Wildfire Hazard Potential for the United States (270-m), version 2023, Continuous

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Abstract:
This dataset is the 2023 version of wildfire hazard potential (WHP) for the United States. The files included in this data publication represent an update to any previous versions of WHP or wildland fire potential (WFP) published by the USDA Forest Service. WHP is an index that quantifies the relative potential for high-intensity wildfire that may be difficult to manage, used as a measure to help prioritize where fuel treatments may be needed. This 2023 version of WHP was created from updated national wildfire hazard datasets of annual burn probability and fire intensity generated by the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station with the large fire simulation system (FSim). Vegetation and wildland fuels data from LANDFIRE 2020 (version 2.2.0) were the primary inputs to the updated FSim modeling work and therefore form the foundation for this version of the WHP. As such, the data presented here reflect landscape conditions as of the end of 2020. LANDFIRE 2020 vegetation and fuels data were also used directly in the WHP mapping process, along with updated point locations of fire occurrence ca. 1992-2020. With these datasets as inputs, we produced an index of WHP for all of the conterminous United States at 270-meter resolution. We present the final WHP map in two forms: 1) continuous integer values, and 2) five WHP classes of very low, low, moderate, high, and very high. On its own, WHP is not an explicit map of wildfire threat

or risk, but when paired with spatial data depicting highly valued resources and assets such as structures or powerlines, it can approximate relative wildfire risk to those specific resources and assets. WHP is also not a forecast or wildfire outlook for any particular season, as it does not include any information on current or forecasted weather or fuel moisture conditions. It is instead intended for long-term strategic fuels management.

Purpose:
Federal wildfire managers often want to know, over large landscapes, where wildfires are likely to occur and how intense they may be. To meet this need we developed a map that we call wildfire hazard potential (WHP) - a raster geospatial product that can help to inform evaluations of wildfire risk or prioritization of fuels management needs across very large spatial scales (millions of acres). Our specific objective with the WHP map was to depict the relative potential for wildfire that would be difficult for suppression resources to contain.

Supplemental_Information:
This data publication is a fourth edition. Previous versions of this publication prior to 2014 were known as Wildland Fire Potential (WFP). These new data represent an update to all previous versions of WHP or WFP published by the USDA Forest Service.

To check for the latest version of the WHP geospatial data and map graphics, as well as documentation on the mapping process, see: https://www.firelab.org/project/wildfire-hazard- potential.

Details about the Wildfire Hazard Potential mapping process can be found in Dillon et al. (2015). Steps described in this paper about weighting for crown fire potential were dropped in the 2018 and subsequent versions due to changes to the FSim modeling products used as the primary inputs to WHP mapping.

Specific versions of the national wildfire hazard data simulated with FSim, LANDFIRE datasets, and fire occurrence data are listed in the Data Quality Information section of this document.

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documentation prior to data use. No warranty is made by the Originator as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual use or aggregate use with other data, or for purposes not intended by the Originator. These datasets are intended to provide nationally-consistent information for the purpose of comparing relative wildfire risk among communities nationally or within a state or county. Data included here are not intended to replace locally-calibrated state, regional, or local risk assessments where they exist. It is the responsibility of the user to be familiar with the value, assumptions, and limitations of these national data publications. Managers and planners must evaluate these data according to the scale and requirements specific to their needs. Spatial information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This information may be updated without notification.

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Wildland Fire Potential (WFP) for the conterminous United States (270-m GRID), version 2012 continuous
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Attribute_Accuracy:
Attribute_Accuracy_Report:

The data described here are derived from wildfire simulation modeling, and their exact accuracy cannot be measured. They are intended to be relative measures of wildfire risk for planning purposes. The FSim datasets of burn probability and intensity used as primary inputs were objectively evaluated and calibrated against historic wildfire occurrence statistics within 136 distinct regions of contemporary wildfire activity (pyromes) across the United States (Short et al. 2020). See Dillon et al. (2023) for a more detailed description of FSim calibration. Some LANDFIRE fuels and vegetation data used as inputs have also been evaluated for efficacy and calibrated to meet the objectives of LANDFIRE. More information can be found at: https://www.landfire.gov/lf_evaluation.php.

Short, Karen C.; Grenfell, Isaac C.; Riley, Karin L.; Vogler, Kevin C. 2020. Pyromes of the conterminous United States. Fort Collins, CO: Forest Service Research Data Archive. https://doi.org/10.2737/RDS-2020-0020

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Quantitative accuracy cannot be evaluated.
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Values for non-burnable lands (6) and open water (7) were taken directly from a national mosaic of the FBFM40 layer in the landscape files used in national FSim modeling. The source for these landscape files was LANDFIRE 2020 (version 2.2.0) data resampled to 270-m resolution.
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All pixels that are part of the land and water of the United States have valid non-zero values.
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Source_Citation_Abbreviation:
FSim BP and FLPs (FLP1, FLP2, FLP3, FLP4, FLP5, FLP6)
Source_Contribution:
Burn probability (BP) and/or flame-length probabilities (FLPs) modeled with FSim were
primary spatial inputs to datasets presented here. BP provided information about the
overall probability of any 270-meter pixel experiencing a large fire of any intensity. FLPs
provided information about the conditional probability of particular fire intensity levels
(i.e., likelihood of a particular intensity level, given a fire) for every 270-meter pixel.
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Originator: Short, Karen C.
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Spatial wildfire occurrence data for the United States, 1992-2020 [FPA_FOD_20221014]
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Spatial wildfire occurrence Additional information is available in: Short, Karen C. 2014.
A spatial database of wildfires in the United States, 1992-2011. Earth Systems Science
Data 6:1-27. https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-6-1-2014
Online_Linkage: https://doi.org/10.2737/RDS-2013-0009.6
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Range_of_Dates/Times:

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Ending_Date: 2020
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Observed
Source_Citation_Abbreviation:
FPA FOD
Source_Contribution:
The FPA point fire occurrence database (FPA FOD) was used in the process of creating the burn probability (BP) and fire intensity level (FIL) rasters. It was also used to create the small fire potential dataset during the WHP mapping process.
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LANDFIRE 2020
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Scott, Joe H.; Burgan, Robert E. 2005. Standard fire behavior fuel models: a comprehensive set for use with Rothermel's surface fire spread model. Gen. Tech. Rep. RMRS-GTR-153. Fort Collins, CO: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station. 72 p. https://doi.org/10.2737/rmrs-gtr-153
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Source_Citation_Abbreviation:
LANDFIRE EVT
Source_Contribution:
The LANDFIRE EVT layer was used to spatially apply resistance to control weights to create the final WHP.
Process_Step:
Process_Description:
1. Using the nationally-available 270-m FSim BP and FLP data, multiply BP by each FLP to get the actual probabilities of fire occurrence in each flame length class.
Source_Used_Citation_Abbreviation:
withheld
Process_Date: 202309
Process_Step:
Process_Description:
2. Weight the probabilities in each flame length class by the potential hazard they represent and sum them to derive a measure of large wildfire potential. Weights used were: FLP1 and FLP2 - 1; FLP3 and FLP4 - 8; FLP5 - 25; FLP6 - 75.
Process_Date: 202309
Process_Step:
Process_Description:
3. Create a separate surface of small wildfire potential based on ignition locations for fires smaller than 300 acres (generally not accounted for in FSim).
Source_Used_Citation_Abbreviation:
withheld
Process_Date: 202309
Process_Step:
Process_Description:
4. Integrate the large wildfire potential created in process steps 1-2 with the small wildfire potential created in process step 3. This was done by weighting each according to its relative contribution to total wildfire potential, then adding the weighted values.
Process_Date: 202309
Process_Step:

Process_Description:
5. Apply a set of resistance to control weights based on fireline construction rates in different fuel types.
Source_Used_Citation_Abbreviation:
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Process_Date: 202309
Process_Step:
Process_Description:
6. Convert WHP values to integers by multiplying by 10,000 and rounding to the nearest whole number (preserves four decimal places of precision).
Process_Date: 202309
Process_Step:
Process_Description:
7. Evaluate the statistical distribution of WHP values and classify them into five classes: very low, low, moderate, high, very high. Add in non-burnable and water from LANDFIRE FMFM40 layer to produce final classified version of WHP.
Source_Used_Citation_Abbreviation:
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   The data included in this publication represent wildfire hazard potential (WHP). Data are provided as a continuous integer index. Baseline values in the 2018 WHP were

constrained between 0 and 100,000, but the maximum value in the newest version exceeds 100,000 is some locations where the WHP value went up. Continuous values are grouped into the following classes in the classified version of the data: 1) very low, 2) low, 3) moderate, 4) high, 5) very high, 6) non-burnable lands, and 7) open water. Below is a complete list and description of the files included in this package.

DATA FILES (7)

These data are available in two different formats (GDB and TIF), which are each a separate download.

1) \Data\whp2023.gdb: Esri file geodatabase containing 270-meter resolution raster datasets of Wildfire Hazard Potential. This geodatabase includes 6 raster datasets:
whp2023_cls_ak: classified (5-class) WHP for Alaska,
whp2023_cls_conus: classified (5-class) WHP for the conterminous United States (CONUS),
whp2023_cls_hi: classified (5-class) WHP for Hawaii,
whp2023_cnt_ak: continuous integer WHP index values for Alaska,
whp2023_cnt_conus: continuous integer WHP index values for the conterminous United States, and
whp2023_cnt_hi: continuous integer WHP index values for Hawaii.

2-7) \Data\whp2023_GeoTIF\whp2023_*.tif: Geospatial TIF files (and associated files) with 270-meter resolution raster datasets of Wildfire Hazard Potential. There are 6 raster datasets:
whp2023_cls_ak.tif: classified (5-class) WHP for Alaska,
whp2023_cls_conus.tif: classified (5-class) WHP for the conterminous United States,
whp2023_cls_hi.tif: classified (5-class) WHP for Hawaii,
whp2023_cnt_ak.tif: continuous integer WHP index values for Alaska,
whp2023_cnt_conus.tif: continuous integer WHP index values for the conterminous United States, and
whp2023_cnt_hi.tif: continuous integer WHP index values for Hawaii.
Note: The TIF files have associated files created by ArcGIS when exporting as TIF datasets.

Attributes found in whp2023_cls_*:
OBJECTID = Unique ID
VALUE = Class (1 = very low, 2 = low, 3 = moderate, 4 = high, 5 = very high, 6 = non-burnable, 7 = water)
COUNT = Count of pixels in each class
CLASS_DESC = Description of class values

Attributes found in whp2023_cnt_*:
OBJECTID = Unique ID

VALUE = Value of the continuous WHP index at each pixel
COUNT = Count of pixels with each unique value

SUPPLEMENTAL FILES (8)

Maps:

1) \Supplements\WHP2023_Classified_Map.jpg: JPEG image file containing a printable map graphic of the classified WHP for the entire United States.

2) \Supplements\WHP2023_Classified_Map.pdf: Portable Document Format file containing a printable map graphic of the classified WHP for the entire United States

3) \Supplements\WHP2023_Continuous_Map.jpg: JPEG image file containing a printable map graphic of the continuous WHP for the entire United States.

4) \Supplements\WHP2023_Continuous_Map.pdf: Portable Document Format file containing a printable map graphic of the continuous WHP for the entire United States.

Symbology:

5) \Supplements\WHP2023_GISDataSymbology.xlsx: Microsoft Excel Open XML spreadsheet file with suggested class definitions and colors for displaying the raster datasets in any GIS software. (Information in this file is self-explanatory, no variable descriptions needed.)

Summary Data:

6) \Supplements\WHP2023_County_Summary.xlsx: Microsoft Excel Open XML spreadsheet file containing tabular summaries of the classified and continuous WHP spatial data for each of the 3,143 counties and equivalent governmental units in the United States. Summary statistics for the individual components of hazard (fire intensity and burn probability) are also included. This file contains 3 worksheets, which are defined below.

Worksheet 1: 'county summary': tabular data
Worksheet 2: 'variable descriptions': list and description of variables in the 'county summary' worksheet
Worksheet 3: 'supporting_information': sources and additional information about the data included in the 'county summary' worksheet

7) \Supplements\WHP2023_State_Summary.xlsx: Microsoft Excel Open XML spreadsheet file containing tabular summaries of the classified and continuous WHP spatial data for each of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. Summary

statistics for the individual components of hazard (fire intensity and burn probability) are also included. This file contains 3 worksheets, which are defined below.
Worksheet 1: 'state summary': tabular data
Worksheet 2: 'variable descriptions': list and description of variables in the 'state summary' worksheet
Worksheet 3: 'supporting information': sources and additional information about the data included in the 'state summary' worksheet

8) \Supplements\WHP2023_ZipCode_Summary.xlsx: Microsoft Excel Open XML spreadsheet file containing tabular summaries of the classified and continuous WHP spatial data for each of the 32,094 5-digit postal ZIP Code areas in the United States. Summary statistics for the individual components of hazard (fire intensity and burn probability) are also included.
Worksheet 1: 'zipcode summary': tabular data
Worksheet 2: 'variable descriptions': list and description of variables in the 'zipcode summary' worksheet
Worksheet 3: 'supporting information': sources and additional information about the data included in the 'zipcode summary' worksheet
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Esri. 2022. USA States. https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=1a6cae723af14f9cae228b133aebc620. (Accessed November 2023).

Esri. 2023. United States ZipCode Boundaries. https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=91379236cdca4fd88f3682283f63953e. (Accessed November 2023).

U.S. Census Bureau. 2022. 2022 TIGER/Line Shapefiles, Counties and Equivalent Entities. Released September 30, 2022. https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.2022.html#list-tab-790442341. (Accessed November 2023).

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