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Enabling Wildfire Risk Forecasting

Requirements, Challenges, Achievements & Lessons Learned

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Possibility of Loss or Harm (damage)

forecast

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Prediction of future events

USING RISK METRICS TO SUPPORT KEY DECISIONS

Enhanced Decision Making

Wildfire risk modeling provides critical information to support key decision making during extreme weather conditions. This information can significantly enhance firefighter safety, public safety, reduce risk to assets, and quantify risk for specific areas.

Better information means more informed decision making.



Firefighter & Public Safety

Quickly informing first responders and the public about the current situation & on-going status



Power Shutoff

Identifying asset risk supports decisions to de-energize those assets with high spread & impact potential



EOC Activation

Identifying when significant wildfire risk exists can enhance decisions when to activate your EOC



Enhanced Communication

Proactively communicating risk situations with partners, stakeholders, customers and the public



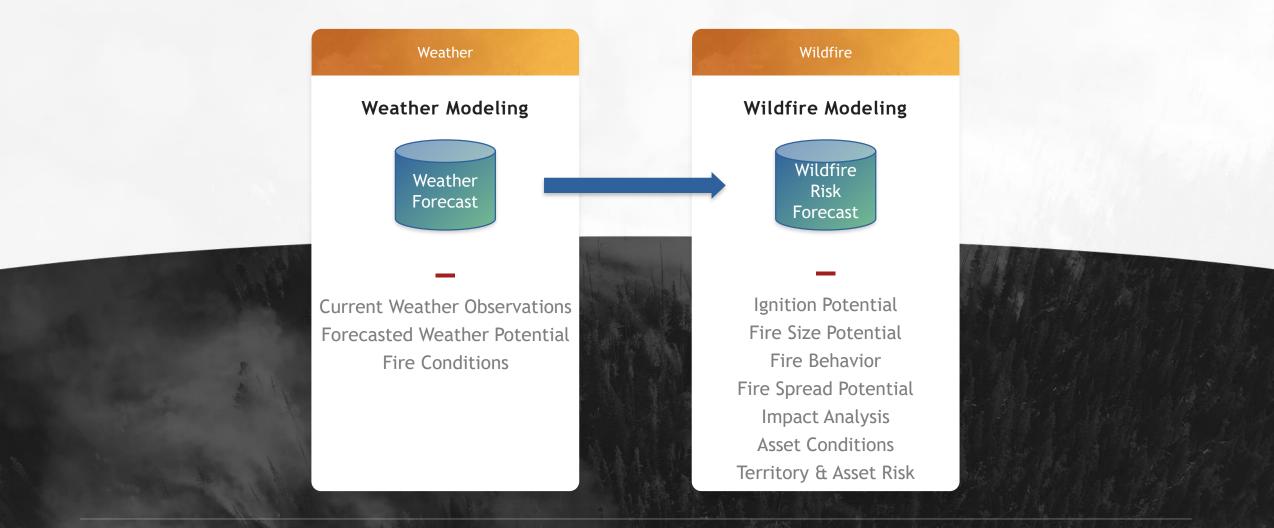
Staging Crews & Equipment

Pre-positioning crews and resources to mitigate risk in areas where the highest risk exists

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From Weather Modeling to Wildfire Modeling



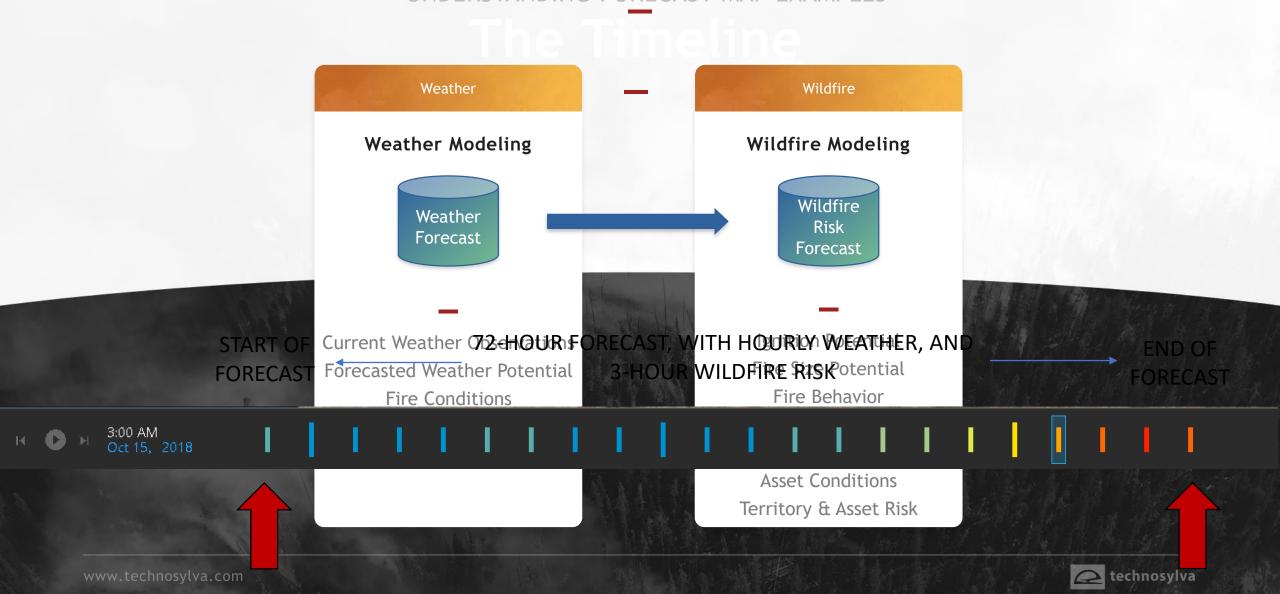
Challenges for a Wildfire Risk Forecast

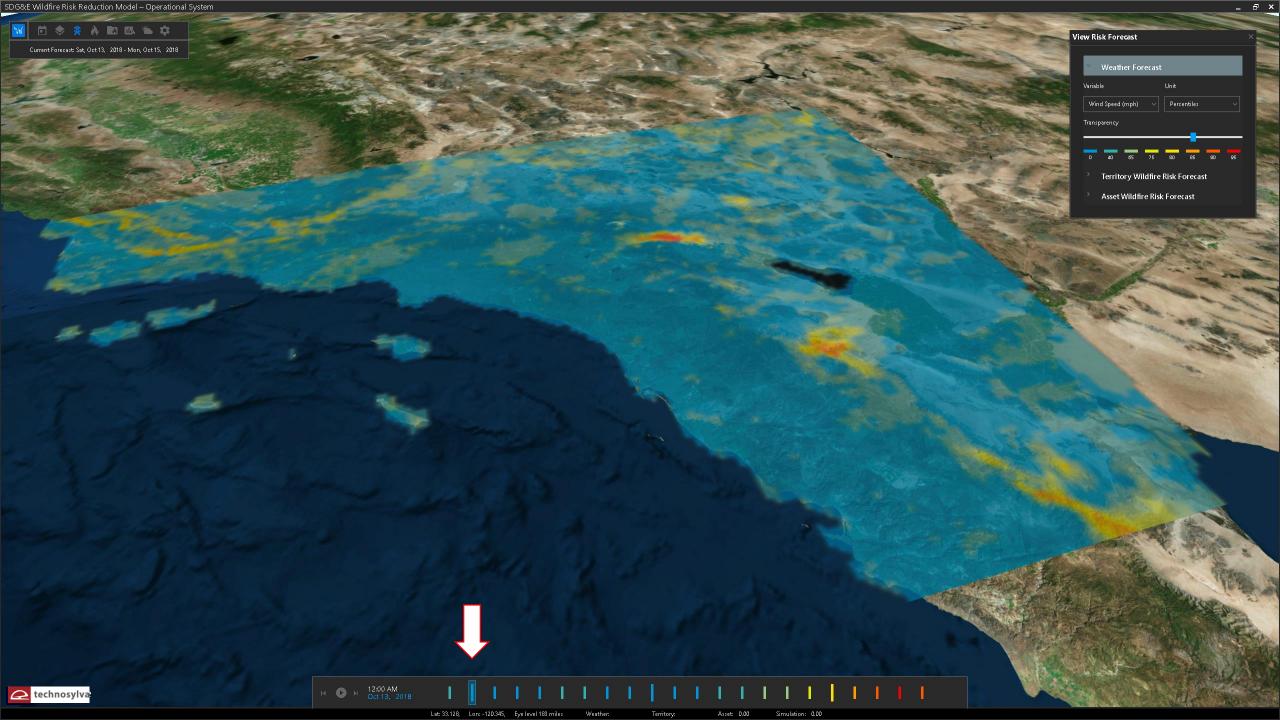
- Daily or even hourly weather forecast data
- 2. Continuous, gridded weather data
- 3. Good landscape data fuels & LFM
- 4. Very large datasets in & out
- Run a "gzillion" fire simulations
- HPC computing resources
- Manage temporal data
- Intuitive software interfaces

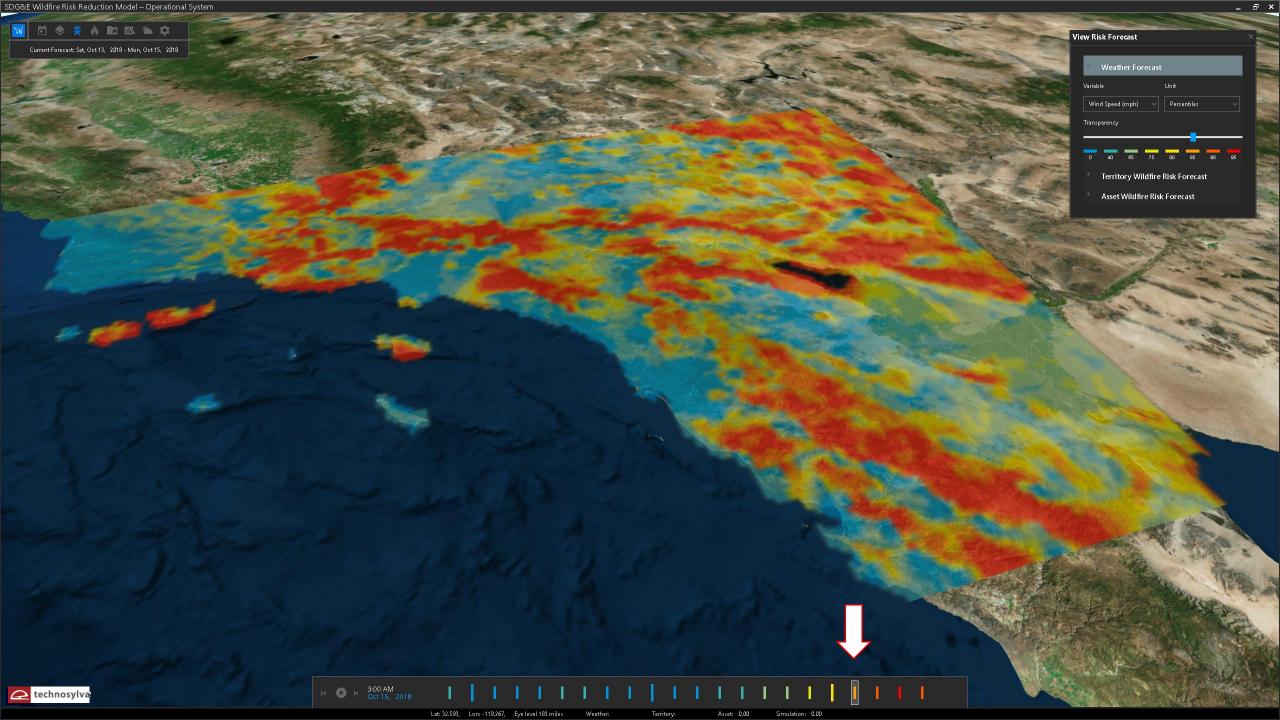


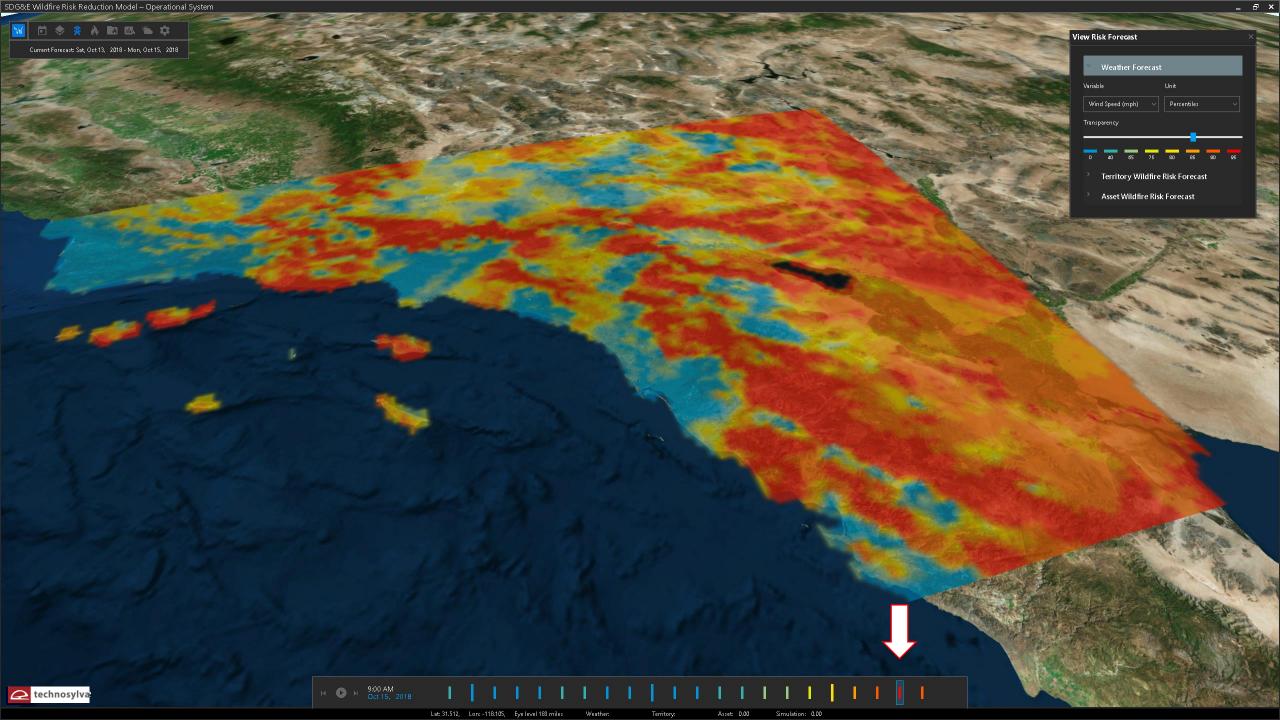
WILDFIRE RISK FORECASTING & MONITORING

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KEY ELEMENTS OF DETERMINING WILDFIRE RISK

Essentials for Wildfire Risk Forecasting

To obtain a wildfire risk forecast we need the following essential elements.

The missing ingredient has been the ability to spread fires from many potential ignition locations.

Not one fire. A gzillion fires.



Likelihood of Ignition

Identifying potential or probability for ignition - where and when will a fire start?



Fire Spread

Where will the fire spread?



Consequence

What will the impacts and damage be from the fire spreading?





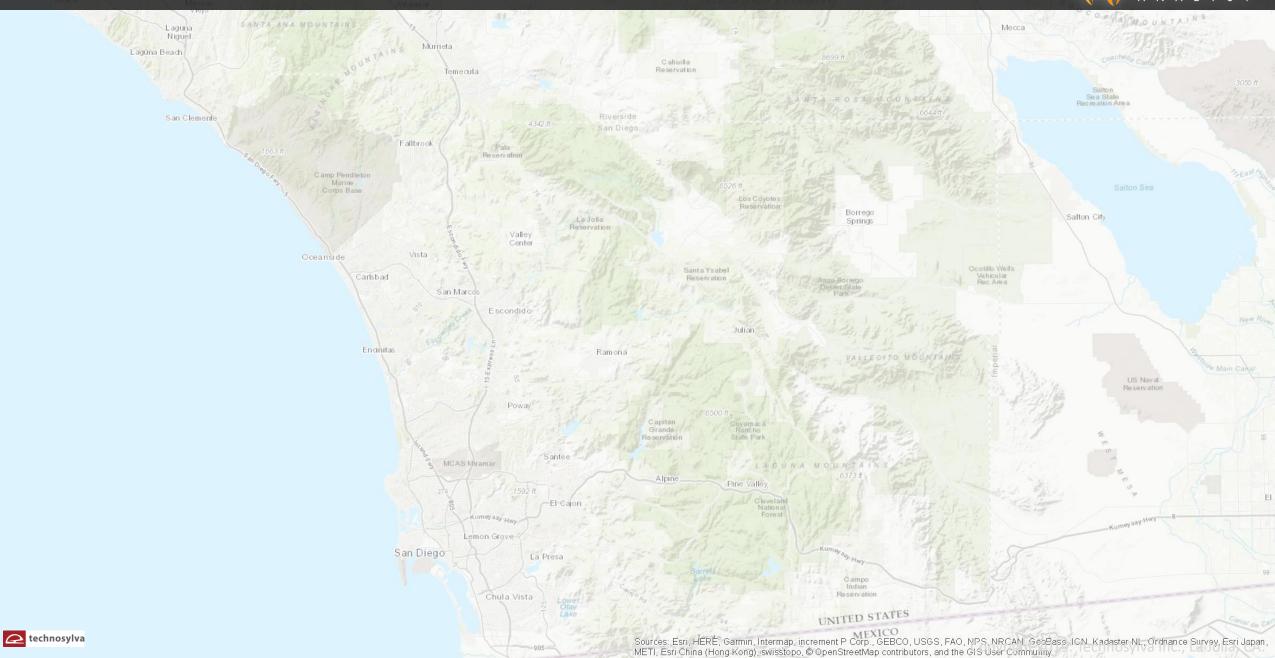
This video shows a simulation of the first 12 hours of a potential fire in the Soledad Mountain (San Diego) under hypothetical conditions.

It was created with Wildfire Analyst in a simulation that took 3 seconds to run, using actual fire models created in the USFS FireLab.

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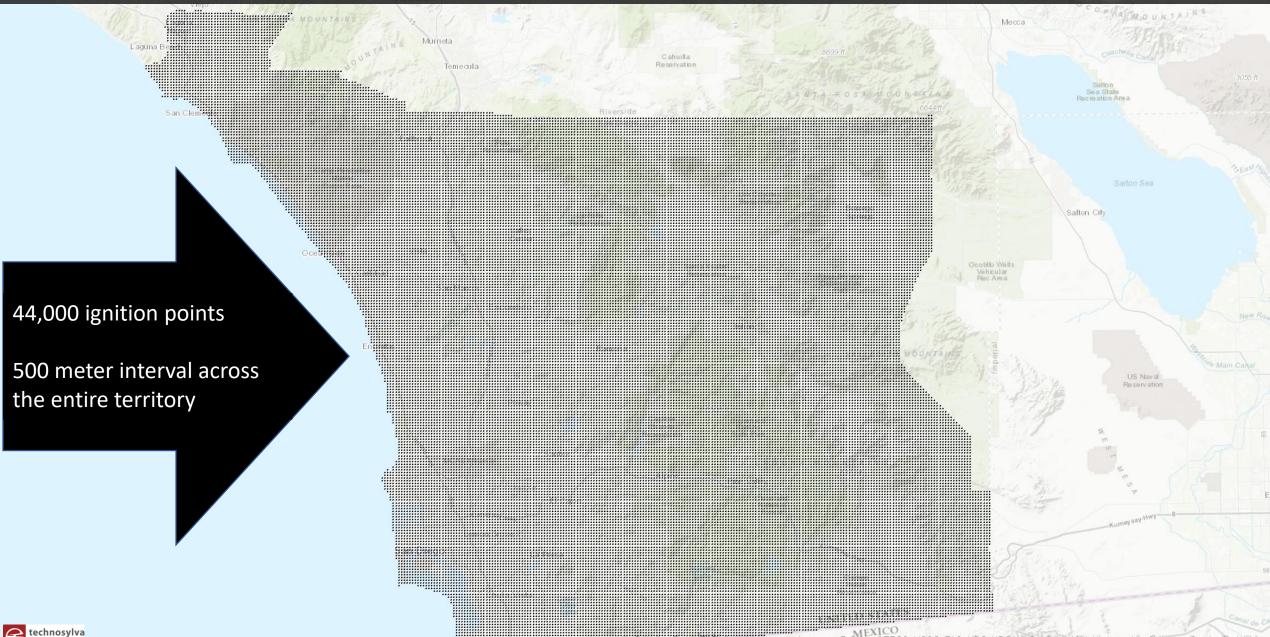
Wildfire Risk Forecasting - SD County





Wildfire Risk Forecasting - Ignition Points

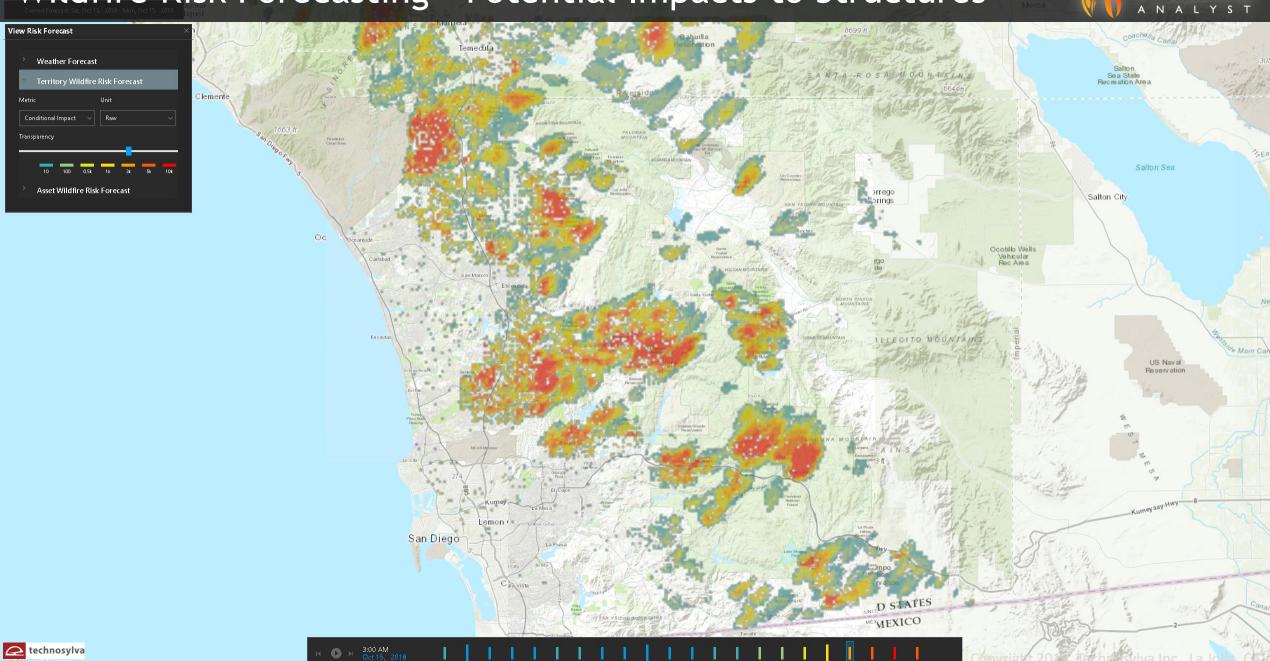




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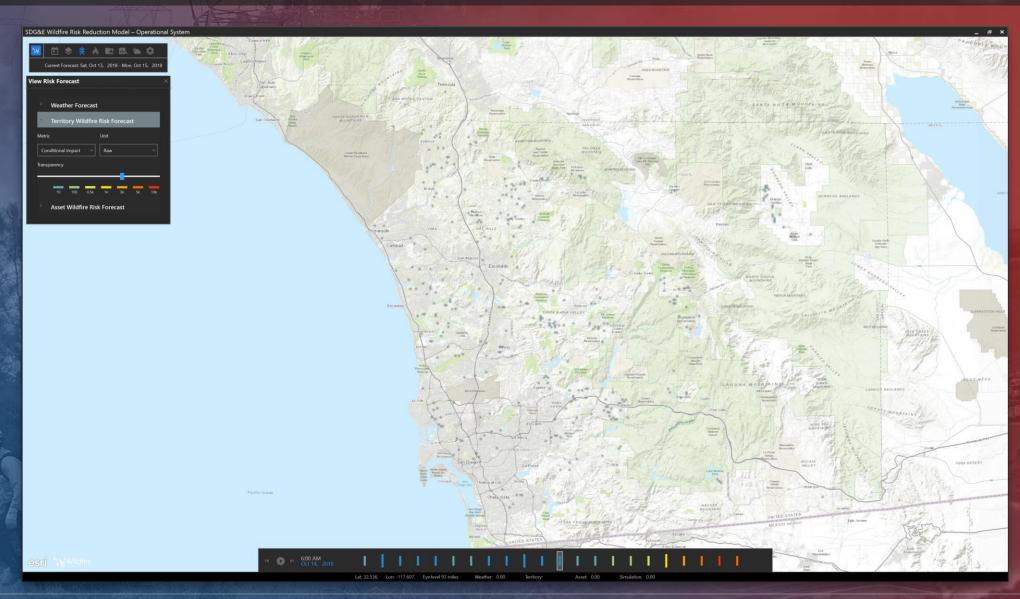
Wildfire Risk Forecasting - Potential Impacts to Structures



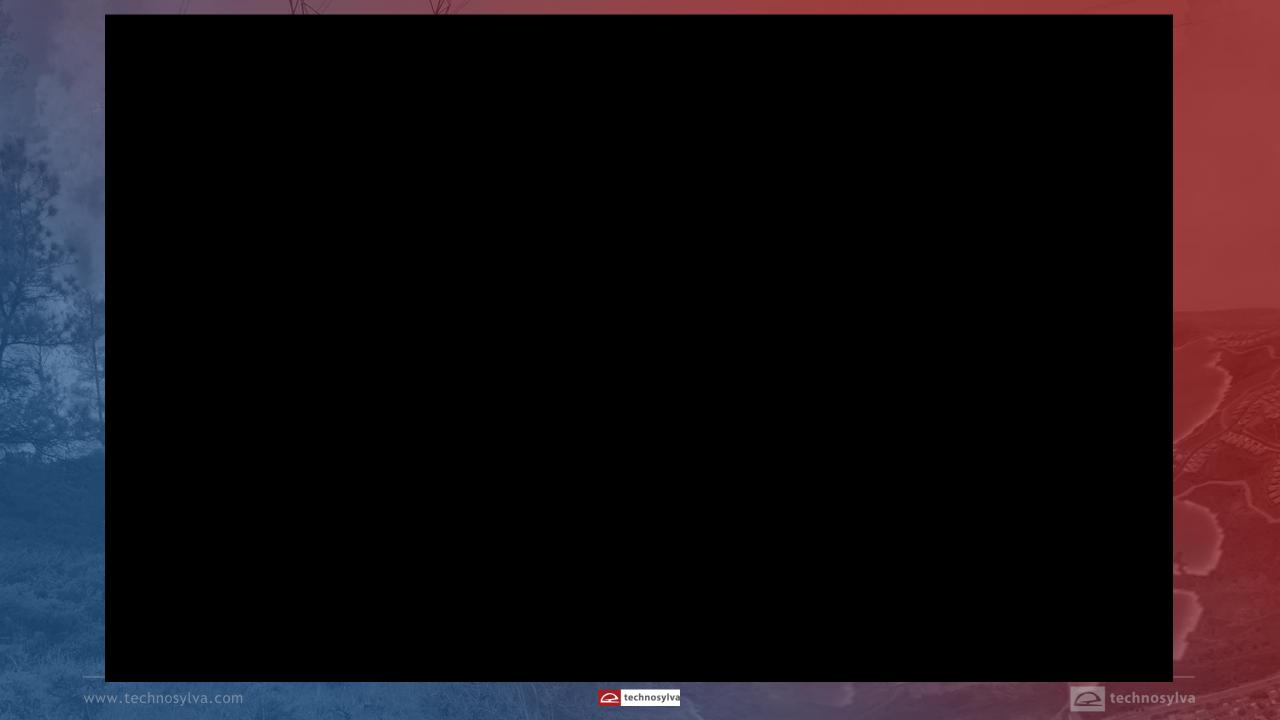


Potential Impact to Structures



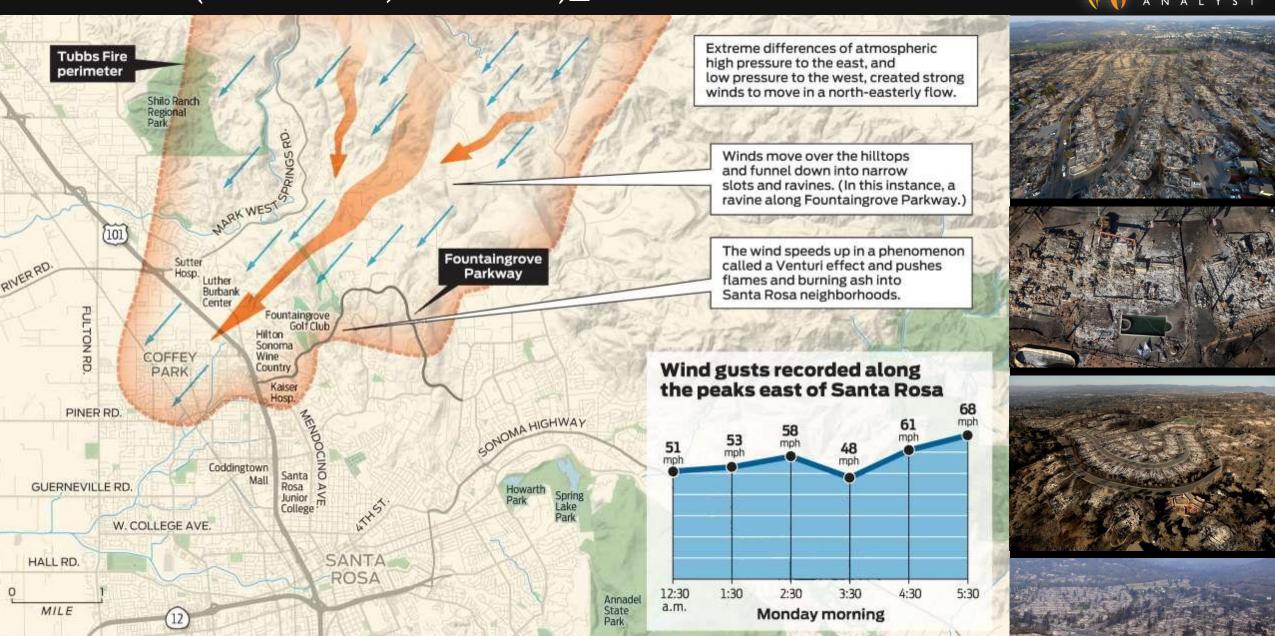


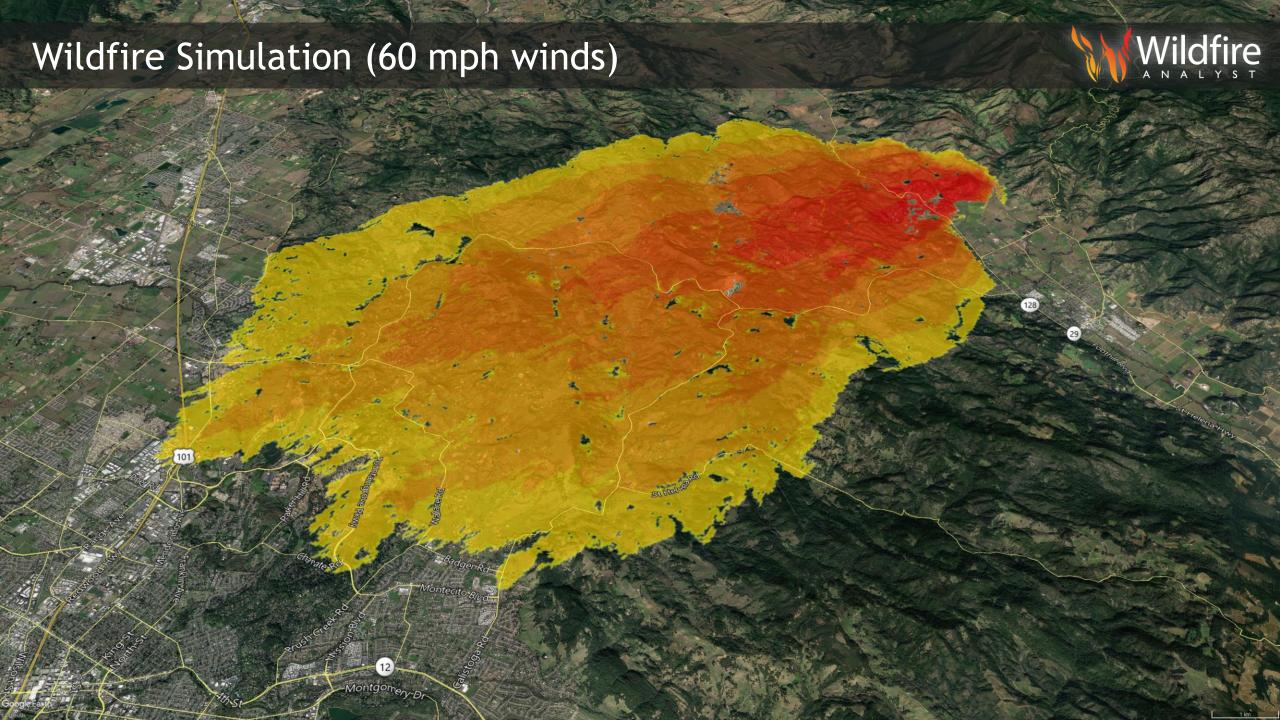


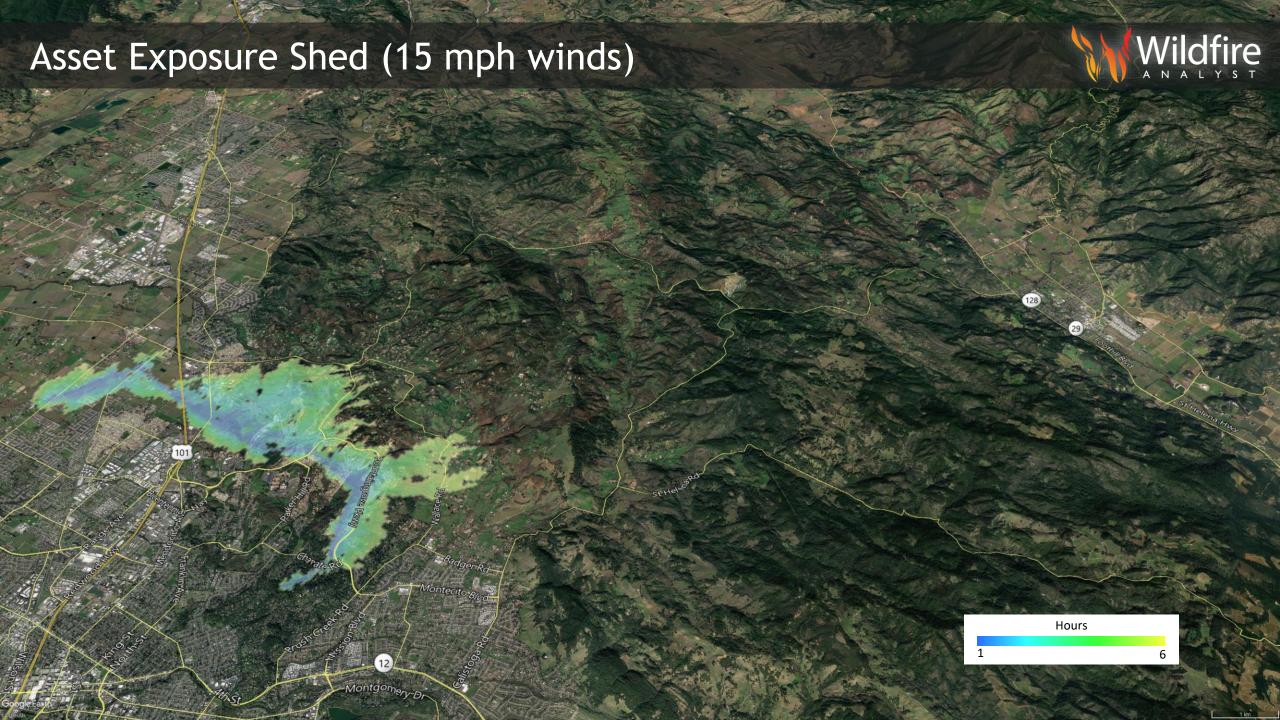


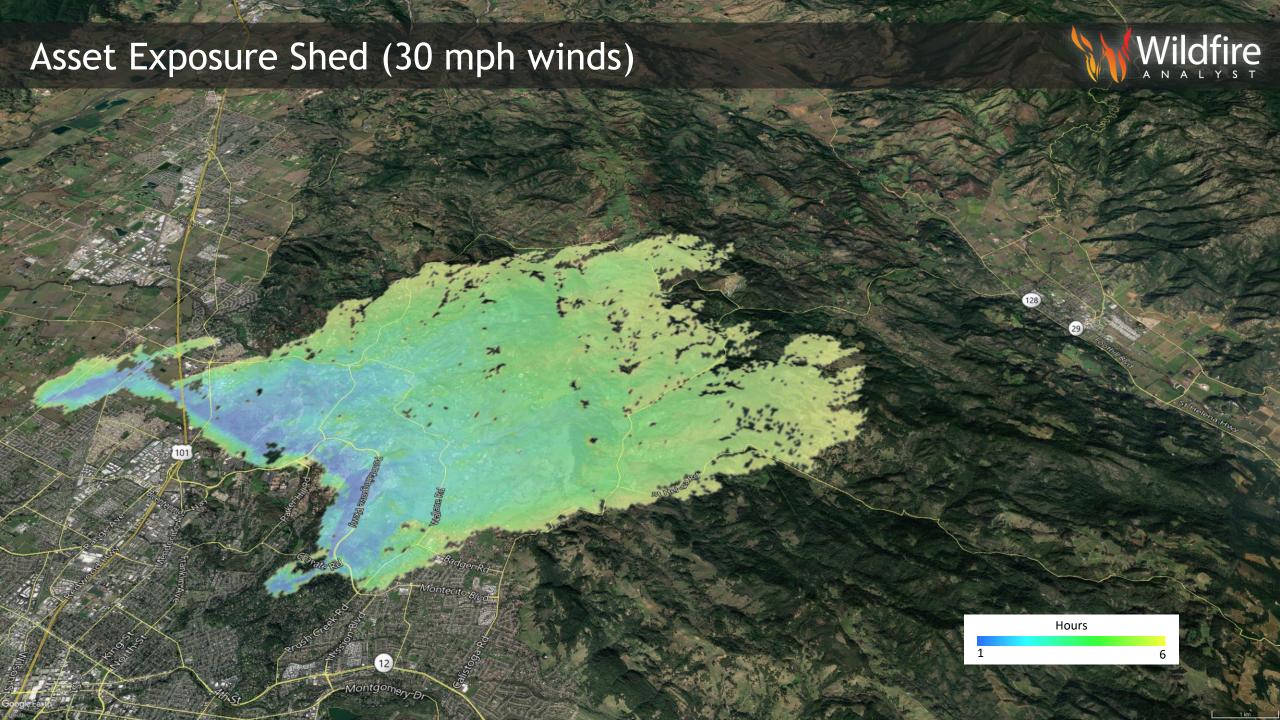
Tubbs Fire (Santa Rosa, Oct 2017)_

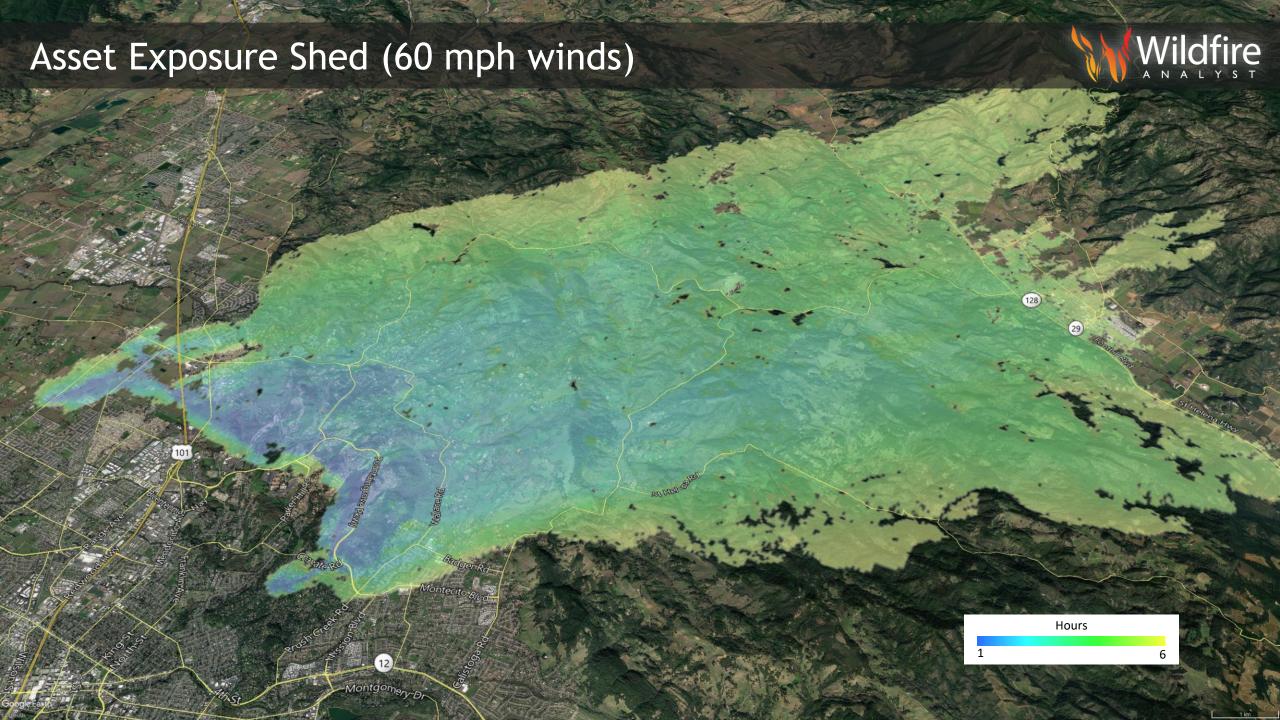


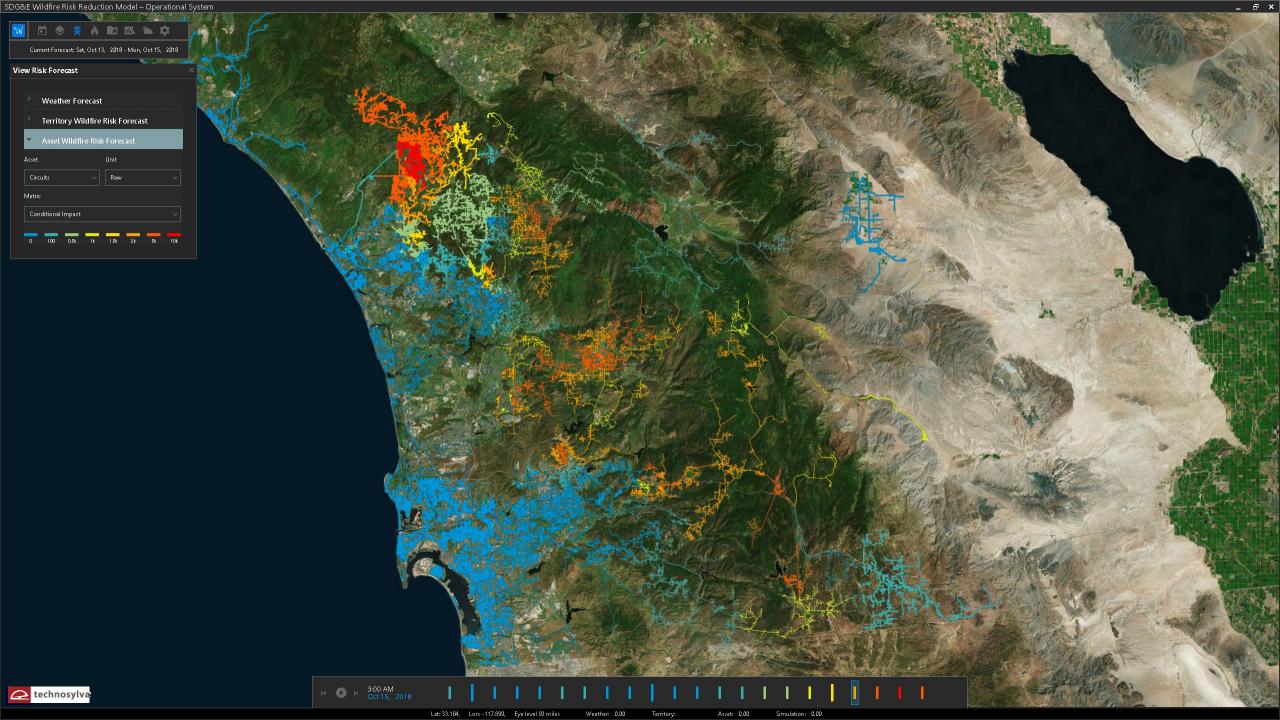






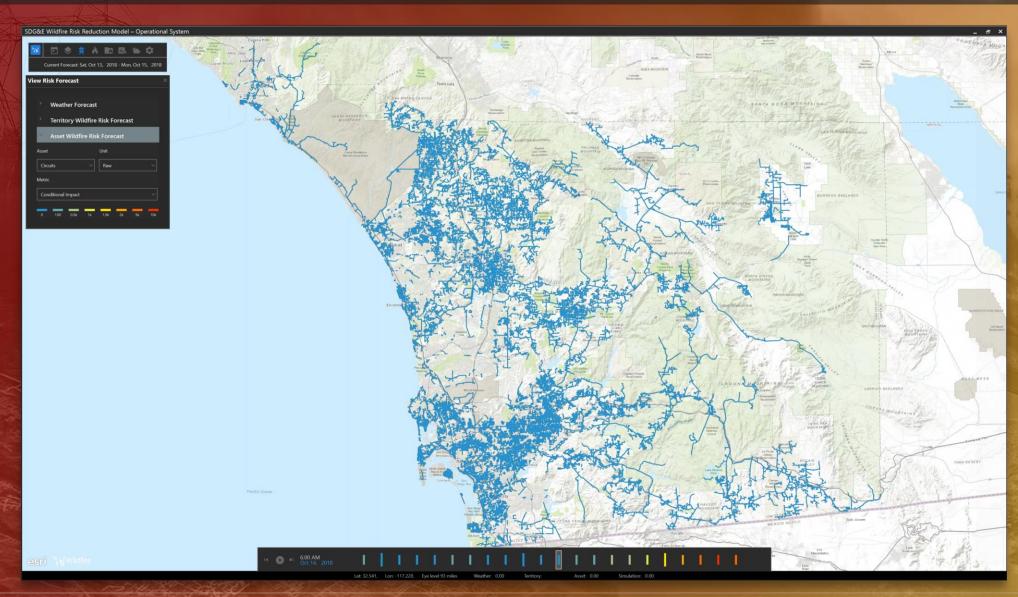


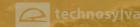




Circuit Wildfire Risk







Circuit Risk Summary

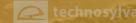




Circuit Risk Profile



Impact by Circuit				
Circuit 📍	Date & Time ▼	Conditional Impact (Total)	Ignition Potential	Expected Impact (Total)
908	11/13/18 11:00 AM	102,553	0.28%	292
908	11/13/18 8:00 AM	106,497	0.39%	412
908	11/13/18 5:00 AM	98,393	0.35%	341
908	11/13/18 2:00 AM	73,338	0.18%	129
908	11/12/18 11:00 PM	75,442	0.15%	113
908	11/12/18 8:00 PM	71,826	0.16%	117
908	11/12/18 5:00 PM	62,386	0.19%	118
908	11/12/18 2:00 PM	77,262	0.16%	124
908	11/12/18 11:00 AM	73,401	0.11%	78.7
908	11/12/18 8:00 AM	60,491	0.11%	67.3
908	11/12/18 5:00 AM	60,863	0.15%	92.6
908	11/12/18 2:00 AM	55,791	0.20%	113
908	11/11/18 11:00 PM	62,057	0.18%	113
908	11/11/18 8:00 PM	80,224	0.11%	91.5
908	11/11/18 5:00 PM	76,457	0.10%	78.1
908	11/11/18 2:00 PM	51,477	0.07%	37.5
908	11/11/18 11:00 AM	23,539	0.10%	23.8
908	11/11/18 8:00 AM	15,558	0.07%	10.5
908	11/11/18 5:00 AM	4,727	0.07%	3.33
908	11/11/18 2:00 AM	1,063	0.08%	0.813
908	11/10/18 11:00 PM	1,465	0.09%	1.3
908	11/10/18 8:00 PM	1,203	0.07%	0.845



REAL-TIME SIMULATIONS OF FIRE SPREAD AND IMPACTS

On-Demand Wildfire Simulation Analysis

- Real-time modeling is also available to support individual fire analysis. The spread of a fire is simulated in seconds, showing the extent of a fire, and potential assets at risk.
- * Responders can quickly determine where a fire is likely to spread, and the possibility of containment given the characteristics of the fire, such as rate of spread, flame length, and fireline intensity.
- Impact analysis is conducted automatically with each simulation to aid decision makers in understanding the possible consequences of a specific fire.
- Multiple simulations can be conducted with results being provided in a 3-D map environment within seconds. This facilitates actionable intelligence to decision makers.



Wildfire Spread Simulations

Calculation of the time of arrival for user defined ignitions based current fuels and weather parameters.



Likelihood of Containment Analysis

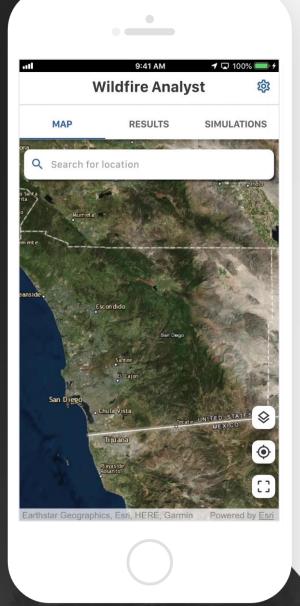
Based on the fire behavior characteristics the possibility of containment is automatically calculated.



Wildfire Impact Analysis

Impacts to structures, population and critical facilities is automatically calculated for each simulation.

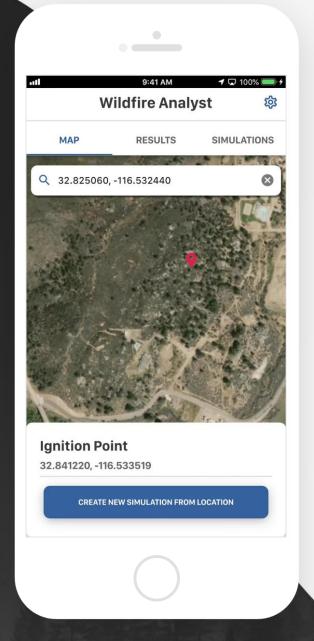




1. Defining an Ignition Point

It is simple to define an ignition point by using any combination of:

- Address search
- ❖ Place name search
- Lat/Long coordinates
- Circuit ID search
- Using map

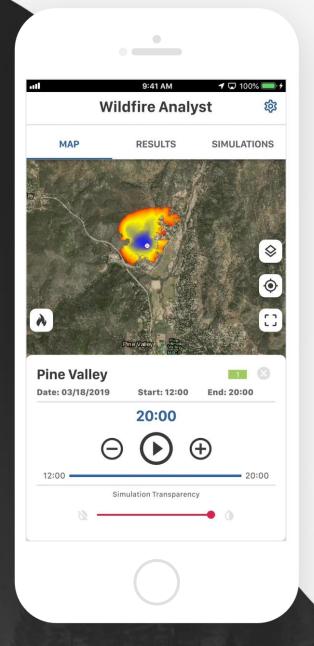


2. Creating a Simulation

Once the ignition location is defined the Lat/Long is automatically displayed and you can adjust the point by editing the Lat/Long, or by simply holding your finger on the map.

The app is ready to create a simulation using predefined preferences right away.

This minimizes the inputs required allowing the user to quickly submit a simulation request.

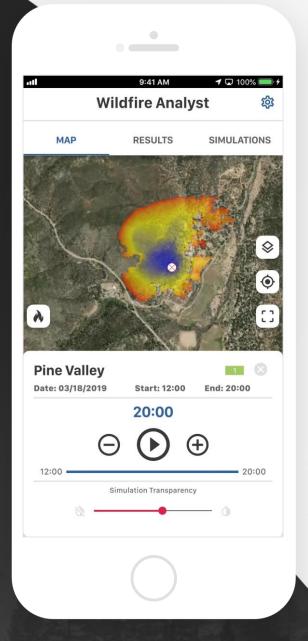


3. Viewing the Simulation

Once the simulation is completed it is automatically downloaded to the phone, and the map zooms to the simulation extent.

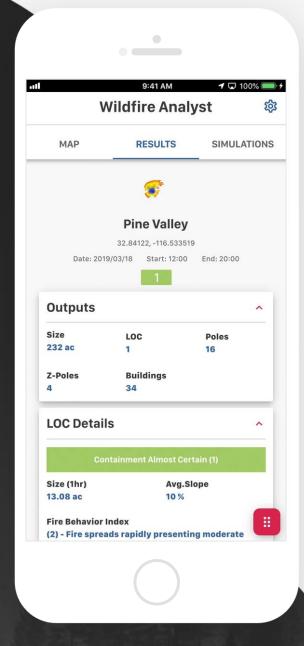
Tools are provided to:

- Animate the simulation
- Manually increment the simulation time steps
- Zoom in/out on the map
- View other Fire Behavior outputs



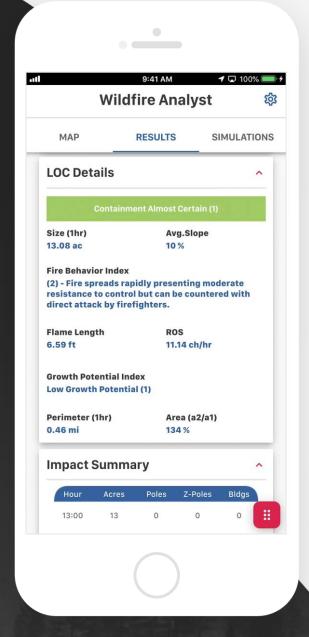
4. Viewing Impacts & Results

The impact analysis results and other information about the simulation are readily available on the Results tab. This information is derived automatically with each simulation.



5. Likelihood of Containment

LOC uses the fire behavior characteristics of the fire to provide an initial assessment of potential for containment. This immediately provides some intelligence to the Fire Professional about concerns for this fire.

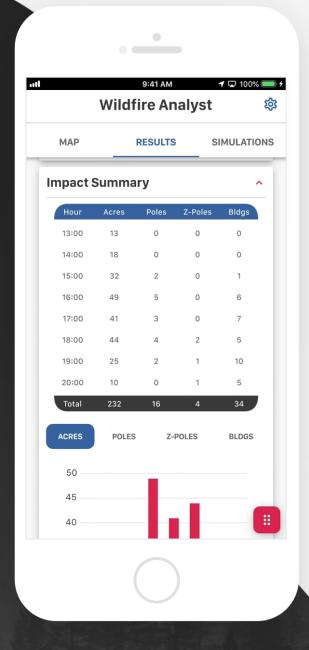


6. Impact Summary

A detailed hourly summary of potential impacts is provided that includes:

- Buildings
- Distribution poles
- Transmission poles
- Acres burned

Other custom values-at-risk can easily be included.



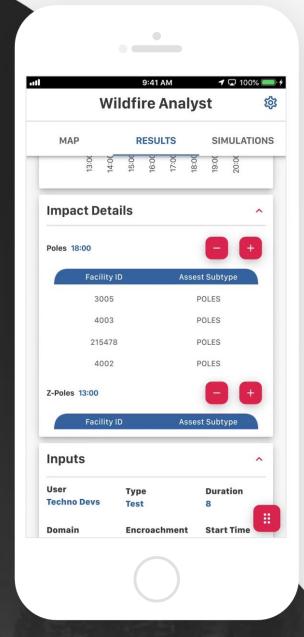
7. Impact Summary Charts

Charts are provided in addition to data tables to aid in quickly determining the consequence of the fire.



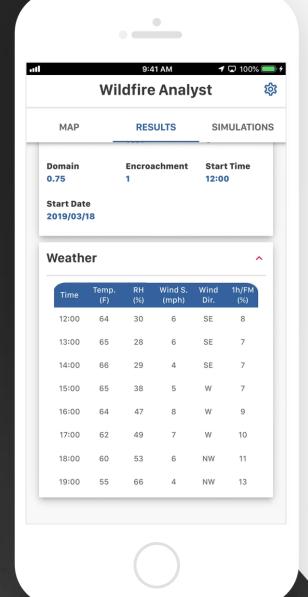
8. Impact Details

A detailed summary, by hour, is available for the electric utility assets, including the asset identifier and material type. The data to view is customizable.



9. Inputs & Weather

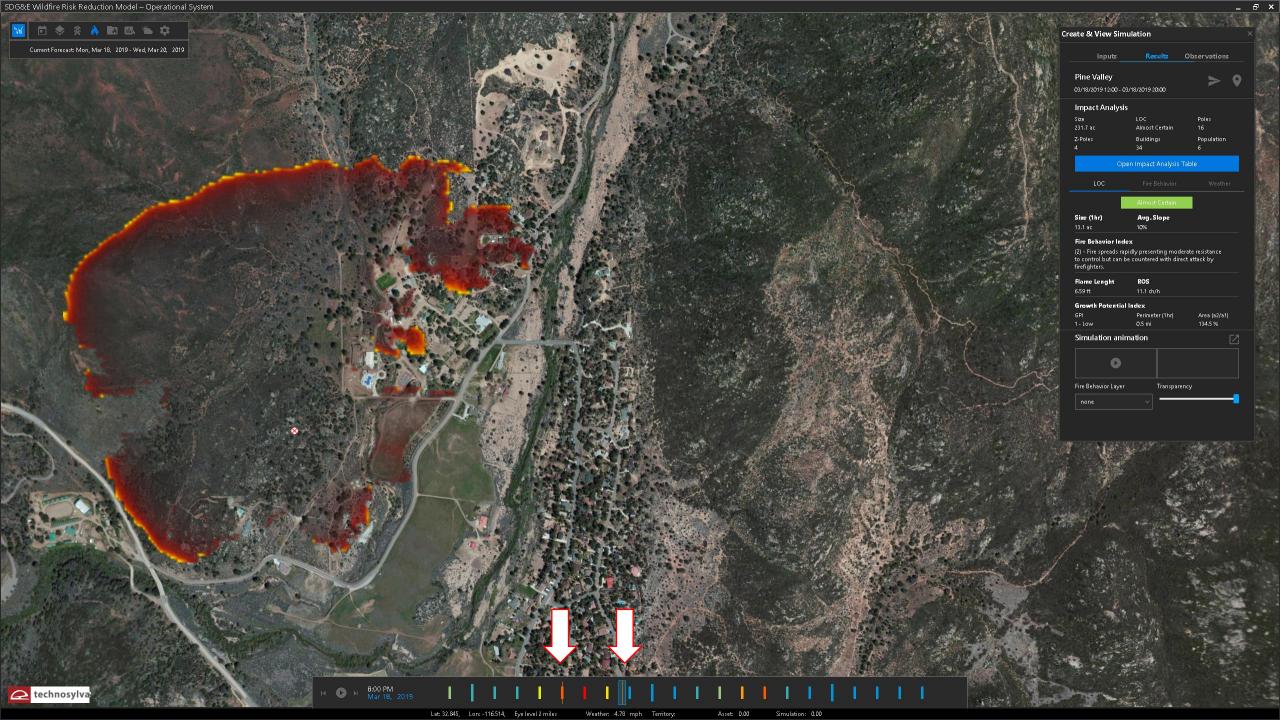
The primary input data is also summarized as reference, including the weather data for the ignition location.



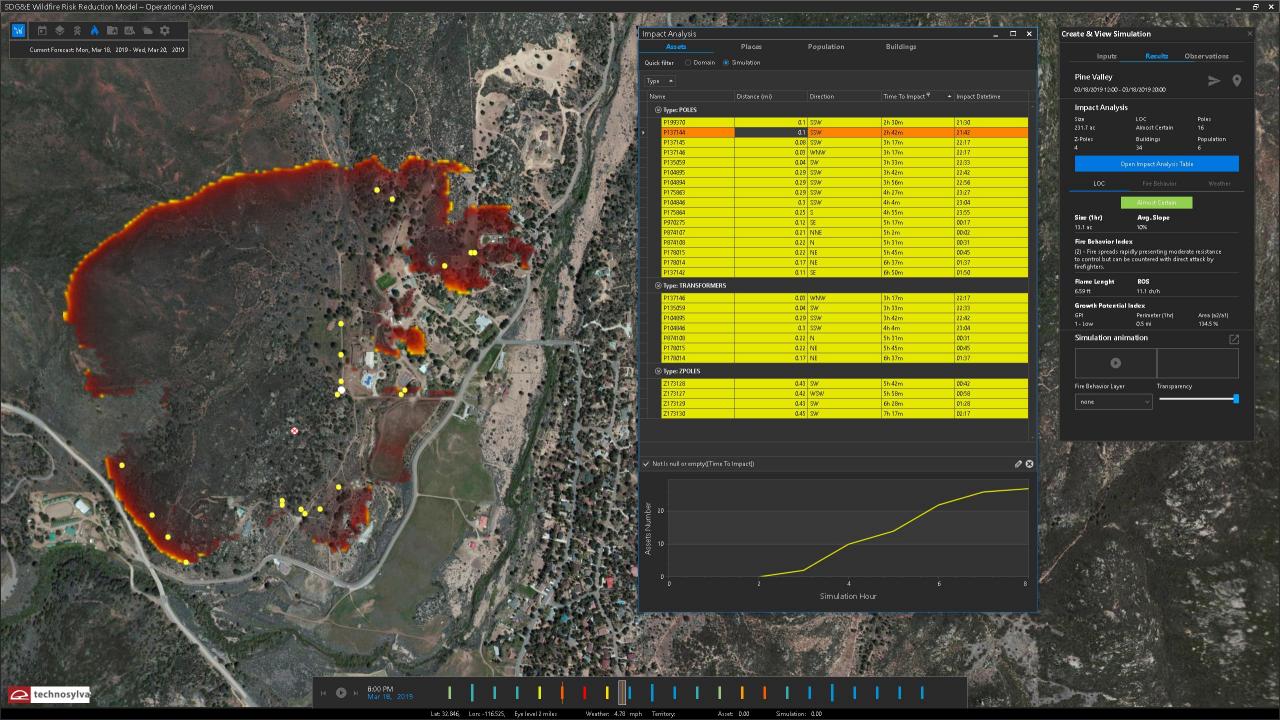
10. Reports & Sharing

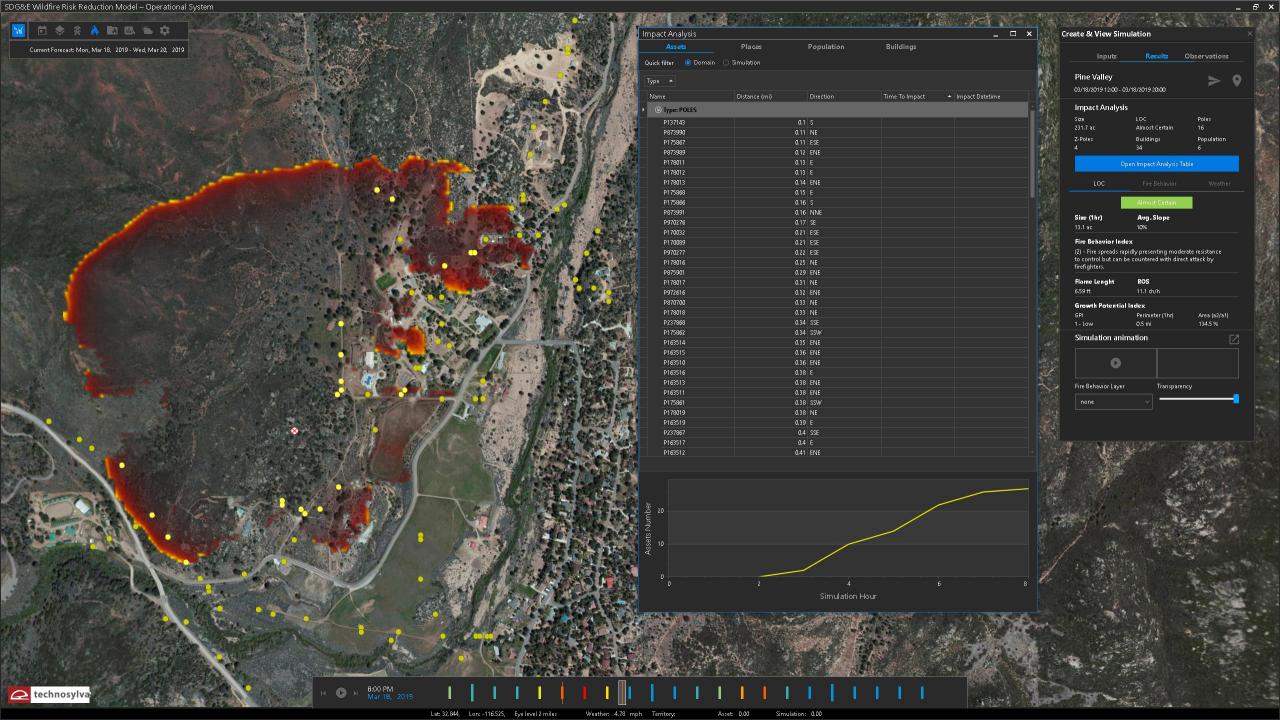
Additional tools are provided to:

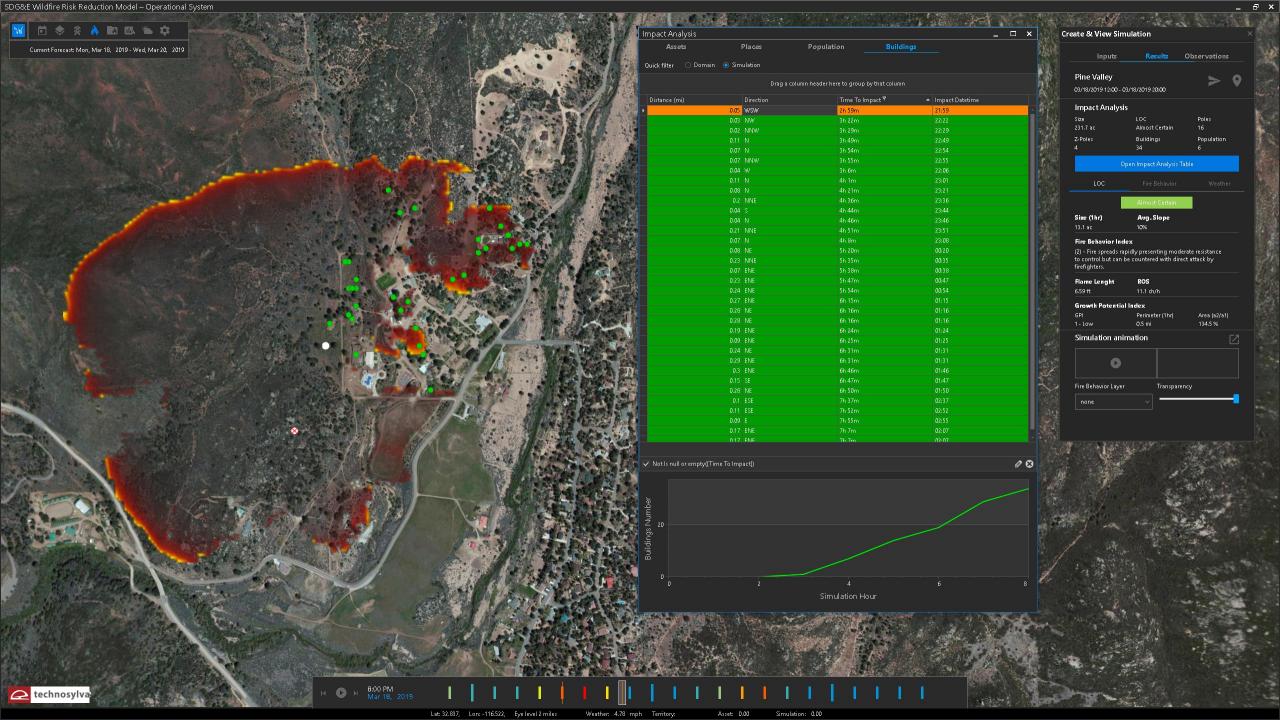
- Publish the simulation for viewing in a separate mobile app by Leadership
- Export the simulation information into a 2-page report to share with others via email, text, etc.
- Re-run the simulation using different input criteria, such as duration, or start time. This is a quick way to retain the simulation location.
- Export the simulation data to an external incident management or asset management system.

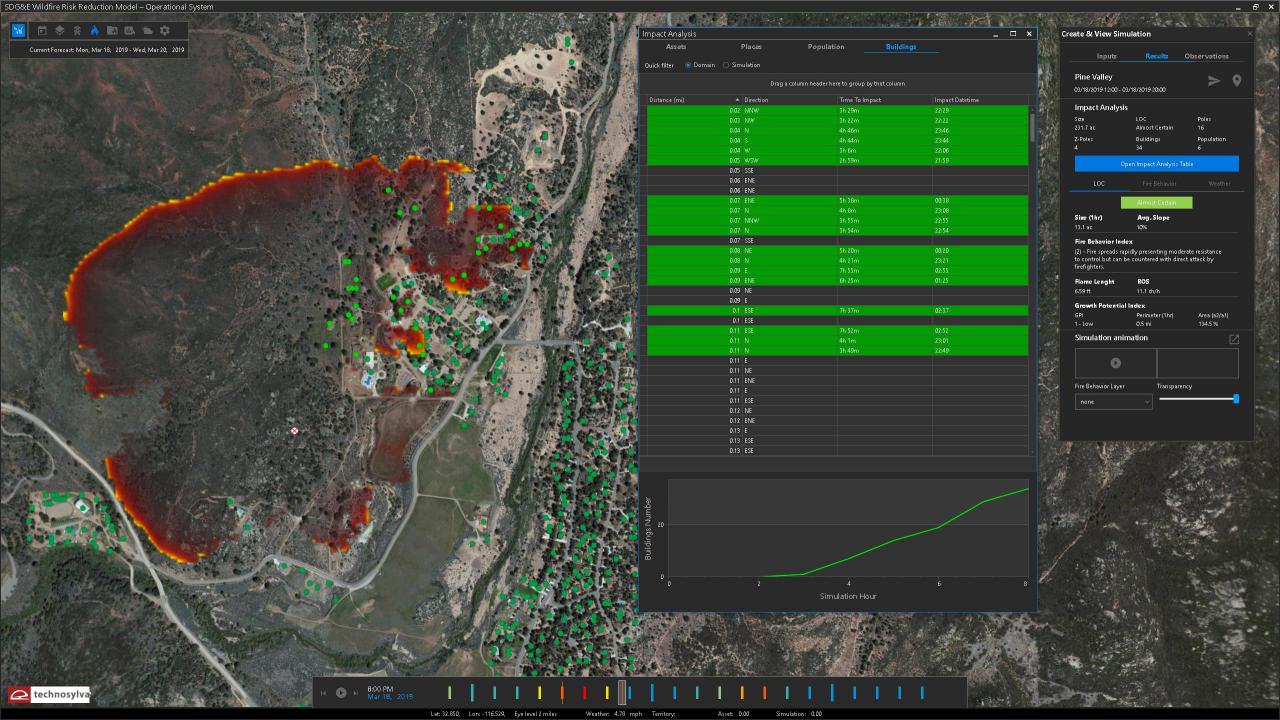


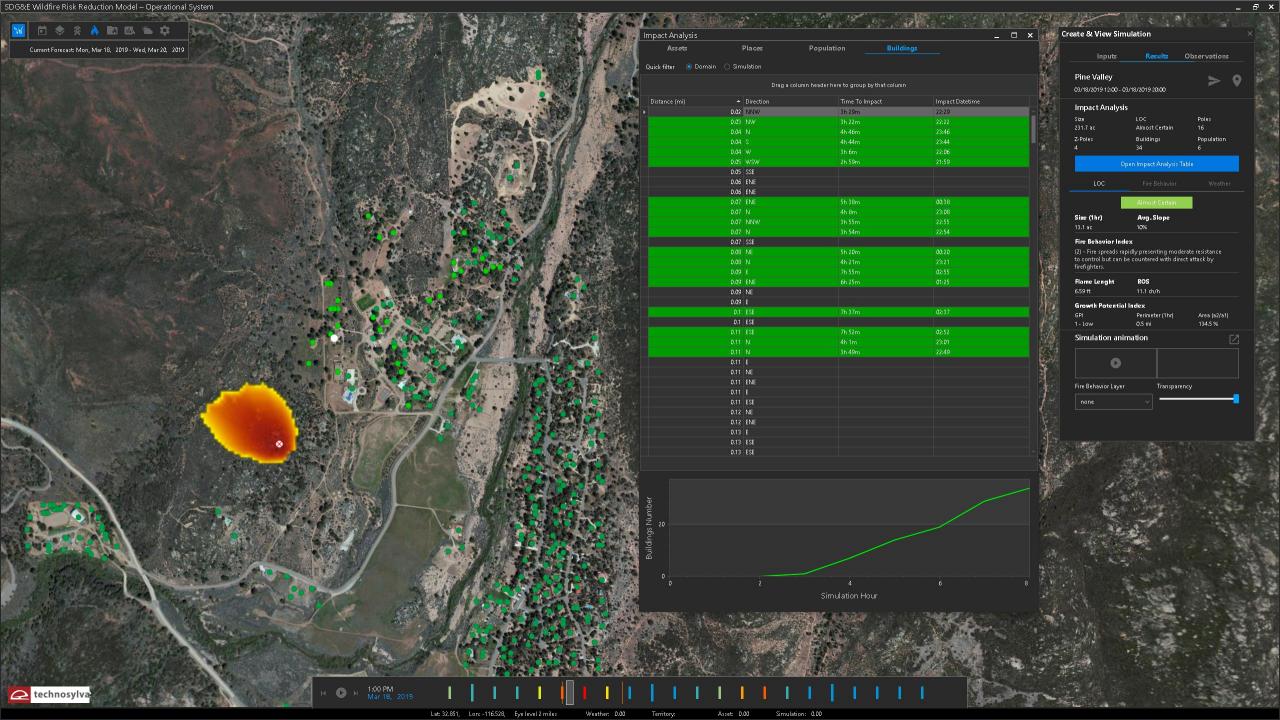


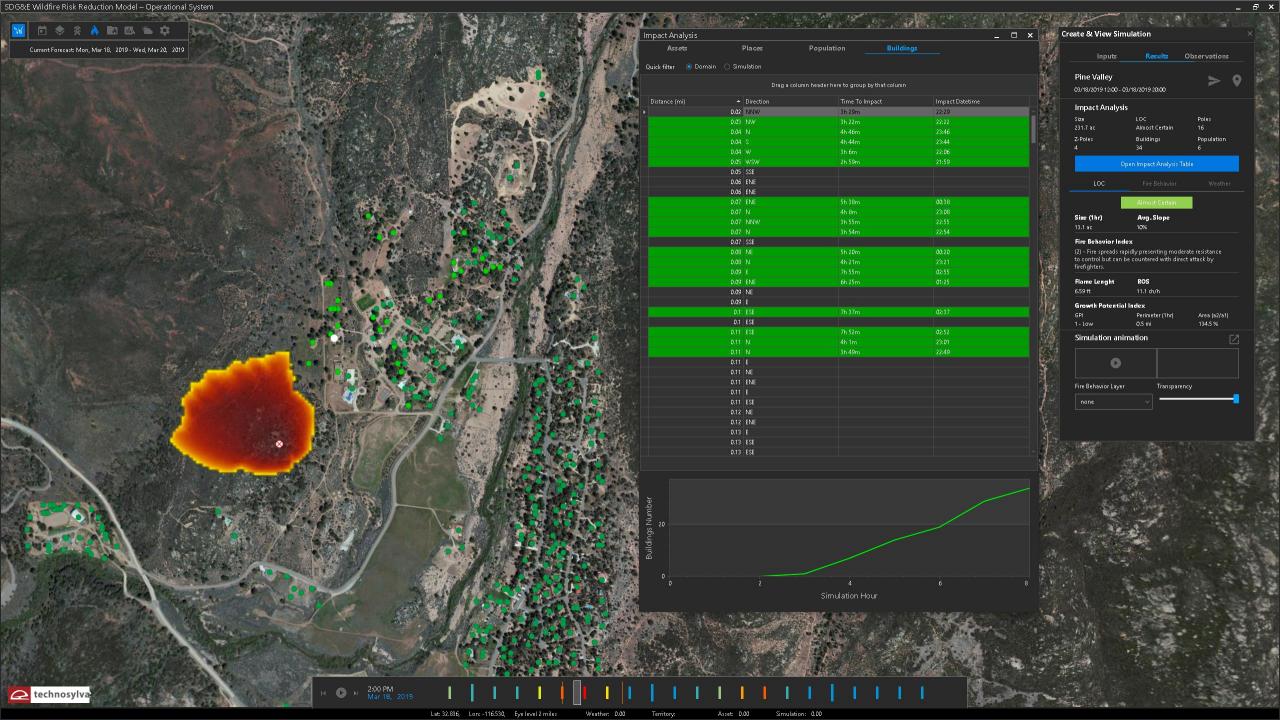


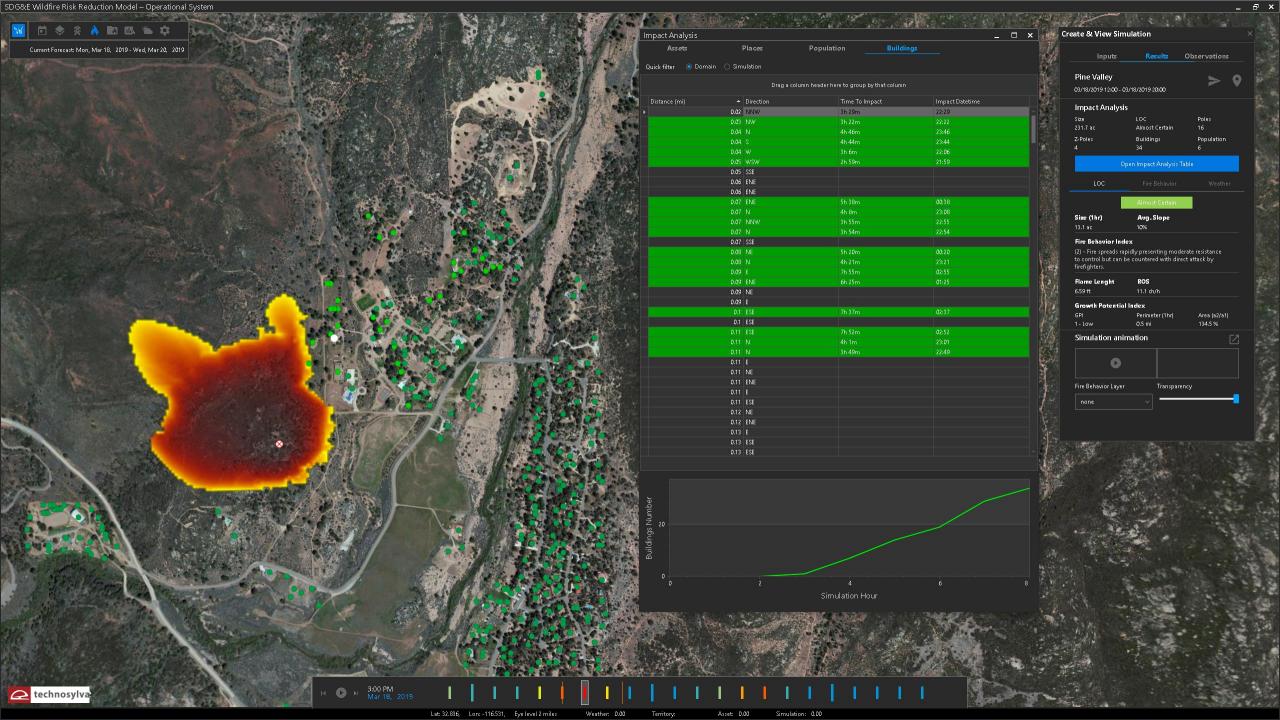


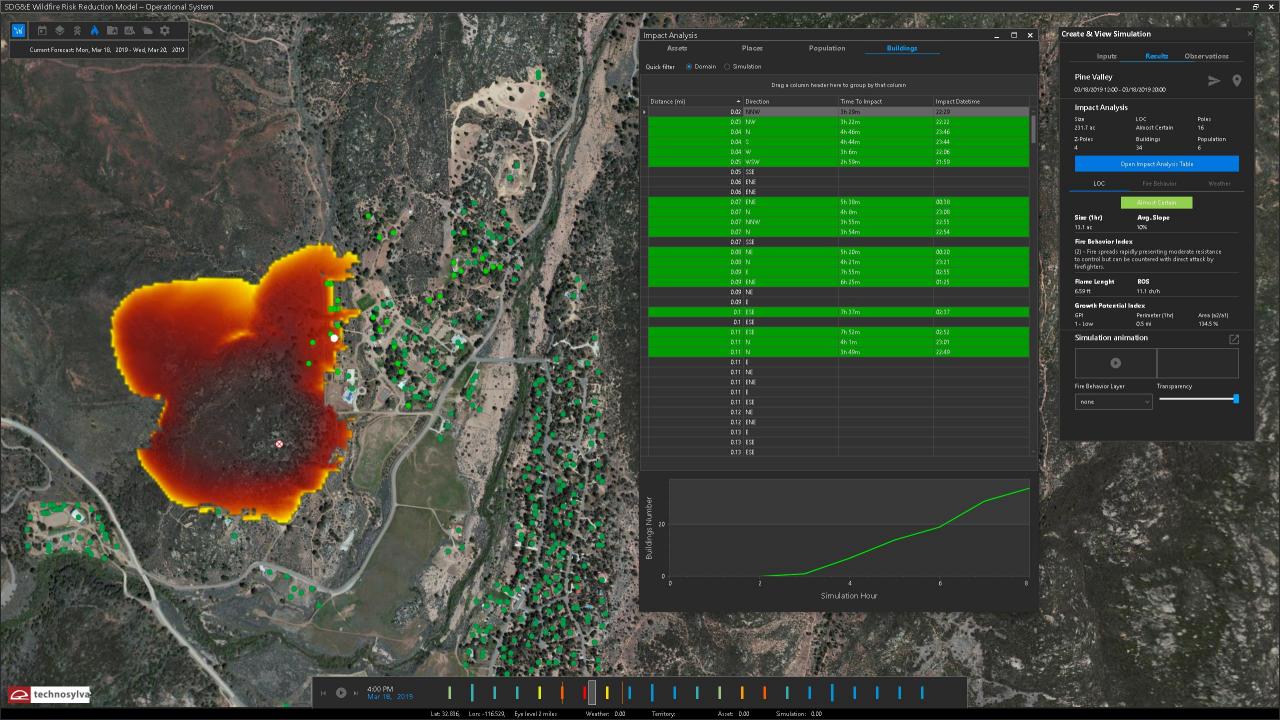


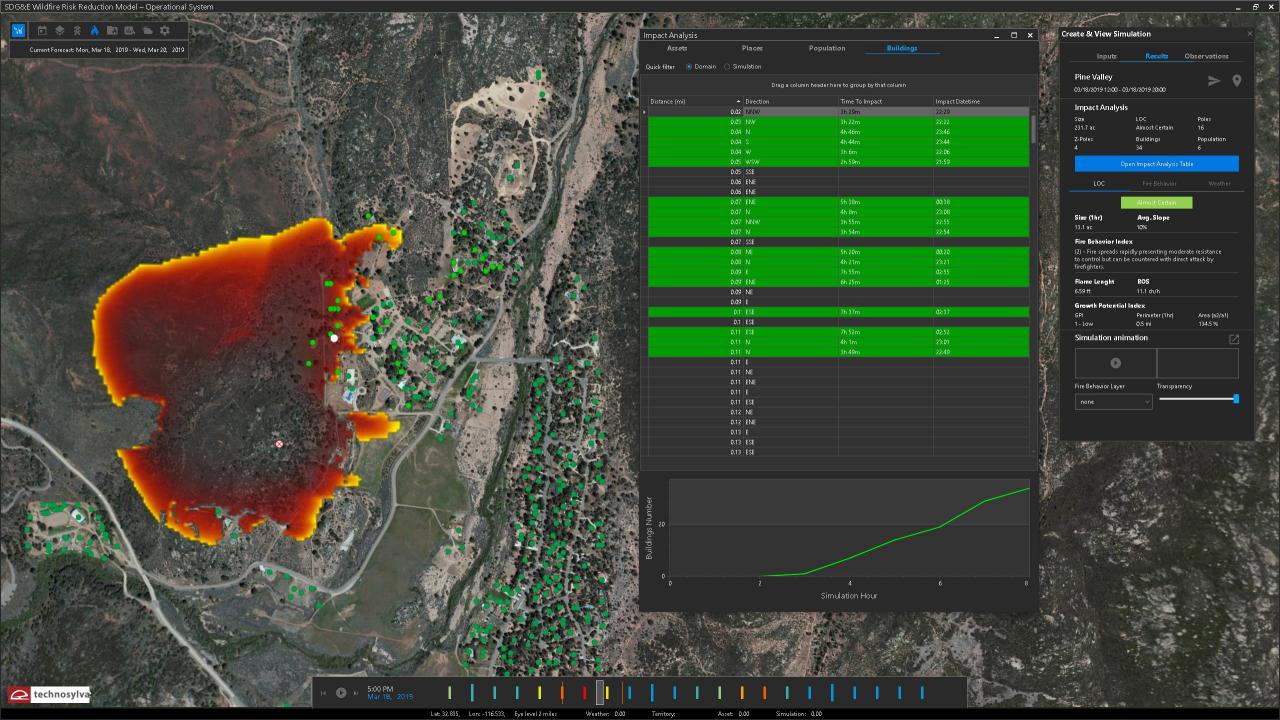


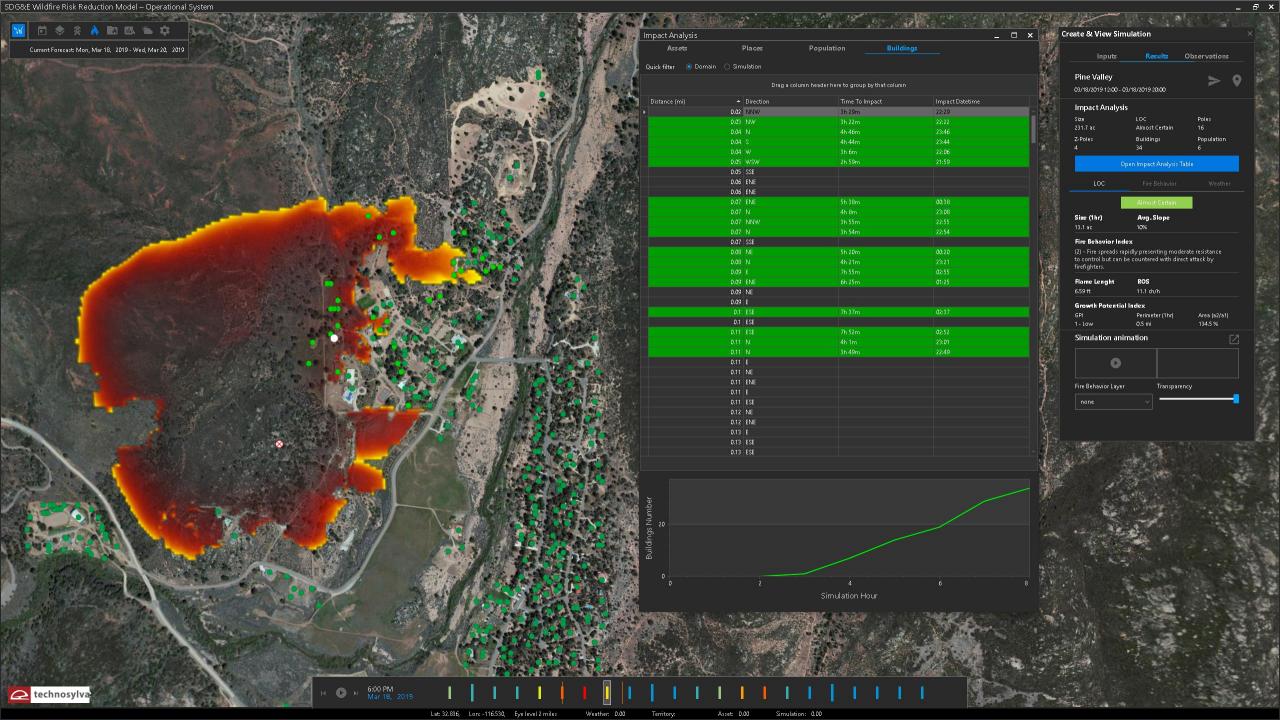


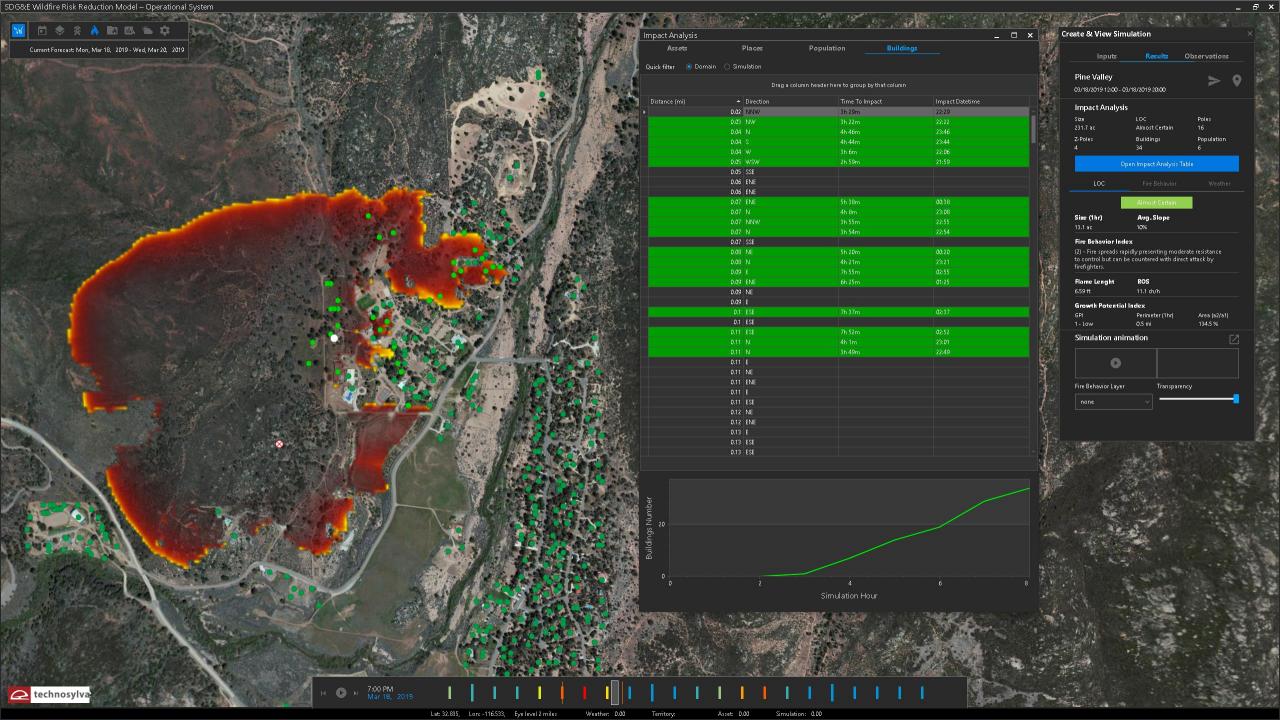












Lessons Learned - Wildfire Risk Forecasting

- The technology exists & it works.
- "Big data" is not an issue.
- Fire spread modeling can satisfy both risk forecasting & on-demand behavior analysis.
- Continued enhancement of fire behavior models is necessary to address knowledge gaps
- 5. Historical calibration & comparison is key
- Technology + SME
- Good data is critical, especially landscape fuels, LFM and weather data





Wildfire Risk Reduction For Asset Hardening

WRRM

Wildfire Risk
Forecasting & Monitoring

FireCast

Wildfire Simulation For Real-Time Analysis

FireSim



Wildfire Agencies Solutions



Wildfire Modeling in the fireline

Wildfire Analyst Mobile

FBAN level Operational Wildfire modeling

Wildfire Analyst Desktop

Wildfire Calculations in the field

Wildfire Analyst Pocket



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