

Wildfires Across the West NASA RECOVER 2.0



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What is RECOVER 2.0?

- A Cloud-based platform for Post-wildfire management and long-term monitoring
- RECOVER 2.0 is a Customer-driven, Customercentric* Decision Support System (DSS)



* Our "customers" are agency/organizational wildfire and land managers at the USDA Forest Service, DOI BLM, NPS, NWS, as well as state agencies, and county emergency managers





Data Architecture

- Base Layers with wall-to-wall coverage across the Western USA (n = 37)
- Uses authoritative data
- Automated processing with our Large Fire Trigger
 - Fires in the western US
 - Burning 1,000 acres or more
- Provides RECOVER Data Packages







Using RECOVER

https://giscenter.isu.edu/research/Techpg/nasa_RECOVER2/index.htm Web Page



Experience Builder



Dashboard





The Year in Review

 RECOVER provided assistance on 354 wildfires (from February 24th to November 4th, 2024)







By the Numbers

- Mean (average) fire size: 15,981 acres
- Median fire size: 4,331 acres
- Number of megafires: 11
 The California Park fire burned nearly a half million acres

ROAR



By State

STATE	NUMBER OF FIRES	TOTAL ACRES BURNED	
US-AZ	41	227,082	
US-CA	41	903,900	
US-CO	14	43,703	
US-ID	64	991,415	
US-MT	19	119,169	
US-NM	9	73,040	
US-NV	11	83,496	
US-OR	88	2,026,107	
US-UT	12	87,866	
US-WA	22	291,479	
US-WY	32	801,923	



^{*} some fires may have burned across a state line



Idaho Wildfires

- Mean (average) fire size: 15,490 acres
- Median fire size: 4,681
- Number of megafires: 2 (Paddock and Wapiti)





Comparing with 2023

- Total fires RECOVER assisted with: 181
- Mean (average) fire size: 10,216 acres
- Median fire size: 2,737 acres
- Number of megafires: four (4)
- Idaho wildfires RECOVER assisted with: 12





Side by Side

	2023	2024
Number of fires RECOVER assisted with	181	354
Mean (average) fire size: (acres)	10,216	15,981
Median fire size (acres)	2,737	4,331
Number of megafires	4	11
Idaho wildfires RECOVER assisted with	12	64











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