for each scene returned from the search criteria on the left side of the panel. The right side of the form displays the Google Map interface with an outline of the area identified for the search. (The up-to-date Google Map is not for purchase or for download; it is to be used as a guide for reference and search purposes only.)



Figure 14 - Search Results

The Results options include the following components:

- Show Result Controls Provide the option to show all footprints and browse from current page, and add all results from current page to bulk download.
- Search Results list Displays the thumbnail, textual information, view details on each scene, view browse, request download of data, bulk download icon, and other visualization controls for each record returned from the search.
- Download Options must be registered
 Allows the user to download the selected data. A user and logged in to download data.
- Add to Bulk Download The bulk download option allows the user to request large amounts of data.
- Order Scene The order option allows the user to request on-demand ordering of products.
- Google Map Interface Allows the user to see the search area, look at the footprint on the map, and review the browse image for each scene.

G. Bulk Download through the EE Results

Once logged in the bulk download icon mill be available on the Results page.

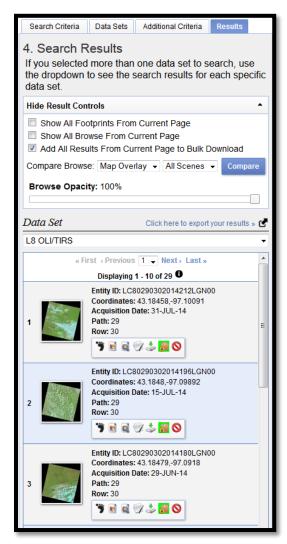


Figure 15 - Search Results Bulk Icon Selected

To add individual scenes to the Bulk Item Basket, select the bulk download icon mext to the scene desired for bulk download delivery. To select all the scenes on the page for bulk download, select Add All Results From Current Page to Bulk Download from the Show Results Control selection box.

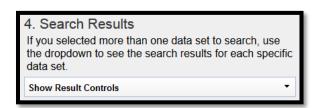


Figure 16 - Show Results Controls

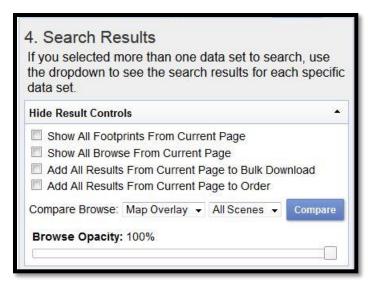


Figure 17 - Show Results Controls Expanded

Adding all results will update the item basket based on the number of scenes displayed on the page.

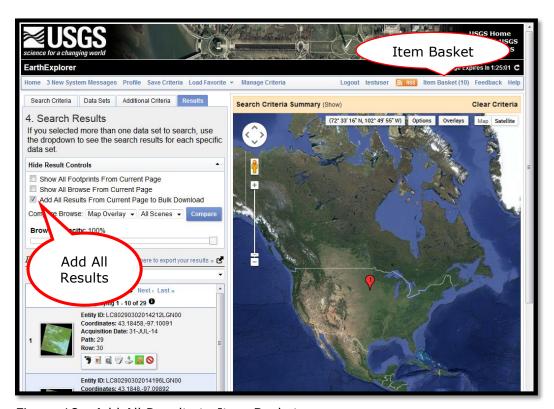


Figure 18 - Add All Results to Item Basket

After adding the desired scenes to the item basket, select the Item Basket to continue the bulk order.

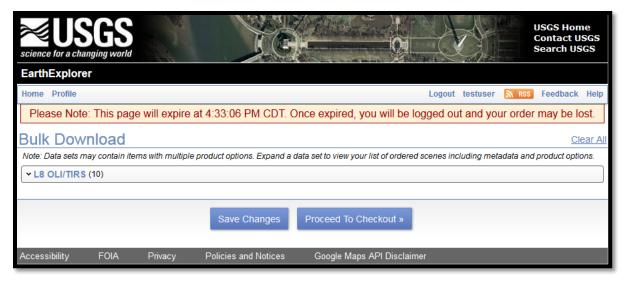


Figure 19 - Bulk Download Review

Select Proceed To Checkout

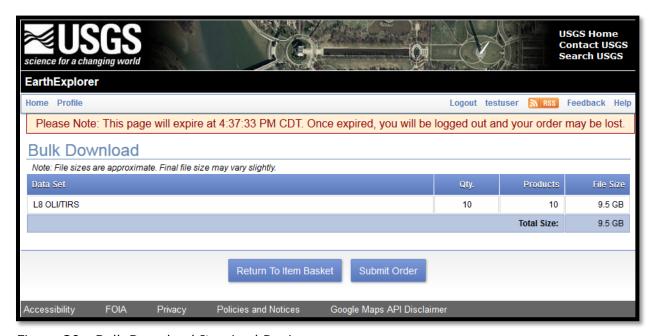


Figure 20 - Bulk Download Itemized Review

Select Return to Item Basket to return to the previous page. Select Submit Order to refresh the screen showing the Bulk Download order number, download instructions, and list of ordered items.

The Bulk Download Detail will display the Bulk Download order number, a link to the BDA, and instructions for first time users. This information will also be sent in an email to the registered user.

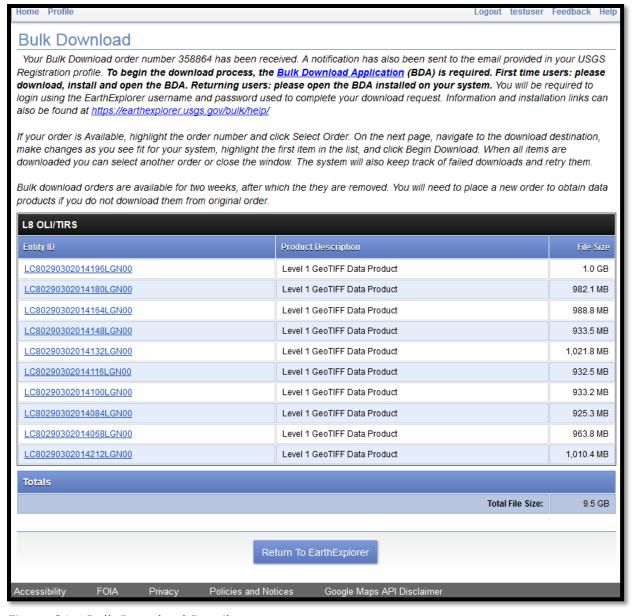


Figure 21 - Bulk Download Detail

After you have submitted the Bulk order, you can use the BDA to download the data. See **Section V**.

IV. File List Ordering

Another way to place Bulk Download orders is to use the File List Ordering page. (http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/filelist). This page allows the upload of text file scene lists (as shown in Figure 24).

After a successful sign in, the page will be displayed as in Figure 22.

You can select the Single Data Set tab, or the Multiple Data Sets, for lists containing scenes from more than one data set.

Instructions for using this utility are shown on each tab.

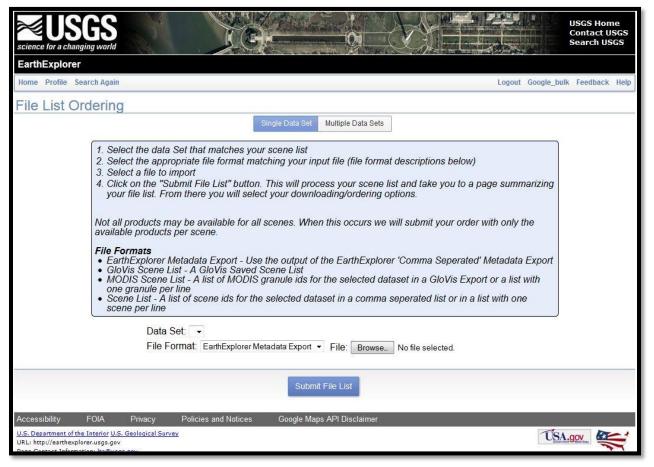


Figure 22 - Single Data Set

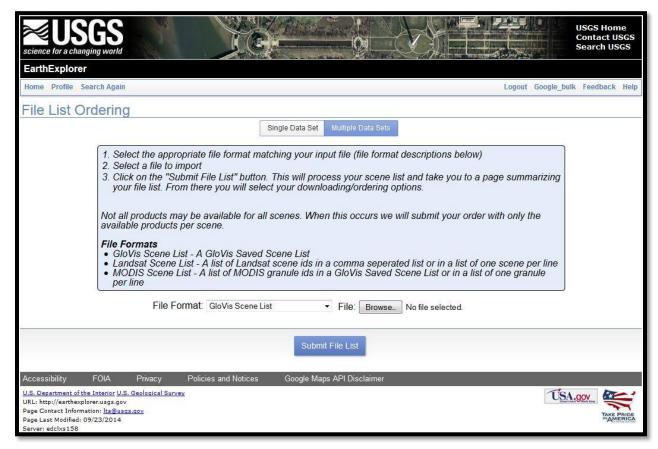


Figure 23 - Multiple Data Sets

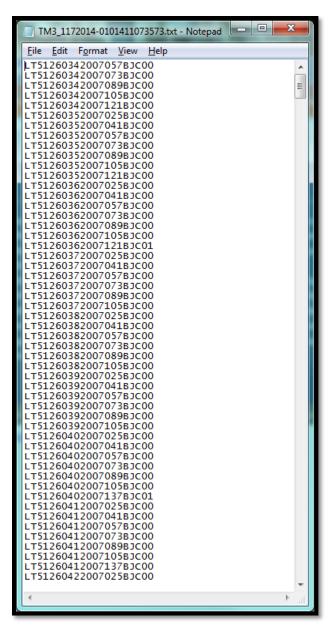


Figure 24 - List Example

Example List Name: TM3_1172014-0101411073573.txt

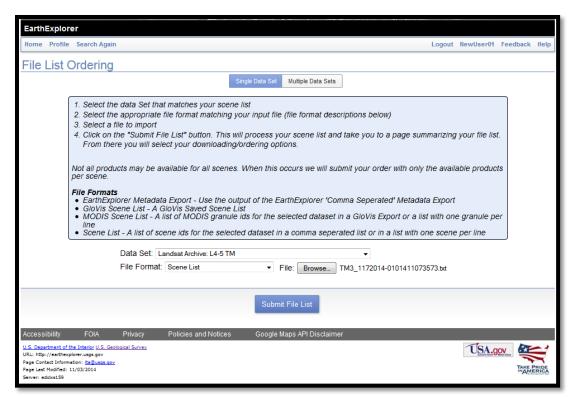


Figure 25 - Submit File List

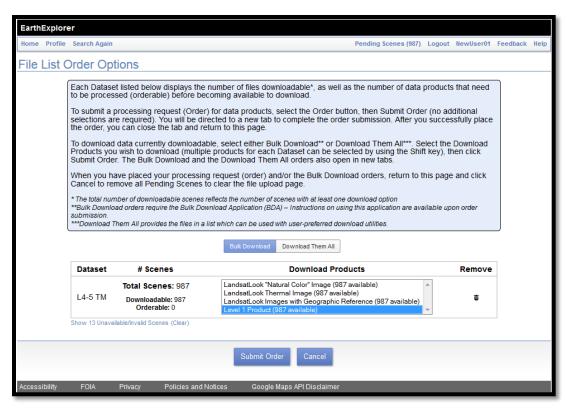


Figure 26 - Submit Order

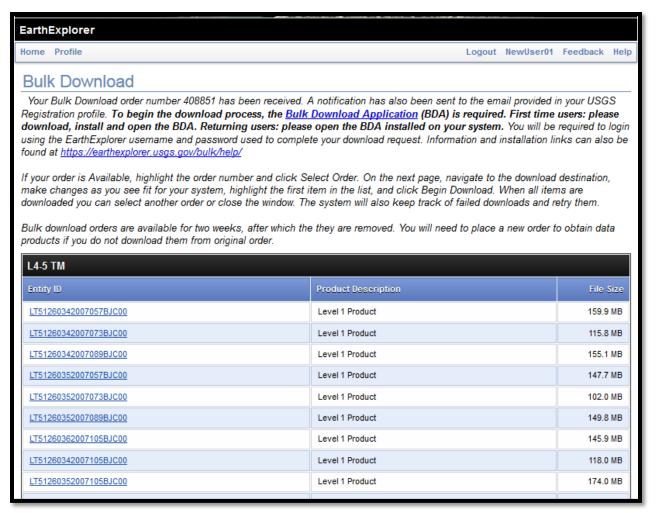


Figure 27 - Bulk Download Notification

Section V - Using the BDA to download data

Once you have submitted a Bulk Order and received the order confirmation, you are now ready to access the BDA to begin downloading.

The Bulk Download Application will be located in the Start menu on your system. Log in using your <u>EarthExplorer</u> username and password.

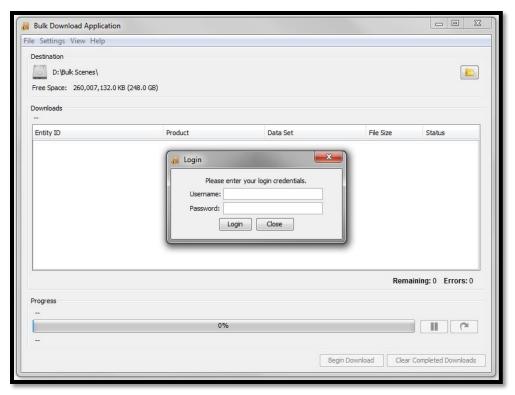


Figure 28 - BDA Login

After a successful login, all orders will be listed (see Figure 29 - BDA order screen)

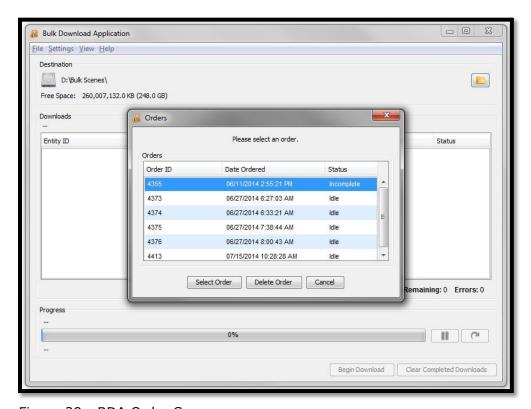


Figure 29 - BDA Order Screen

Select the order you wish to download and click Select Order. All files within the selected order will be displayed. You can Delete Orders, or Cancel to close the box. You can also access the available orders by going to the File menu.

Click the folder icon (top right portion of the box), and select the destination directory to where the data will be downloaded. You will want to ensure that the selected directory has enough space to accommodate the data being downloaded. (See figure 30 - BDA download screen)

Click Begin Download.

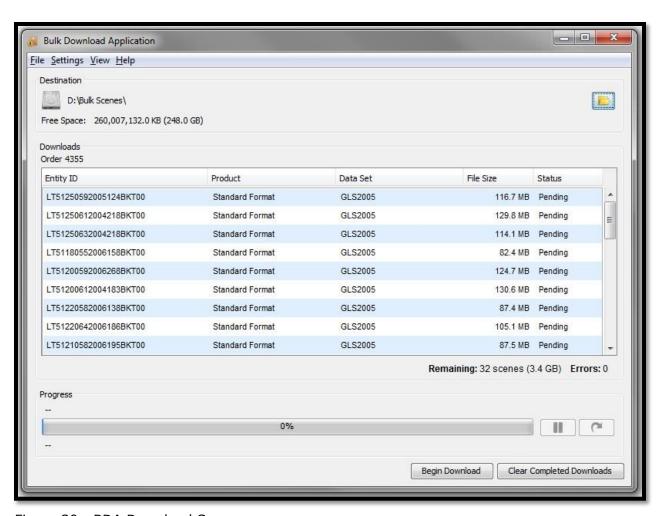


Figure 30 - BDA Download Screen

VI. Menu Descriptions

There are a number of functions available from the BDA; these are described in this section.

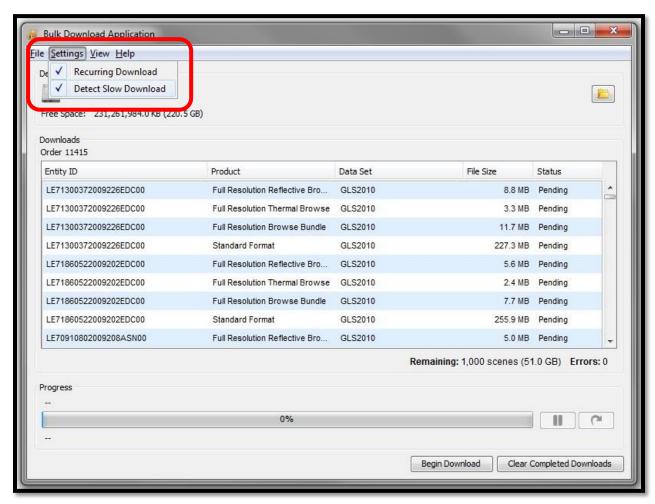


Figure 31 - BDA Settings Options

The Settings menu shows two options: Recurring Download and Detect Slow Download.

Recurring Download - Upon reaching the end of the scene list, the application will wait 10 minutes and then automatically retry any downloads that did not complete properly.

Detect Slow Download - If a connection becomes stale and the download speed drops to below 10.0 KBps, the application will move on to the next download in the scene list. This option should be disabled if users have Internet connections slower than 10 KBps.

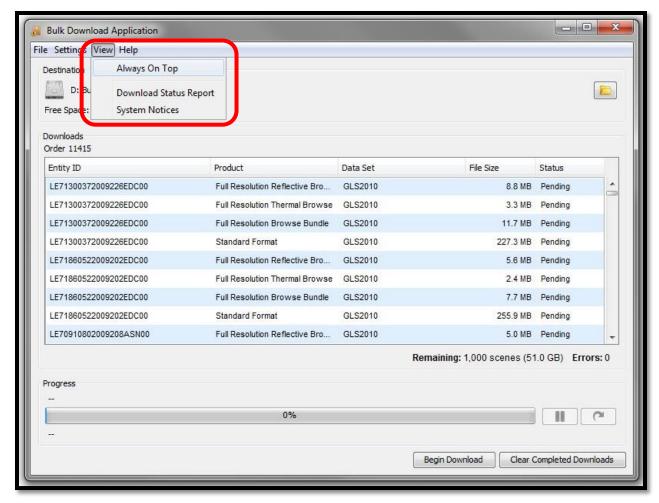


Figure 32 - BDA View Options

The View menu provides these options: Always on Top, Download Status Reports, and System Notices.

Always On Top - Keep the BDA window visible and on top of other windows regardless of other applications currently open.

Download Status Reports - Provides a listing of scenes for each order (See Figure 33 - Download Status Report)

System Notices - Notices regarding BDA system status

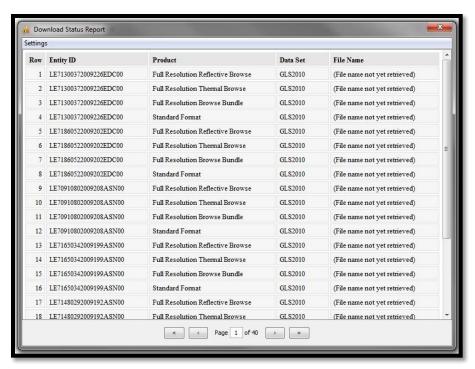


Figure 33 - Download Status Report



Figure 34 - About BDA

VII. Appendix

A. Acronyms

BDA - Bulk Download Application

EE - EarthExplorer

EROS - Earth Resources Observation and Science

GloVis - Global Visualization Viewer

HDDS - Hazards Data Distribution System

USGS - United States Geological Survey

B. System requirements

Following are the hardware and software requirements required to use the EE client:

- Hardware Requirements Windows
 - 233mhz processor 2Ghz or better recommended
 - o Minimum of 256MB RAM 4GB recommended
 - Minimum of 20GB of free space 100GB recommended
 - o Display capable of 800x600 with 256 colors, with 32MB of video RAM
 - Mouse
 - Keyboard
- Hardware Requirements Apple Mac
 - o Intel x86 or PowerPC G3, G4, or G5 2Ghz or better recommended
 - Minimum of 256MB RAM, 4GB recommended
 - Minimum of 20GB of free space, 100GB recommended
 - o Display capable of 800x600 with 256 colors, with 32MB of video RAM
 - Mouse
 - Keyboard
- Hardware Requirements Linux
 - Intel x86 or 2Ghz or better recommended
 - o Minimum of 256MB RAM, 4GB recommended
 - Minimum of 20GB of free space, 100GB recommended
 - Display capable of 800x600 with 256 colors, with 32MB of video RAM
 - Mouse
 - Keyboard
- Network Requirements
 - Broadband connection 1.5Mbps
 - 3G network will impact display speed
 - o Port 4448 is open to the Internet
- Software Requirements
 - Operating System: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows Server 2000, Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2008
 - Mac OS X
 - o Unix
 - o Linux
 - Solaris
 - Sun Java 6 JRE

C. Warning Messages and Errors

Cannot connect to the download service. - Please verify with your network service or firewall software that port 4448 is open to the Internet.

Read timed out - Communication between the file server and the client's computer ceased, causing the server to time out the connection.

Preparing File - The file is being staged on the mass storage system or there are not enough open slots for your download to begin. The client will check periodically for the file to try again.

Invalid Destination - The user does not have permission to write to the directory chosen.

Another instance is already running - The user is connected to the Bulk Download Server via another client on another computer. The user may choose to disconnect their previous client and start a fresh connection.

The bulk download service is unavailable at this time. - The Bulk Download Server is not available to accept incoming connections or requests.

There is not enough free space to download the scene X. - The download location on the user's computer does not have enough free space to save the next file.

You do not have permission to access the download for scene X on this server. - It will be skipped. The permissions on the server forbid the download of this file.

URL is null. The download will be skipped. - The Bulk Download Server did not provide a valid URL to access the file.

The download for scene X does not exist. It will be skipped. - There is no file at the specified URL on the file server.

The content header is missing for the scene X. Please notify customer service (<u>custserv@usgs.gov</u>) about this scene. - There is a data issue with this file that needs to be corrected on the file server.

Unable to reconnect to the Bulk Server in 5 attempts. The application will close. - The client attempted to automatically reconnect itself to the Bulk Download Server but the server is no longer responding, meaning it is likely shut down for some reason.

The bulk download service is unavailable at this time. Please try again later. - The Bulk Download Server is not currently running.