



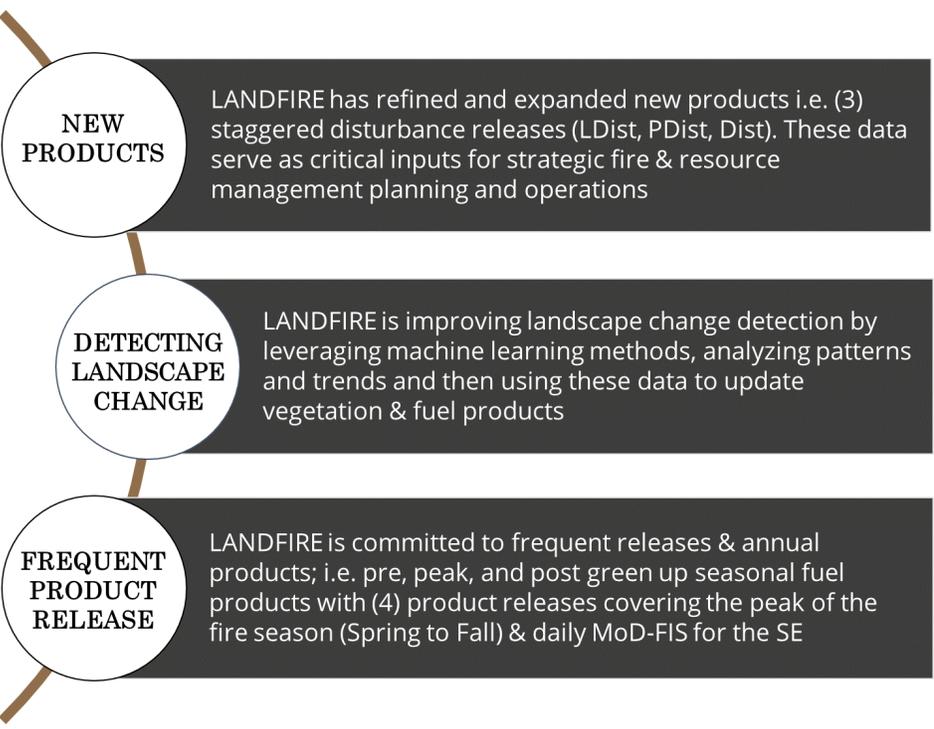
LANDFIRE TURNS 20!

The LANDFIRE Program Reaches Major Milestone

Over two decades ago, the LANDFIRE Program emerged as part of a strategic effort to create consistent national fuel and vegetation inventory data covering the entire landscape for an all-lands dataset. Driven by mounting concerns about the severity, frequency, and scale of wildland fires, the program was established through collaboration between the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior. Since its inception, LANDFIRE has continuously evolved by adding new data and incorporating technological advancements to produce comprehensive products.

The LANDFIRE Program has had the good fortune of collaborating with countless partners over the years and this has led to many enhancements. Our team connected with some of these partners to ask for their thoughts on the LANDFIRE Program. You can read their responses in the sidebars of this document and their full quotes on the LANDFIRE website.

LANDFIRE is evolving in a few noteworthy ways; here's a quick summary:



“The evolution of the update process for LANDFIRE datasets has been fascinating to watch, down from a 4-year lag back in 2010 to next-year delivery at present.

The prospect of extending these update tools & methods to provide future forecasts is what I’m most excited about!”

COLIN DANIEL
APEX RMS

“I think most people don't know that the LANDFIRE team is the greatest asset of LANDFIRE! ...this team of really accessible people are committed to helping others understand & use the data for all sorts of natural resource applications, beyond fire. That makes LANDFIRE data my go-to data for mapping & analyzing vegetation.”

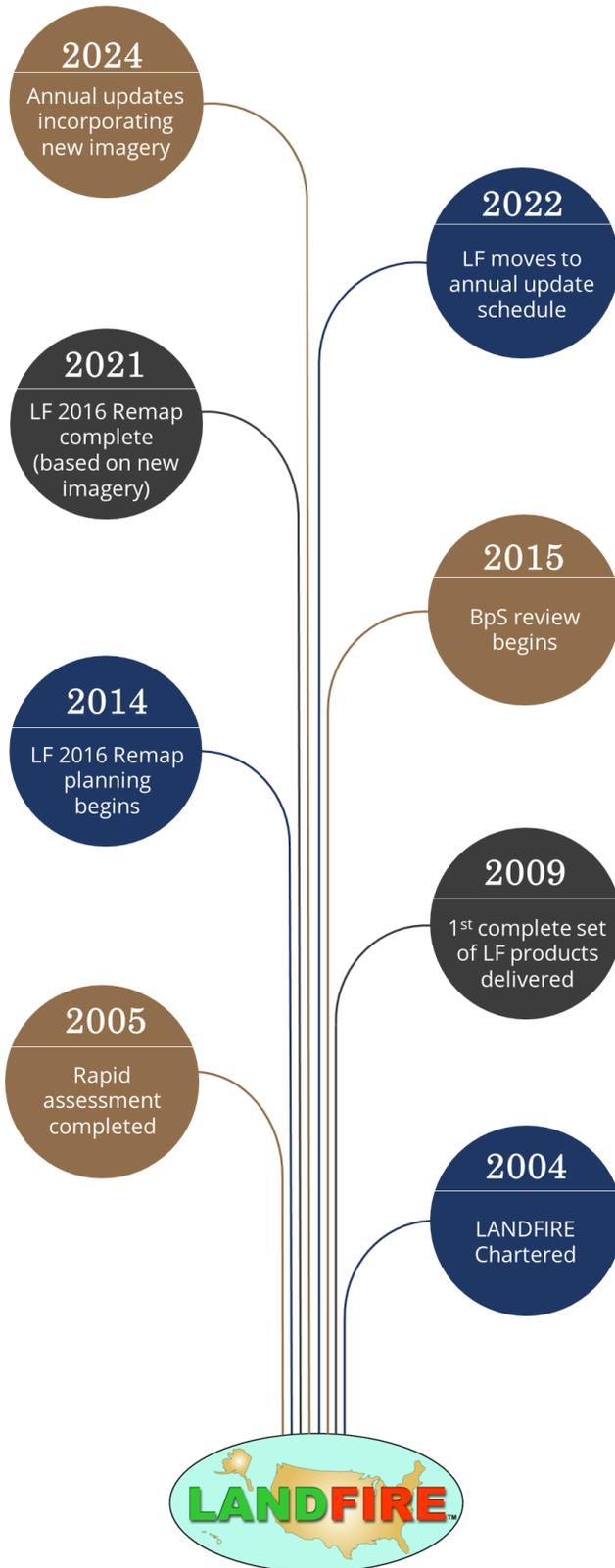
JEN COSTANZA
USFS

“...For 20 years LANDFIRE has delivered products of appropriate quality, on time and within budget. Congratulations to the original project team and to those who have taken LANDFIRE to the next level, an extensive program providing updated and improved data. Remarkable achievements all. Happy 20th LANDFIRE!”

BRUCE JESKE
RETIRED, USFS



The first release of LANDFIRE products in 2009 provided valuable geospatial layers related to vegetation, wildland fuel, and fire regimes across the United States. Over the years, the program has made significant strides (new data and expanding to the island territories), and the LF 2023 update represents another leap forward.



“...I’m most excited for the combination of remote sensing & modeling for understanding (changes in) fuel loads post-disturbance.”

“The wall-to-wall coverage, scale, and timing of LANDFIRE are impressive. These products are vital many applications, including IFTDSS, WFDSS, etc.”

**EVA STRAND, JOSH HYDE
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO**

“I’m very proud of the work the LANDFIRE team has done & the small part I may have played. LANDFIRE products often fill a ‘behind-the-scene’ role for modeling...LANDFIRE is like the fuel (data) that turns the engine of a high-performance race car (model). Without the data, the models couldn’t run, much less win the race. LANDFIRE makes that possible!”

**FRANK FAY
RETIRED, USFS**

“LANDFIRE has allowed communities all over the country to understand & reduce their wildfire risk. Without LANDFIRE, we could not map wildfire risk for every U.S. community at wildfirerisk.org, which has over 1-million users & allows communities to prioritize investments & help communities become better fire-adapted.”

**KELLY POHL
HEADWATERS ECONOMICS**



After two decades, LANDFIRE maintains its commitment to providing quality products that are critical to supporting fire, resource, and conservation management across the U.S. and its island territories. The LANDFIRE program continues to address user feedback and strives to improve accuracy and precision with each new release. Addressing feedback and answering questions from the LANDFIRE community is a top program priority because this input contributes to product improvements within the LANDFIRE product suite.

We are grateful for contributions from the user community that have challenged the LANDFIRE program to grow, evolve, and improve over time. We encourage LANDFIRE users to continue providing feedback and asking tough questions because this user-driven information helps us improve the products to better meet the needs of users.

The future of LANDFIRE looks bright, and we're excited about what lies ahead!

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“I am most excited to see LANDFIRE move to a more frequent & regular update cycle. Given the incredible (and sometimes devastating) ecosystem changes, it is critical to have timely information to track those impacts...improving our ability to assess & understand these dynamic systems.”

SARAH ANDERSON
USFS

“Together with land managers and scientists, LANDFIRE built the best available westwide framework for mapping and modelling disturbance & succession.

I have used LANDFIRE for years as a Long Term Analyst to predict fire spread and evaluate probability...the BpS and SClass layers have also been invaluable.

Thanks to all who have spend decades working to build and maintain that incredible resource.”

DIANE ABENDROTH
NPS

“It is admirable that LANDFIRE has followed a path of refinement driven by the needs of users. Despite changes in administrations & politics, LANDFIRE has remained a funding & staffing priority for all these years.”

AYN SHLISKY HUNT
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY