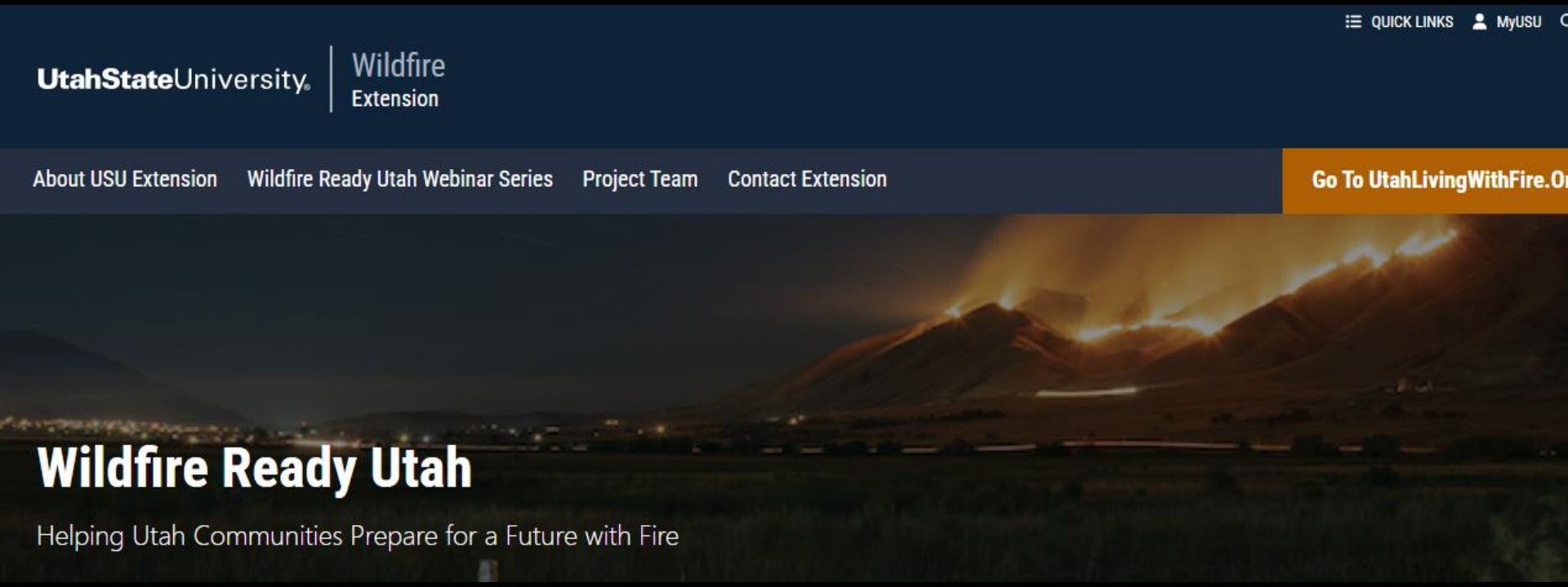


Behind the Fire Line: How Wildfire Response Works

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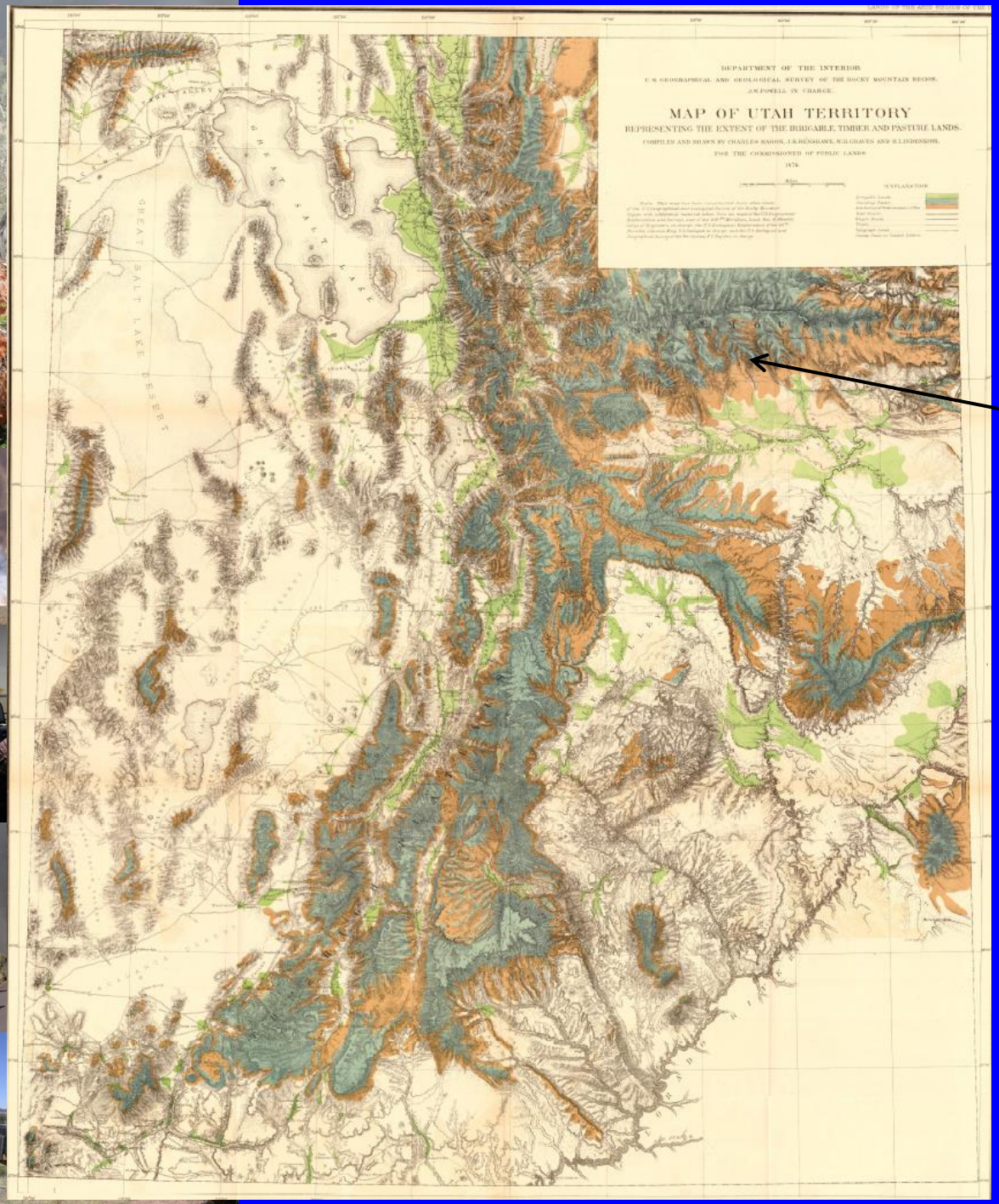

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J.W. Powell 1878 map of Utah

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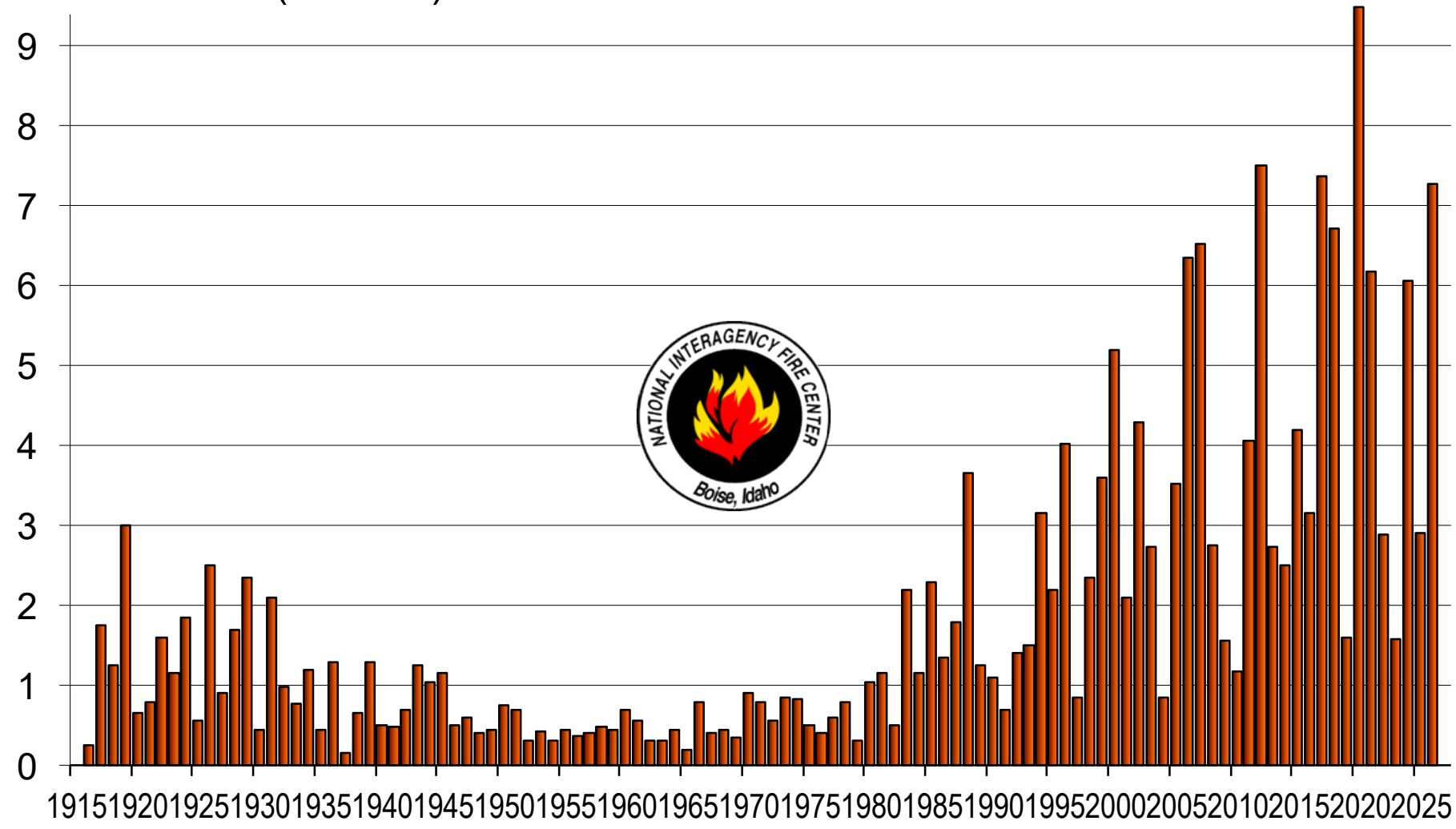

Proportion of Woodland Within Settled Area Burned Over During the Census Year 1880

Sargent, C.S. 1884. Report of the Forests of North America (Exclusive of Mexico).



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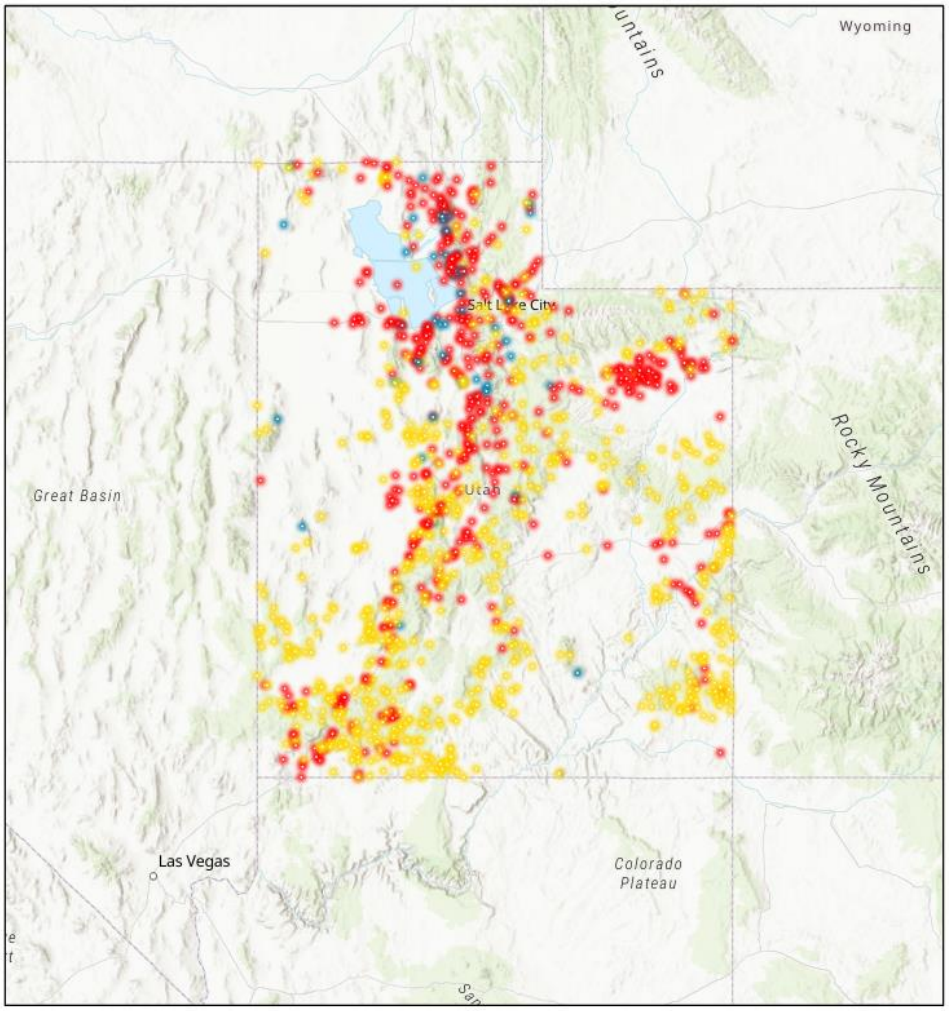
Wildfires in 11 Western States,* 1916-2026



*Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Source data: 1916-2000, Arno & Allison-Bunnell, *Flames in Our Forest*, Island Press, 2002, Fig. 2-1, p. 21; 1993, 2001, NIFC-Washa 2002-2026 (thru 5-Oct-26) at https://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/fireInfo_statistics.html

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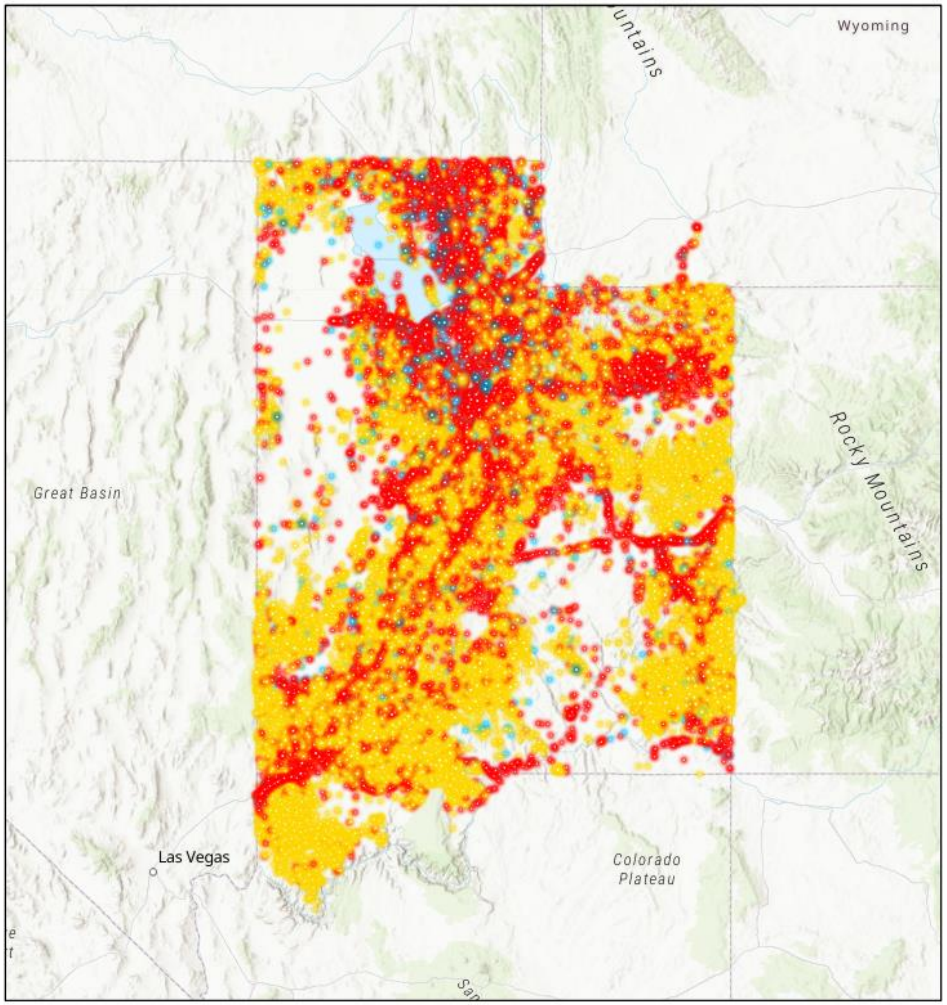


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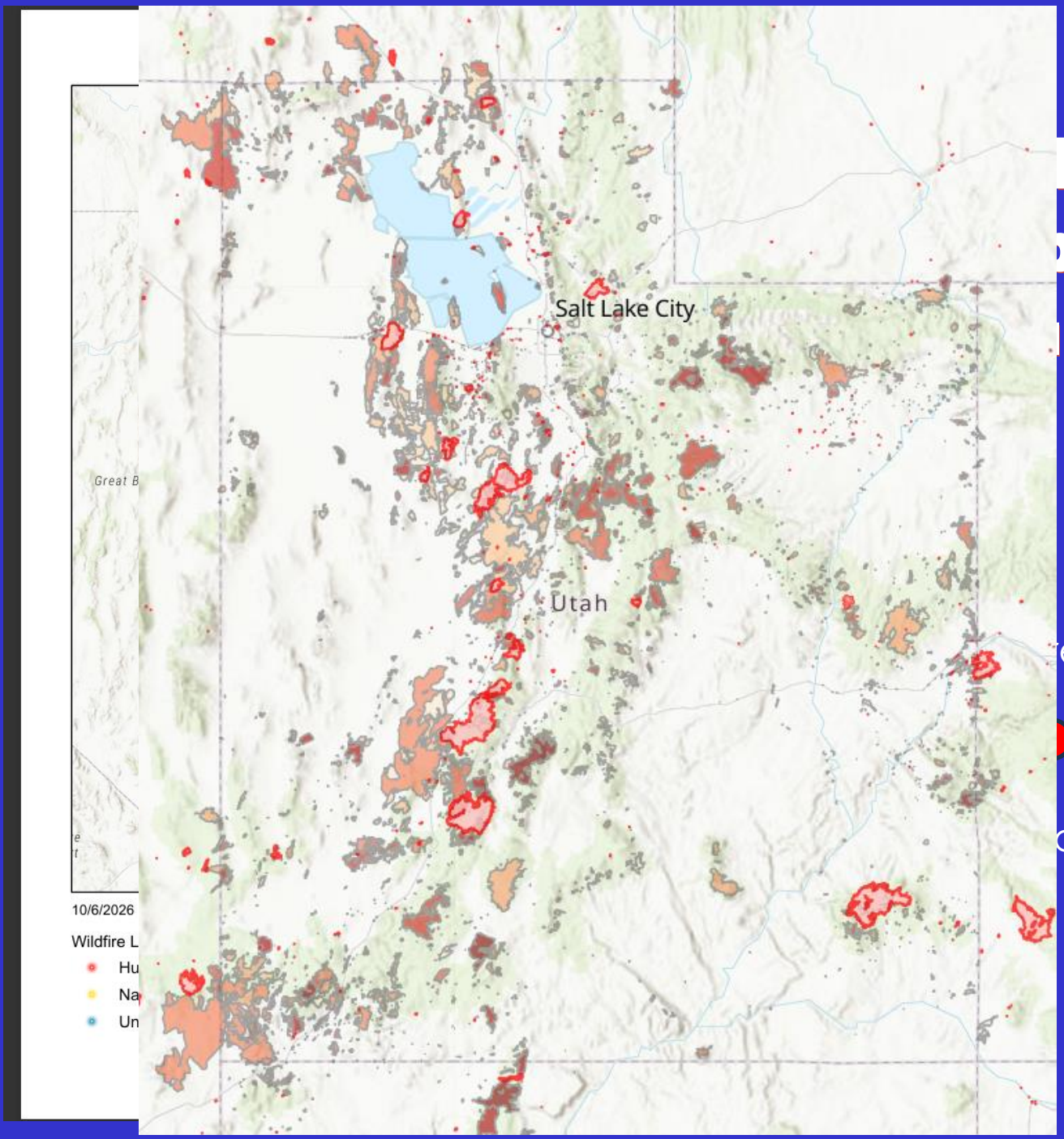


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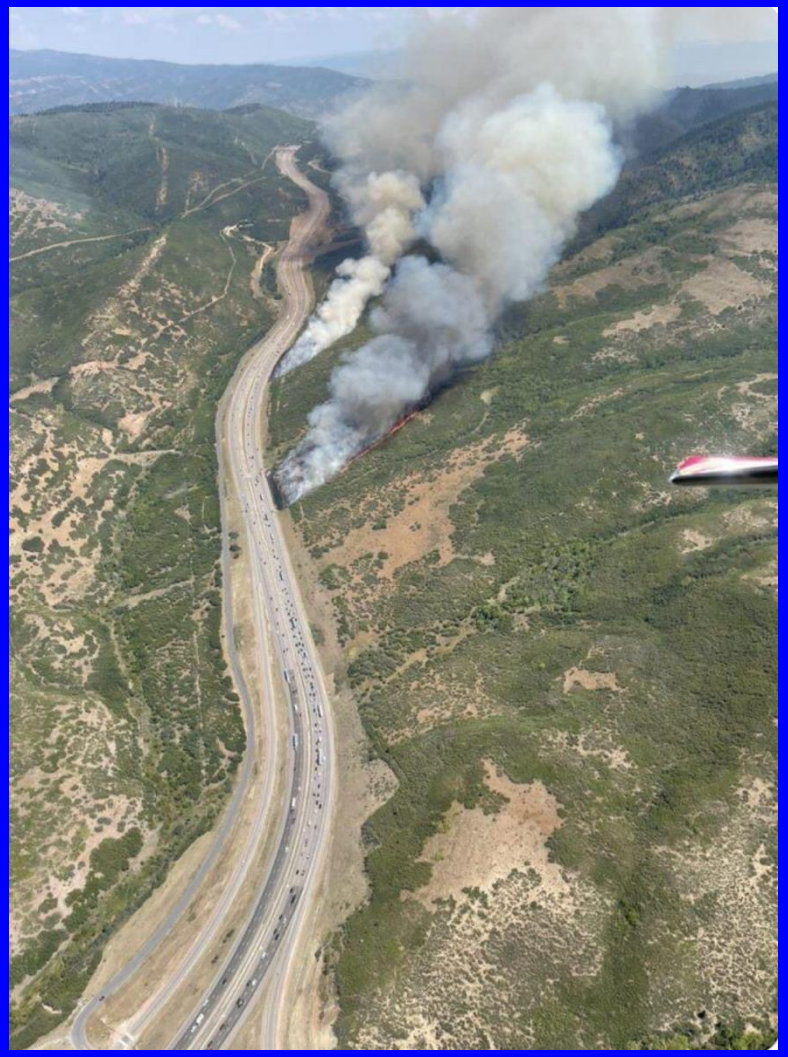
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Sat, Aug 14, 15:38

Get Set - Possible Evacuation
Be prepared for a possible evacuation of Pinebrook ... https://evb.gg/n#qrooooshlau/080MdGPv or
Reply with YES to confirm receipt.

Evacuation Order
Summit County is ordering a mandatory evacuation of Summit Park ... https://evb.gg/n#muqqqqhx123/07XM_lL_ or
Reply with YES to confirm receipt.

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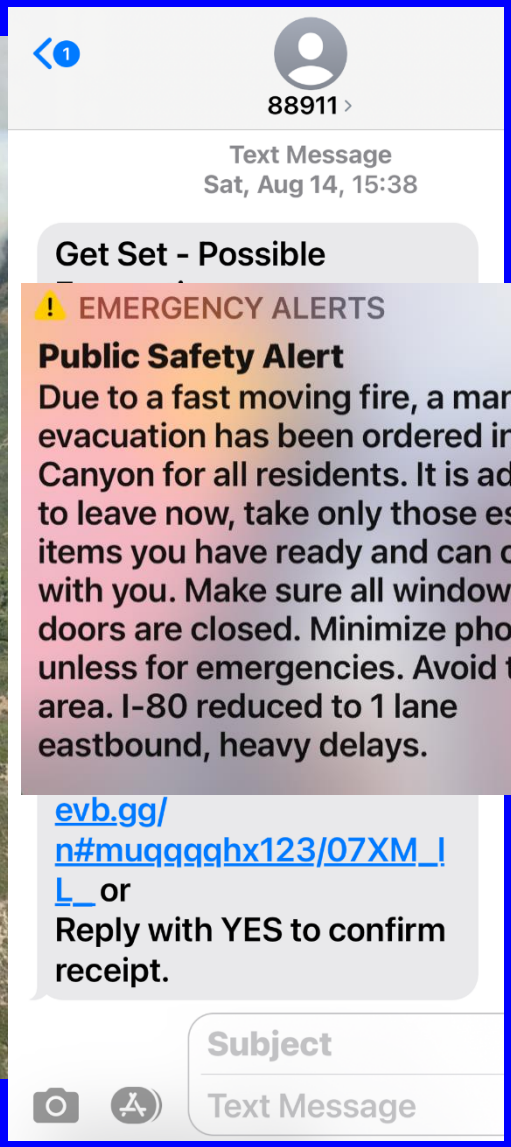







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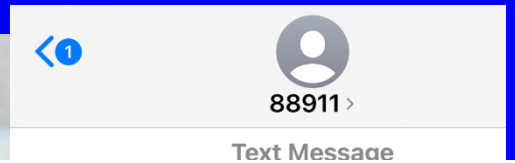






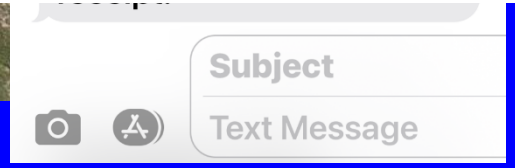

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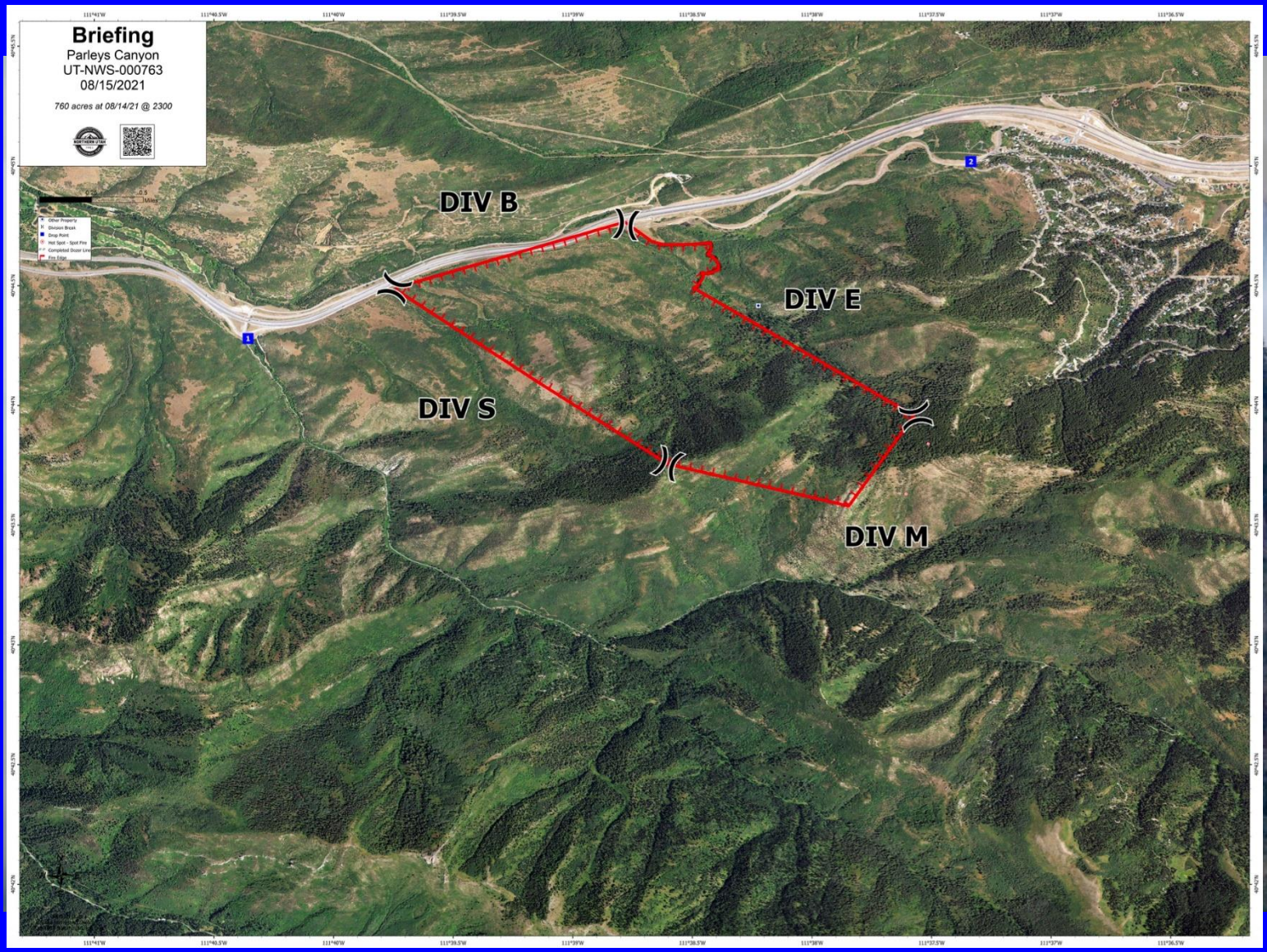








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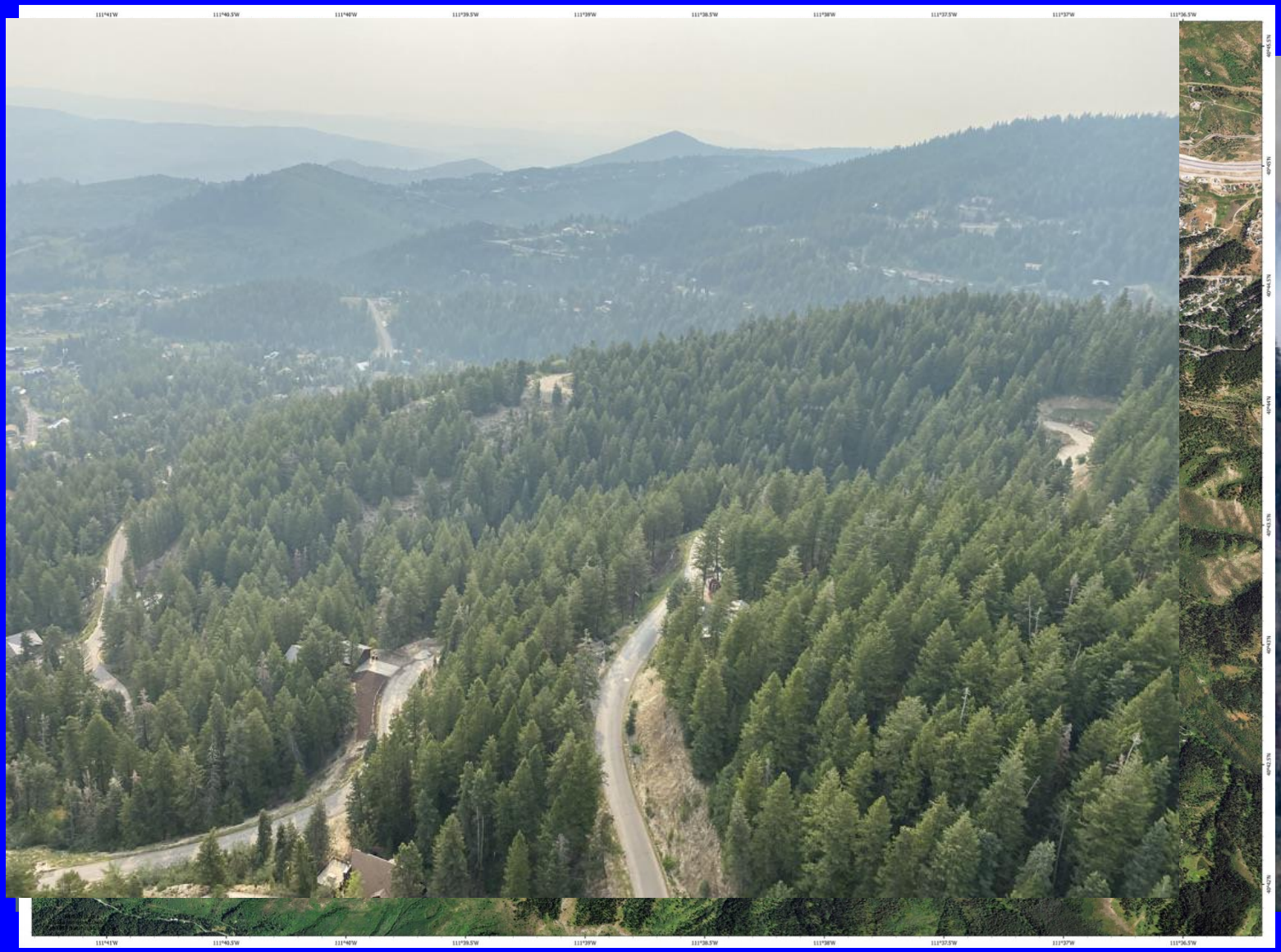








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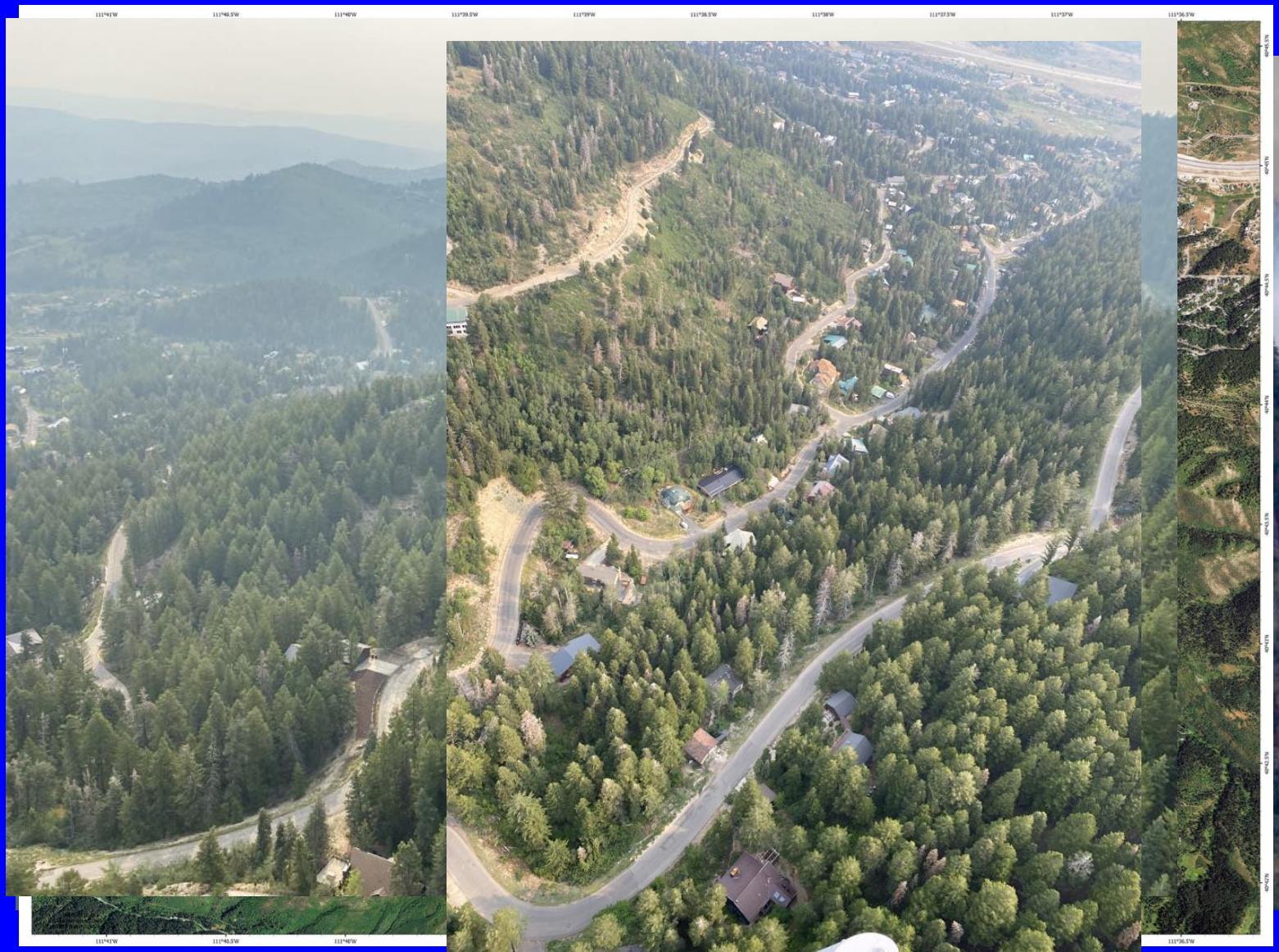
























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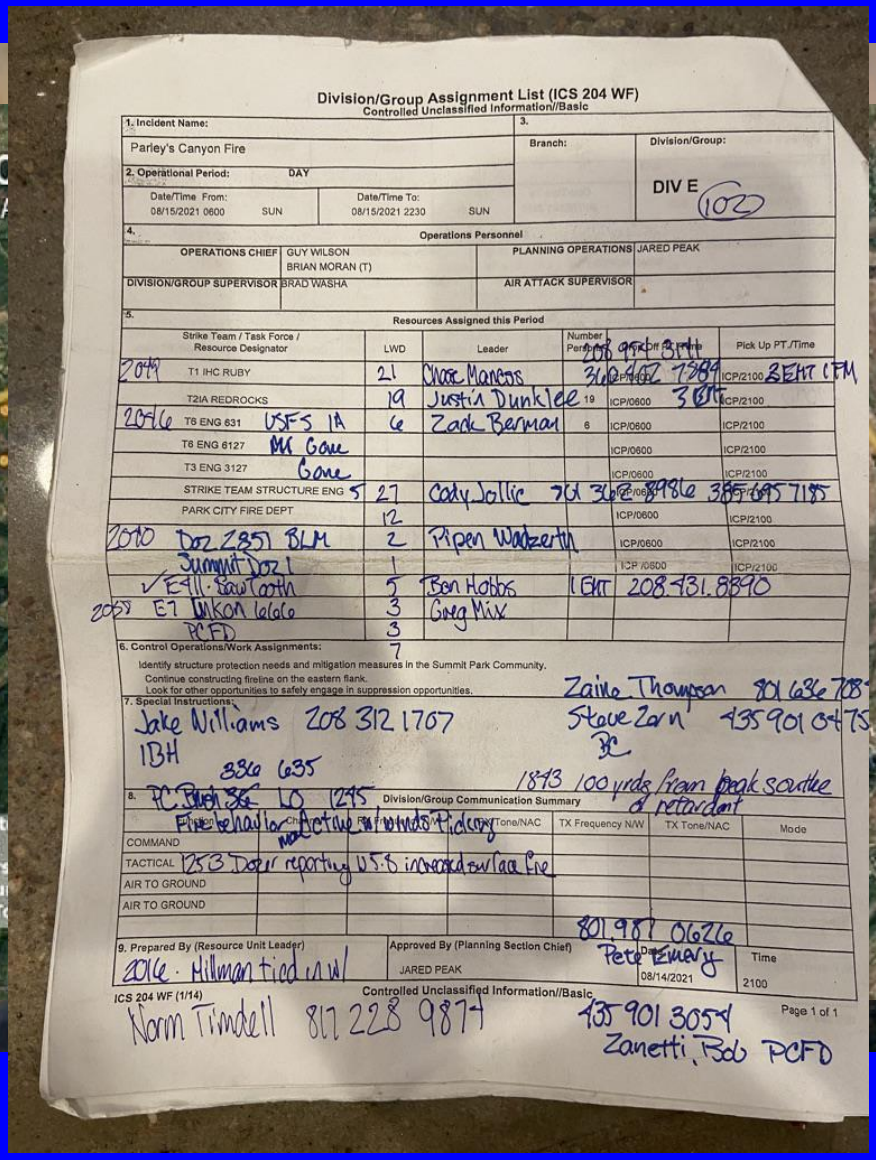












Division/Group Assignment List (ICS 204 WF)
Controlled Unclassified Information//Basic

1. Incident Name:	3. Branch:	Division/Group:
Parley's Canyon Fire		DIV E (102)

2. Operational Period: DAY
Date/Time From: 08/15/2021 0600 SUN
Date/Time To: 08/15/2021 2230 SUN

4. Operations Personnel

OPERATIONS CHIEF	GUY WILSON BRIAN MORAN (T)	PLANNING OPERATIONS	JARED PEAK
DIVISION/GROUP SUPERVISOR	BRAD WASHA	AIR ATTACK SUPERVISOR	

5. Resources Assigned this Period

Strike Team / Task Force / Resource Designator	LWD	Leader	Number Persons	Reporting Location	Pick Up PT./Time
T1 IHC RUBY	21	Chase Marcos	20	ICP/0600	ICP/2100
T2IA REDROCKS	19	Justin Dunklee	19	ICP/0600	ICP/2100
T6 ENG 631 USFS 1A	6	Zack Berman	6	ICP/0600	ICP/2100
T6 ENG 6127				ICP/0600	ICP/2100
T3 ENG 3127				ICP/0600	ICP/2100
STRIKE TEAM STRUCTURE ENG	27	Cody Jollie	7	ICP/0600	ICP/2100
PARK CITY FIRE DEPT	12			ICP/0600	ICP/2100
Dozer 2351 BLM	2	Piper Walkerth		ICP/0600	ICP/2100
Summit Dozer	1			ICP/0600	ICP/2100
E411 Sawtooth	5	Ben Hobbs	1	ICP/0600	ICP/2100
E7 Wilson 16666	3	Greg Mix			
PCFD	3				
	7				

6. Control Operations/Work Assignments:
Identify structure protection needs and mitigation measures in the Summit Park Community.
Continue constructing fireline on the eastern flank.
Look for other opportunities to safely engage in suppression opportunities.

7. Special Instructions:
Jake Williams 208 312 1707
IBH
Zaike Thompson 801 636 708
Steve Zorn 435 901 04
BC
1843 100 yds from peak southe of retardant

8. Division/Group Communication Summary

Function	Channel	RX Frequency N/W	RX Tone/NAC	TX Frequency N/W	TX Tone/NAC	Mode
COMMAND						
TACTICAL						
AIR TO GROUND						
AIR TO GROUND						

9. Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader): 2016 - Hillman tied in W/
Approved By (Planning Section Chief): JARED PEAK
Date: 08/14/2021
Time: 2100

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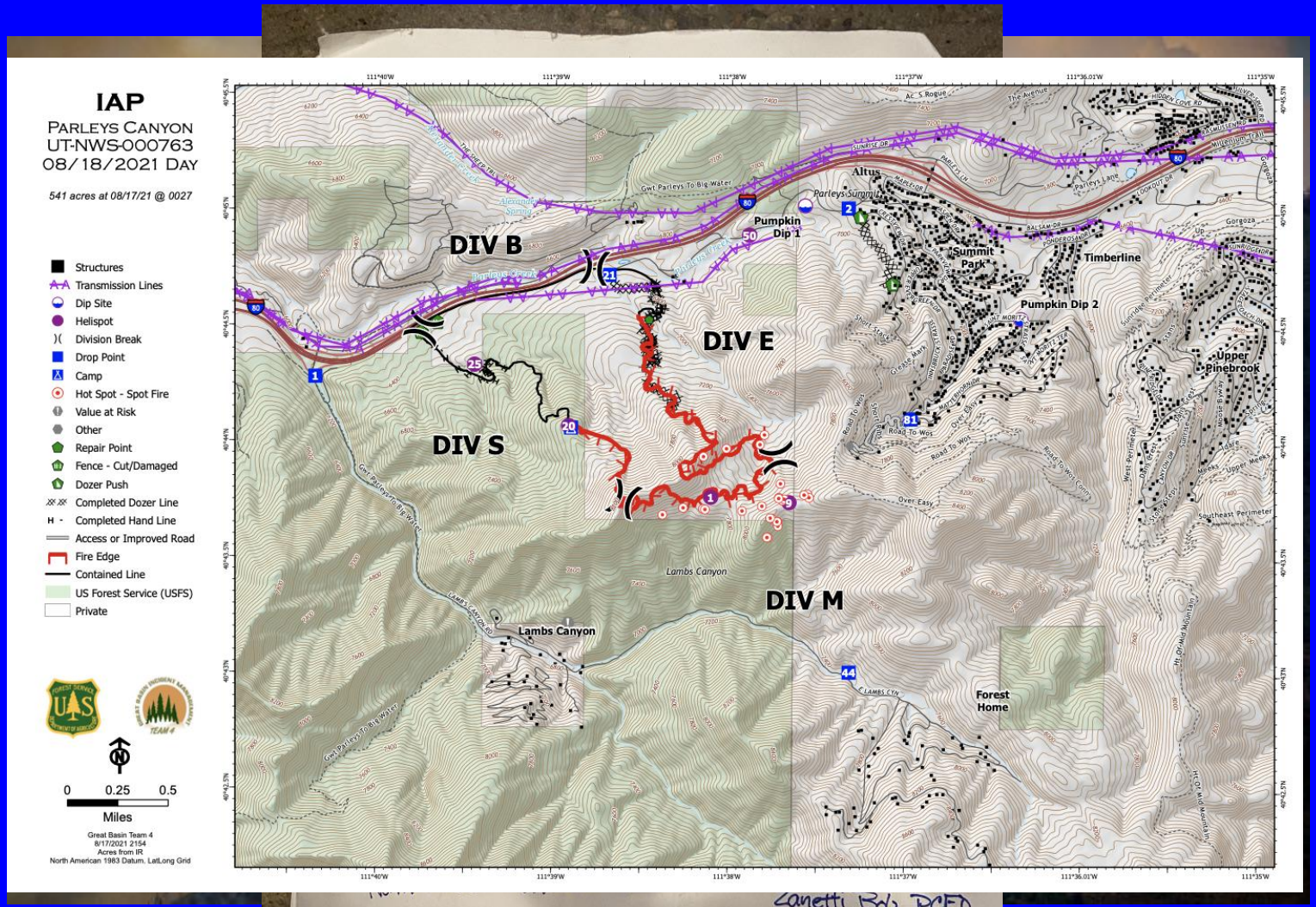








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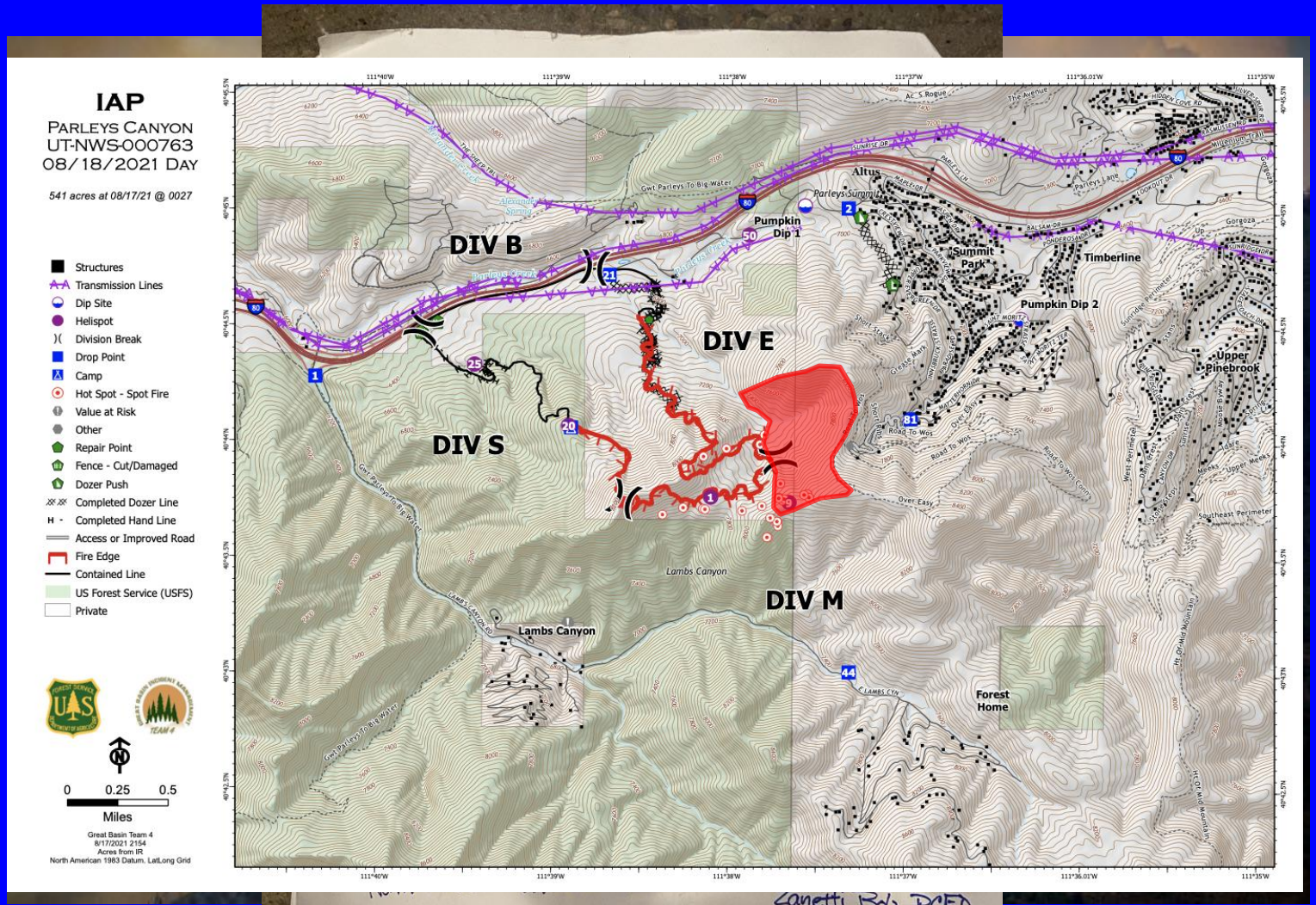








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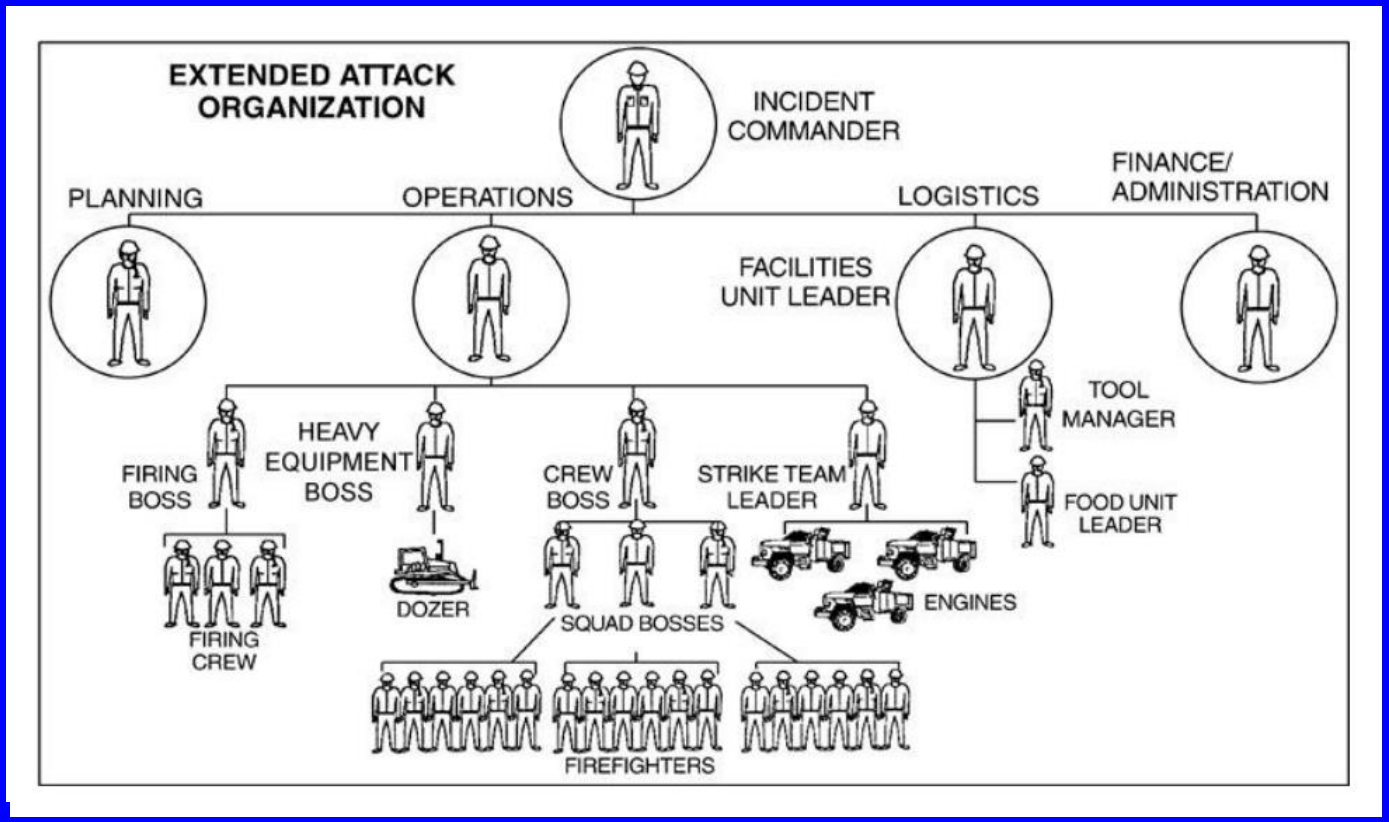









Extended Attack Organization










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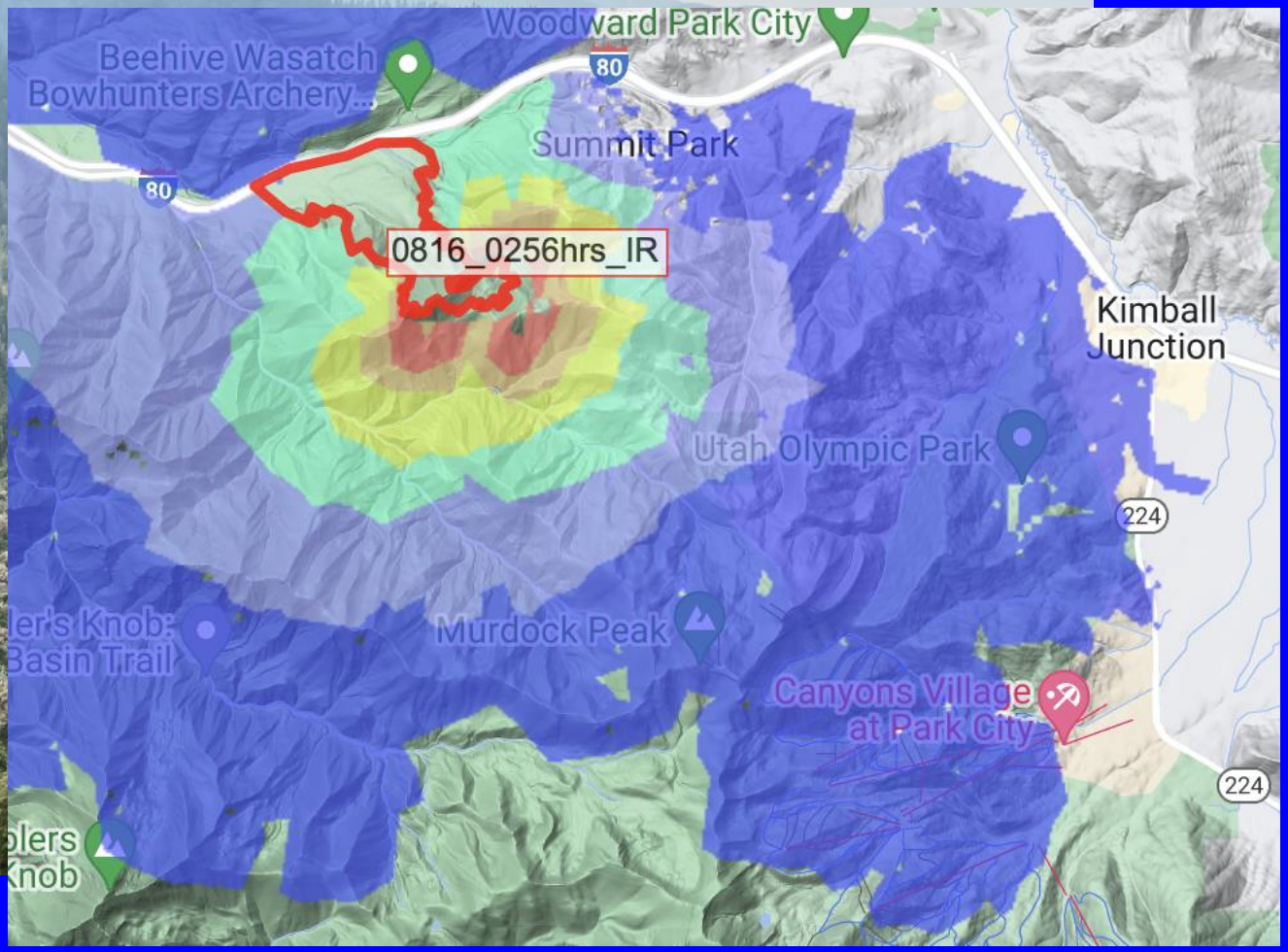








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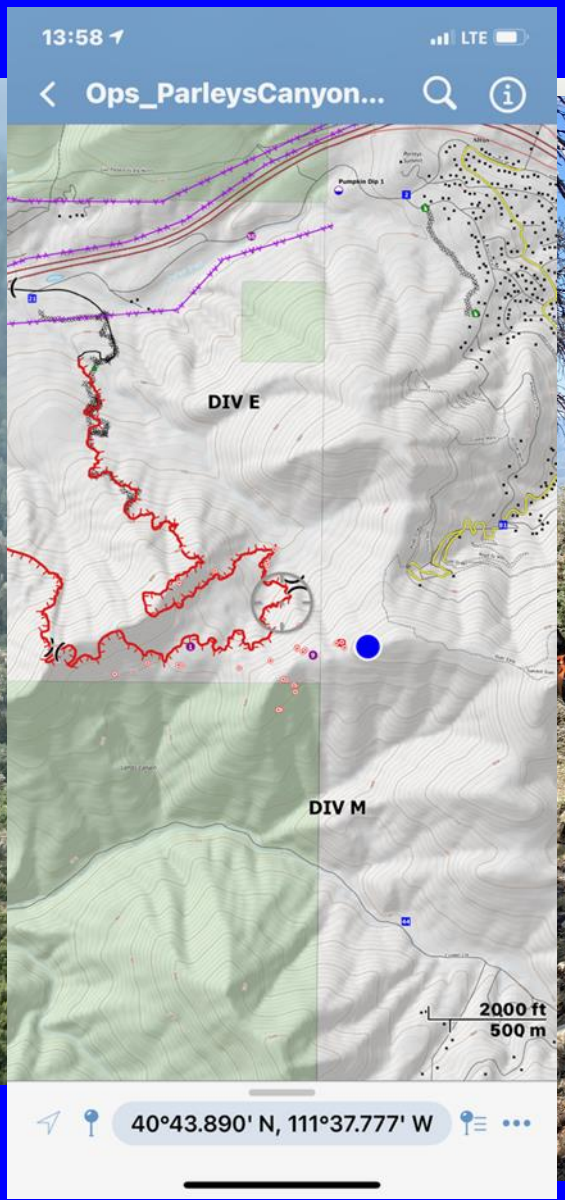


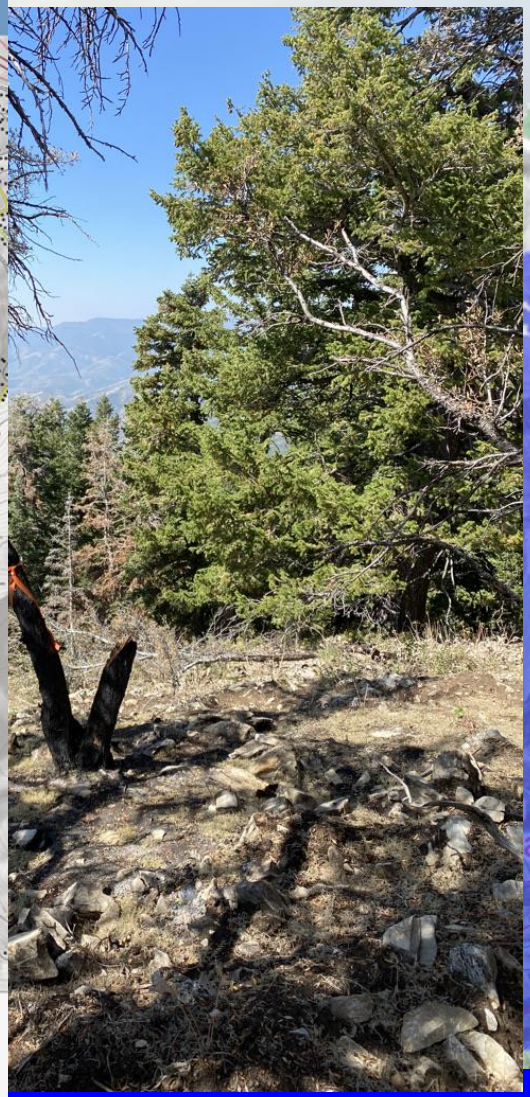


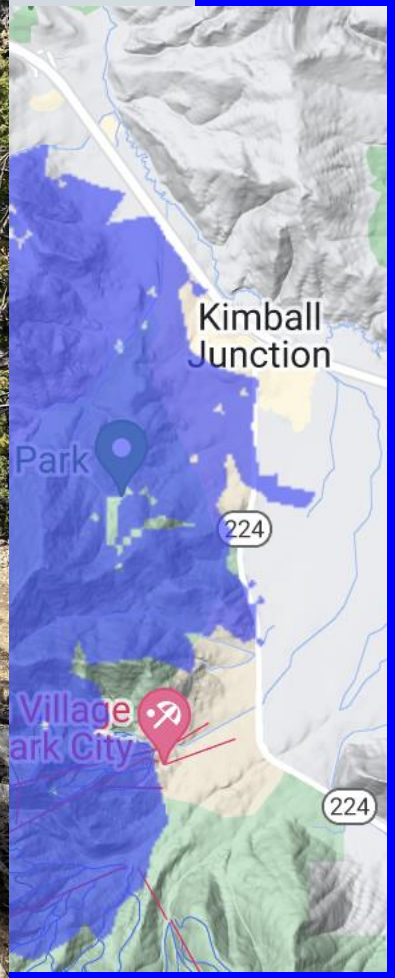














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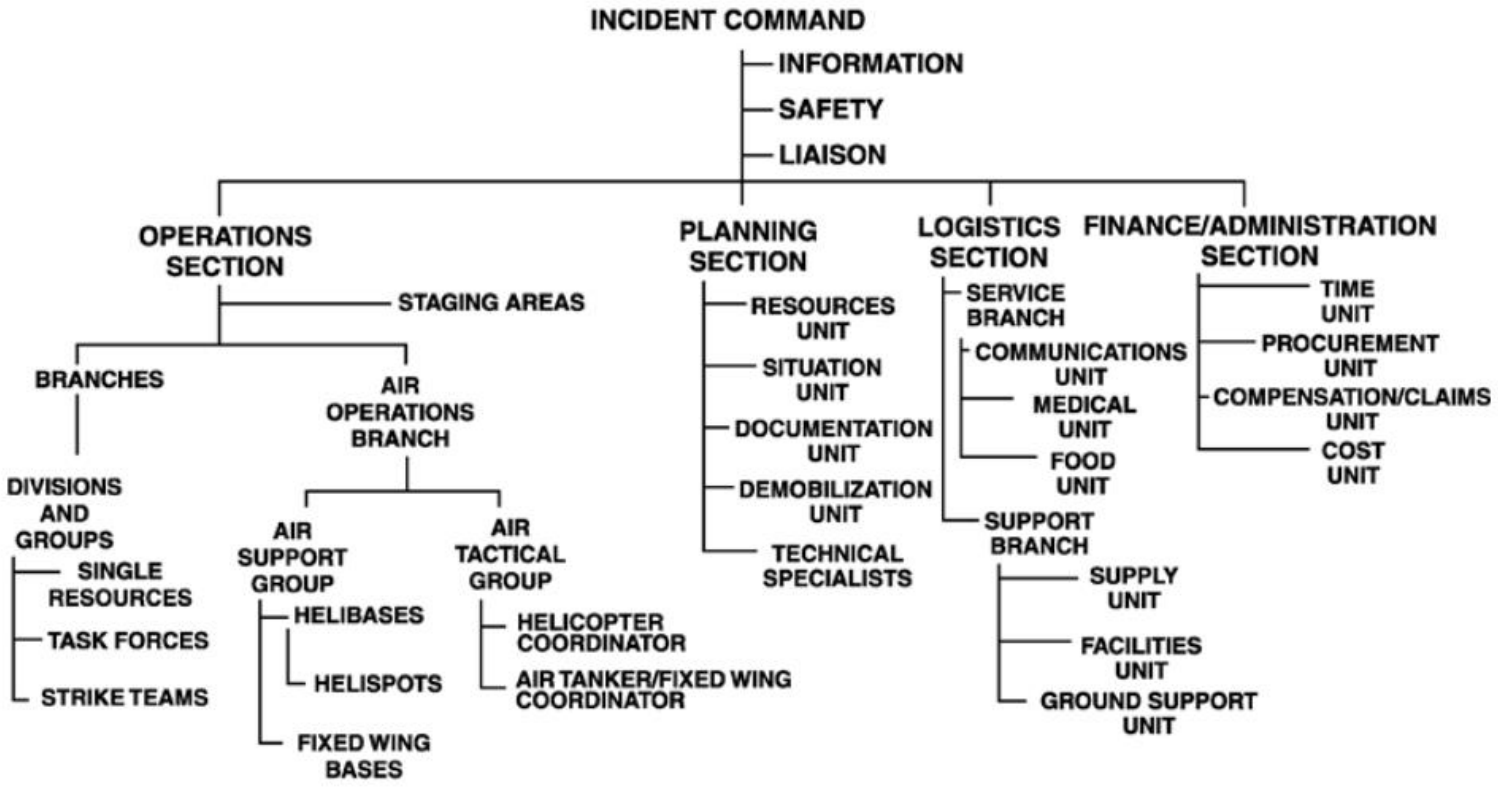
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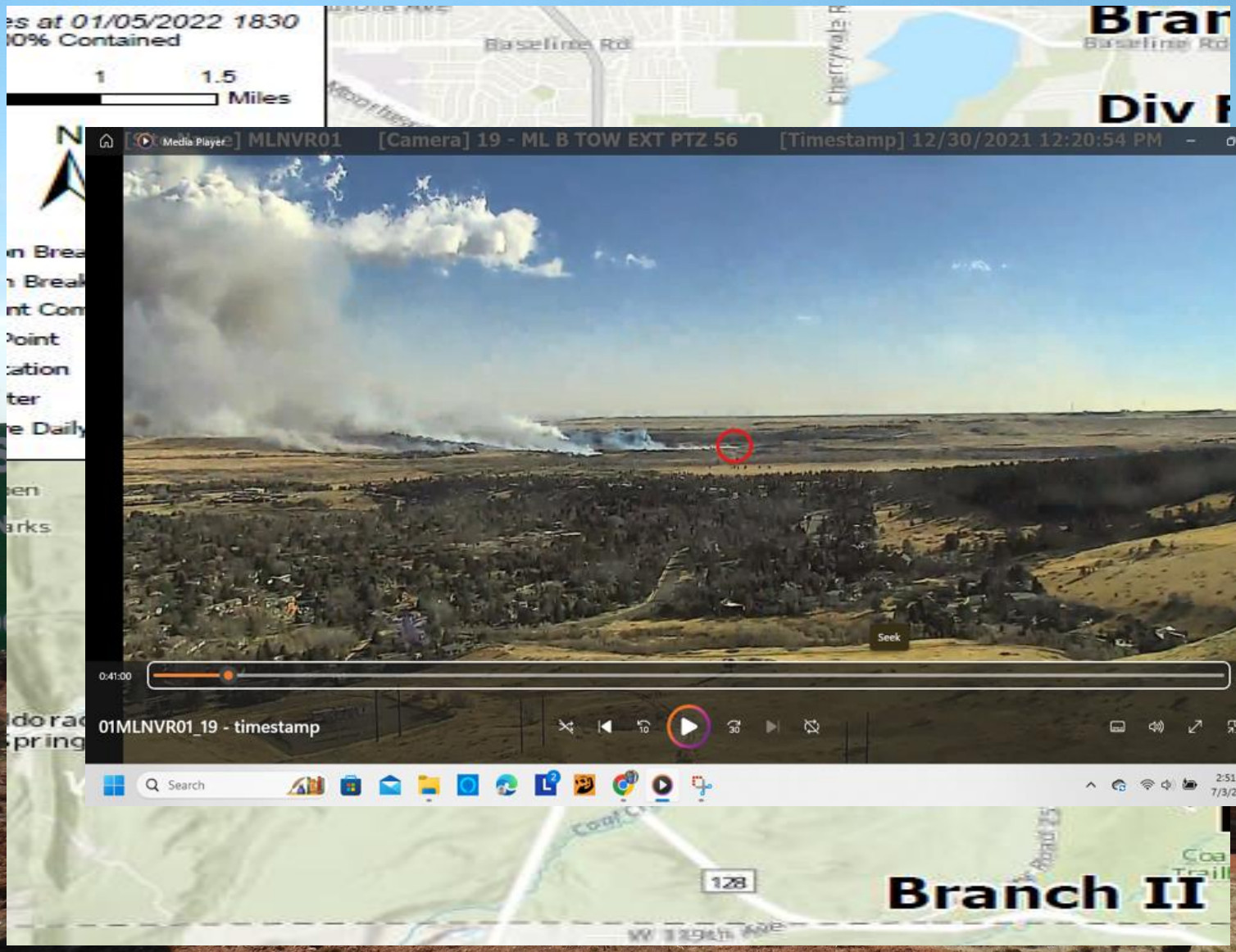


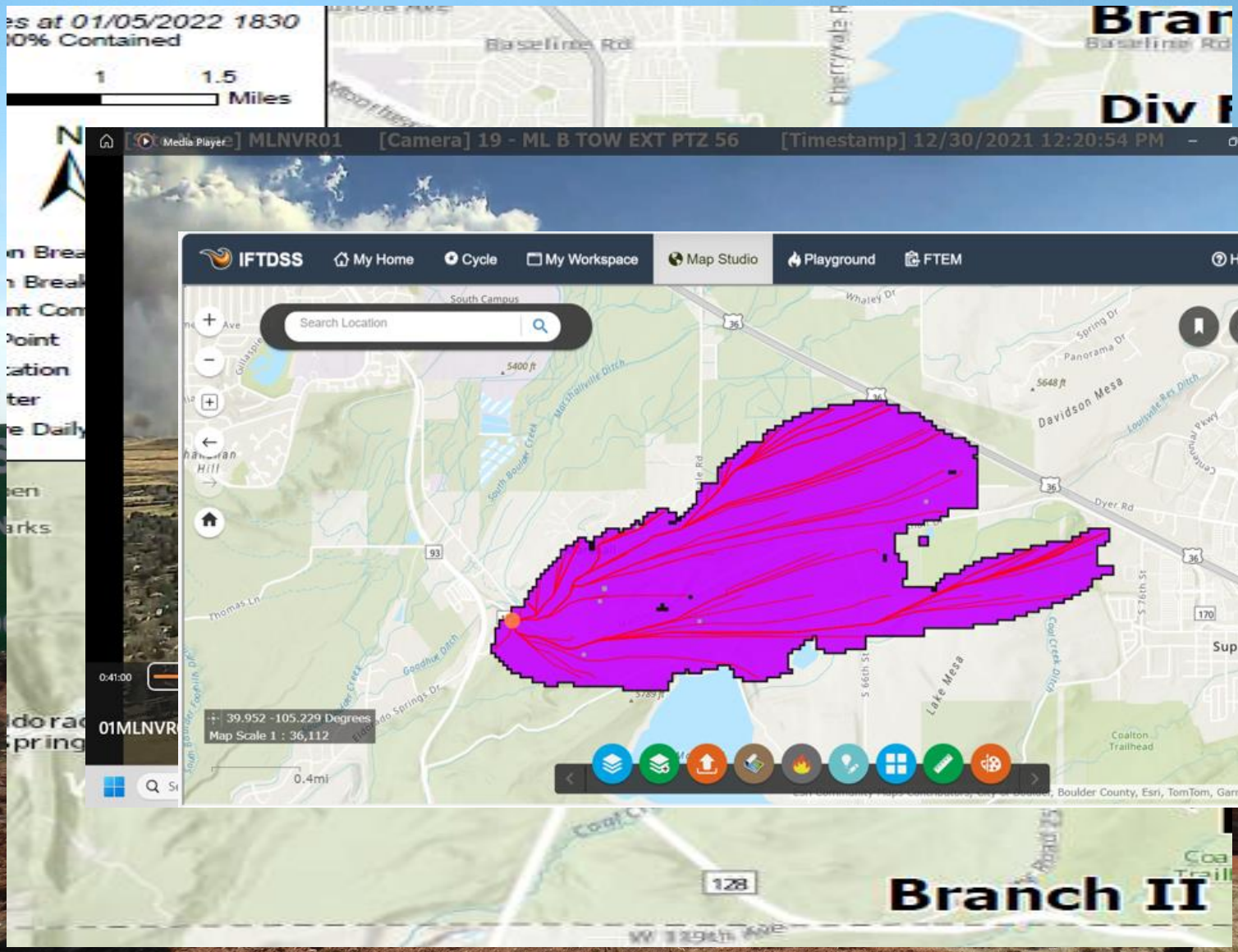

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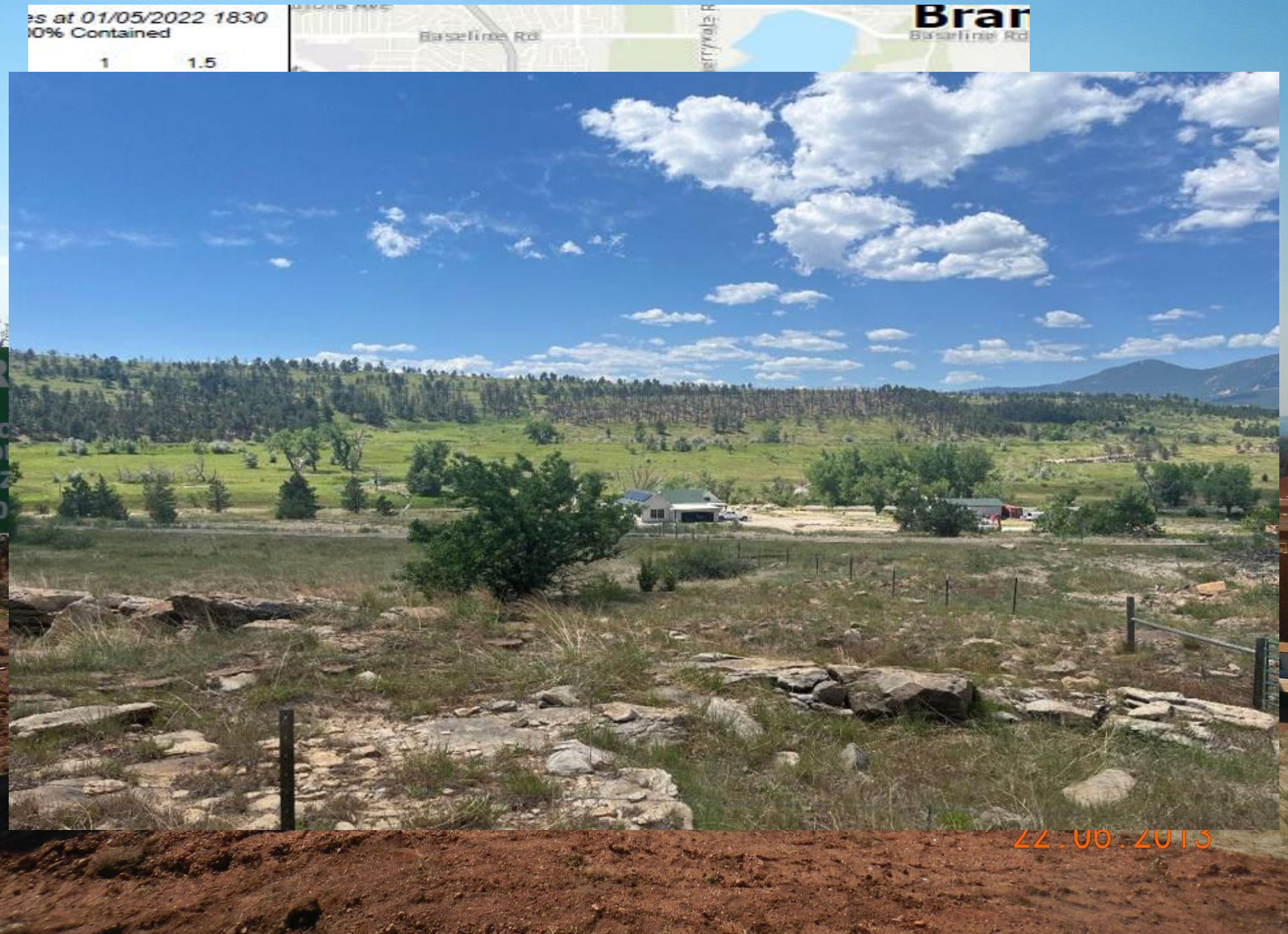
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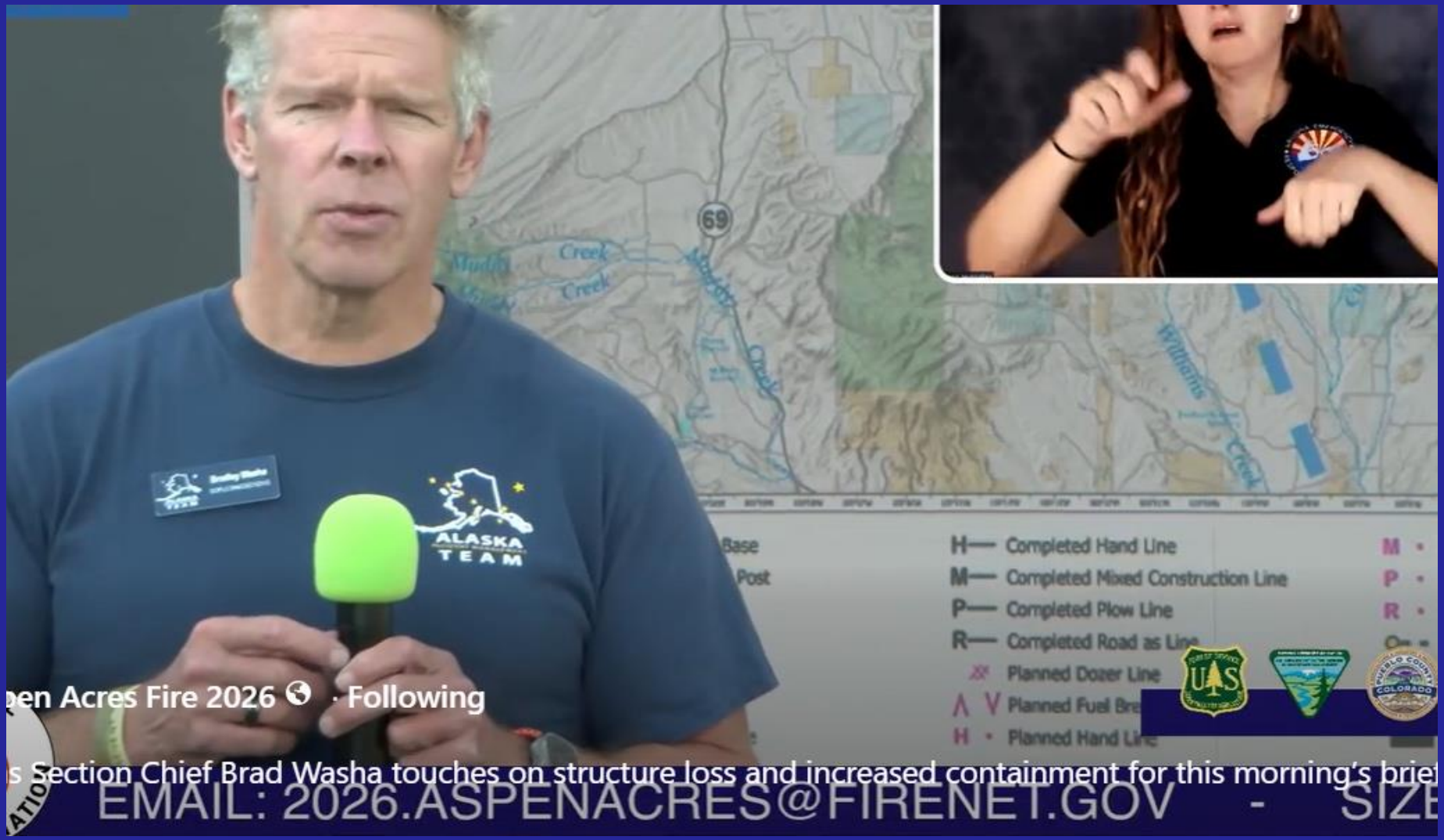




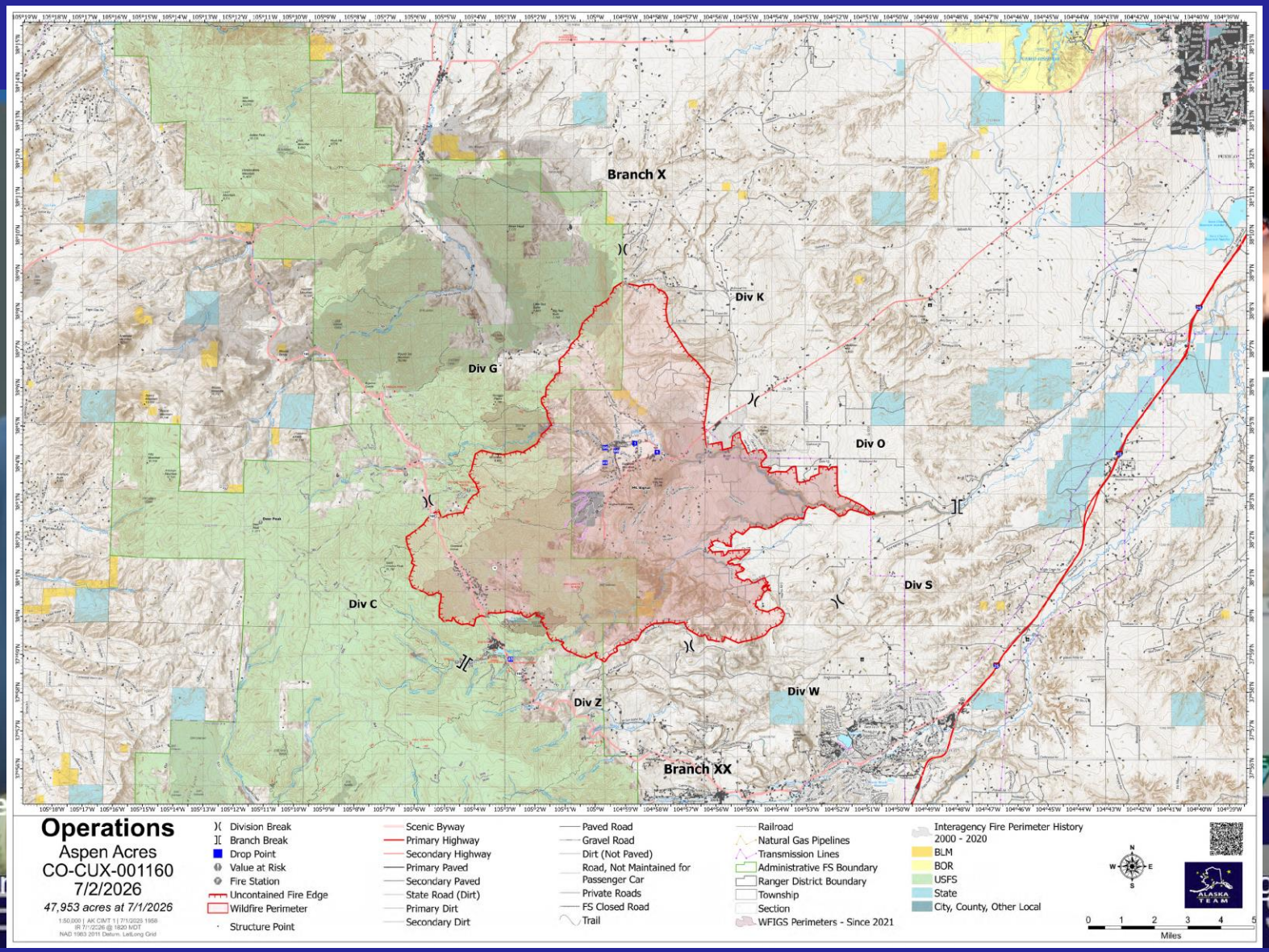
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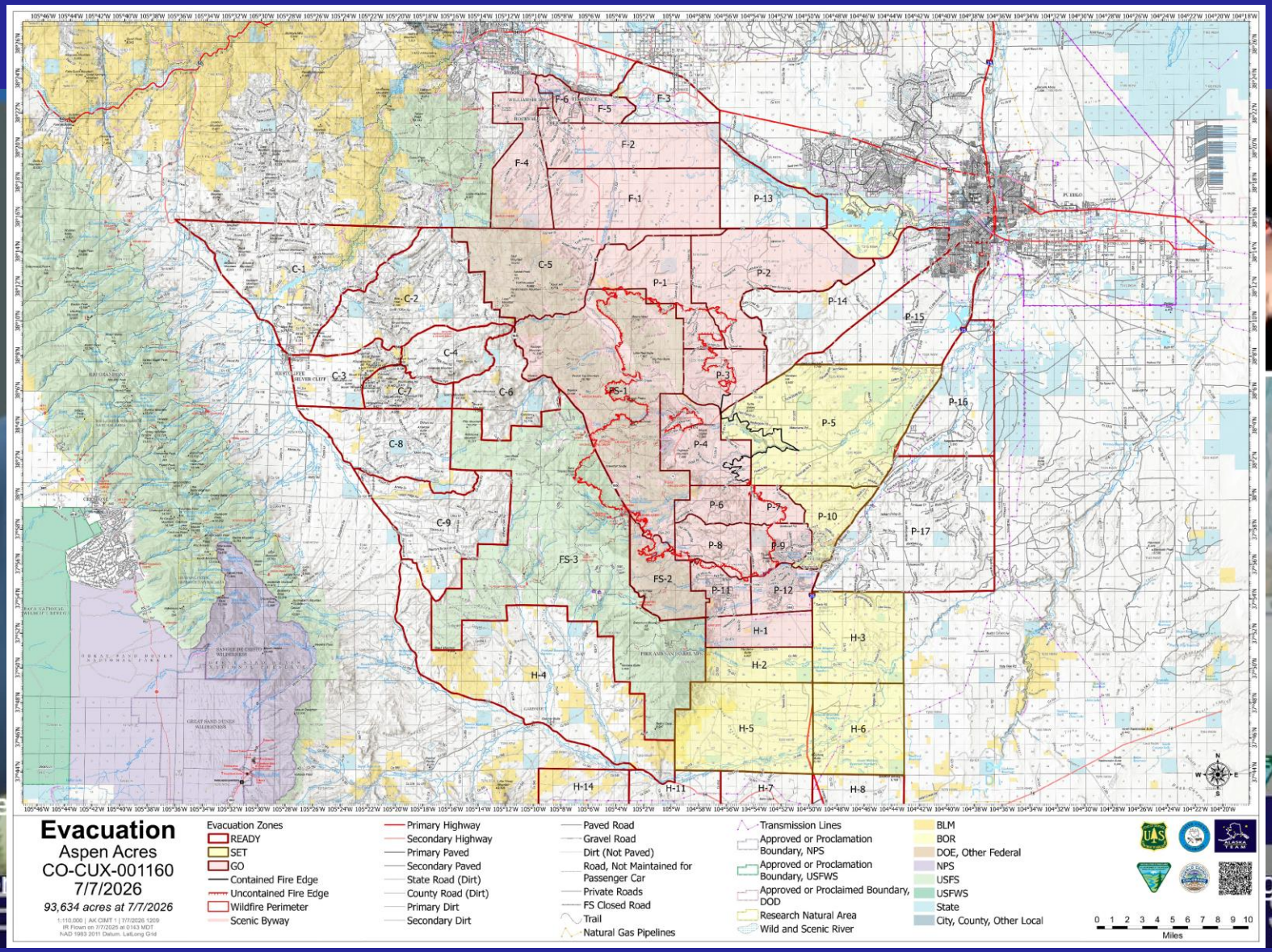
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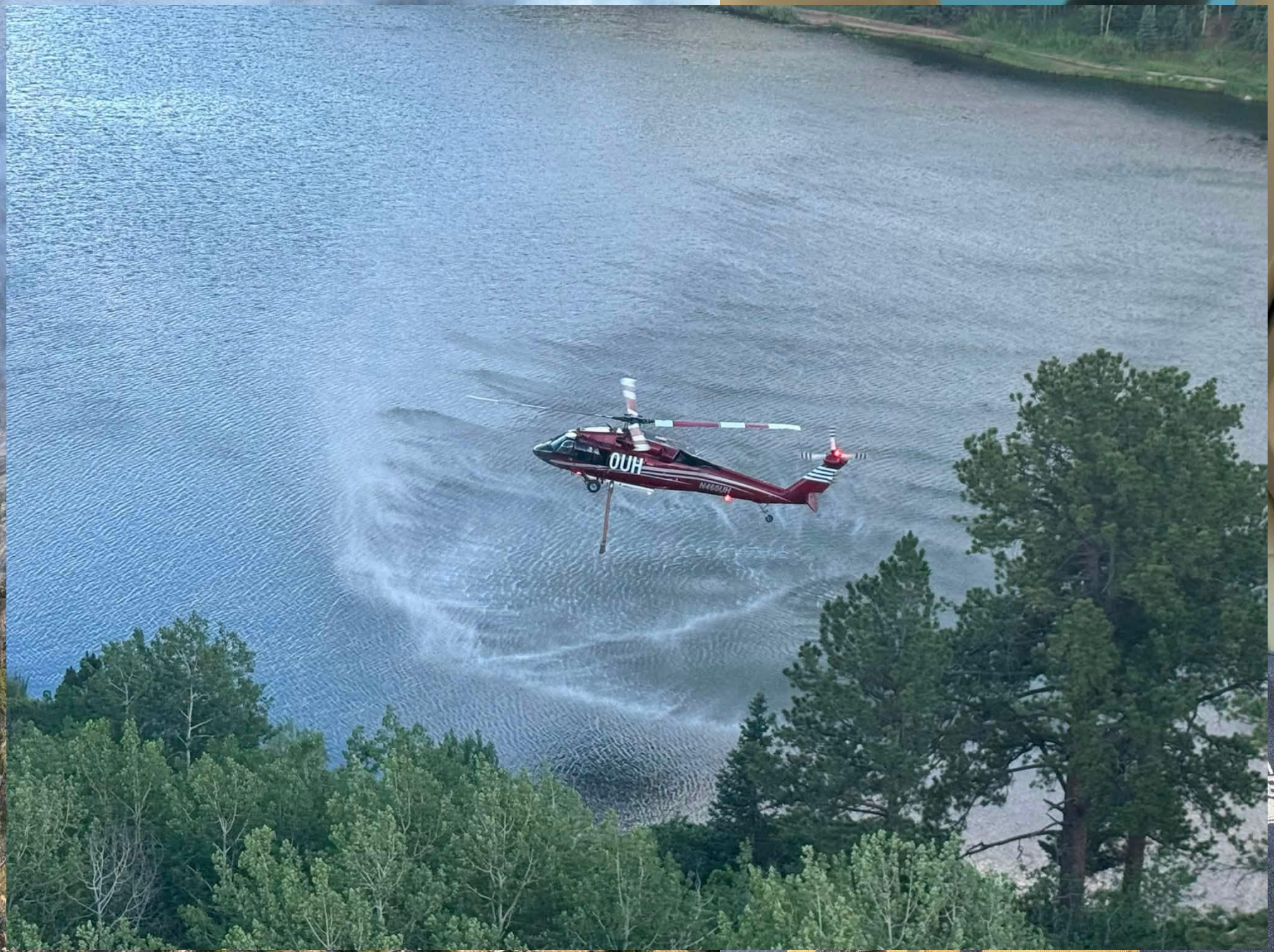


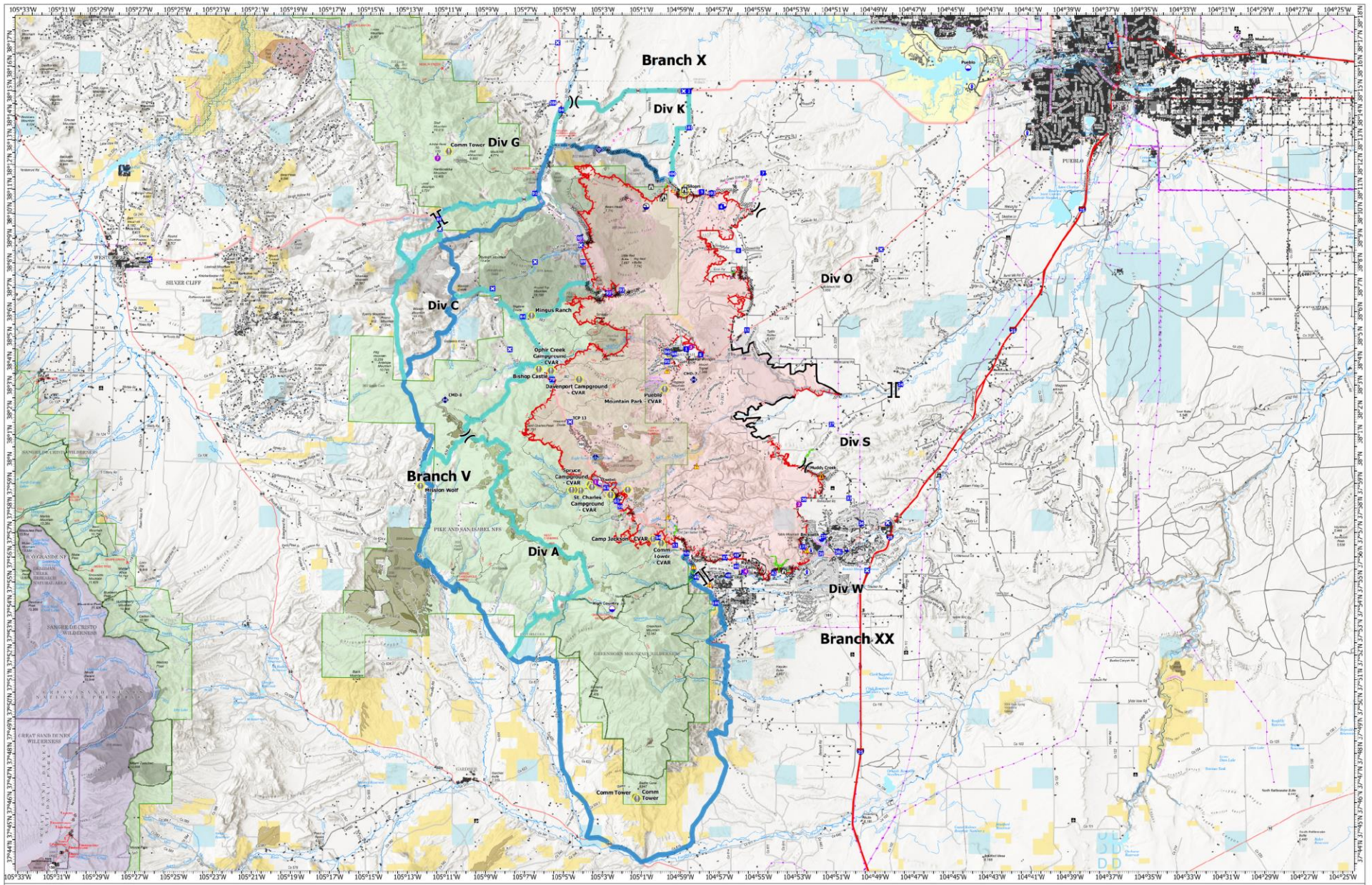



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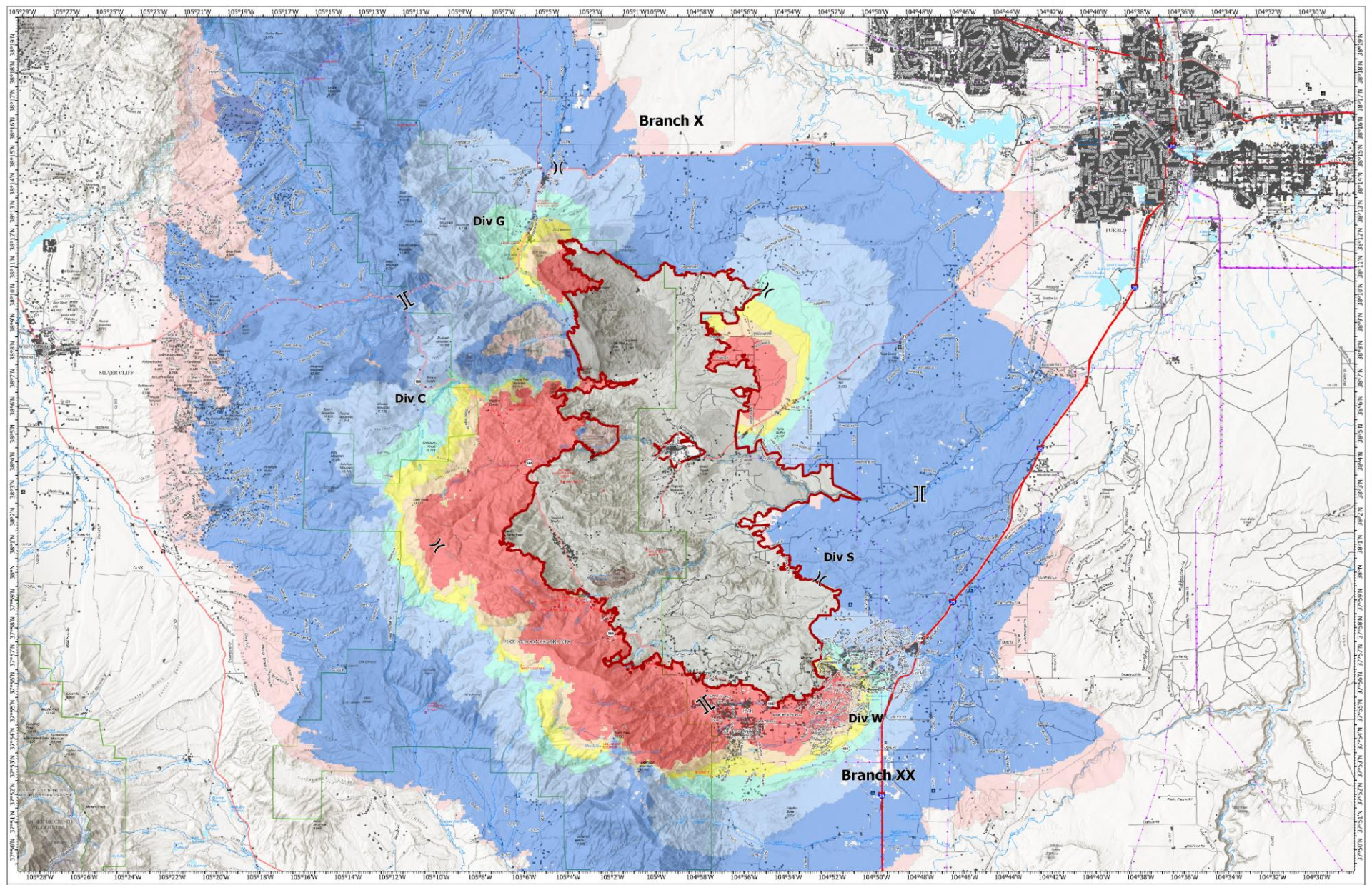
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- Medical
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- Dip Site
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- Structure Point
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- 80-100%
- 60-79%
- 40-59%
- 20-39%
- 5-19%
- 0.2-4%

- <0.2%
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- Branch Break
- Wildfire Perimeter
- Structure Point
- Scenic Byway
- Primary Highway
- Secondary Highway
- Primary Paved
- Secondary Paved
- State Road (Dirt)
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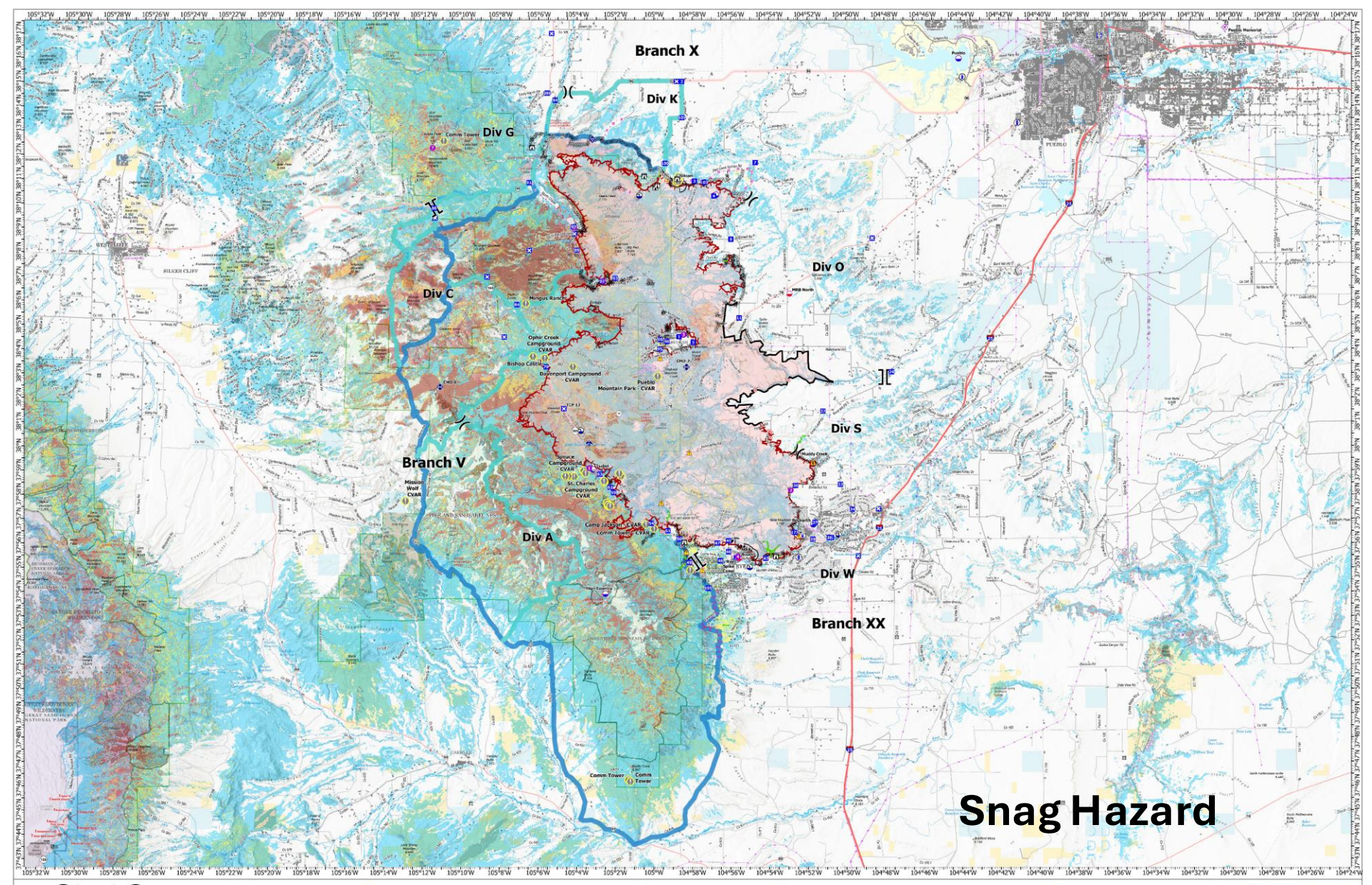
Aspen Acres Fire General Weather Outlook

For Planning Purposes Only, see the IAP for the Official Forecast

Forecast made Monday, July 6, 2026 - IMET Sophia Adams

Conditions at	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Beulah RAWS (6239 ft)	*7-Jul*	*8-Jul*	*9-Jul*	*10-Jul*	*11-Jul*	*12-Jul*
Headline	*Afternoon T-Storms, Moderate Overnight Recoveries*				*Hot, Dry, & Windy*	
Clouds @ 1500 (%)	70	60	50	45	10	10
Max Temperature (F)	90	92	89	84	92	93
Daytime Min RH (%)	16	18	23	26	13	11
Maximum RH (%)	50	65	75	80	62	50
20 ft Windspeed (mph)	10	10	8	10	12	15
Peak Wind Gust	20	20	21	22	25	30
Ridge Wind Direction	ESE	NE	ENE	ESE	E	ESE
Mixing Height AGL (ft)	11,000	11,000	11,000	6,000	8,500	8,000
Chance Lightning	60%	50%	45%	30%	20%	10%
Daytime Precip Chance	60%	60%	50%	30%	10%	5%
Chance Wetting Rain (>0.1")	40%	40%	30%	10%	5%	1%

KEY:	Moderate Burning Conditions	Elevated Burning Conditions	Extreme Burning Conditions
Clouds	> 50 %	25 to 50 %	0 to 25 %
Avg Max Temp	< 75 F	75 to 83 F	83 F or warmer
Ridge Wind Gust	20 mph or less	16 to 24 mph	25 mph or more
Min Humidity	24% or more	13 to 24%	13% or less
Max Humidity	55 % or more	41 to 54 %	40 % or less
Mixing Height	<= 6000 ft	6,001-10,000 ft	> 10,000 ft



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Snag Hazard

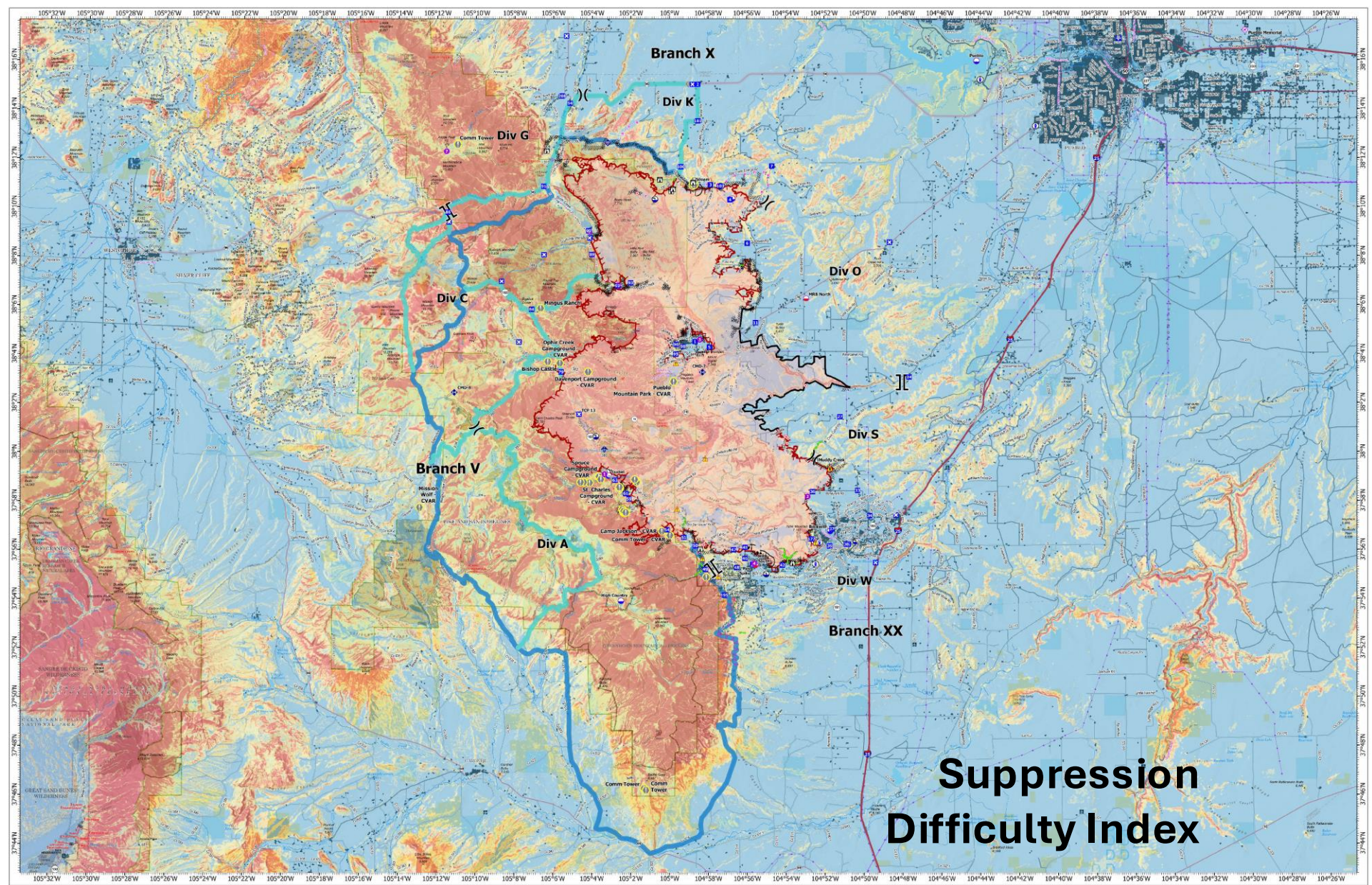
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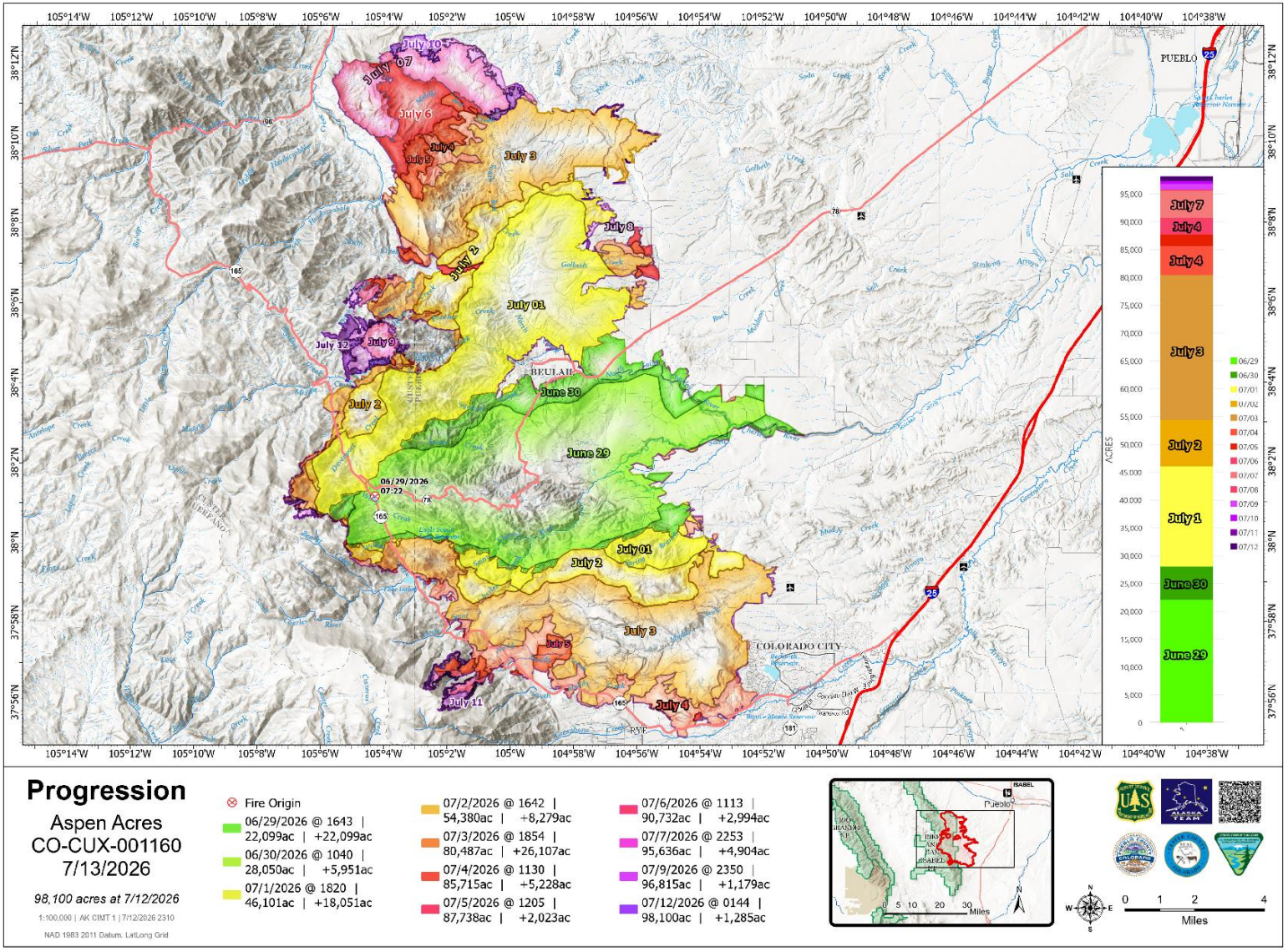


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Progression

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98,100 acres at 7/12/2026

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- Fire Origin
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- 07/2/2026 @ 1642 | 54,380ac | +8,279ac
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Aspen Acres Fire Update

Tuesday,July14, 2026 - 8:00 a.m.

Alaska Complex Incident Management Team 1
Jake Livingston, Incident Commander

Size: 99,077 | **Containment:** 36% | **Total Personnel:** Approximately 1,872
Location: 10 Miles NW of Rye, CO in Custer and Pueblo Counties
Reported: June 29, 2026, at 6:00 a.m. | **Cause:** Human, Under Investigation
Fire Information Phone Line: 719.697.8353 | **Email:** 2026.aspenacres@firenet.gov

Community Meeting: A community meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, at 7 p.m. at Centennial High School, 2525 Mountview Drive in Pueblo. The meeting will also be broadcast live on Facebook and YouTube.

Fire Update: Multiple firefighting operations were in progress on the west side of the fire on Monday. Conditions were favorable to continue firing operations on both day and night shifts, removing fuels between the constructed line and the wildfire near Mingus Ranch. Firefighters were supported by aerial resources to keep the applied fire in check. Firing operations finished very early in the morning on Tuesday and several days of mop-up work, extinguishing remaining hot spots, and monitoring will follow. This is a critical piece of work towards achieving containment in that area.

Fire behavior also increased near Saint Charles Peak on the west side of the fire. Firefighting aircraft helped to minimize fire growth and suppress spot fires. The night shift reported no heat in the spot fires as of Tuesday morning. Air operations will continue Tuesday, if conditions allow. Crews and equipment are actively working along Forest Roads 360 and 369 clearing vegetation, constructing fireline, and assessing structure protection needs in the area.

North Muddy Creek is also an area of high fire activity, only about 2 miles northwest of Rye. Firefighters are aggressively constructing defensive lines between the fire and communities. The structure protection group is assessing and mitigating threats to properties in the Rye area and all along the west side of the fire, including San Isabel and other communities to the north and west.

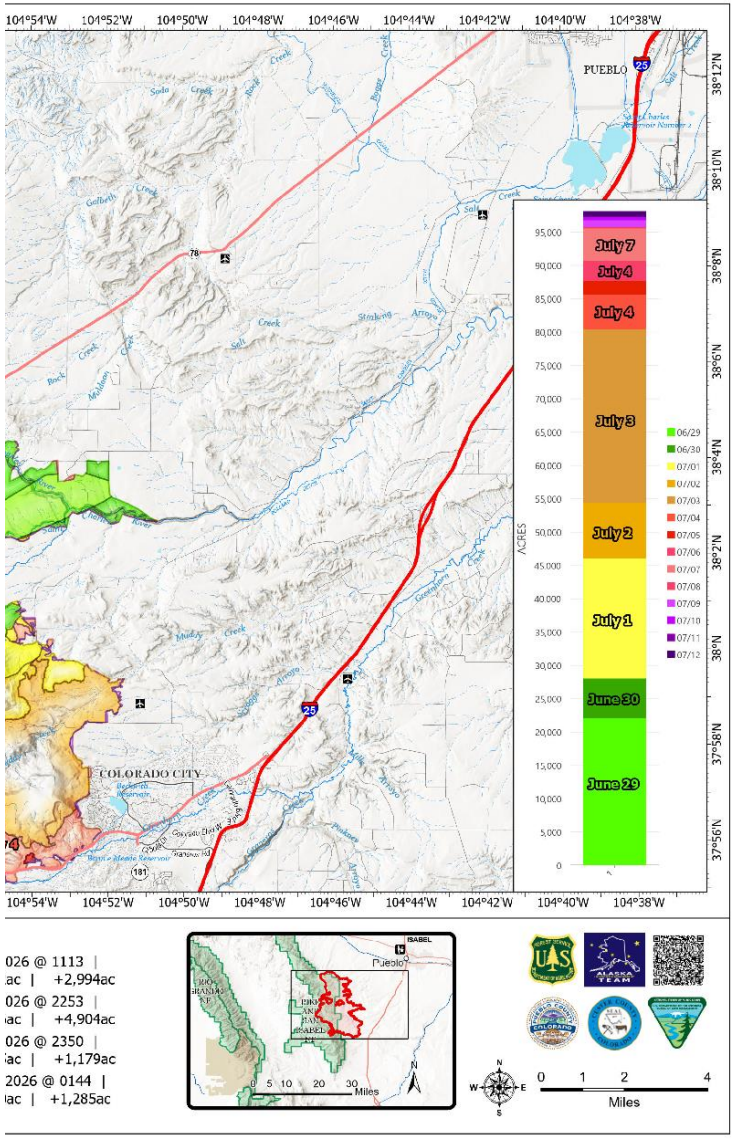
Fire activity is low on the northeast side, but it remains a lurking threat. Although the dispersed pockets of heat smoldering in the ground are not an immediate threat to structures, the potential remains to ignite highly flammable juniper trees near a populated area. Residents are beginning to return to their homes on Tuesday, while firefighters continue to work in the area to reduce the threat of fire growth. They will be running chainsaws to remove brush and lower tree limbs, working with hand tools, using engines, pumps, and water to cool smoldering hot spots. Watch for firefighters working in the areas of Savage Road, Even Road, Ponderosa Pine Drive, San Isabel Drive, Siloam Road, and others in this area. Please drive carefully, yield to firefighting traffic, and give room to crews working alongside roads and communities.

Team Transition: On Wednesday at 6 a.m. the Northern Rockies Complex Incident Management Team #6 will assume command of the Aspen Acres Fire. The transition with Alaska Team #1 is well underway. As usual in team transitions, the Northern Rockies Team will observe all functions of the current team's operations to facilitate a smooth transition.

Weather: A high pressure system is holding in the region on Tuesday, bringing hot, dry, and windy conditions. The wind pattern is expected to be from the east or east-southeast throughout the week. A chance of afternoon thunderstorms persists.

Fire Behavior: As temperatures and winds increase in the afternoon, fire activity is again expected to increase on the west side of the fire. Fuels remain extremely receptive to fire.

Fire Restrictions & Closures: There is an Aspen Acres Fire Area Closure for the San Carlos Ranger District. Visit: https://www.fs.usda.gov/r02/psicc/alerts/aspen-acres-fire-area-closure. Please monitor



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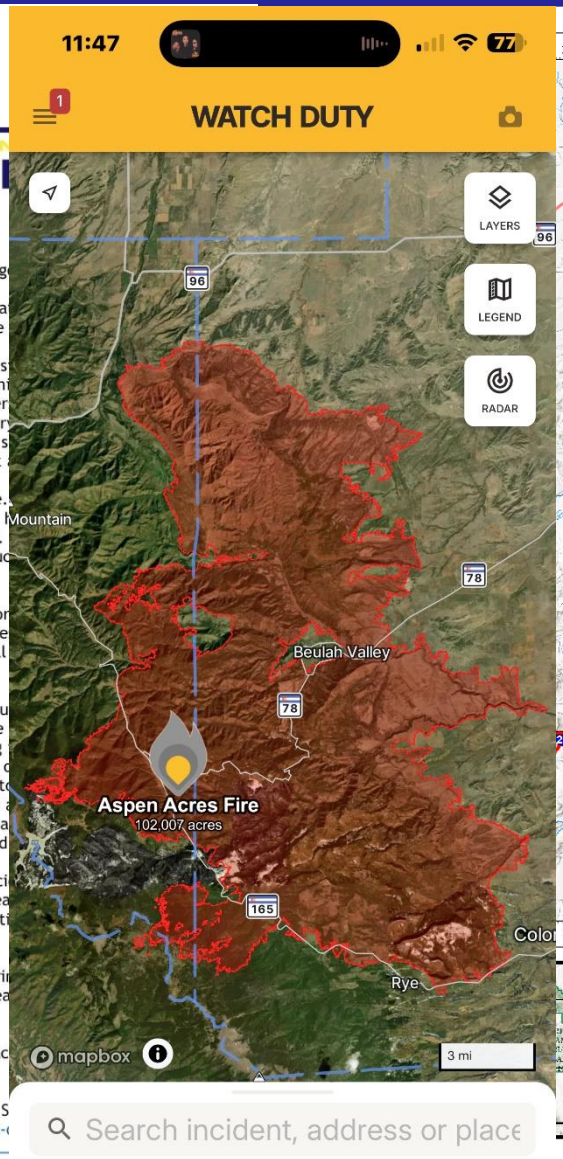
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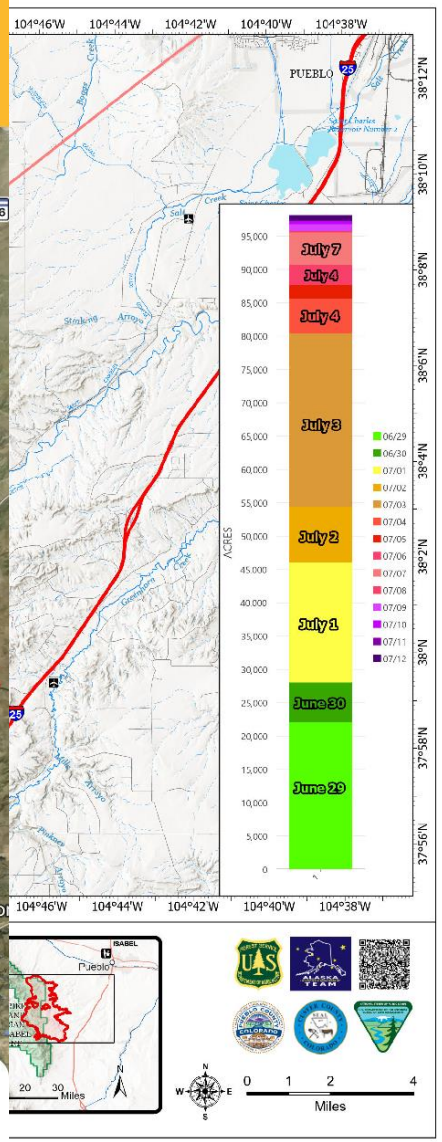
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Livestream
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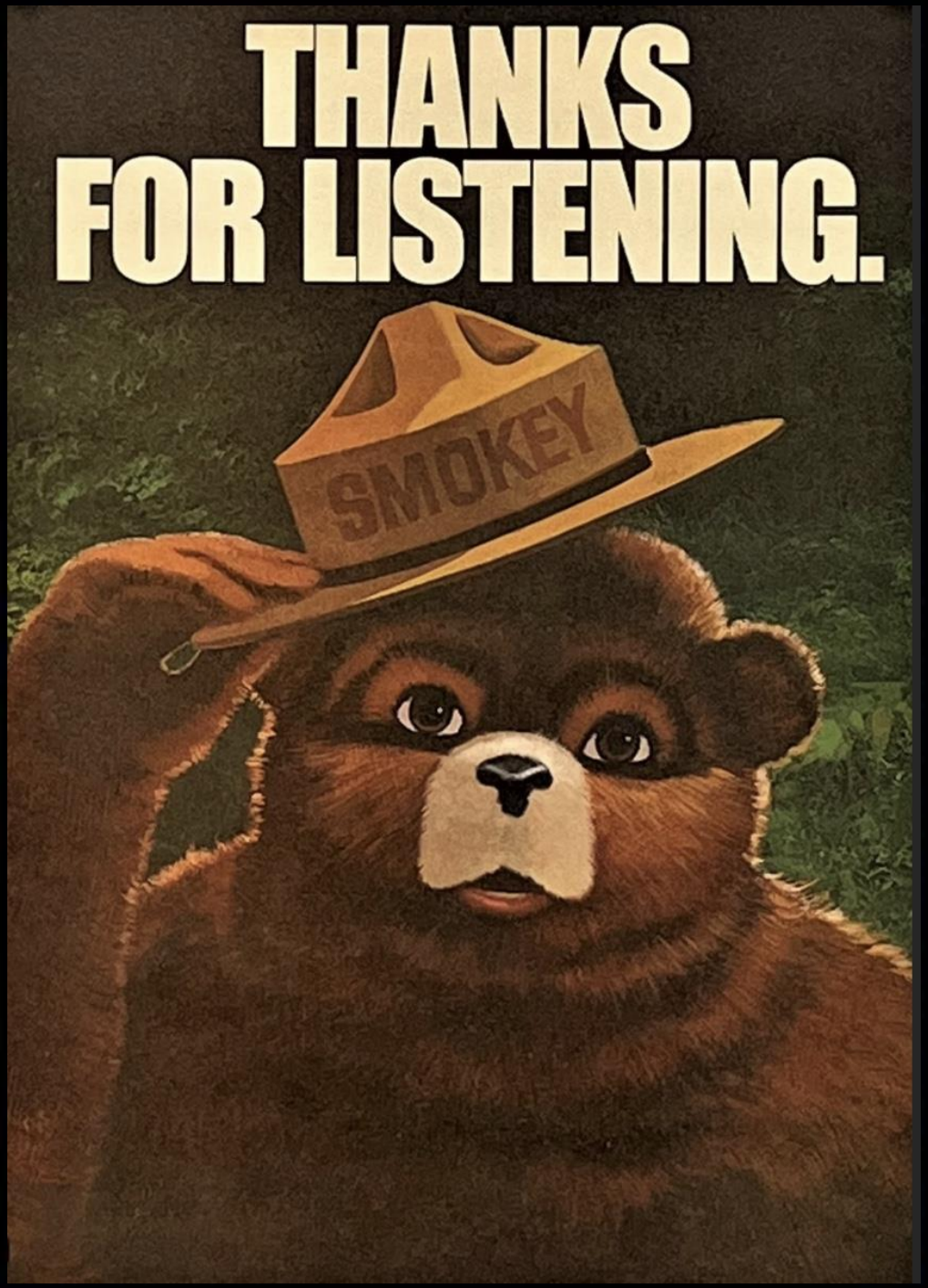











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