

Moving Towards a More Integrated Fire Environment Decision Support System

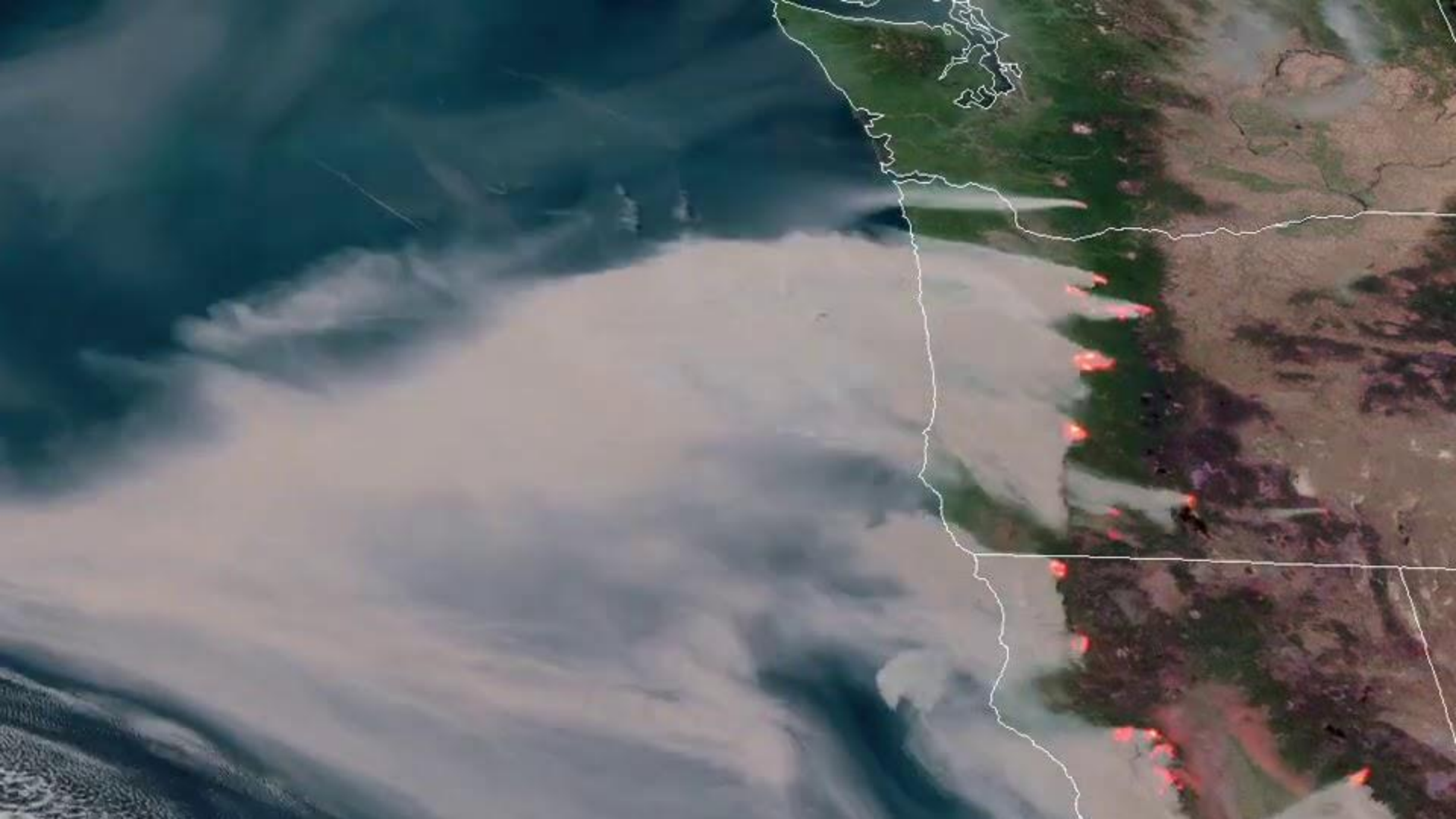
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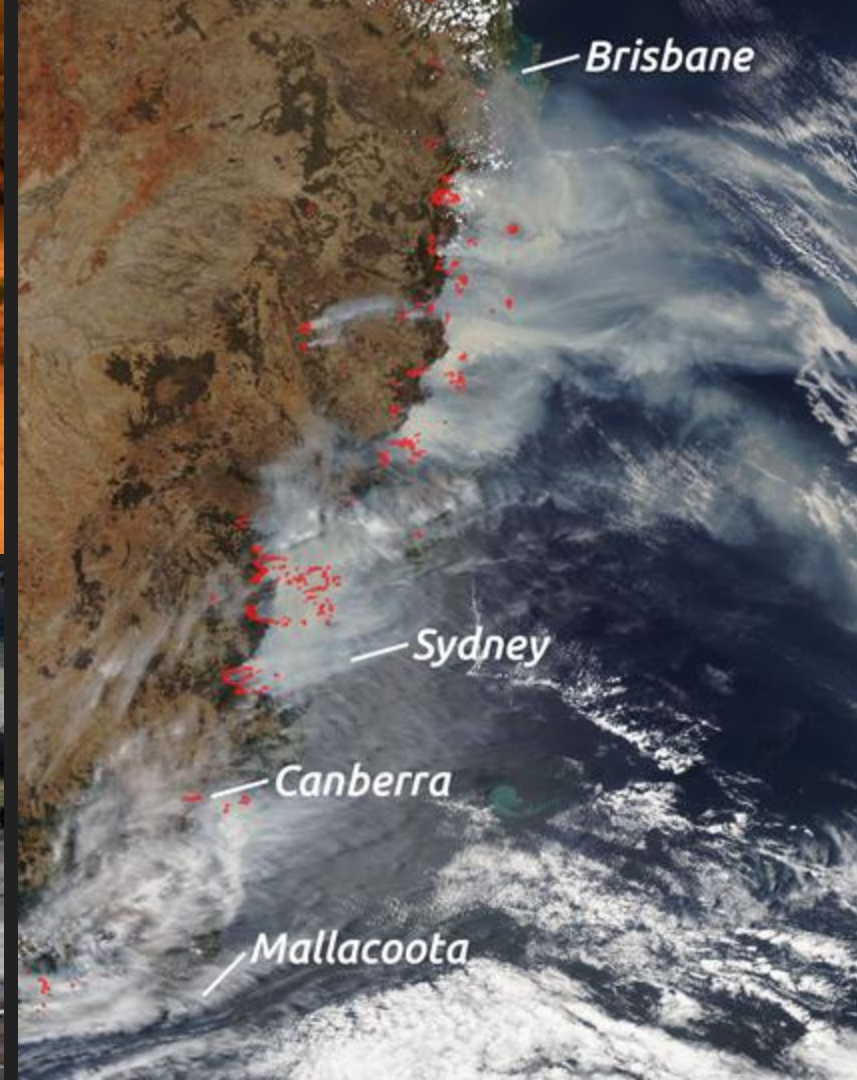


Changing Wildland Fire Management Landscape

- Greater demands to manage decisions at longer timescales with growing number impacts that must be considered
- Do we have consistent, comprehensive, and timely fire environment information to make informed decisions?









Integrated Fire Environment Decision Support Services

- Significant service gaps to the public and initial/extended attack
- Lacking innovation in fire *environment* forecasting
- No national, cohesive picture of the fire environment
- Bridge gaps from fire environment to impacts and decision support



Fire Management Board Tasking to Predictive Services and NWS

- What does integrated fire environment decision support services (IFEDSS) look like?
- I like ice cream, but what flavor and how much?



Current Technology and Science Decision Support “System”

Fire Research

USFS

NOA

A

JFSP

USGS

NASA

EPA

NSF

Academia

NIST

R2O, O2R & Development?

NOAA/NWS
Partnership

Wildland Fire
RD&A

USFS Fire
Research/Labs

Joint Fire Science
Program (JFSP)

USDA IT Infrastructure
and Fire Environment &
Intelligence Applications

DOI IT Infrastructure and
Fire Environment &
Intelligence Applications

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Predictive Services

(Unofficial) Fire Environment Monitoring
and Prediction System & Intelligence
Stewards

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NMAC/NICC
National-Level
Customers

GACG/GACCs
GA-Level
Customers

CIMT/IMTs
FBANs, LTANs,
IMETs, ARAs, SITLs

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Integrated Fire Environment Decision Support Services

Consortium of Fire Research

- USFS
- NOAA
- USGS
- JFSP
- NASA
- FEMA
- DOD
- EPA
- NIST
- NSF
- DOE
- ICAMS
- Academia
- State/local
- other

R2O, O2R & Development

- Fire Weather Testbed
- Wildland Fire RD&A
- USFS Fire Research/Labs
- Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP)

**Fire Operations Support
Joint Office**
(agencies that support land management
and fire management operationally)

IT Infrastructure
& Data
Management
Architecture

Fire Environment Center

Assessment and prediction of
the wildland fire
environment for all phases of
the fire lifecycle.

GACCs

Predictive Services

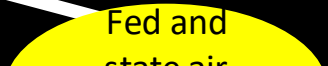
IMTs

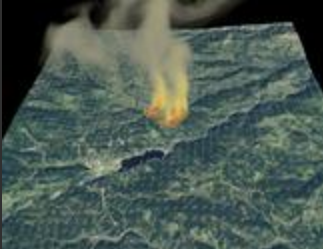
FBANs, IMETs, ARAs

Fed, State, local
land managers
and emergency
managers

Fed and
state air
quality
agencies

**EXAMPLE
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Research To Operations and Operations to Research

So How's it Going?

- Have a lot of important components for wildland fire decision support...
- Need better coordination and integration...duh...how do we get there?
 - Fire Weather Testbed
 - Enacting Long-Term Plan
 - NWS and DoD officially part of NWCG
 - NWS recent fire hires and prioritization of wildland fire



Annual Area Burned in Canada

