



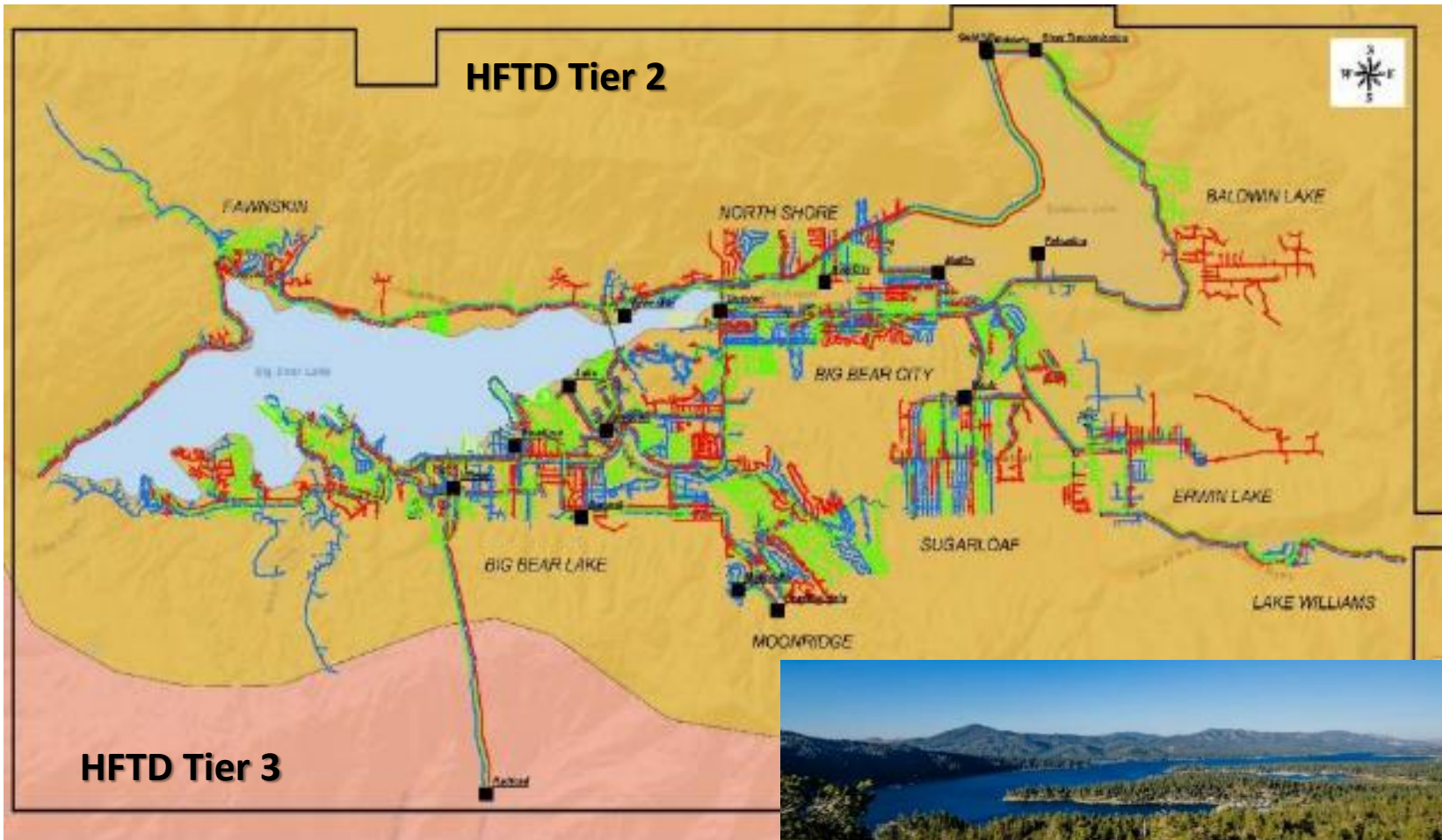
**Bear Valley**  
Electric Service, Inc.  
A Subsidiary of American States Water Company

# Wildfire Risk Modeling Workshop

**October 5, 2021**

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# Service Territory Overview



**Location:** 32 square miles of rural and mountainous terrain at approximately 7,000 ft. in San Bernardino Mountains (80 miles East of Los Angeles).

- Heavy tree and vegetation density and mostly dry environment (80.5%).
- Entire Service Territory in the High Fire Threat District (Tiers 2 & 3).
- Entire Service Territory in the Heavy Loading District (>3,000 ft.).

**Key jurisdictions:** County of San Bernardino, City of Big Bear Lake, US Forest Service.

**Customers:** 24,604 total [23,091 residential and 1,513 commercial].



# Summary of Risk Models

- Risk Safety Model Approach for Small and Multi-jurisdictional Utilities (SMJUs).
- Fire Safety Matrix
- Advanced Ignition Probability and Risk Modeling

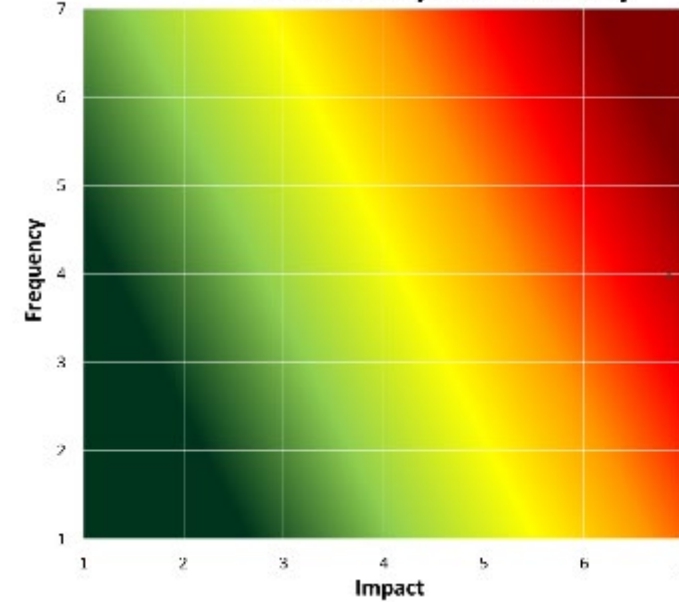




# ***Risk Safety Model Approach for Small and Multi-jurisdictional Utilities (SMJUs)***

# Risk Model for SMJUs

Bear Valley Risk Severity



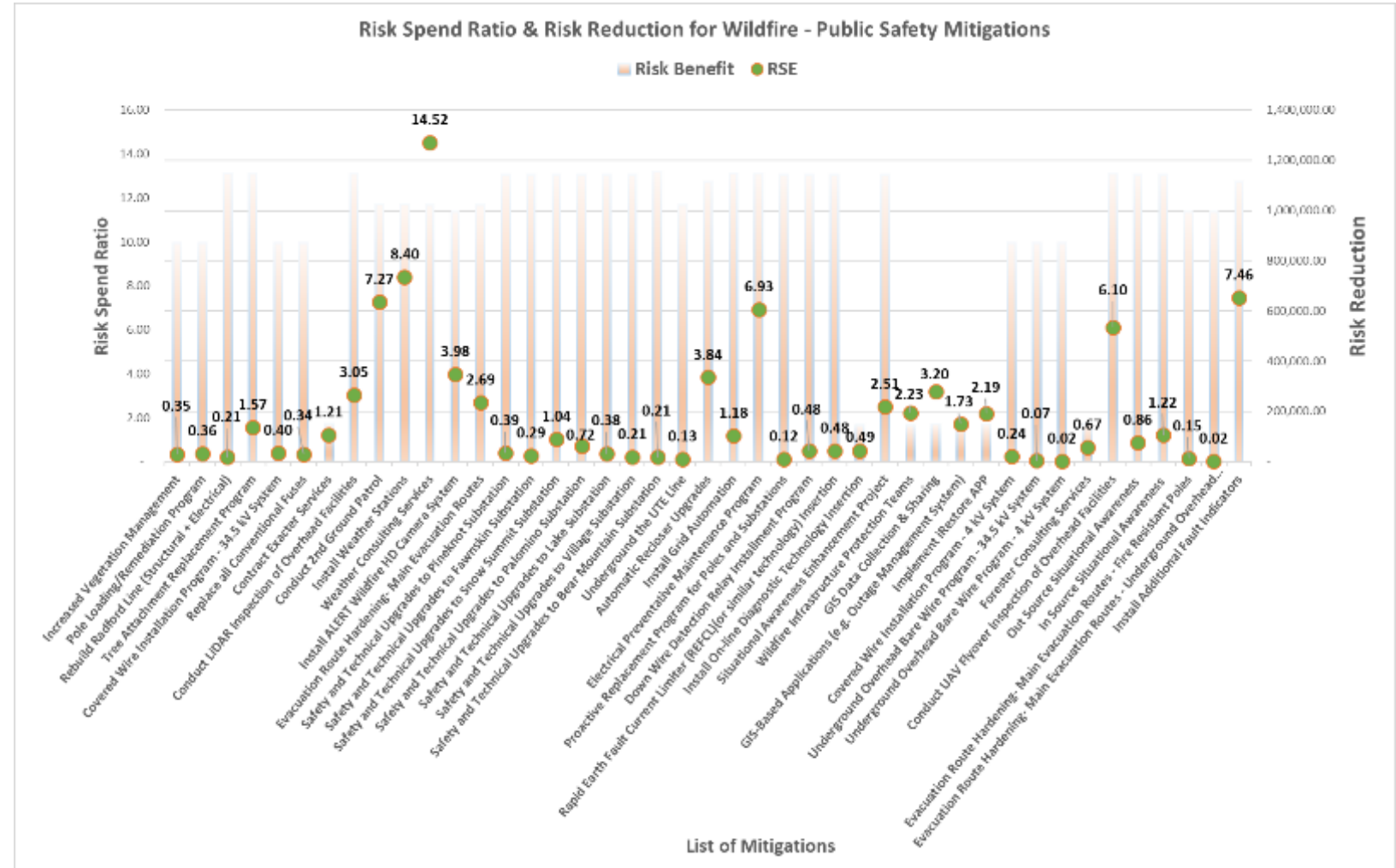
- Decision 19-04-020 of April 25, 2019, Phase Two Decision Adopting Risk Spending Accountability Report Requirements and Safety Performance Metrics for Investor-owned Utilities and Adopting a Safety Model Approach for Small and Multi-jurisdictional Utilities provides requirements for SMJU risk modeling.
- 7x7 Logarithmic Risk Matrix
  - (Frequency vs. Impacts)
- Impact weights:
  - Public and Employee Safety
  - Reliability
  - Environmental
  - Quality of Service
  - Compliance
- Analyzed 54 mitigations
  - Cost of Project/Program
  - Period of Project/Program

**Risk Score = Frequency \* SUM<sub>i=1 to 5</sub> ( CategoryWeight<sub>i</sub> x 10<sup>Impact<sub>i</sub></sup> )**

Frequency	Frequency Years (Events/Year) [Min rate]	Frequency Years (Events/Year) [Max rate]	Frequency Value			Category Weight							
						Negligible(1)	Minor(2)	Moderate(3)	Major(4)	Extensive(5)	Severe(6)	Catastrophic(7)	
> 10 times per year	10	100	31.6228	7	0	316.23	3,162.28	31,622.78	316,227.77	3,162,277.66	31,622,776.60	316,227,766.02	7
1 - 10 times per year	1	10	3.1623	6	0	31.62	316.23	3,162.28	31,622.78	316,227.77	3,162,277.66	31,622,776.60	6
Once every 1 - 3 years	0.3300	1.0000	0.5745	5	0	5.74	57.45	574.46	5,744.56	57,445.63	574,456.26	5,744,562.65	5
Once every 3 - 10 years	0.1000	0.3333	0.1826	4	0	1.83	18.26	182.57	1,825.74	18,257.42	182,574.19	1,825,741.86	4
Once every 10 - 30 years	0.0333	0.1000	0.0577	3	0	0.58	5.77	57.74	577.35	5,773.50	57,735.03	577,350.27	3
Once every 30 - 100 years	0.0100	0.0333	0.0183	2	0	0.18	1.83	18.26	182.57	1,825.74	18,257.42	182,574.19	2
Once every 100+ Years	0.0033	0.0100	0.0058	1	0	0.06	0.58	5.77	57.74	577.35	5,773.50	57,735.03	1
				0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
					0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

# Risk Spend Ratio

- Model output:
  - Risk reduction
  - Risk spend ration





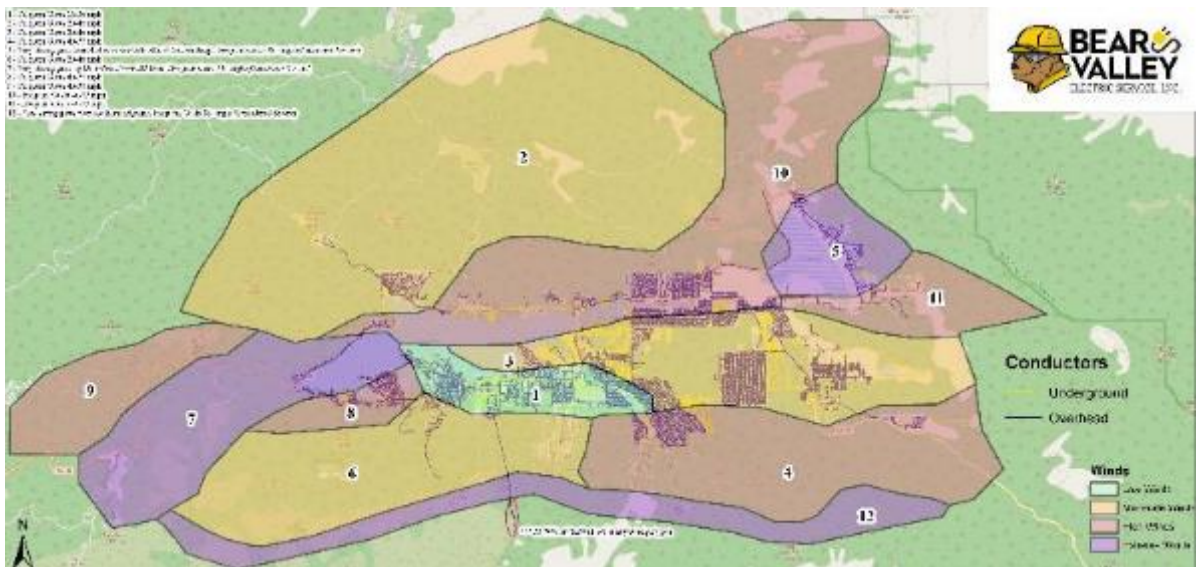
# ***Fire Safety Matrix***





# Fire Safety Matrix Inputs

- Utilizes an algorithm with over 20 data inputs to assess risk of circuits based on risk factors and status of mitigation measures.
  - Localized vegetation density along circuit quantified from LiDAR surveys.
  - Localized weather based on historical data used to develop wind intensity factors for each circuit.





## ***Advanced Ignition Probability and Risk Modeling***

# Advanced Ignition Probability and Risk Modeling

- Expert consultant developing risk models tailored to BVES electrical system to provide the following:
  - Ignition probability mapping showing the probability of ignition along overhead electric lines and equipment.
  - Match drop simulations showing the potential wildfire consequence of ignitions that occur along electric lines and equipment under current (2021) conditions and under future (2050) conditions.
  - Summarized risk maps showing overall ignition probability and estimated wildfire consequence/risk under current and future conditions.
  - Initiative mapping and estimation of wildfire and PSPS risk-reduction impact.
  - GIS data and supporting documentation will be provided. Weather, fuels, and fire model output data are generated in raster (i.e., GeoTiff) format and will be provided to BVES.
- Project is expected to be completed by December 2021 (ahead of schedule).

# Risk Modeling Methodology

2021 Q3 Update

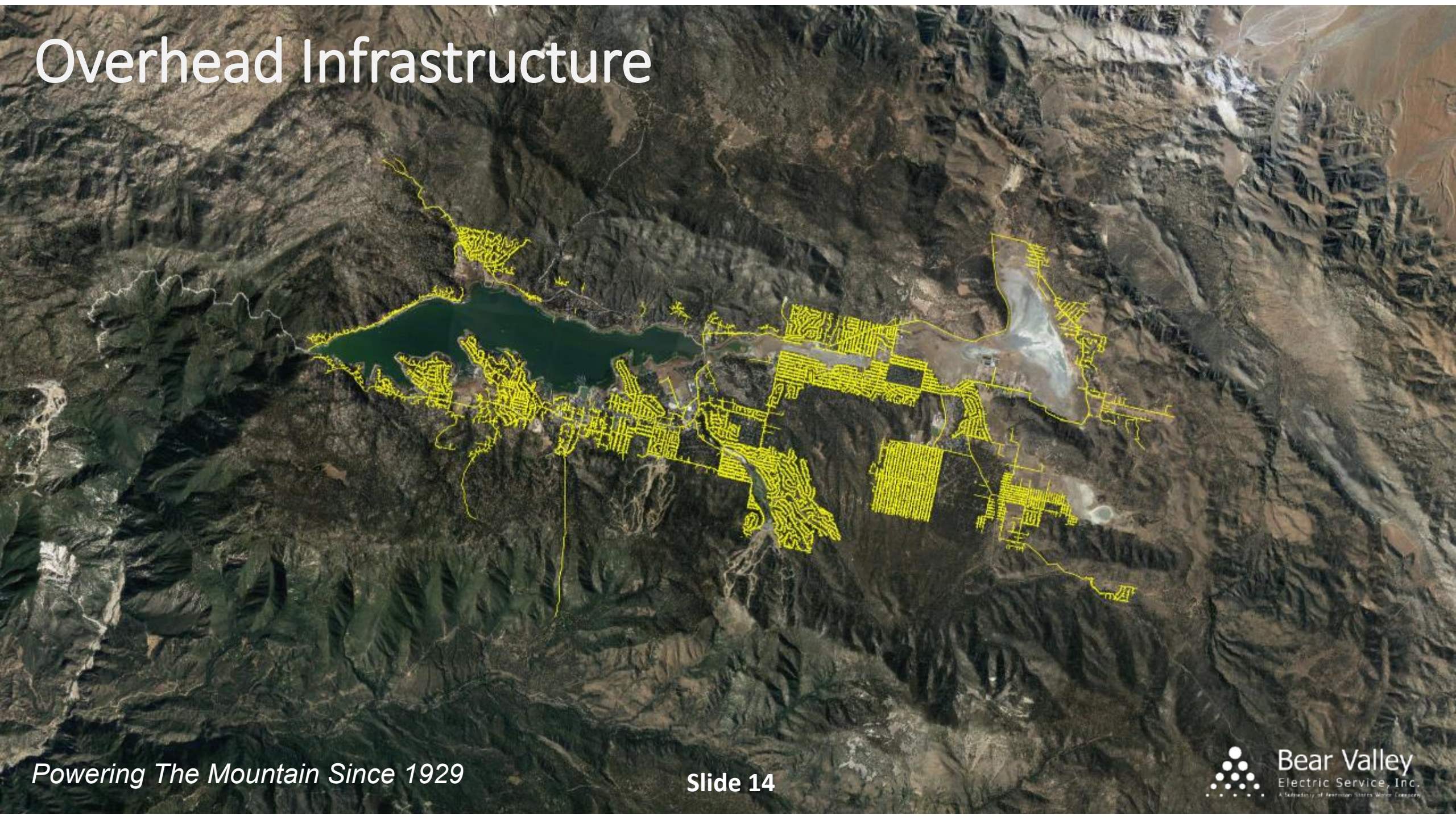
- Ignition rate (ignitions / line mi / hr..) quantified using publicly-available ignition and overhead facilities data on file with CPUC
  - Weather conditions at ignition location & time of ignition determined from RTMA and normalized by historical values that the entire overhead network “sees”
  - Ignition rate is an exponential function of wind gust speed, fine dead fuel moisture content, and fuel temperature
- 10-year climatologies (2021 and 2050) use to drive ignition & spread simulations
- 1,000,000 years of fires are simulated for current and climate-adjusted conditions. Simulation duration varied from 24 hours to 1 week.

# Risk Modeling Inputs

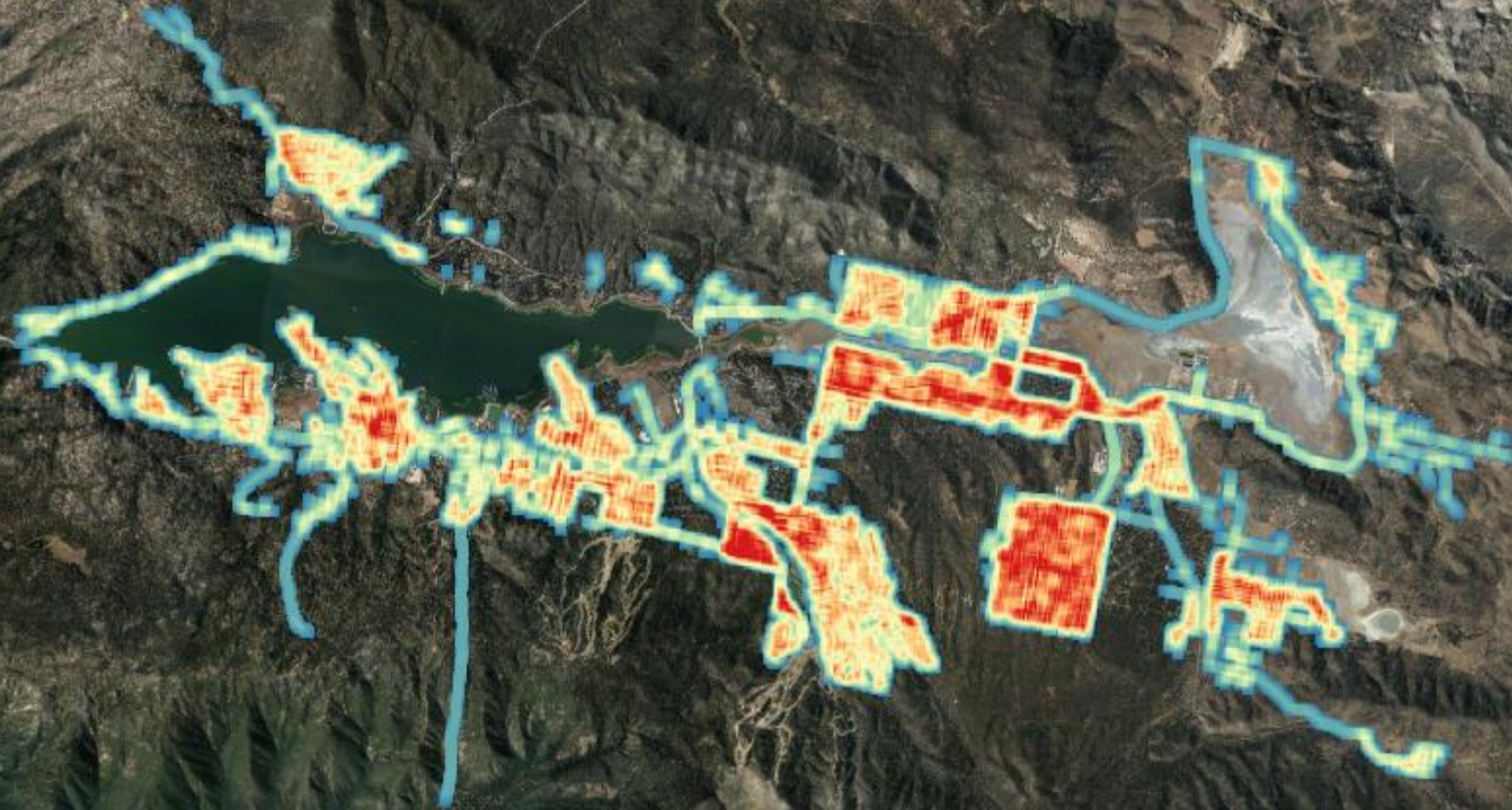
2021 Q3 Update

- Fuel: 2021 CA fuel scape (Pyrologix / USFS R5) – 30 m resolution
- Structures: Microsoft US building footprints, 2021 refresh
- Weather / climate
  - Current (2021) conditions: Real Time Mesoscale Analysis (RTMA) ; hourly, 2.5 km resolution, years 2011 – current
  - Climate adjusted (mid-century) conditions: Dynamically downscaled WRF initialized with global climate models from 6<sup>th</sup> Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP6) ; hourly, 3.0 km resolution, years 2046 – 2055

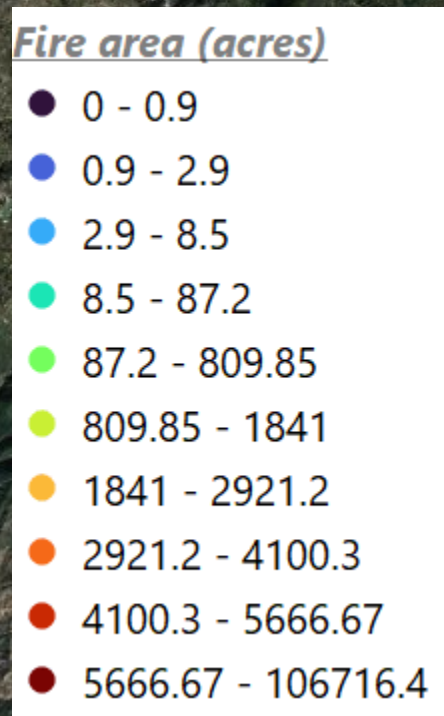
# Overhead Infrastructure



# Overhead Infrastructure Density

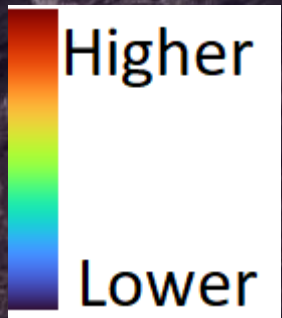
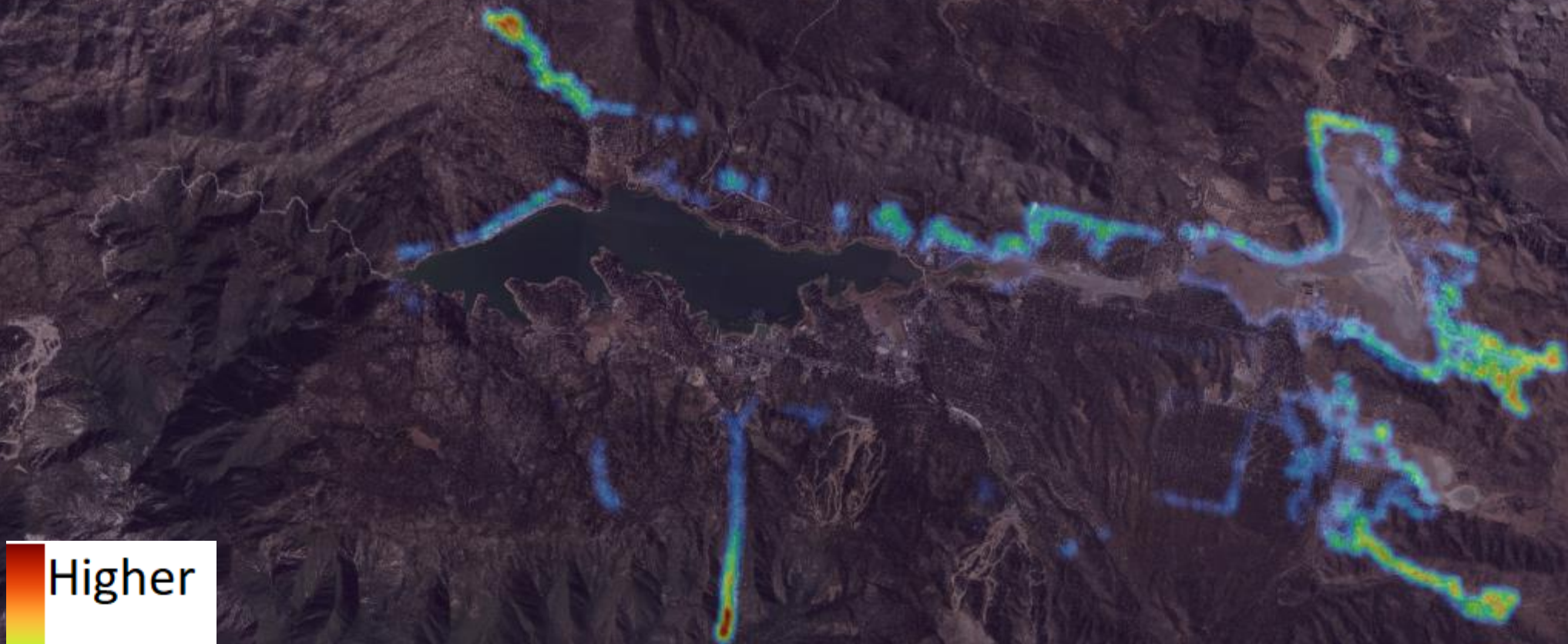


# Modeled Fire Area (48-hr, Unsuppressed)

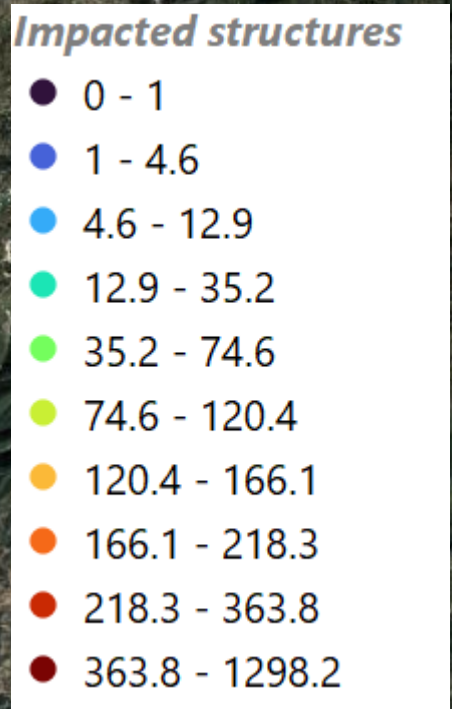




# Risk from Powerline Ignitions (based on fire area)



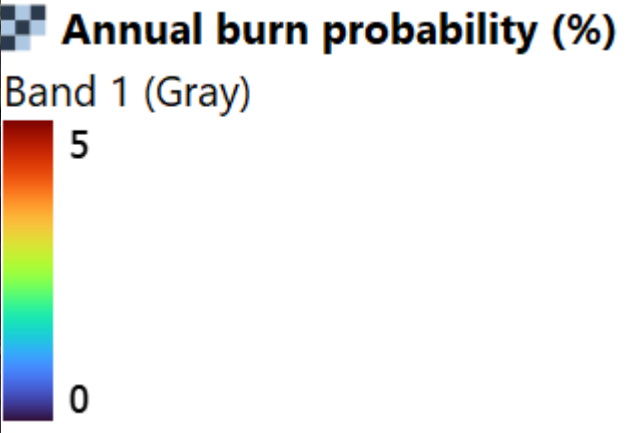
# Modeled Structure Impacts (48 hr., unsuppressed)



# Risk from Powerline Ignitions (structures)



# Annualized Burn Probability from Powerline Ignitions





# Questions?

## Our Values

In pursuing our mission, the board of directors, management and the company's employees are guided by the shared Values presented below:

- Integrity** - Building trust through honest communications and doing what is right
- Teamwork** - Maximizing efficiency through collaboration and individual strengths
- Respect** - Valuing diversity and treating all stakeholders with fairness
- Excellence in Service** - Striving for excellence and quality in everything we do
- Accountability** - Taking ownership of one's actions