Comparison of GreenGlass and Gold Rush

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Function	GreenGlass	Gold Rush	Notes
Validating and assigning OCLC numbers, identifying problematic records	X		GreenGlass vets records on load, Gold Rush does not.
Compare overlap with other libraries in group	X - overlap based on OCLC number	X - overlap based on match key	Both tools allow libraries to run comparisons between their holdings and other members of the group.
Compare non-member holdings overlap with other libraries in group	X	X	Both tools allow libraries to determine titles unique to the library and level of overlap with EAST retentions.
Provide WorldCat overlap data, including US & State	X		OCLC holdings data is not included in Gold Rush, so there is no ability in Gold Rush to factor in holdings levels into retention rules. Being a part of OCLC has greatly benefited SCS in this sense.
Incorporate local usage & circulation data	X	X	Both tools allow for loading local usage data and factoring into retention rules. But only GreenGlass allows for comparing aggregate usage data across a group of libraries.
Incorporate comparator groups	X	X	GreenGlass allows for up to 6 comparator groups, based on OCLC WorldCat and GreenGlass project data. Gold Rush

			comparator groups are limited to groups that also use Gold Rush.
Use specific criteria to filter titles (e.g. publication date, LC call number, and language)	X	X	
Assign special categories	X		There's no ability in Gold Rush to set a "special category" flag for titles that should be handled differently in retention rules e.g. local state publications or emphermera type material.
Build a multi-layered retention model	X		Gold Rush does not have the ability to develop a retention model using the same level of detailed logic as GreenGlass. However, it is possible to develop independent models and combine them.
Allocate retention responsibility across group	X		The Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries does not have a method of allocating retention responsibility to libraries, responsibility of shared print programs.
Ability to refresh collections data	$	X	Both tools allow for collection data to be refreshed. But while OCLC charges a fee, Gold Rush members simply ftp updated or new data at any time, which is picked up and processed in the monthly indexing jobs.