

Firemap: A Web Tool for Dynamic Data-Driven Predictive Wildfire Modeling Powered by the WIFIRE Cyberinfrastructure

Improving the Usability of Climate, Extreme Event, and Hazard Data and Information Products for Community Decision Makers



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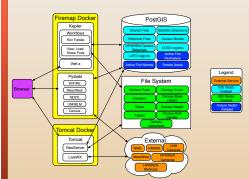
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What is Firemap

The NSF-funded WIFIRE project has designed a web-based wildfire modeling simulation and visualization tool called Firemap. The tool executes FARSITE to model fire propagation using dynamic weather and fire data, configuration settings provided by the user, and static topography and fuel datasets already built-in. Using GIS capabilities combined with scalable big data integration and processing, Firemap enables simple execution of the model with options for running ensembles by taking the information uncertainty into account. The results are easily viewable, sharable, repeatable, and can be animated as a time series. From these capabilities, users can model real-time fire behavior, analyze what-if scenarios, and keep a history of model runs over time for sharing with collaborators.



Data and modeling sources:

- Fire modeling: FARSITE
- Weather stations: HPWREN, SDG&E, and MesoWest & SynopticsLabs
- Weather forecast: NOAA HRRRX and NWS National Digital Forecast Database
- Cameras: HPWREN, SDG&E, UNR Seismological Laboratory, and NV BLM
 Historical fire perimeters: CAL FIRE FRAP Program and USGS GeoMAC
- Fuels: USGS LANDFIRE Program
- Satellite fire detections: NASA FIRMS

Firemap is made with open source tools:

- Leaflet, Highchart
- GDAL, GeoServer, Kepler, PostGIS, Vert.x

Landscape Layers

- Surface and Crown Fuels
- Historical Fires
- DEM

Firemap Layers

Live Satellite Layers

 Satellite Fire detections from VIIRS and MODIS

Weather Layers

- Weather Stations
- NWS Forecast
- HRRRx Forecast

High Resolution Rapid Refresh



Image Source: NOAA
weather.graphics/hrrr/hrrr.php

Forecasted or Manually

firemap.sdsc.edu

Fire Model

- FARSITE: Fire perimeters using forecasted weather or manually inputted parameters
- Output to Shapefile, KML, WMS, and WFS

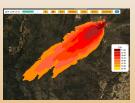
Live Data from Weather Station

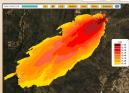






























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