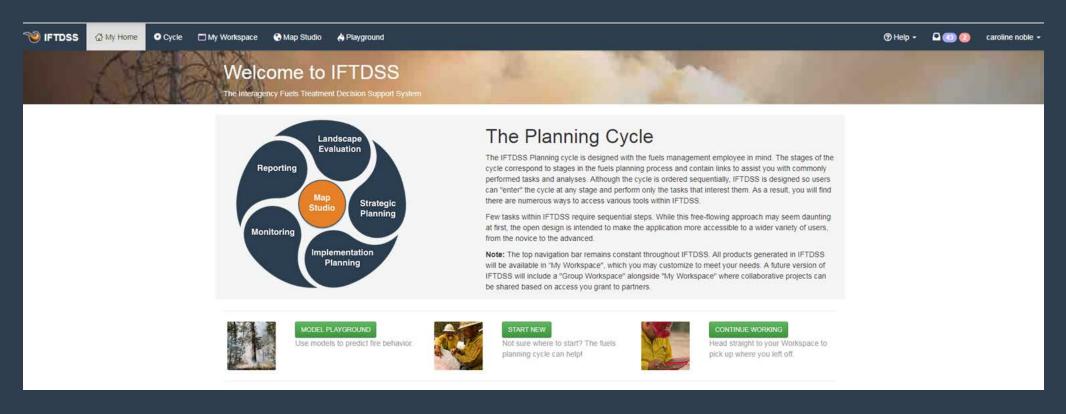


The Interagency Fuels Treatment Decision Support System (IFTDSS): Facilitating Fuels Planning for All



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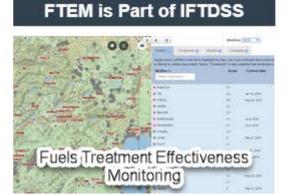
Presentation outline

- What is IFTDSS and why?
- What can IFTDSS do now?
- Where is IFTDSS going?
- How can I learn more about IFTDSS?













What is IFTDSS and why?

To deal with the "software chaos" that exists in fuels management







- Web based application to facilitate common fuels management tasks
- Available to anyone and everyone (funded by USDOI & USDA FS)
- Access to multiple tools from a single web-based portal
- Hosts common authoritative data, tools, models
- Scalable tool for planning effective fuels treatments



How was it designed?

IFTDSS Planning Cycle



 Stages of cycle correspond to commonly performed tasks

Users can enter at any stage-free flowing design

 Does not require sequential steps

 Open design appeals to wider user base (novice to advanced)



What can IFTDSS do now?

- 1. Cool easy map stuff
- 2. Model fire behavior across large landscapes
- 3. Generate summary reports for download
- 4. Develop and compare treatment scenarios
- 5. Aid in Prescribed Fire Planning
- 6. Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring

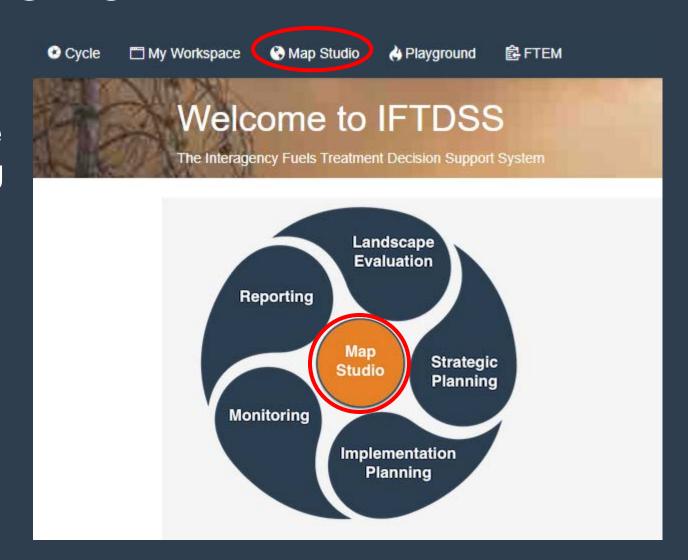




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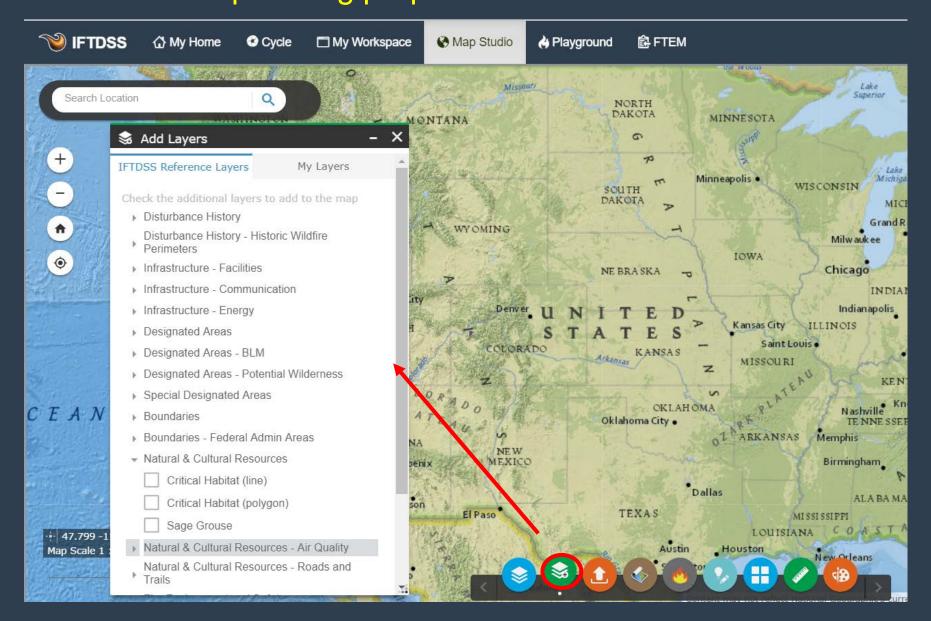
Cool easy map stuff

- Provides consistent nationwide reference datasets for planning purposes
- Create / Upload and save shapefiles
- Create / Edit landscapes using LANDFIRE data
- View/Analyze fire behavior outputs



Cool easy map stuff — Provides consistent nationwide reference datasets for planning purposes

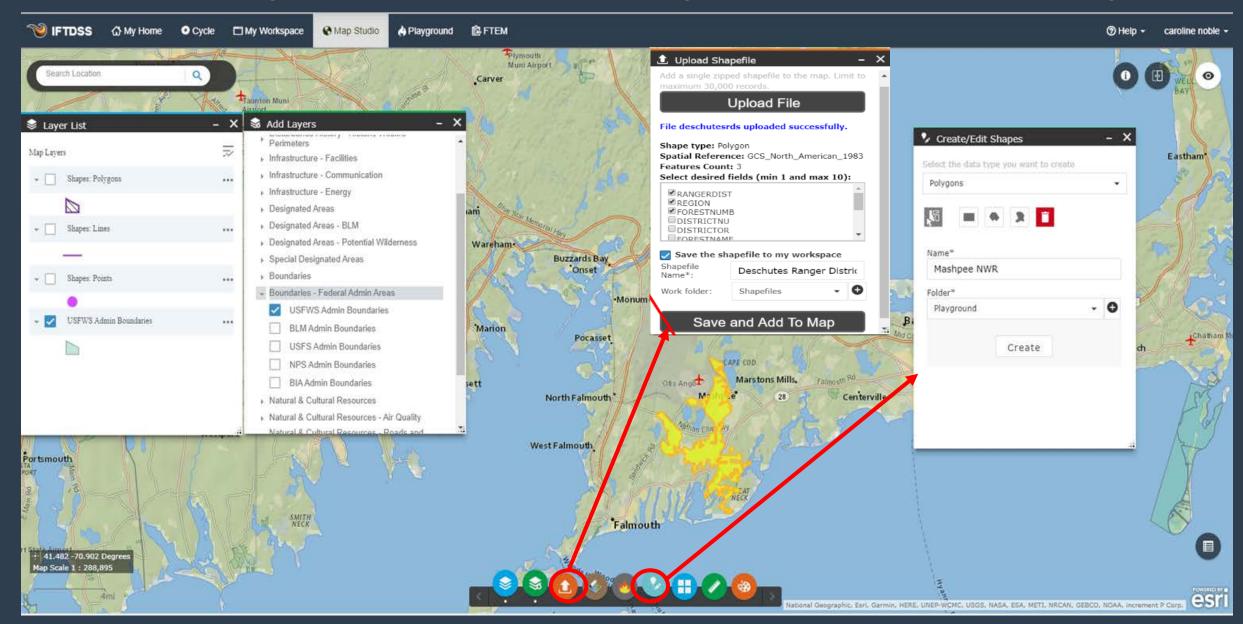




Cool easy map stuff— Create shapes and upload shapefiles

IFTDSS

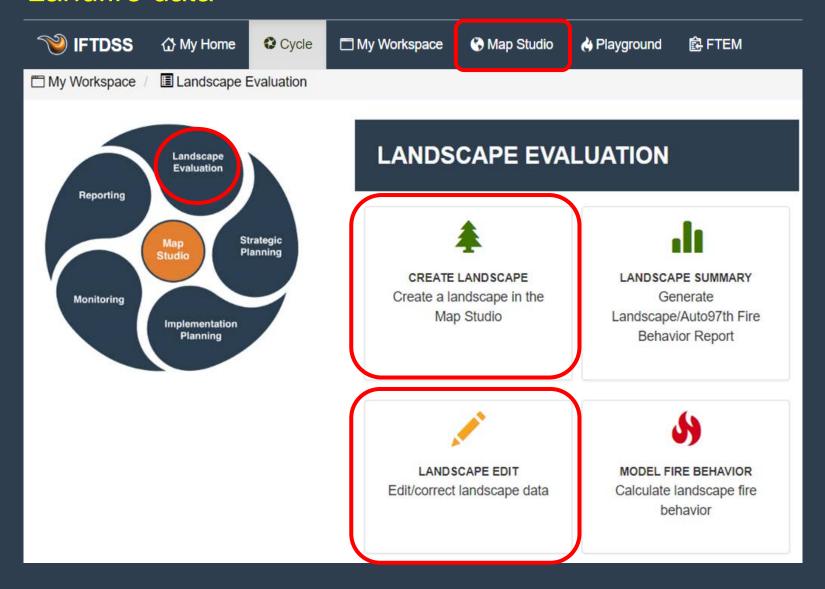
(points, lines, and polygons) to use as Masks for editing or Areas of Interest for reporting





Cool easy map stuff— Create/Edit landscapes using

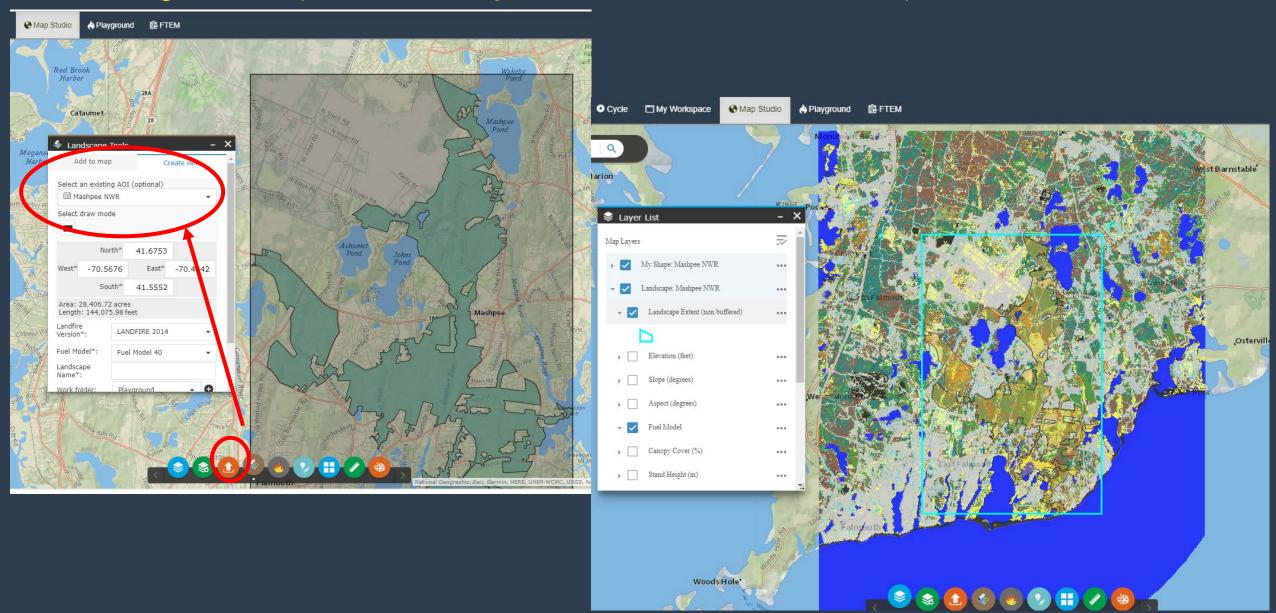
Landfire data



- Create landscapes up to 3.5 million acres
- Edit landscapes with user defined rules
- Edit landscapes with default edit rules based on Landfire Look Up Rules

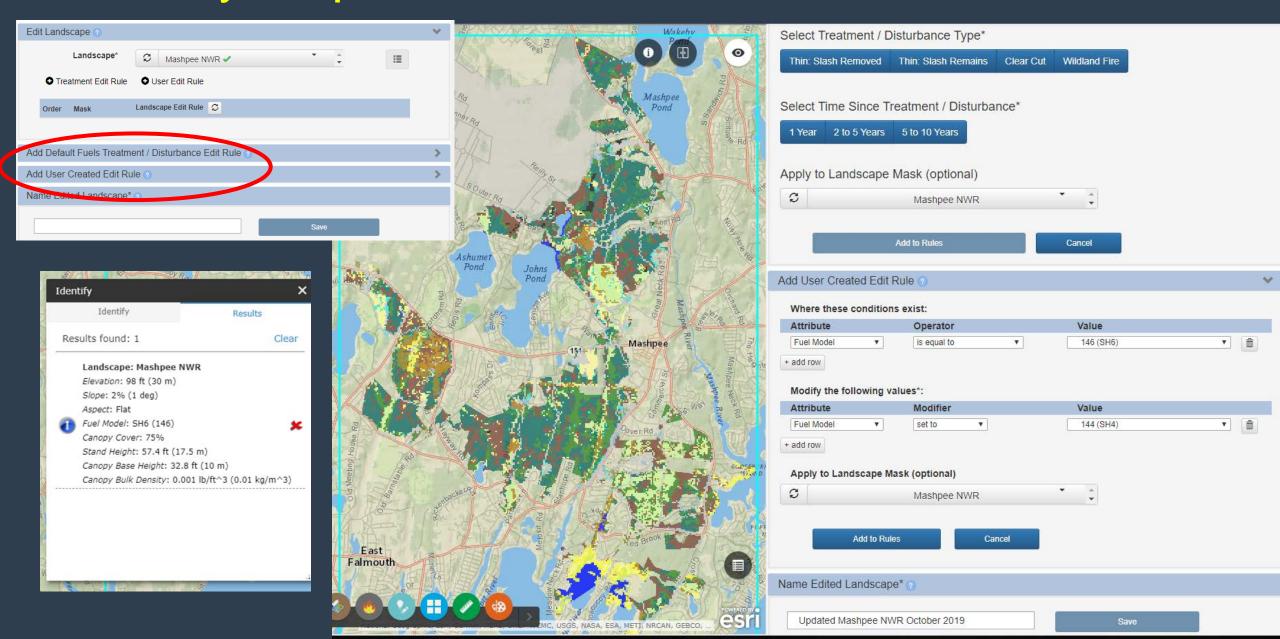
Cool easy map — Create Landfire landscapes up to 3.5 million acres using an AOI (LF2016 data just released for some areas)







Cool easy map — Edit landscapes using LANDFIRE tools





What can IFTDSS do now?

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DEVELOP TREATMENT

ALTERNATIVES

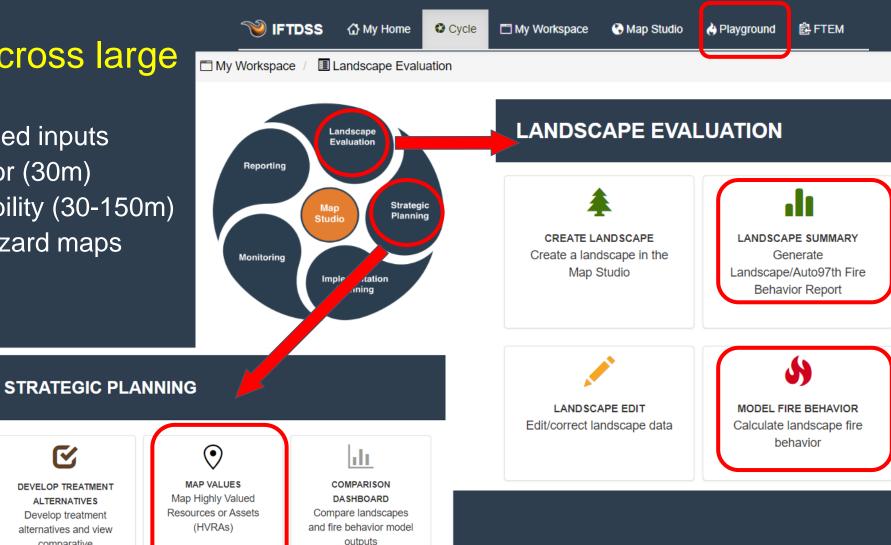
Develop treatment

alternatives and view

comparative summaries

Model fire behavior across large landscapes

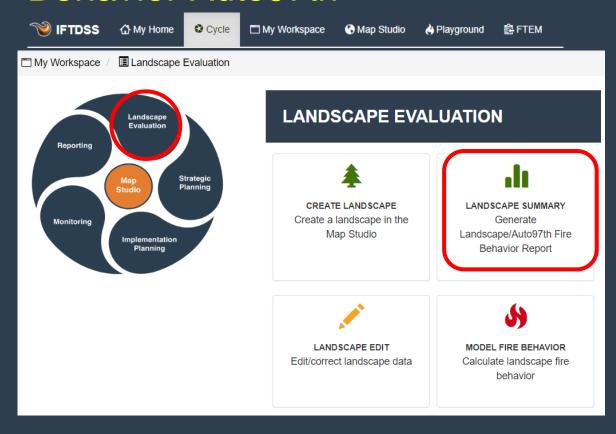
- Auto97th OR User defined inputs
- Landscape Fire Behavior (30m)
- Landscape Burn Probability (30-150m)
- Generate Integrated Hazard maps
- Overlay HVRAs



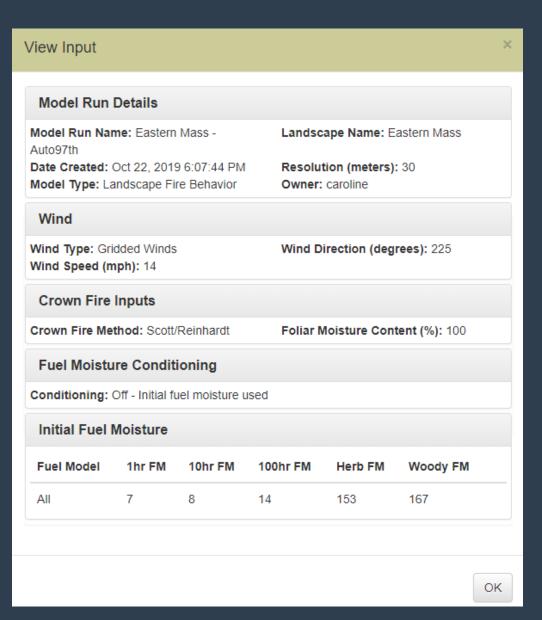
Future Development

Model fire behavior across large landscapes: Landscape Fire Behavior Auto97th



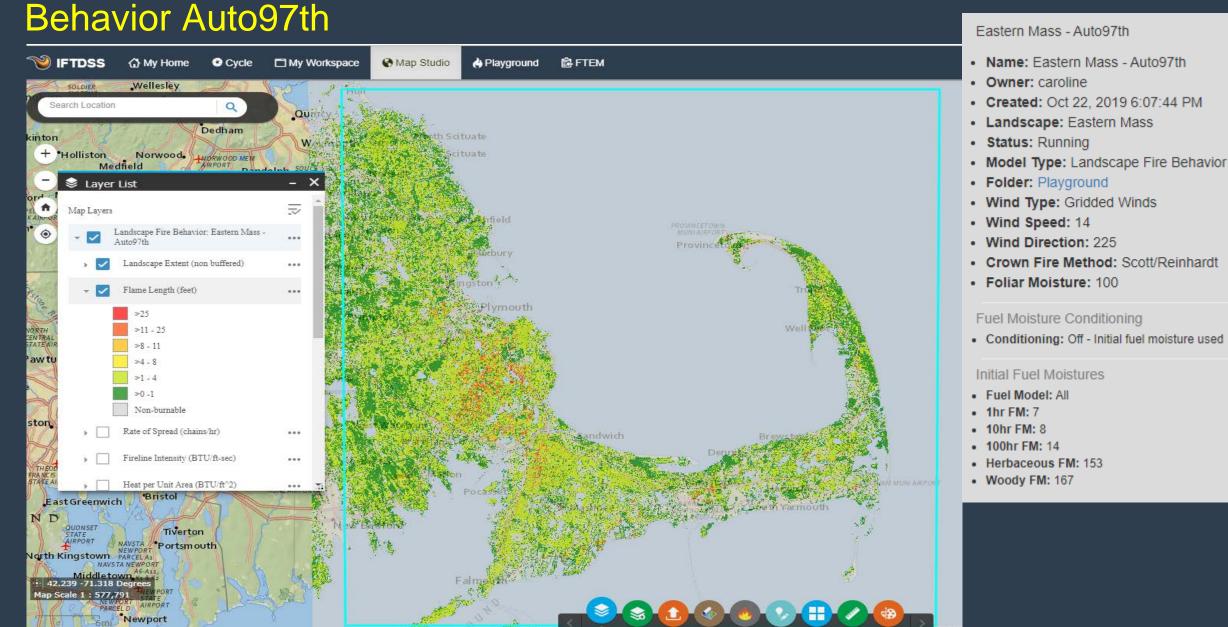


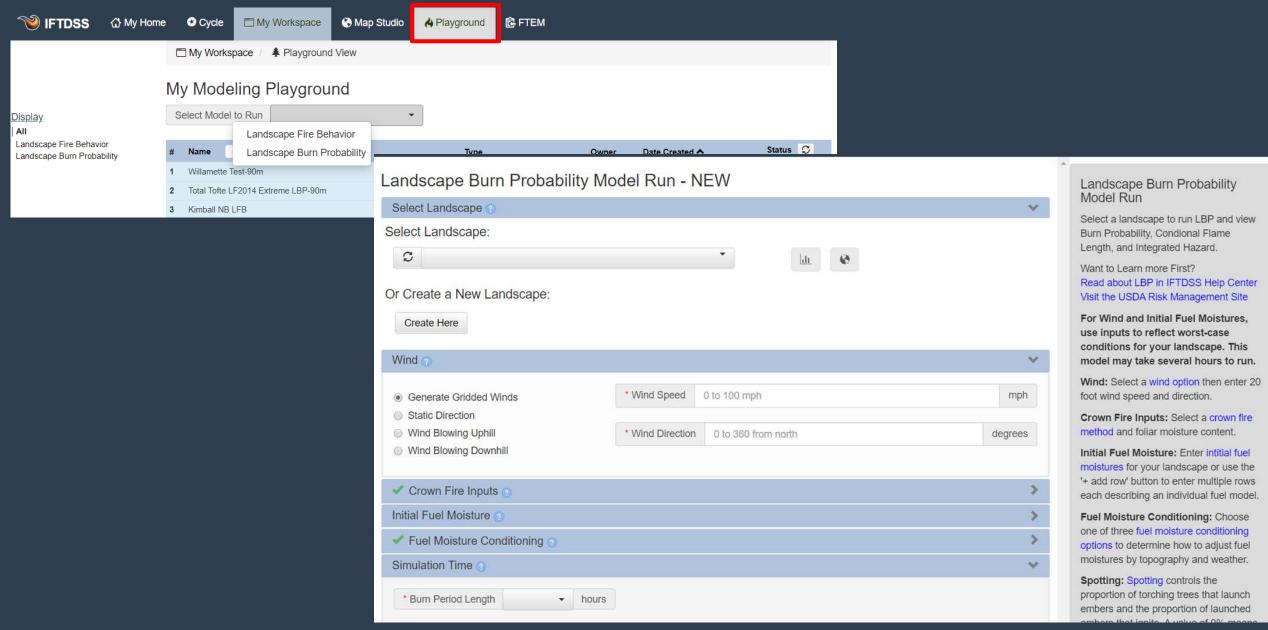
- Closest representative RAWS station
- 97th percentile conditions for Initial Fuels Moistures based on ERC
- 97th percentile wind conditions
- Crown fire defaults (S/R & 100% foliar moisture)



Model fire behavior across large landscapes: Landscape Fire

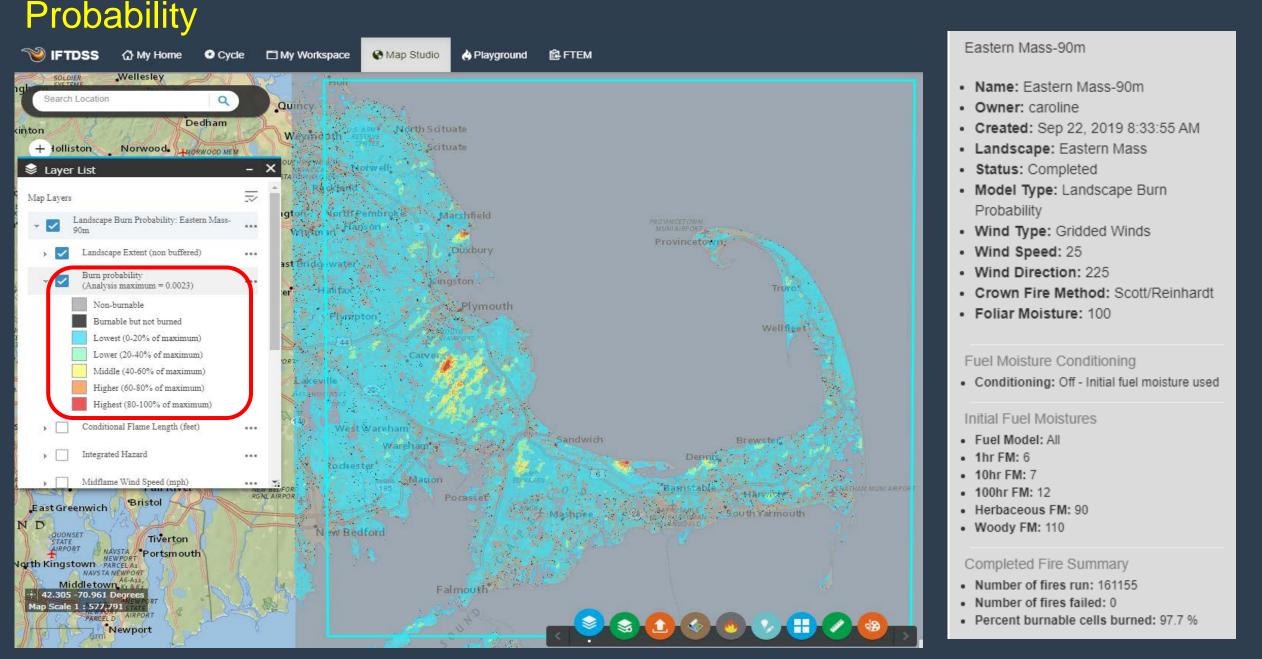






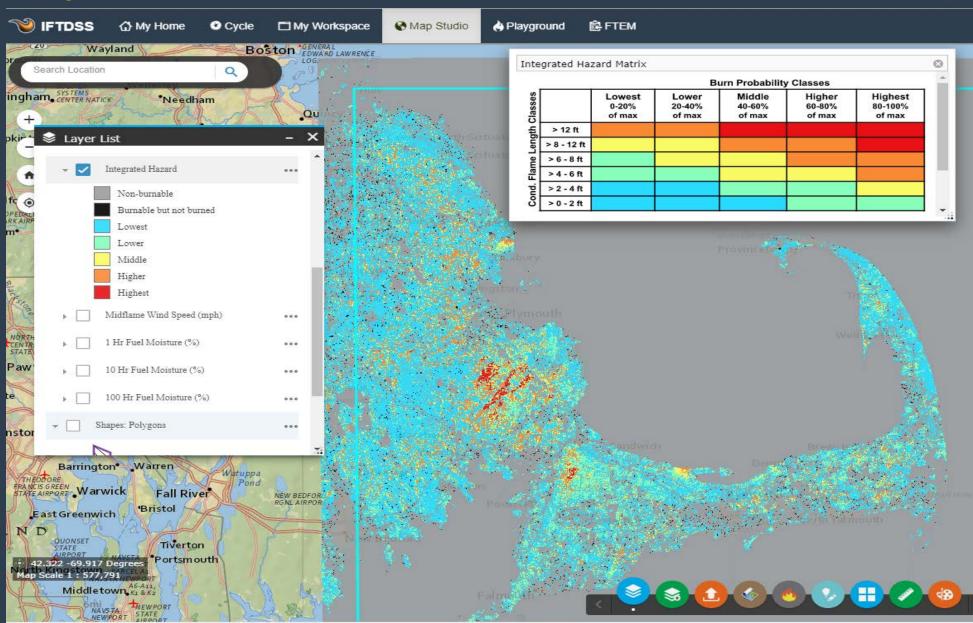
Model fire behavior across large landscapes: Landscape Burn





Model fire behavior across large landscapes: Generate Integrated Hazard maps with Landscape Burn Probability runs

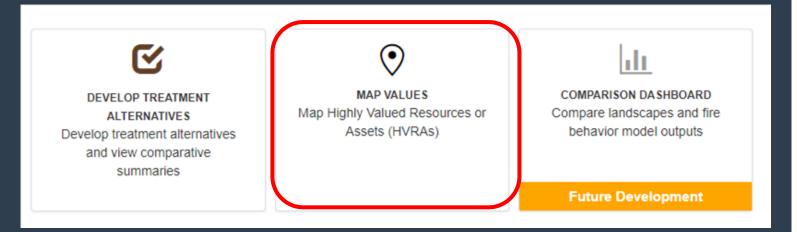




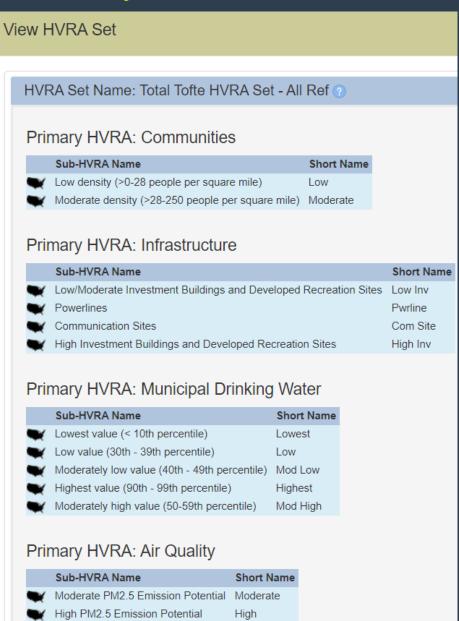
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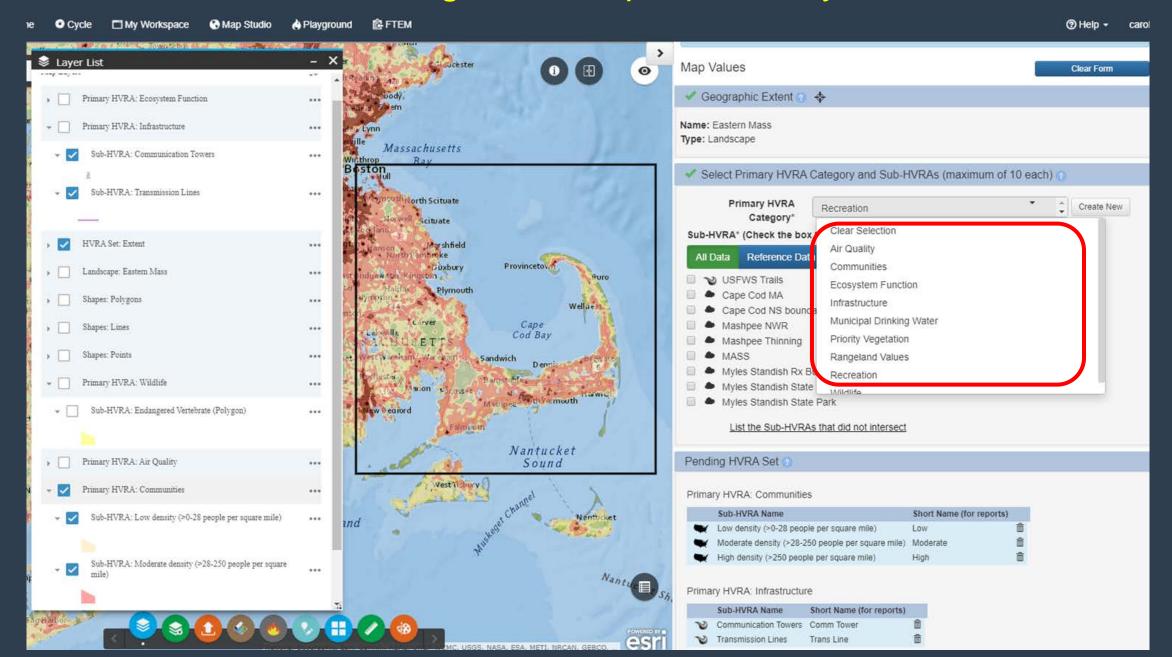


- Create HVRA sets at all scales
- Use sets for analysis or to overlay with Landscapes or Fire Behavior Outputs in Map Studio
- Copy or Edit existing sets



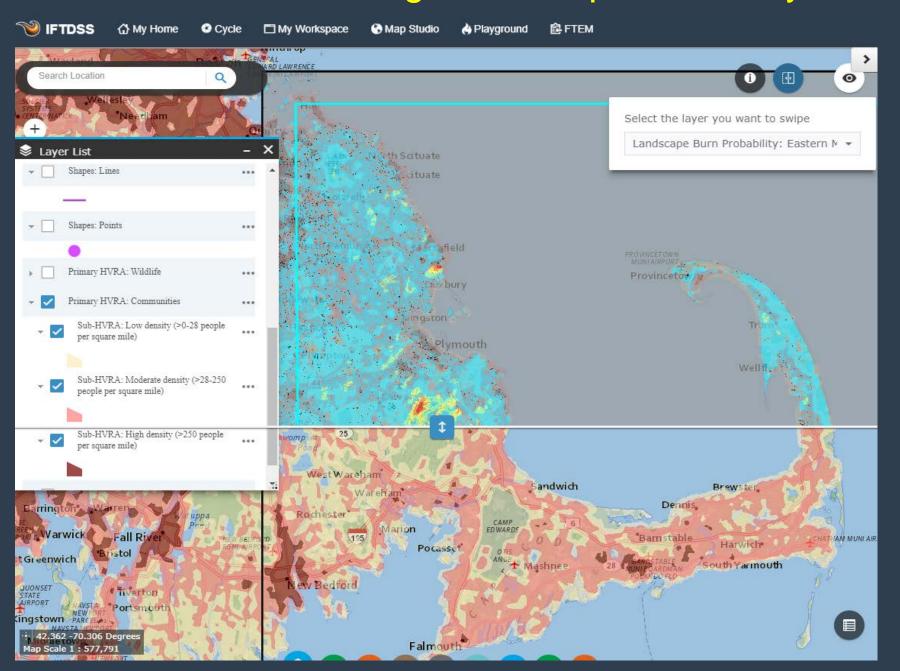
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Model fire behavior across large landscapes: Overlay HVRAs





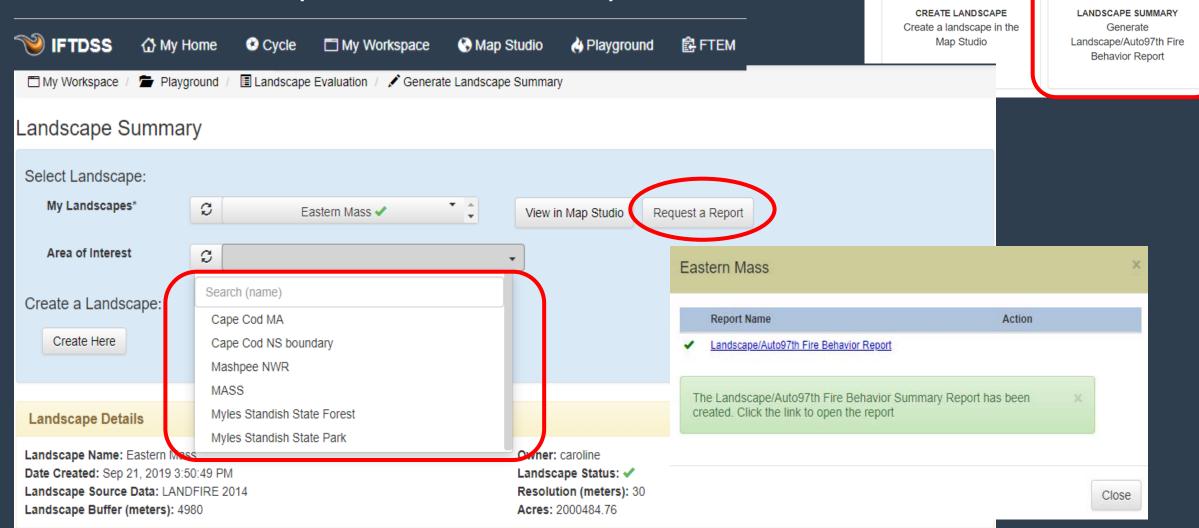




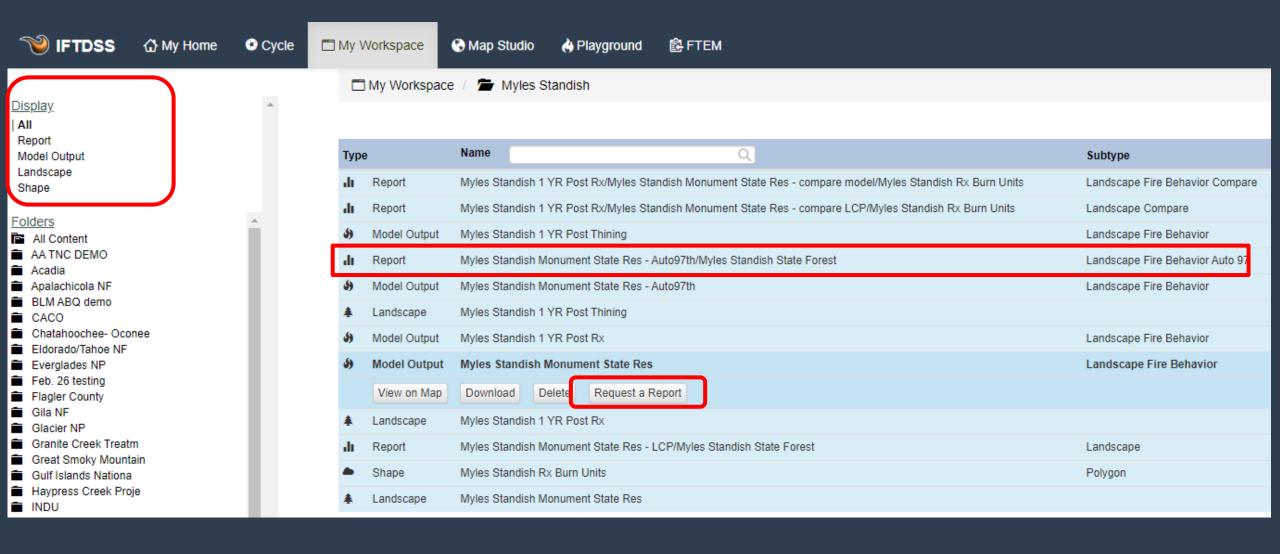
LANDSCAPE EVALUATION

Generate summary reports and download / export

Auto 97th Landscape Fire Behavior Report











② Help

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

All Lcp

Aspect

Canopy Base Height

Canopy Bulk Density

Canopy Cover

Elevation

Fuel Model (FBFM)

Slope

Stand Height

MODEL CHARACTERISTICS

All Model Crown Fire Flame Length Heat/Area Intensity Spread Rate

Model Parameters

Station Name: CACO

Station Observation Start Date: Apr 1, 2003 12:00:00 AM Station Observation End Date: Oct 4, 2016 12:00:00 AM

Station Elevation: 140 Station Aspect: 4

Station Latitude: 41.9755555 Station Longitude: 70.0241666

Conditioning: Off - Ini	tial fuel moisture used					
Fuel Model	1 Hr Fuel Moisture	10 Hr Fuel Moisture	100 Hr Fuel Moisture	Live Herbaceous Fuel Moisture	Live Woody Fuel Moisture	
All	7:	8	14	153	167	

Fuel Model (FBFM)

Run Name: Eastern Mass - Auto97th

Run Date: Sep 22, 2019 8:22:53 AM

Crown Fire Method: Scott/Reinhardt

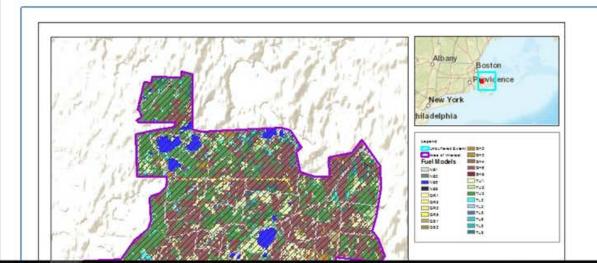
Wind Type: Gridded Winds

Wind Direction: 225 deg

Wind Speed: 14 mph

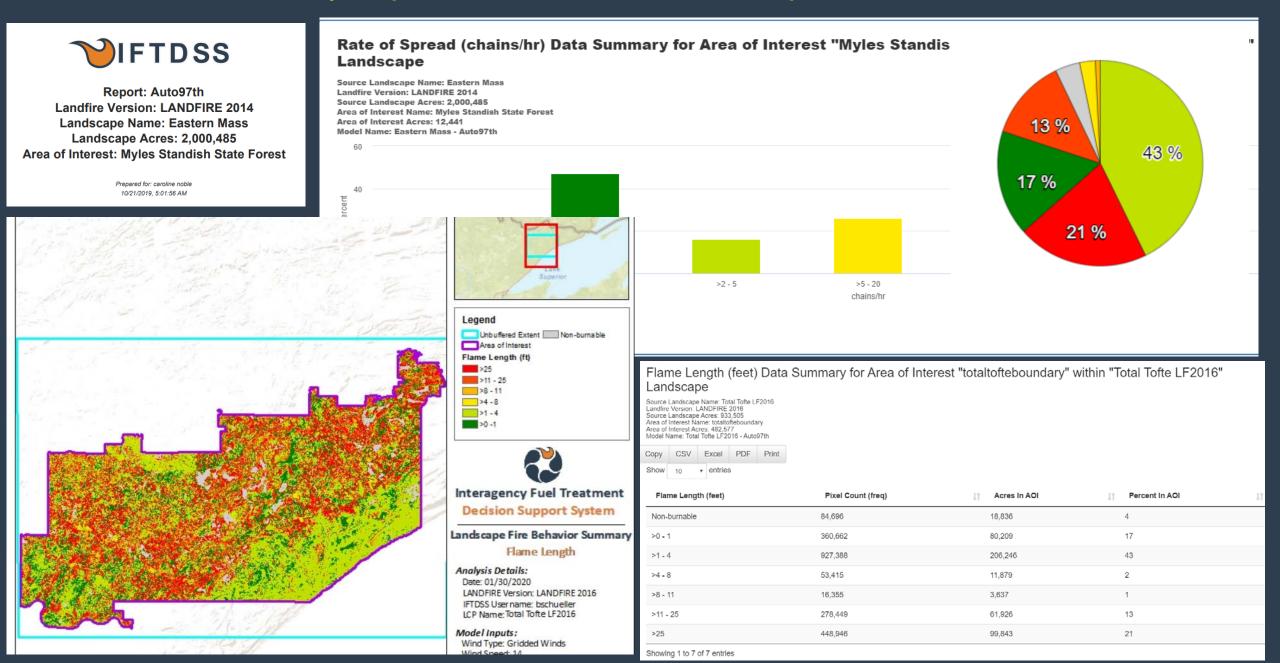
Foliar Moisture: 100

Model Type: Landscape Fire Behavior





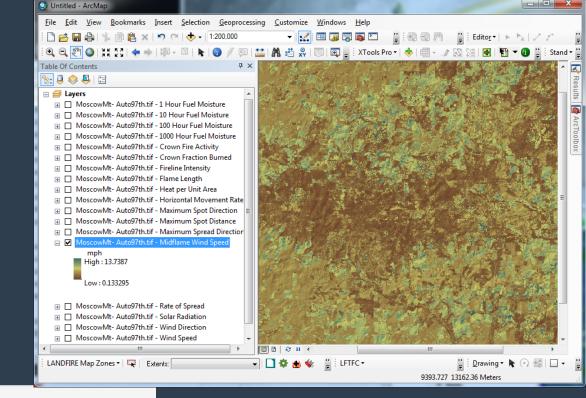


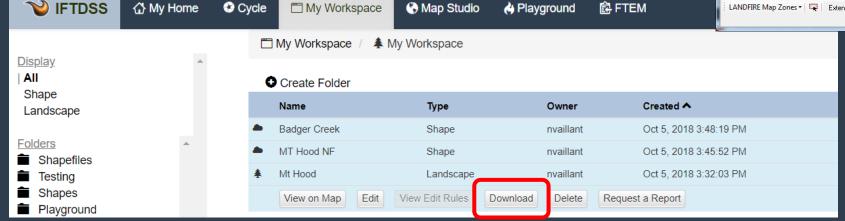




Export landscape data and fire model outputs

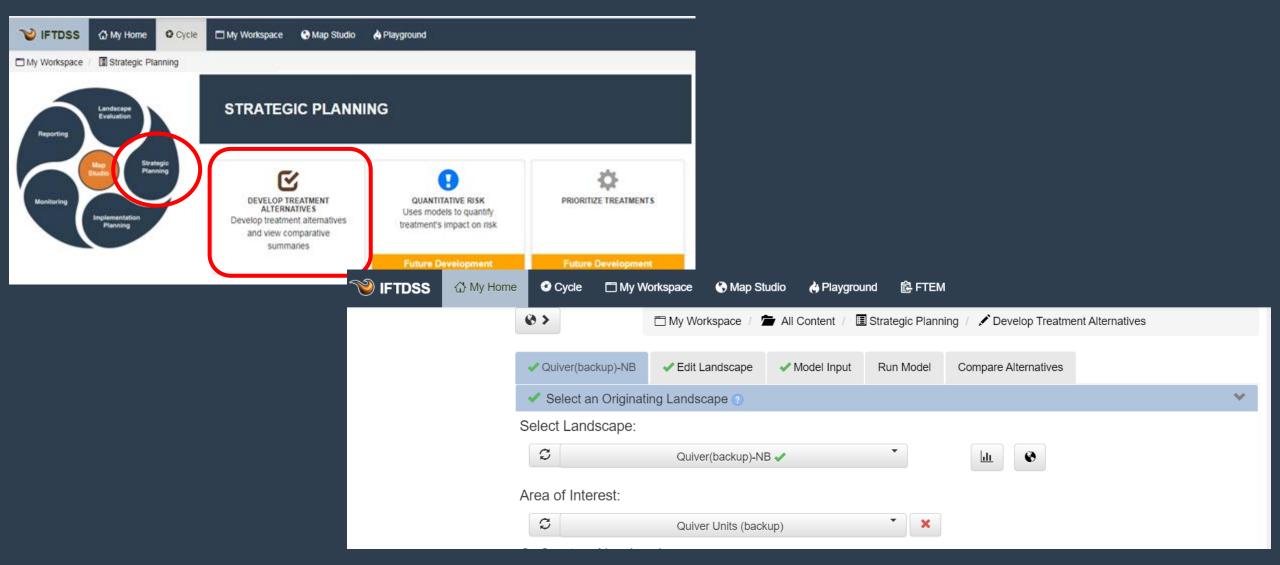
- Multi-band GeoTiffs
- Original and edited landscapes
- Fire model outputs
- Use in other programs that need LCPs (FlamMap, FARSITE, etc.)
- Bring into GIS for further analysis



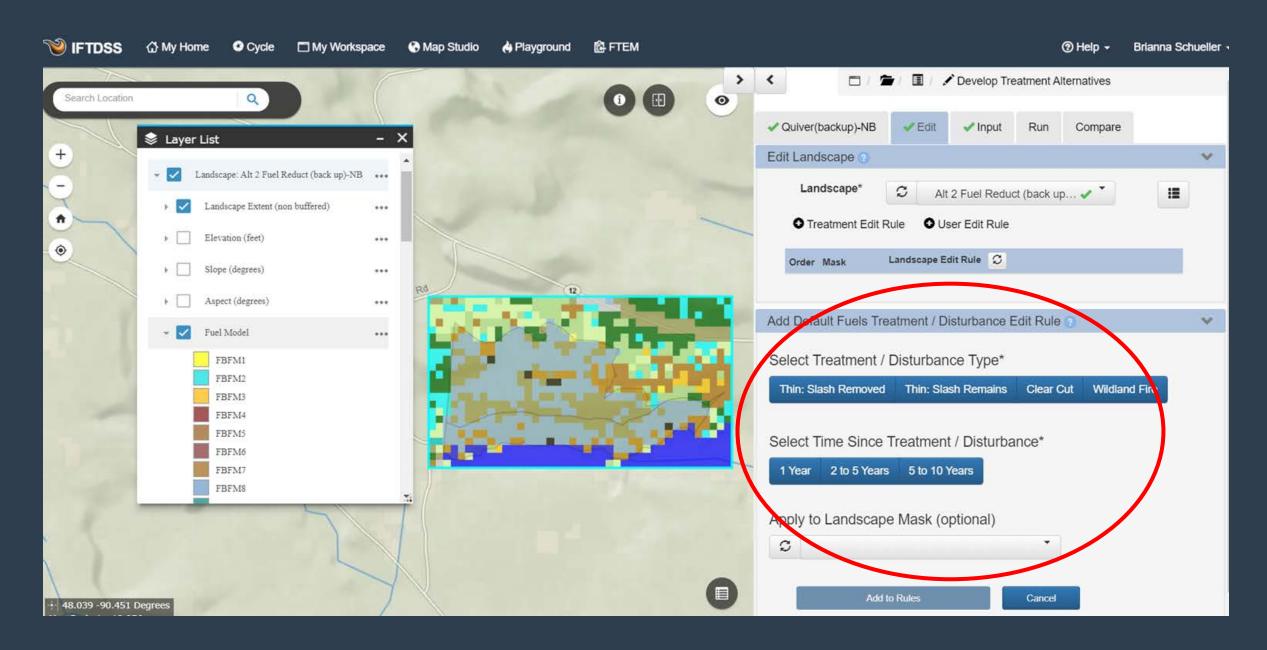




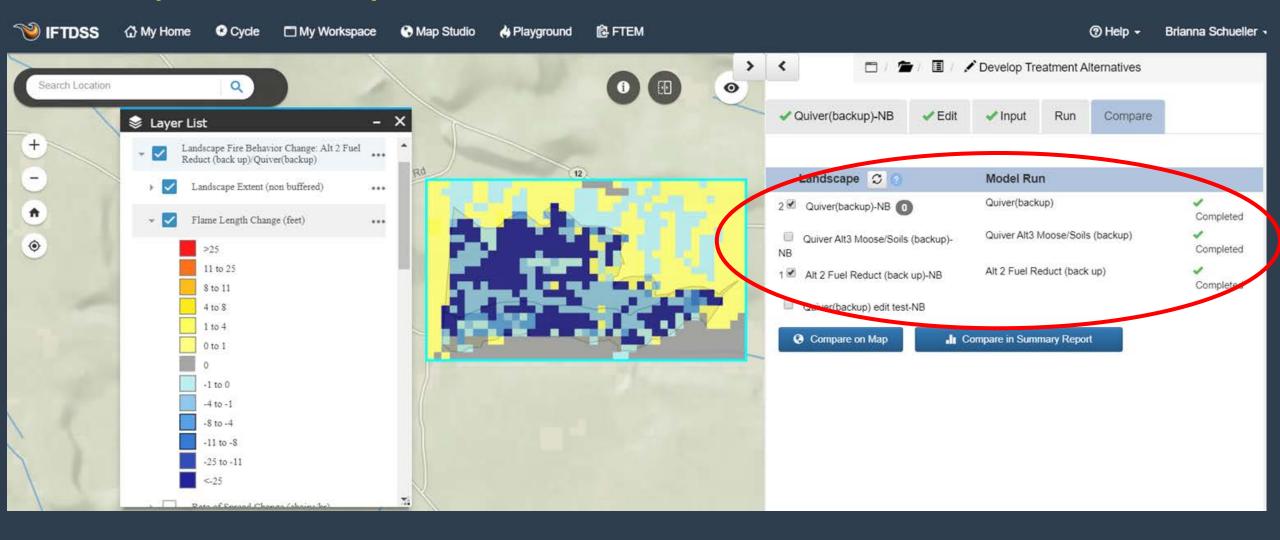
What can IFTDSS do now?



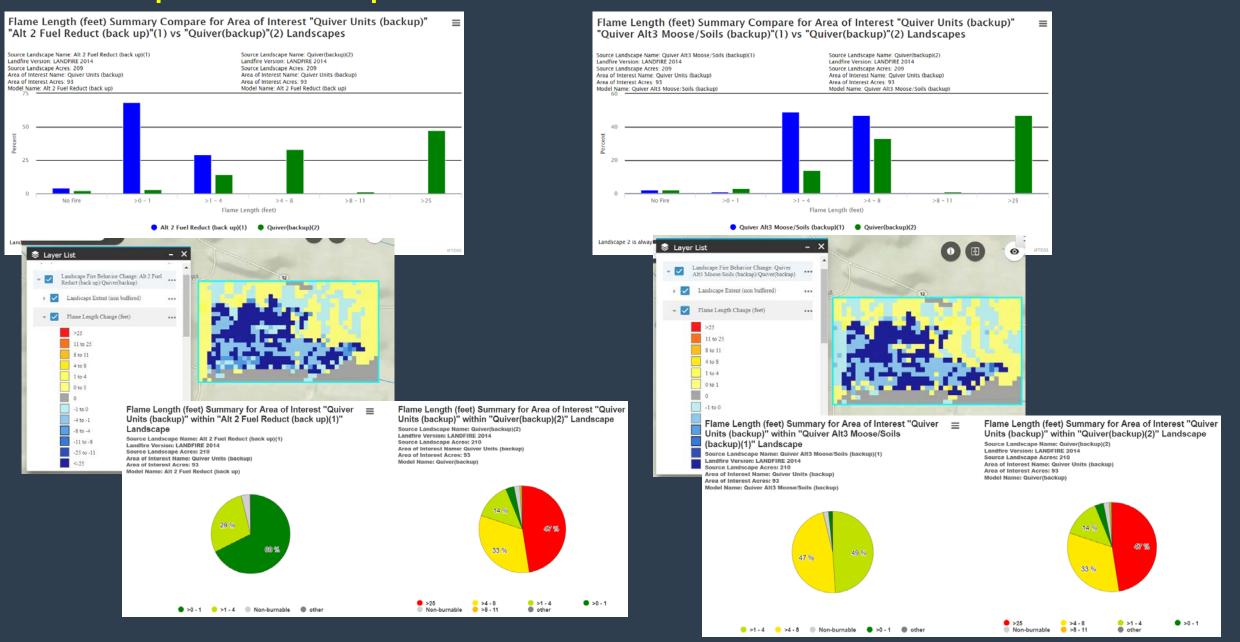














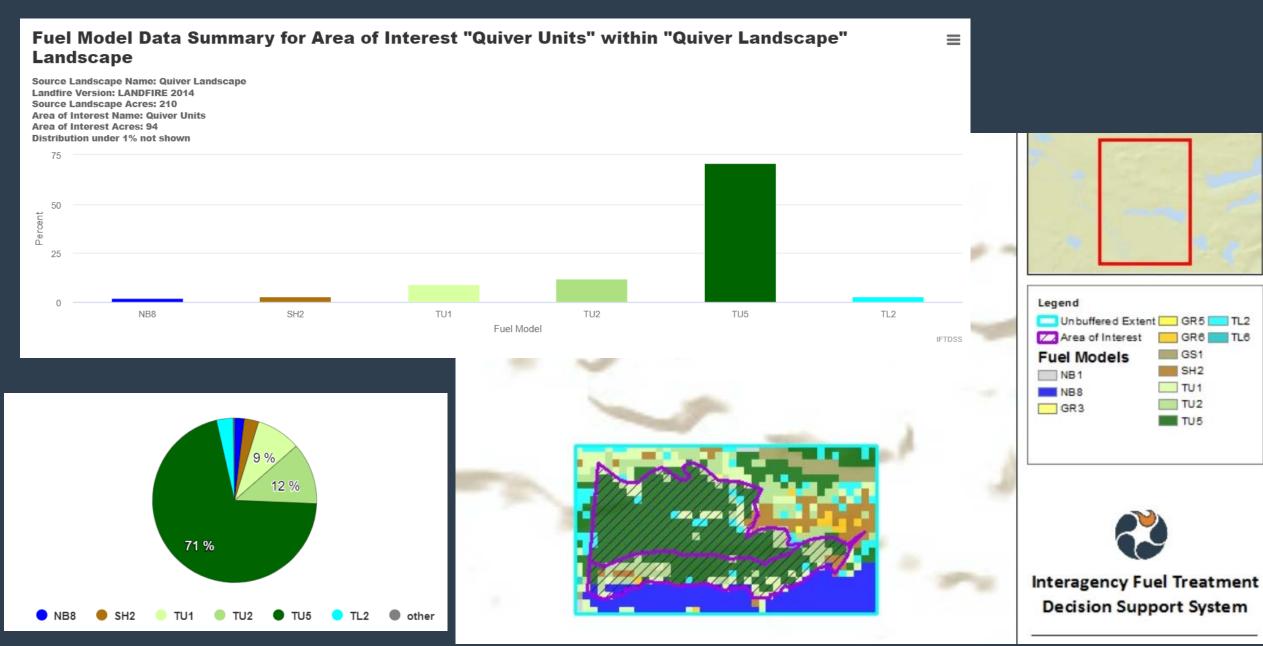
What can IFTDSS do now?

Aid in Prescribed Fire Planning

- Used to describe fire area and assess Fire Behavior Fuel Models (spatial/tabular)
- Run and compare a variety of prescription parameters and view differences in reports and spatially on the map
- Use Landscape Fire Behavior outputs to create/validate the ignition, holding, contingency plans

Describe fire area and view fuel models on maps



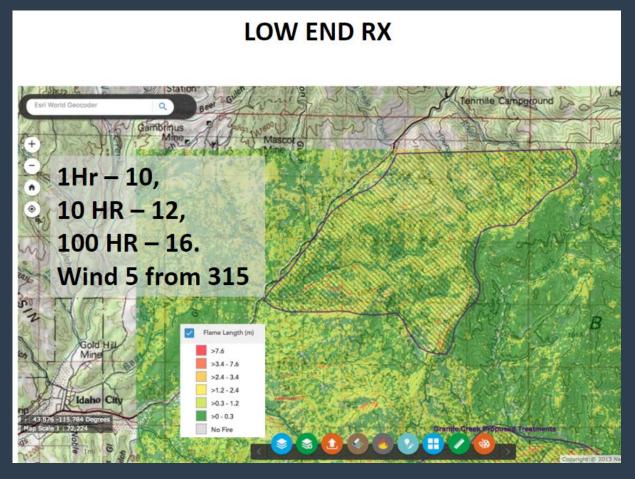


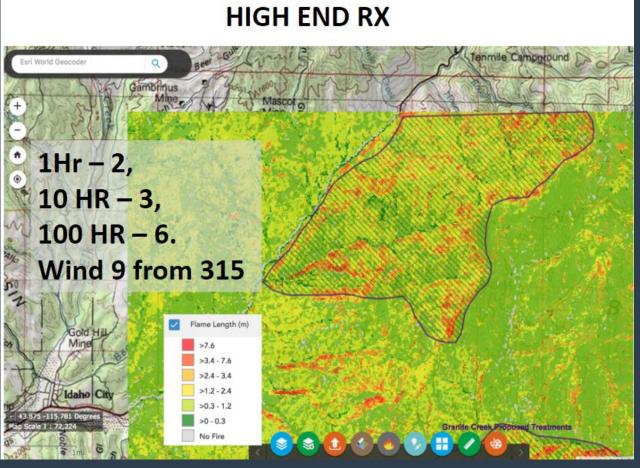


Decision Support System

Compare a variety of Prescription Parameters

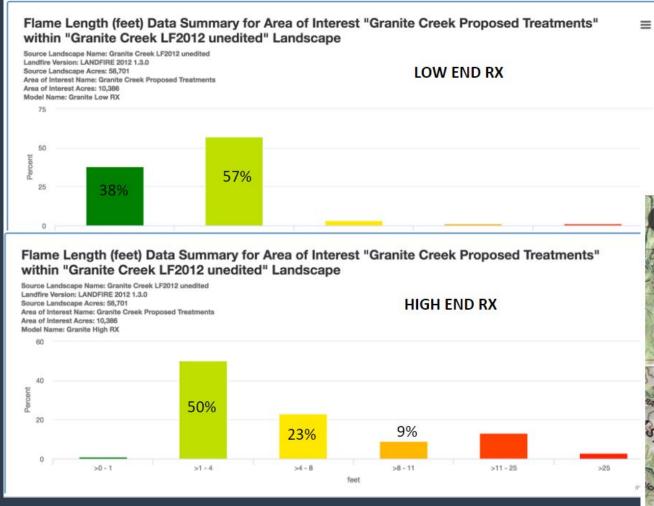




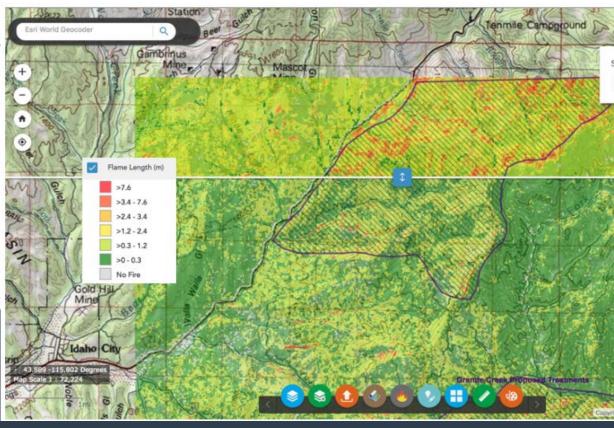


Compare a variety of Prescription Parameters





Compare Low RX to High RX

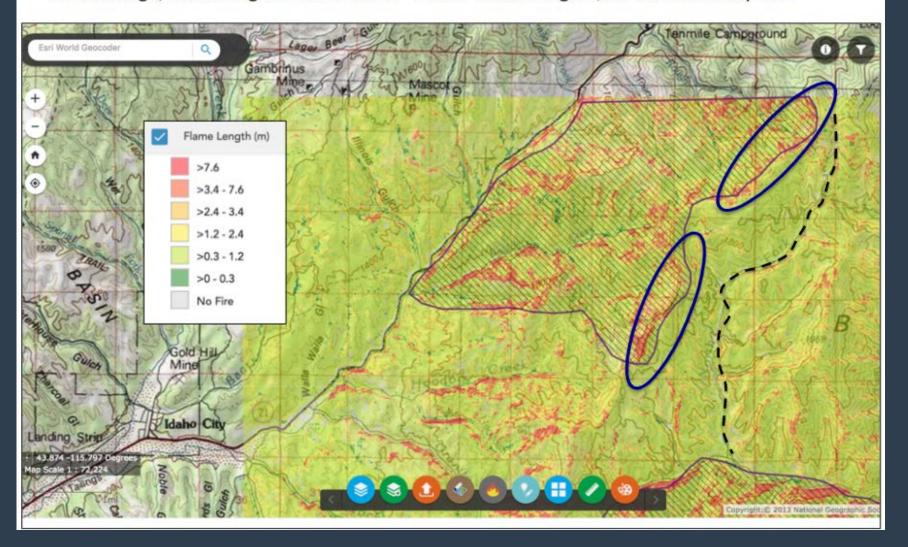


Use in creating/validating holding, ignition, contingency

plans

HOLDING PLAN

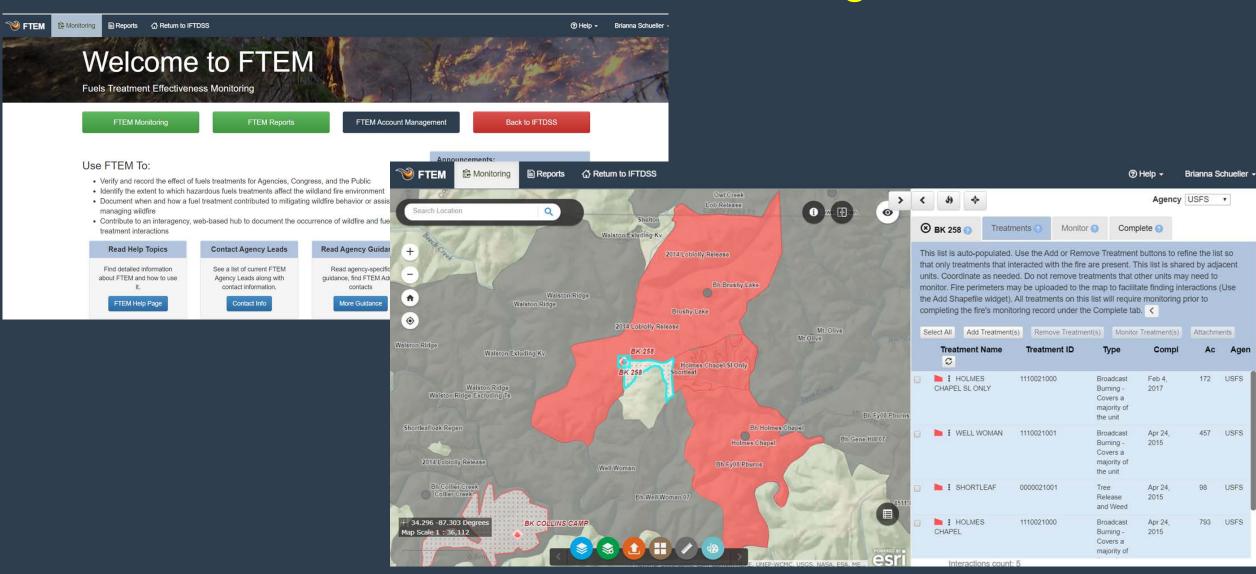
Scenario: Biologist wants burn unit boundary to be located along ridge in blue circles, as the burn boss and burn plan preparer writing the holding plan, you would like to propose the drainage/trail along the dotted line – lower flame lengths, fireline intensity etc.



What can IFTDSS do now?



Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring

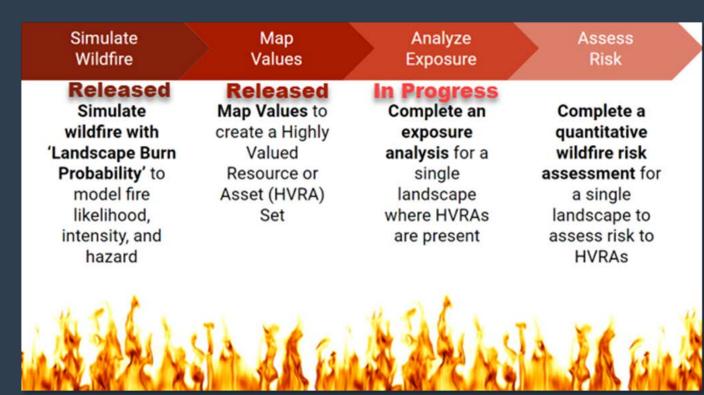




What will IFTDSS do next?

Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment

- Wildfire simulation with "Landscape Burn Probability"
- Highly Valued Resources or Assets (HVRA characterization)
- Analyze exposure to HVRAs (coming very soon)
- Complete a Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment-assess threats and benefits to HVRAs





What will IFTDSS do next?

Exposure Analysis reports

MODEL CHARACTERISTICS

Landscape Burn Probability

PRIMARY HVRA CATEGORY
Primary HVRA Summary

SUB-HVRA BY PRIMARY HVRA CATEGORY

Primary HVRA: Human Habitation

Primary HVRA: Ecosystem Function

Primary HVRA: Recreation Infrastructure

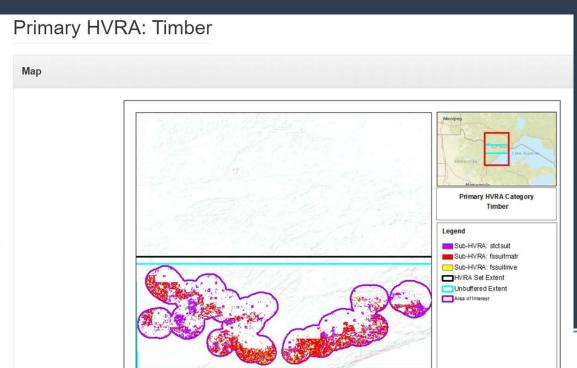
Primary HVRA: Timber

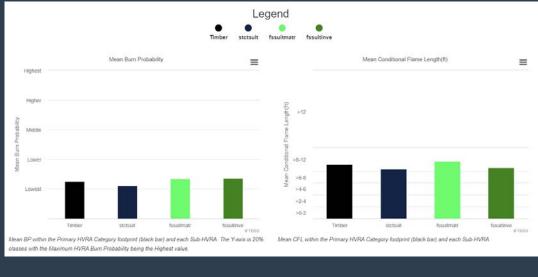
Primary HVRA: Communication Infra

Primary HVRA: Priority Vegetation

Primary HVRA: Critical Habitat

SUMMARY STATISTICS TABLE HVRA Summary Statistics



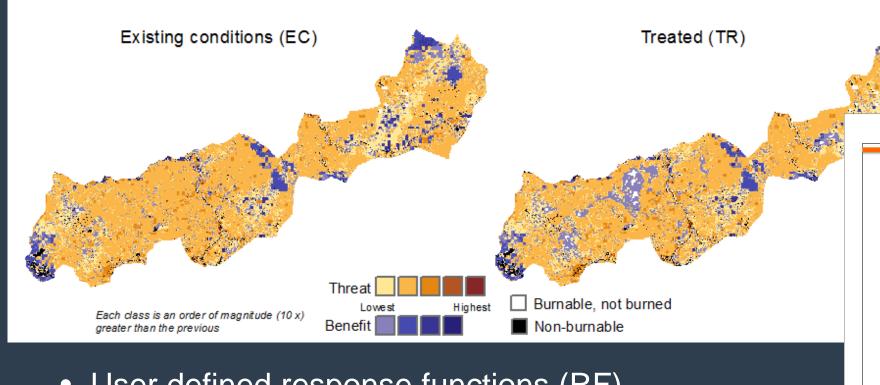


Primary HVRA Category	Sub-HVRA Name	Sub-HVRA Short Name	Relative Extent (ac)	Expected Area Burned (ac)	Mean Burn Probability	Mean Conditional Flame Length (ft)	Mean Integrated Hazard Class ↓↑
Timber			451,056	316	0.0007	9.13	middle
	timber_statecountysuitable	stctsuit	167,661	104	0.00062	8.37	middle
	timber_usfssuitablematrix_clippedwfbr	fssuitmatr	255,889	192	0.00075	9.68	middle
	timber_fssuitableinvested	fssuitinve	27,506	21	0.00076	8.59	middle

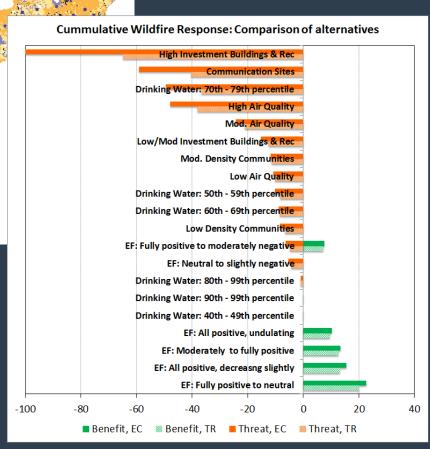


What will IFTDSS do next?

Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment



- User defined response functions (RF)
- User defined relative importance (RI)
- Net Benefit/Net Threat Graphics





What will IFTDSS do after Risk???

- Comparison Dashboard
- Fire spread model (MTT)
- Collaboration/Sharing
- ????





How can I learn more about IFTDSS?



