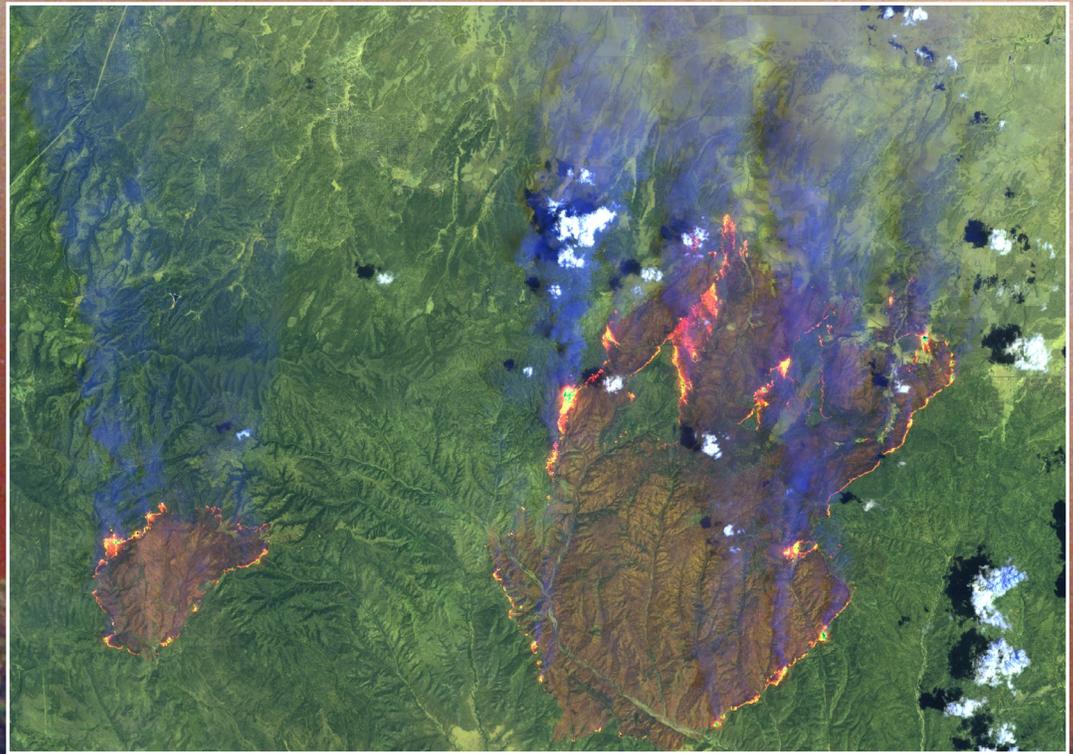


When Can A Picture Save A Thousand Homes?

“Each morning we would check the situation reports on fires. Landsat data, as part of a large information system, have proven valuable in monitoring daily changes in fire conditions.”

— T.M. Murphy,
Bureau of Land
Management



Landsat imagery of Rodeo/Chediski forest in Arizona, June 21, 2002.



In 2002 there were 88,458 wildfires in the U.S.



In 2002 almost 7 million acres burned.



In 2002, 815 structures burned.



In 2002 fire suppression cost \$1.6 billion.

As the wildland-urban interface expands, more people than ever are at risk from wildland fire. Landsat is a crucial tool in the Government's fight to protect lives, property, and natural resources from this growing threat.