

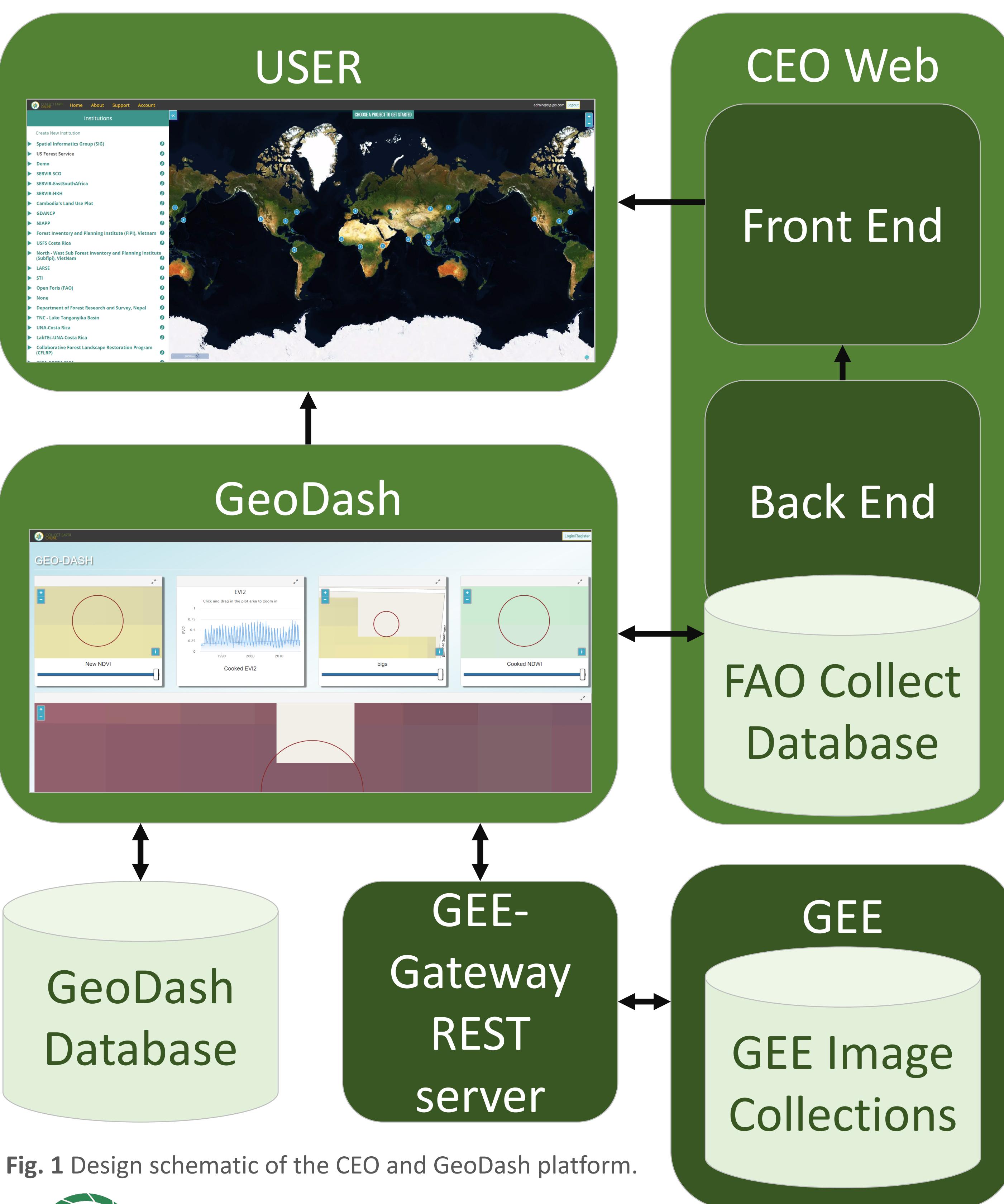
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## Abstract

Collect Earth Online (CEO) is a free and open online implementation of the FAO Collect Earth system for collaboratively collecting environmental data through the visual interpretation of Earth observation imagery. The primary collection mechanism in CEO is human interpretation of land surface characteristics in imagery served via Web Map Services (WMS). However, interpreters may not have enough contextual information to classify samples by only viewing the imagery served via WMS, be they high resolution or otherwise. To assist in the interpretation and collection processes in CEO, SERVIR, a joint NASA-USAID initiative that brings Earth observations to improve environmental decision making in developing countries, developed the GeoDash system, an embedded and critical component of CEO. GeoDash leverages Google Earth Engine (GEE) by allowing users to set up custom browser-based widgets that pull from GEE's massive public data catalog. These widgets

can be quick looks of other satellite imagery, time series graphs of environmental variables, and statistics panels of the same. Users can customize widgets with any of GEE's image collections, such as the historical Landsat collection with data available since the 1970s, select date ranges, image stretch parameters, graph characteristics, and create custom layouts, all on-the-fly to support plot interpretation in CEO. This presentation focuses on the implementation and potential applications, including the back-end links to GEE and the user interface with custom widget building. GeoDash takes large data volumes and condenses them into meaningful, relevant information for interpreters. While designed initially with national and global forest resource assessments in mind, the system will complement disaster assessments, agriculture management, project monitoring and evaluation, and more.

## Methodology



## Results

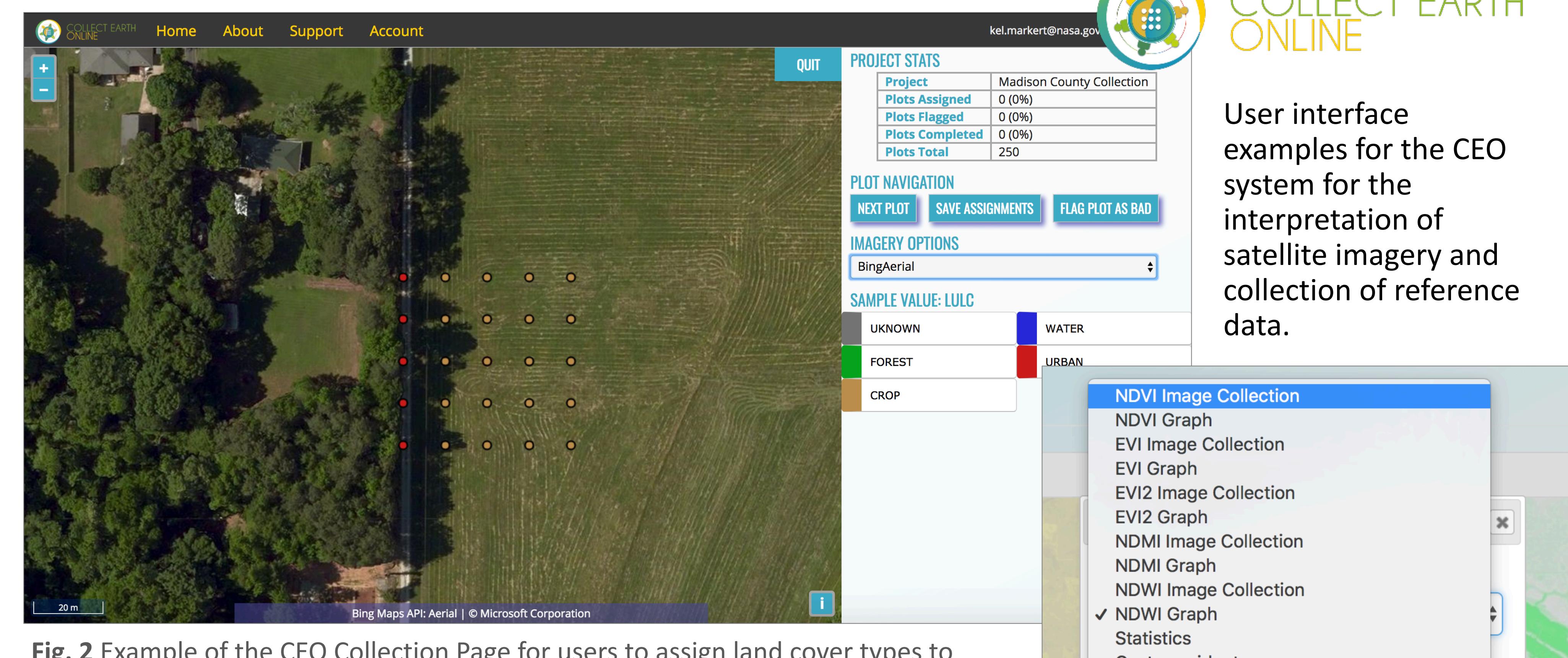


Fig. 2 Example of the CEO Collection Page for users to assign land cover types to sub-plot samples.

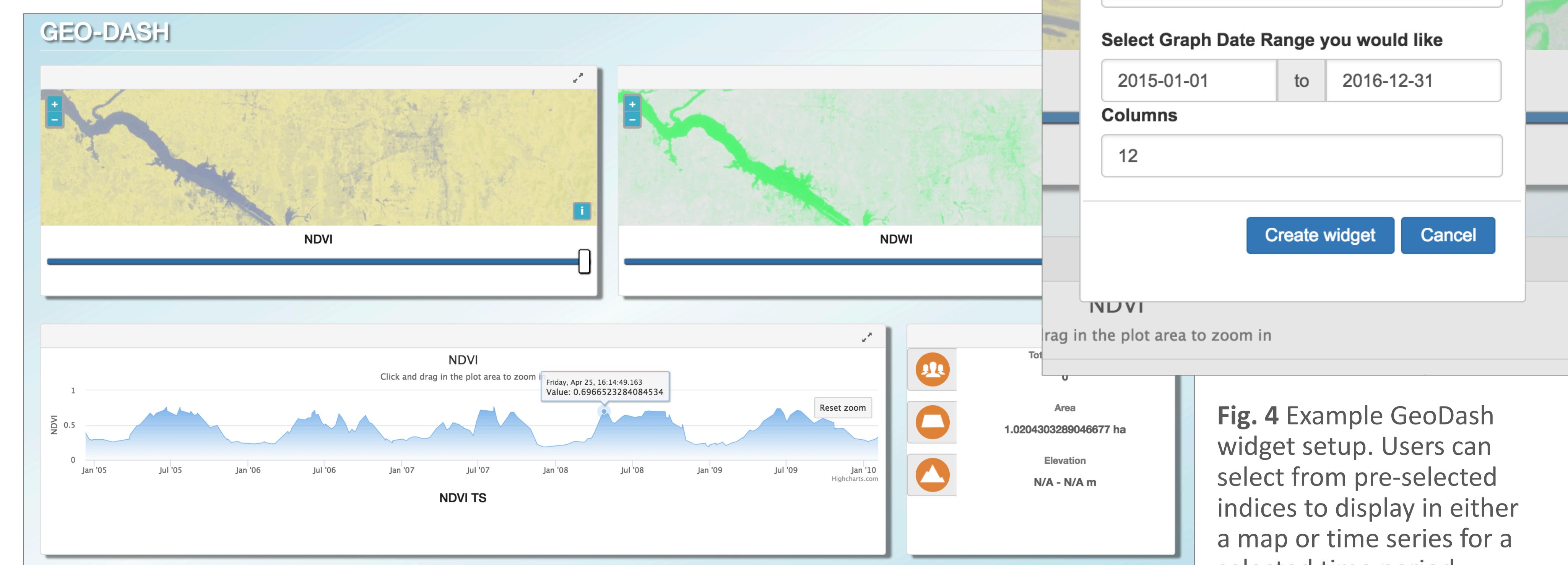


Fig. 3 Example of the GeoDash Page for users to assess additional information gleaned from Landsat. Index values in maps or time series to be viewed to identify, for example, seasonality.

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User interface examples for the CEO system for the interpretation of satellite imagery and collection of reference data.

Fig. 4 Example GeoDash widget setup. Users can select from pre-selected indices to display in either a map or time series for a selected time period

## Conclusions

- CEO facilitates collaboratively collecting reference data within a free and open online system.
- GeoDash is a flexible system that leverages GEE for custom widget creation to access and view petabytes of data in meaningful information.

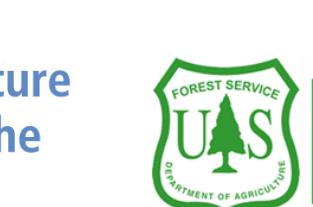
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