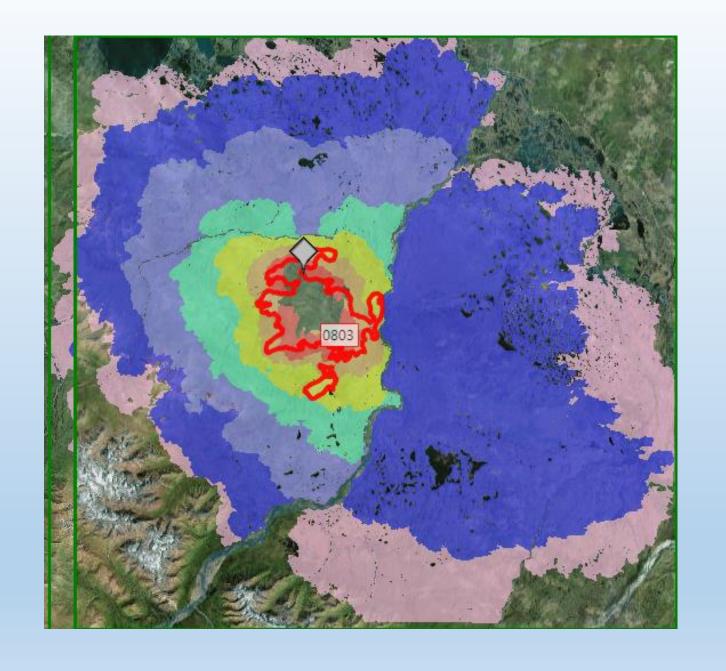
# FSPro: Accuracy and Consistency

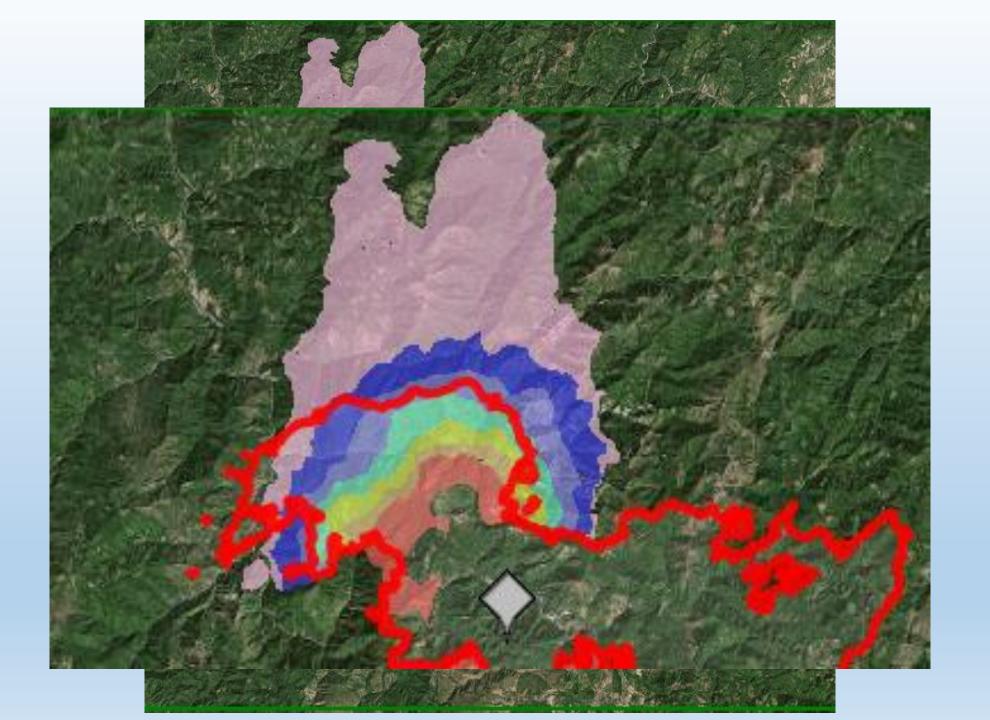
#### How do you know if your FSPro is accurate?

- Is there a metric to gauge accuracy of FSPro analysis?
- Calibration to short term spread.
- Verifying inputs, choosing weather stations wisely, and field verification.
- FSPro outputs are not perimeters.
- How do you know if your analysis is accurate?

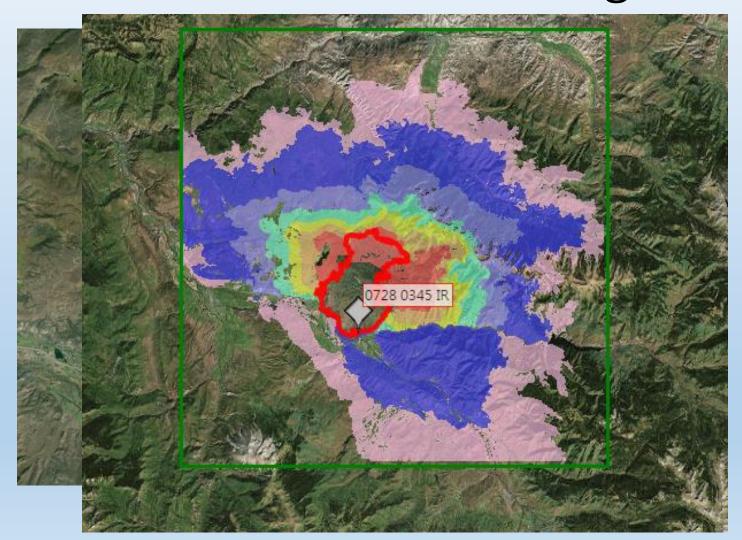


#### Things that add confidence to my analysis:

- Not my first run.
- Calibrated to fire spread. Accurate fire perimeters or updated MODIS or VIIRS.
- Confidence in RAWS and forecast.
- Good feel for live fuels moisture and ERC bins.
- In person briefing vs. just notes in WFDSS.
- Still begs the question, how to you know your analysis is accurate?



## Would more consistency between analysts make results more useful to managers?



#### There usually isn't consistency in labeling.

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#### Analyst Bias

- We all have it. Our experiences, training and beliefs that effect how we view analysis.
- Should we be modeling:
  - Average growth for current conditions?
  - Higher than average growth?
  - Potential, worst case scenario?
- In theory shouldn't calibration smooth out of analyst bias?

#### Consistency in labeling results

There is the obvious status accept/reject/review for analysis.

 Should you amend the title of accepted or analysis left in review status that used incorrect assumptions? "Do Not Use".

 Separate technical notes for other analysts from the analysis results notes that are emailed to incident owners?

### From the Packer Cabin FLA Lessons Learned:

 We put a lot of faith in models, but the models were out-paced on the days when the fire was really growing. The models are calibrated based on past experience, which may not be the best predictor in today's conditions.

Don't trust the models.

 We're so model-dependent we may lose local knowledge and common sense.