

# A Tale of Two Fires

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# Apache County forest program cited as cure for ‘disease’ of growing wildfires



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Friday, July 20, 2012

By Samantha Bare

Cronkite News

See related story:

**Feds, Apache County launch first-ever partnership to thin forests, tame wildfires** (<http://cronkitenewsonline.com/2012/06/forest-service-apache-county-launch-first-ever-partnership-to-thin-forests-tame-fires/>)

WASHINGTON – Apache County’s forest-stewardship agreement with the U.S. Forest Service was held up at a congressional hearing Friday as a model for other governments trying to tame the growing problem of wildfires.

Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Flagstaff, said programs like Apache County’s contract to help thin the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest should be part of a national strategy of forest management – not merely fire suppression – to combat catastrophic wildfires.

“Our forests have been mismanaged for a long time and it is way past due to change our strategy,” Gosar told the House [Natural Resources Committee](http://naturalresources.house.gov/Calendar/EventSingle.aspx?EventID=302930) (<http://naturalresources.house.gov/Calendar/EventSingle.aspx?EventID=302930>). “Although the need to suppress fires is never going to go away, we must shift priority towards proactive management.”

He was testifying in support of [his bill](http://thomas.loc.gov/home/gpoxmlc112/h5744_ih.xml) ([http://thomas.loc.gov/home/gpoxmlc112/h5744\\_ih.xml](http://thomas.loc.gov/home/gpoxmlc112/h5744_ih.xml)) that would encourage federal officials to enter into timber-harvesting and grazing projects to reduce the amount of potential wildfire fuel on federal lands.

“When you have a drought, all the trees compete for that same drop of water,” said David Cook, a member of the Arizona [Cattlemen’s Association](http://www.azcattlemensassoc.org/) (<http://www.azcattlemensassoc.org/>), who testified Friday. “That’s why the forest needs to be thinned.”

Gosar’s was one of three bills aimed at dealing with forest mismanagement, drought and insect infestations – specifically the invasive bark beetle – that have contributed to a rise in catastrophic wildfires. Gosar said the five largest wildfires in Arizona history have come in the last 10 years.

He blamed the Forest Service for some of the problem, saying it took until June to award a contract that was supposed to be awarded in December for the Four Forests Restoration Initiative, among other issues.

“I see a lack of trust by the government with the counties and states. I absolutely see that,” Gosar said. “And that’s got to stop.”

His said his bill would streamline the process for creating agreements like the one with Apache County, which began in May.

Apache County Natural Resources Coordinator Doyel Shamley said the program has worked well, and that his county’s contract needs to be replicated throughout the country.

“The catastrophic wildfires are just a symptom of the disease” of forest mismanagement, Shamley said. “We need to get both back into control – the fire and the government.”

Witnesses said another “imminent threat” to the nation’s forests is infestation by invasive beetles. [Mary Wagner](http://naturalresources.house.gov/UploadedFiles/WagnerTestimony07-20-12.pdf) (<http://naturalresources.house.gov/UploadedFiles/WagnerTestimony07-20-12.pdf>), associate chief of the Forest Service, said that 30 million federal acres are infested, stressing trees and making them more susceptible to burning. Beetles have infested 43 million acres total, she said.

The solution to restoring the health of national forests in the face of all those factors must come from a strategic plan, said Hank Kashdan of the National Association of [Forest Service Retirees](http://www.fsx.org/) (<http://www.fsx.org/>).

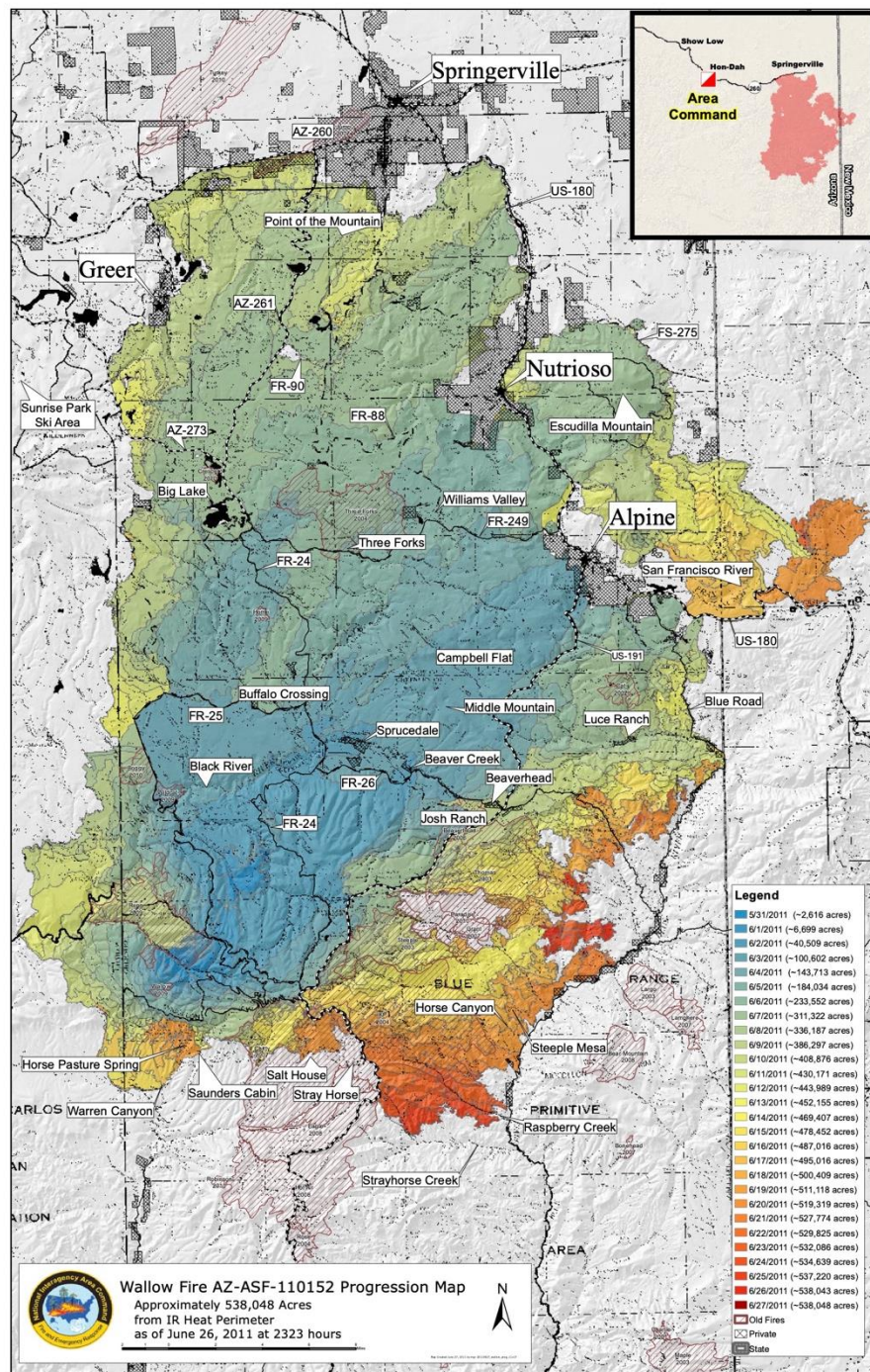
“We all know that increasing budgets is not a fix,” Kashdan said. “From a legislative approach, it has to be a focus on public partnerships to reduce the process and much greater recognition of the crisis.”

Gosar said that’s why his bill streamlines the process of restoring forests.

“Our ecosystem is suffocating,” he said. “We simply need to make ecological restoration simpler.”

But Rep. [Ed Markey](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5960ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5960ih.pdf) (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5960ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5960ih.pdf>), D-Mass., said bills by Gosar and Rep. [Scott Tipton](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5960ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5960ih.pdf) (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5960ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5960ih.pdf>).



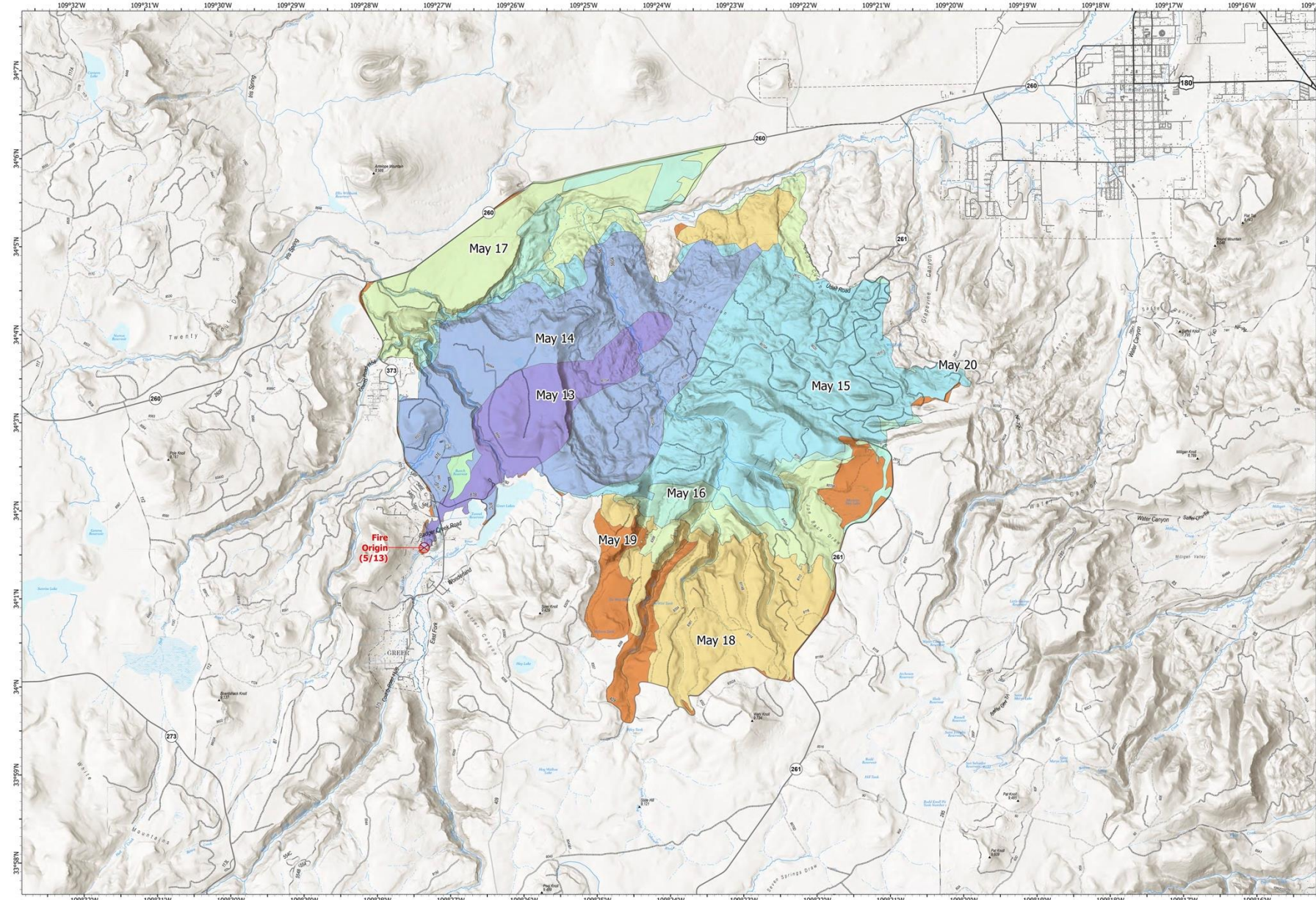




PROGRESSION

5/24/2025 DAY

GREER



**GREER**  
**AZ-ASF-000213**  
**5/24/2025 DAY**  
20,308 acres  
as of 5/22/2025 2105 hr

Date			Total Acres	Daily Acres
20250513	1554 ac	+1554 ac	20250517	15862 ac +3414 ac
20250514	6247 ac	+4693 ac	20250518	18937 ac +3075 ac
20250515	11203 ac	+4956 ac	20250519	20308 ac +1371 ac
20250516	12448 ac	+1245 ac	20250520	20308 ac +0 ac

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## OWNERSHIP

GREER  
AZ-ASF-000213  
5/22/2025 DAY

20,308 acres as of  
5/20/2025 2049 hr

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-  State
-  Private / Undetermined
-  US Forest Service (USFS)

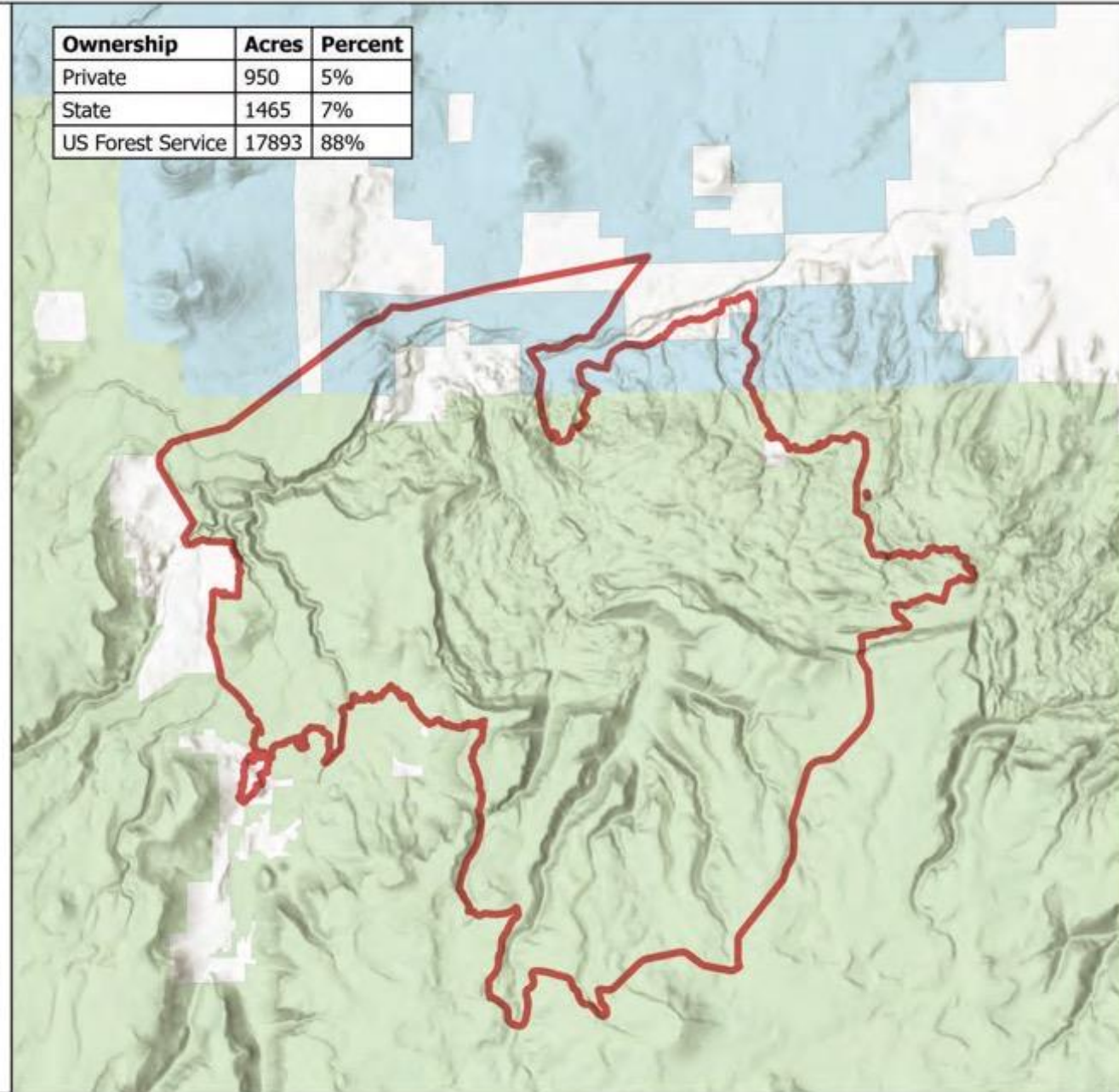


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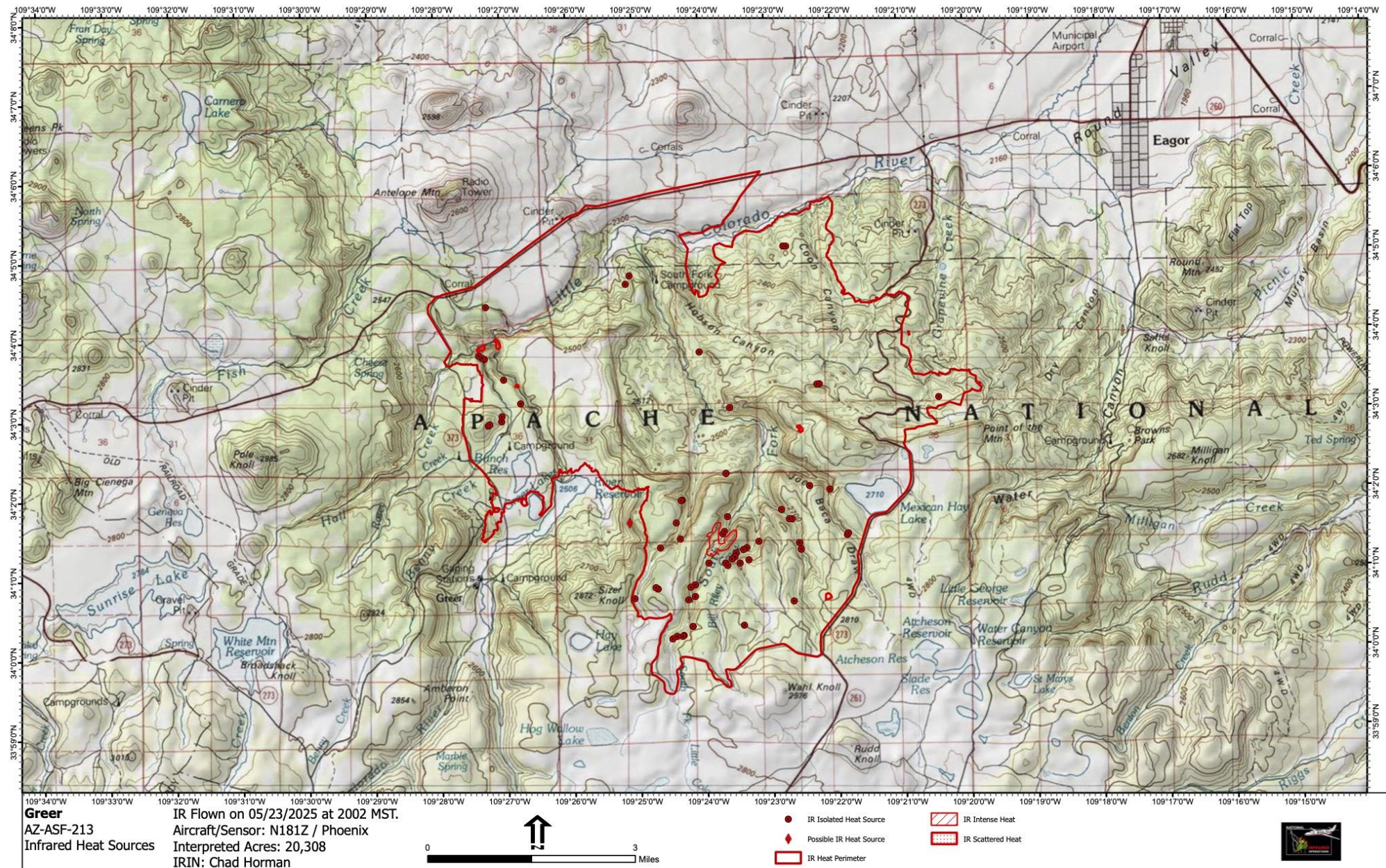


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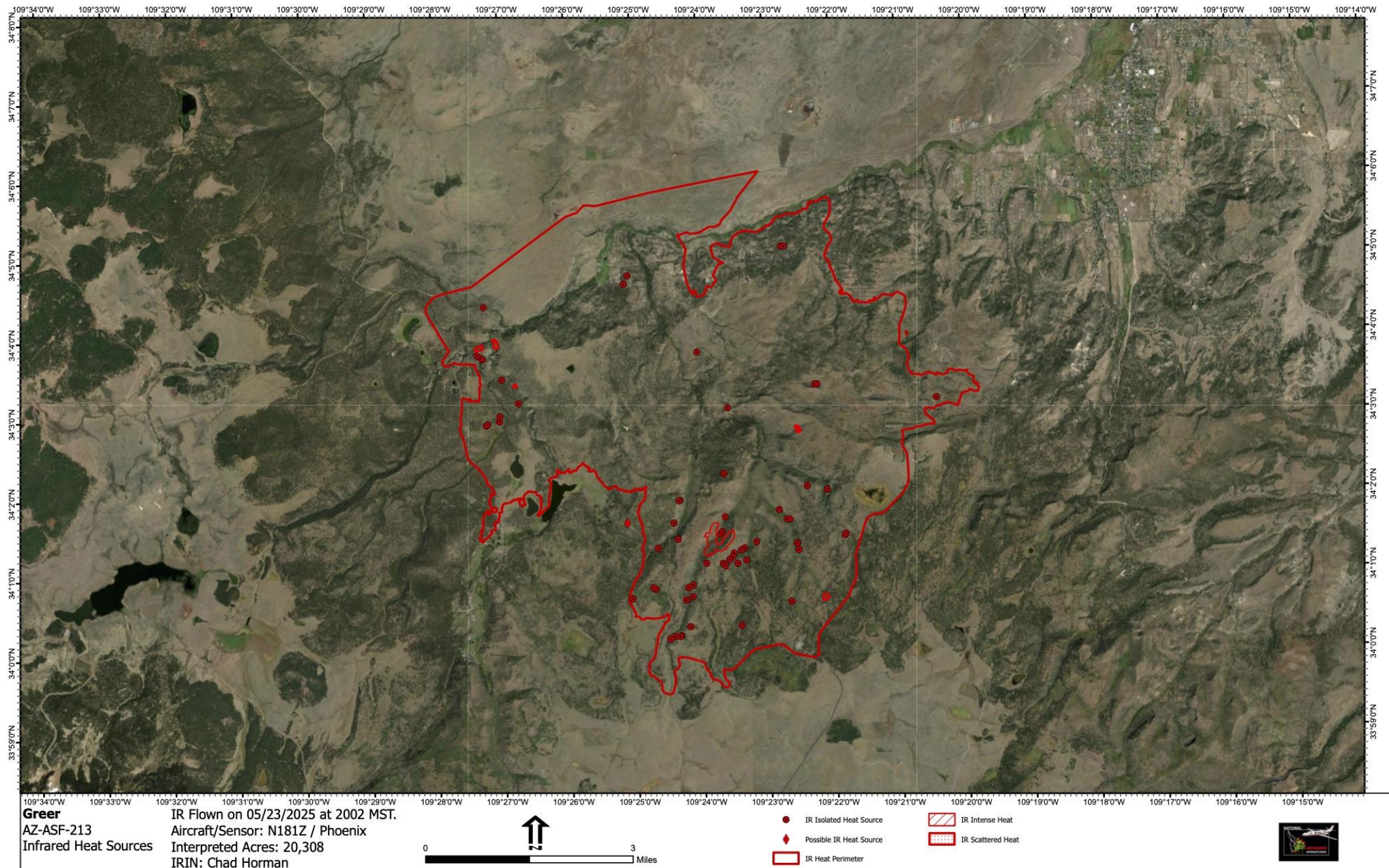
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State	1465	7%
US Forest Service	17893	88%













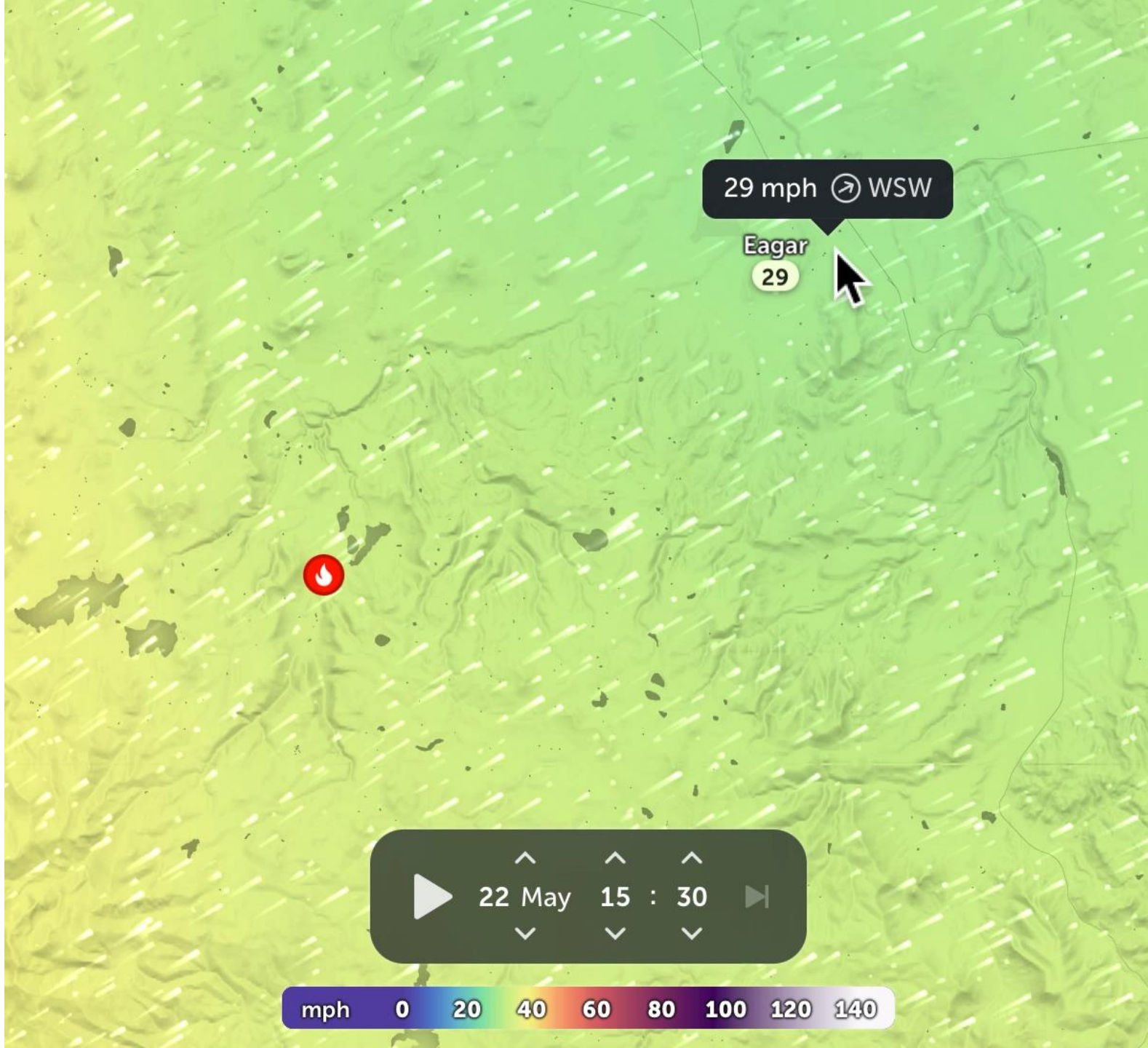
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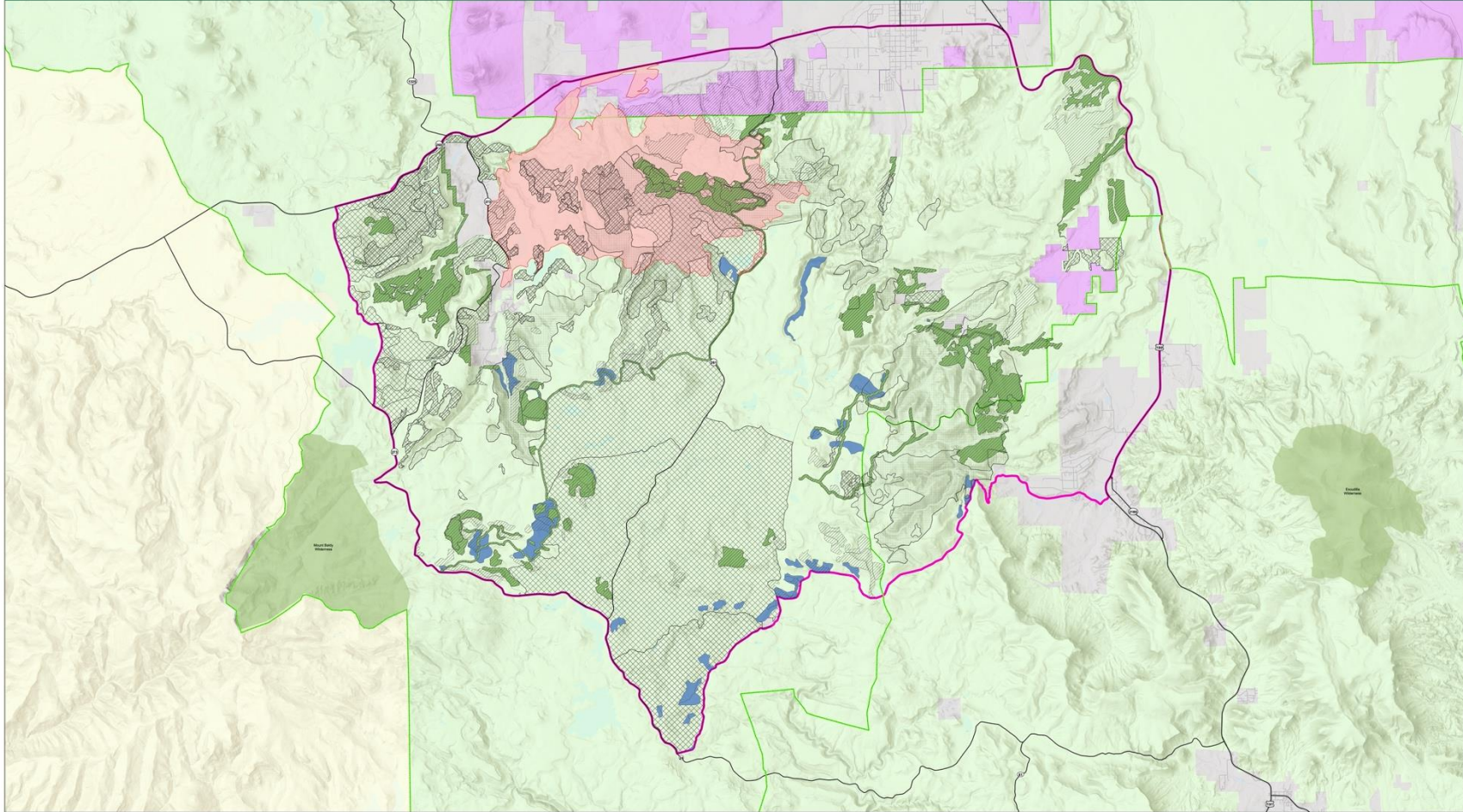
# Greer Fire



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Interagency Vegetation Treatments 2000-2025 (USFS and DFFM)

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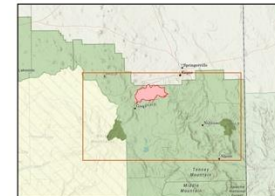
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- Greer Fire (12,616 acres)
- Greer Fire Planning Area
- Ranger District Boundary
- Wilderness Areas
- Highways
- Prescribed Burning
- Reforestation
- Slash Treatments
- Thinning
- Watershed Restoration
- Private
- State
- USFS
- Reservation

Treatment Type	Acres
Thinning	21131
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Prescribed Burning	42003
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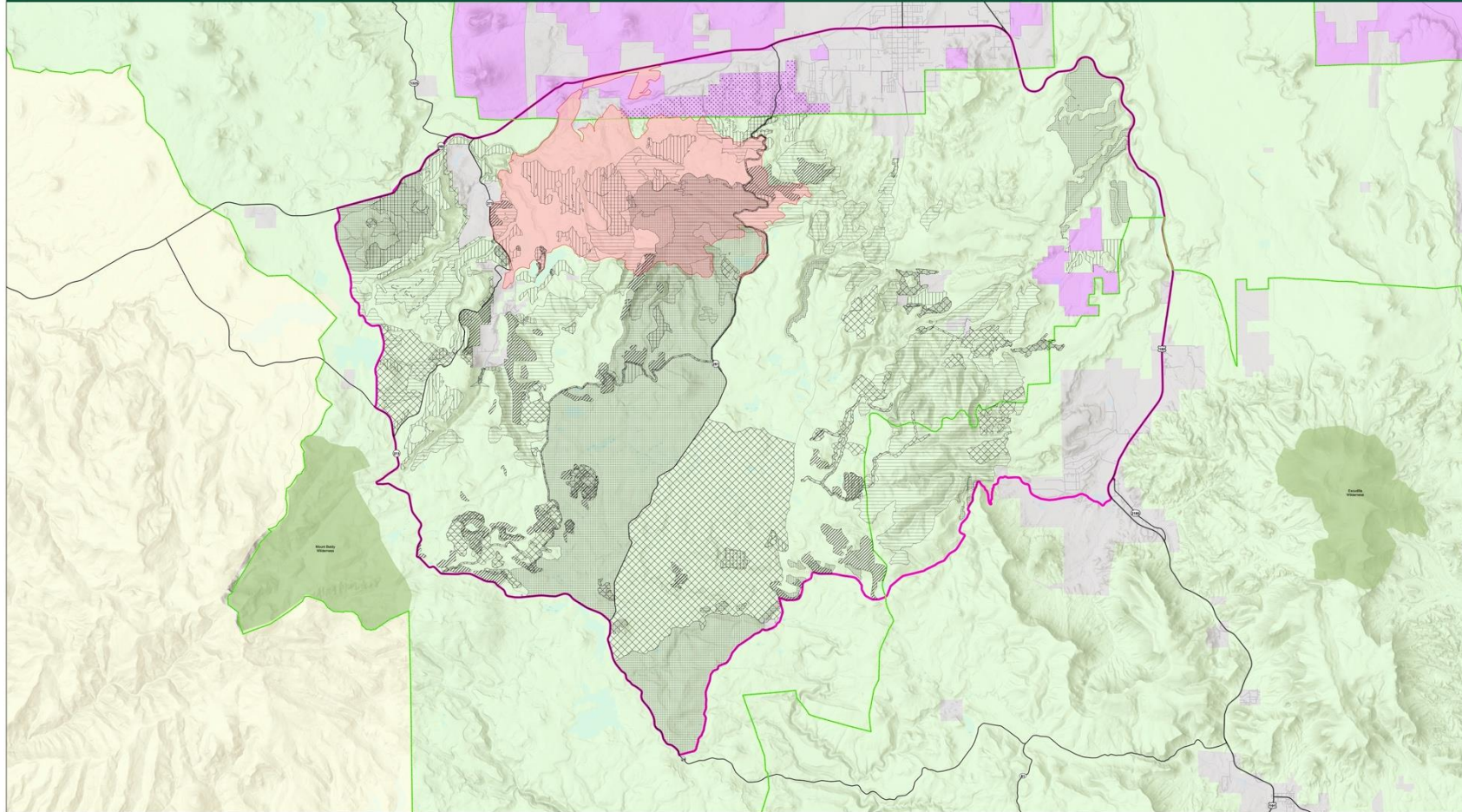
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- 2020-2024
- 2025
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GroupYears Acres	
2005-2009	6609
2000-2004	4013
2015-2019	16607
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# The Fire Insurance Crisis; Cause & Effect

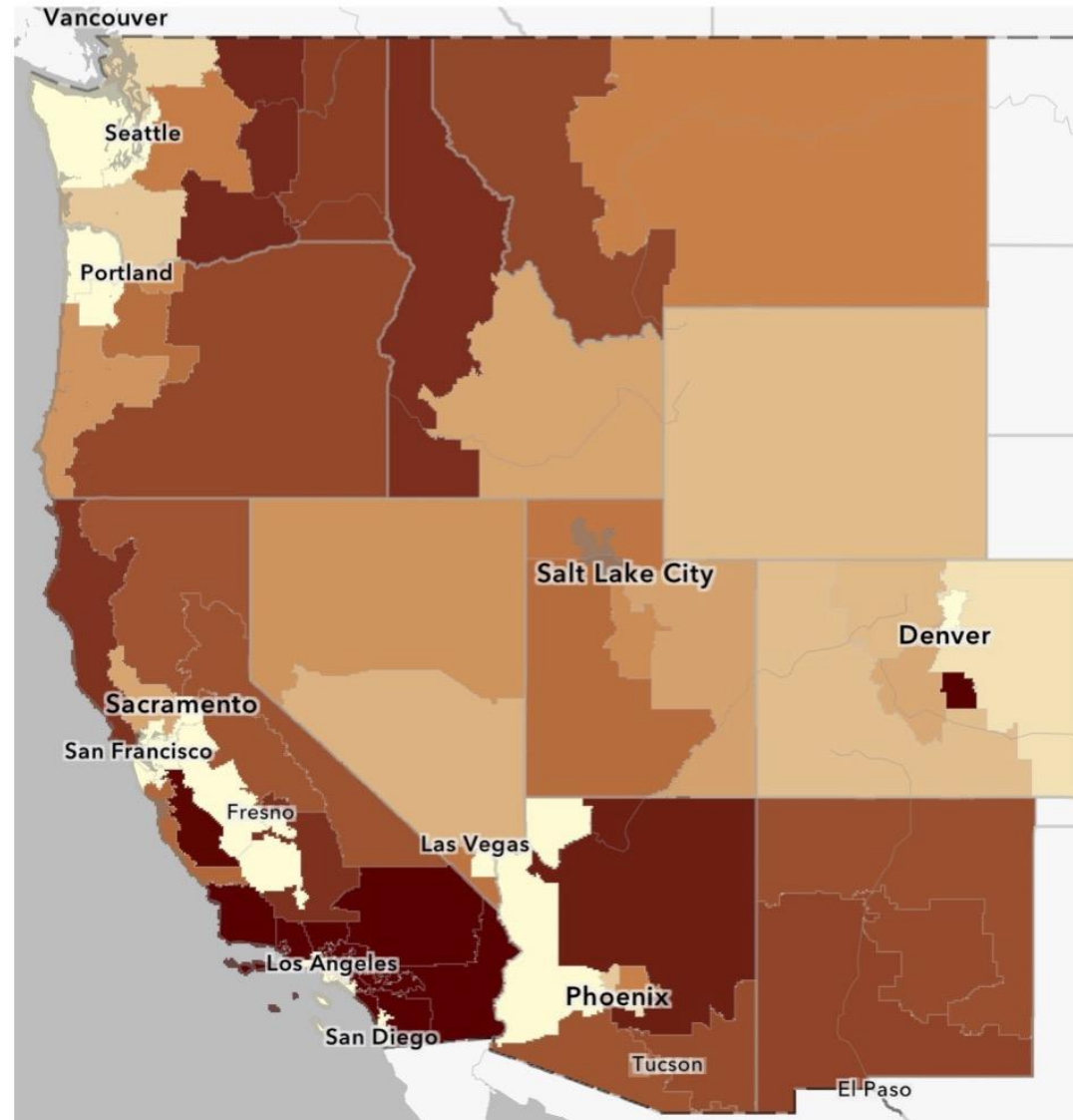
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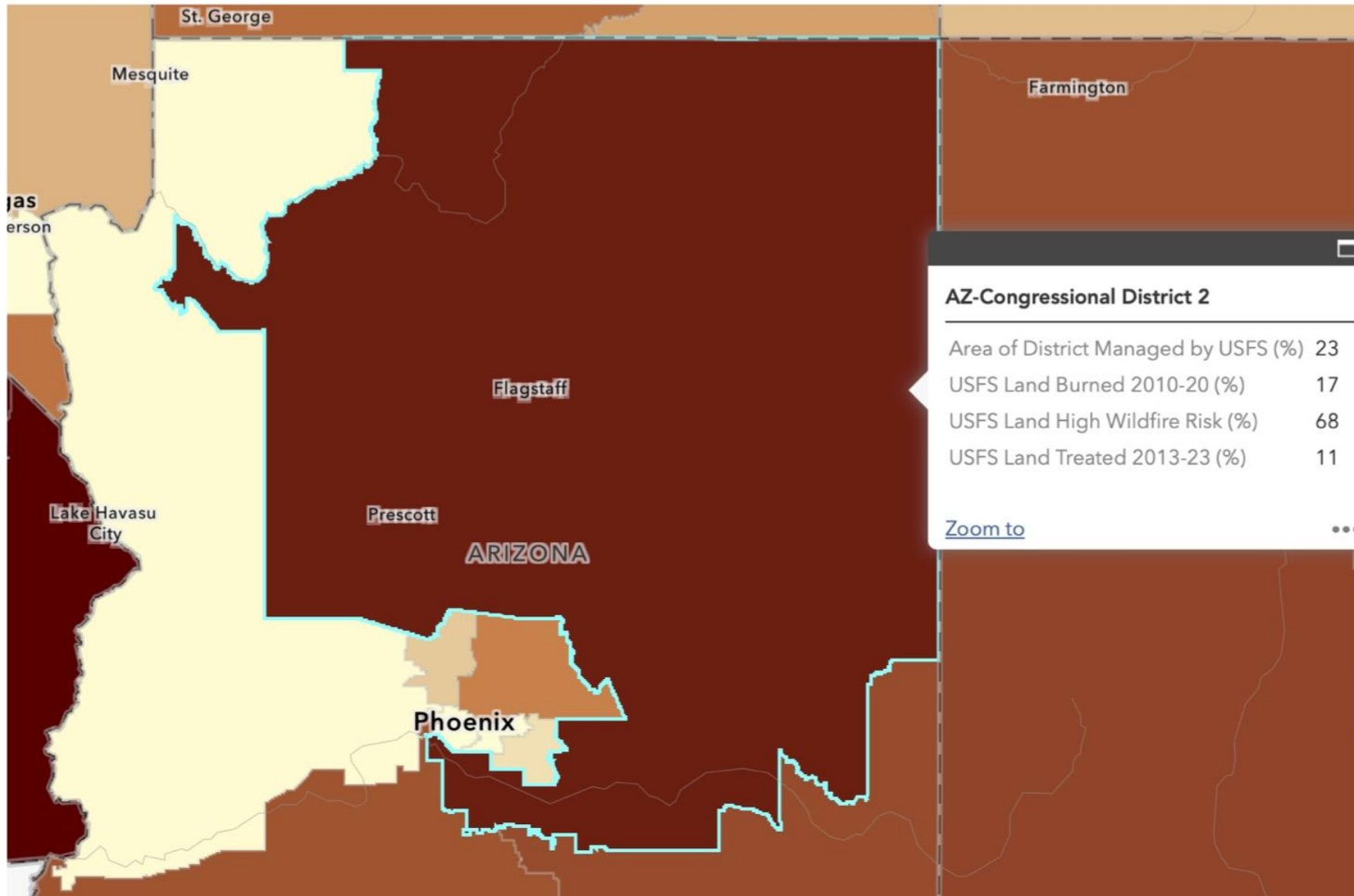
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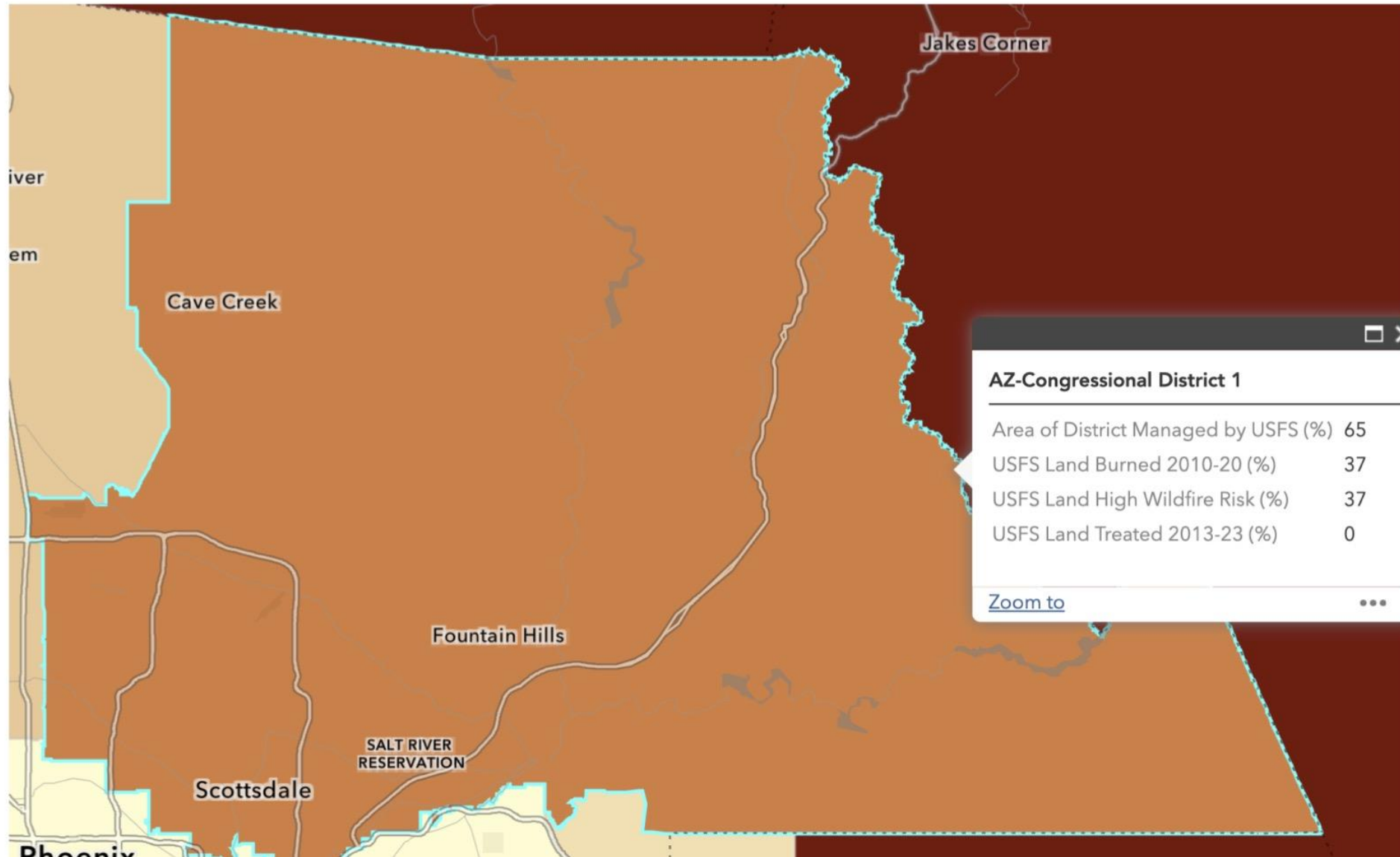




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