


Learning to Live with Wildland Fire in Utah



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The conference cover features a blue header with the APA UT logo and the text 'SPRING CONFERENCE' and '26'. Below the header is a photograph of Bryce Canyon at sunset, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the red rock formations. The text 'RESILIENT BY DESIGN' is prominently displayed in white, bold letters. At the bottom, the dates and location are listed.





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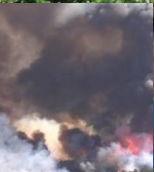


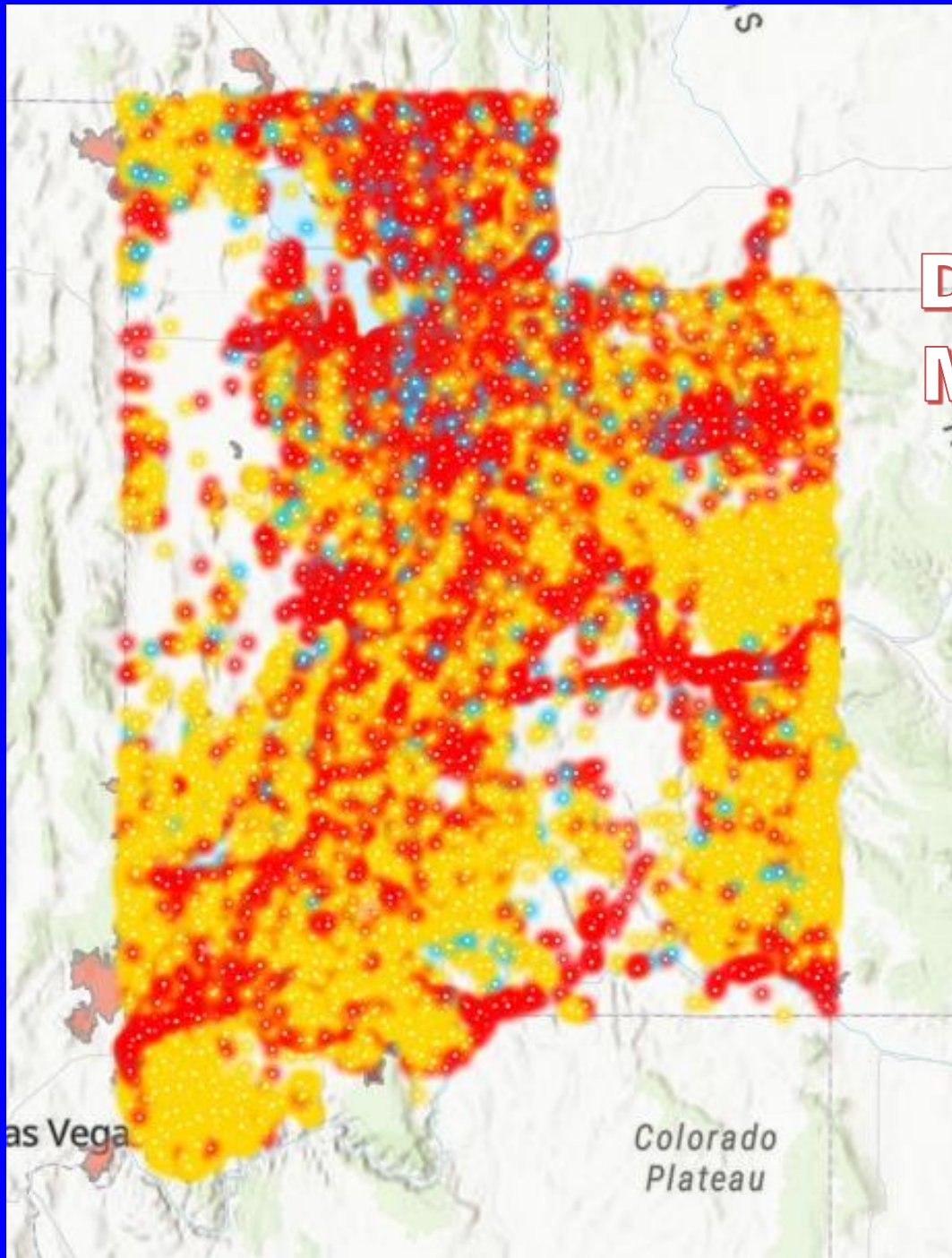
Cohesive Strategy

- Restoring and maintaining Resilient landscapes
- Community Resiliency
- Responding to Wildfires

A PATH TOWARD A NATIONAL COHESIVE
WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

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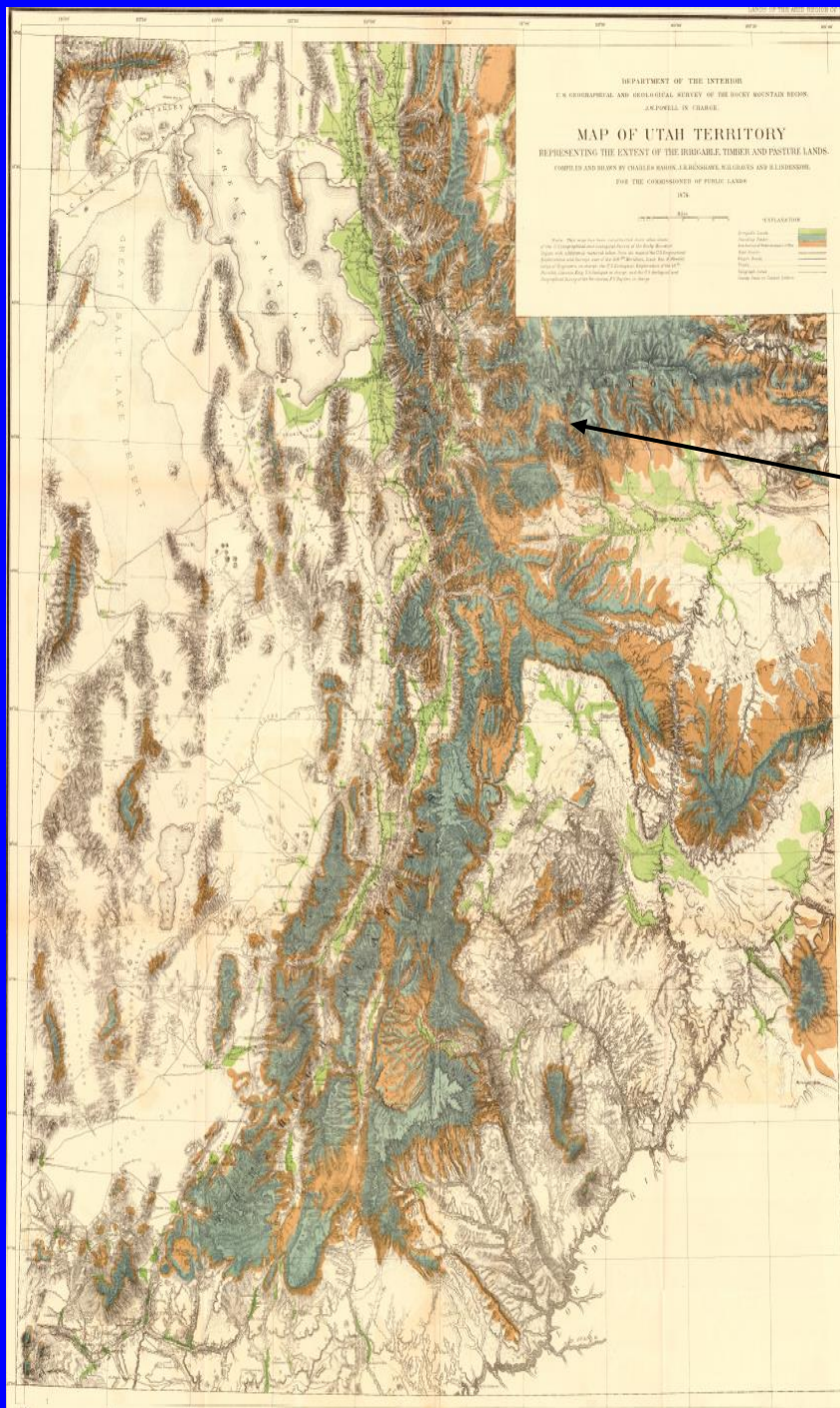


Utah Wildfire Dashboard Map (Internal)

1918 – 2024

Wildfire Locations

-  Human
-  Natural
-  Undetermined

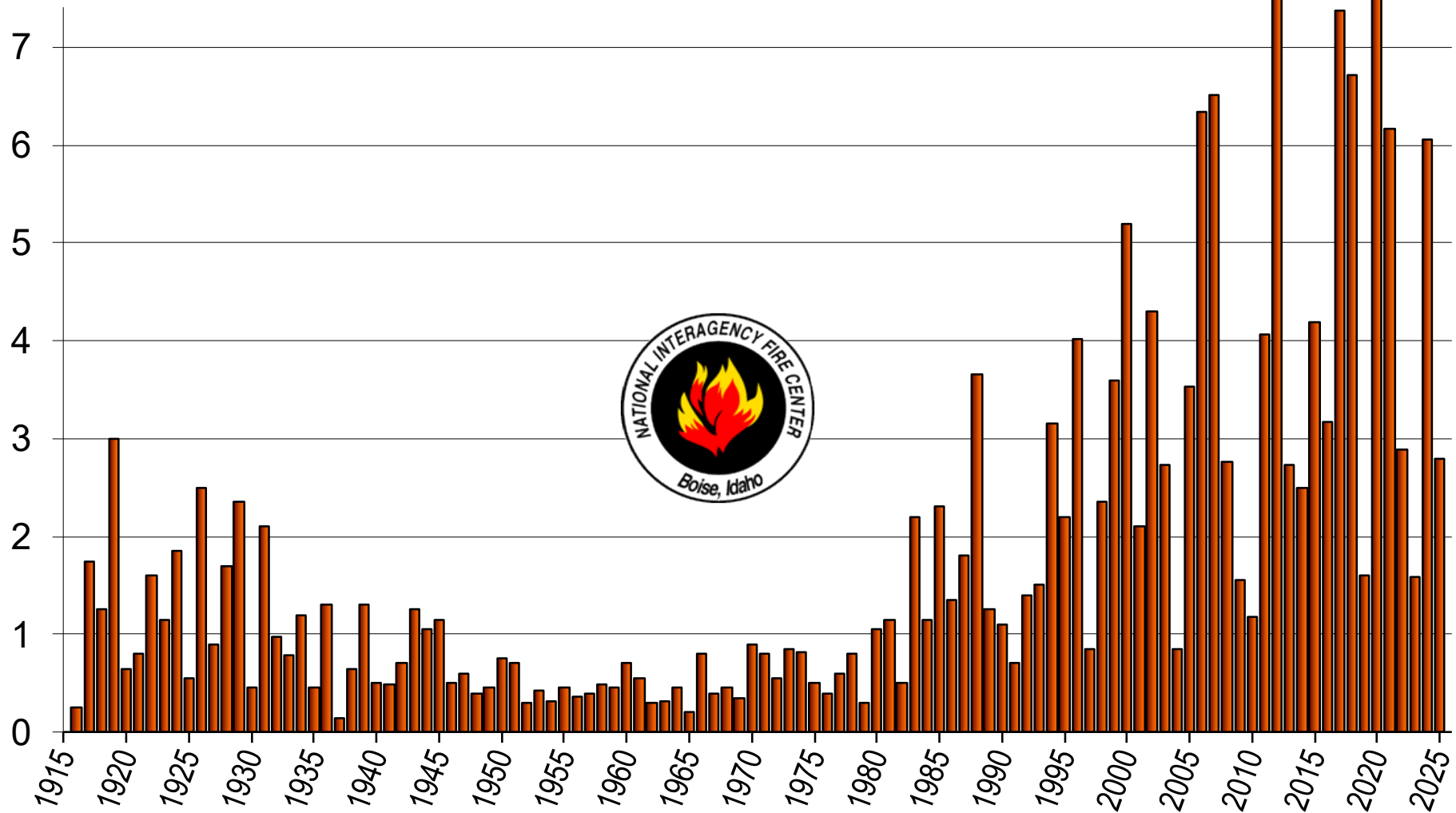


J.W. Powell 1878 map of Utah

brown color is evidence
of fire

Wildfires in 11 Western States,* 1916-2025

Acres burned (millions)



*Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Source data: 1916-2000, Arno & Allison-Bunnell, *Flames in Our Forest*, Island Press, 2002, Fig. 2-1, p. 21;

1993, 2001, NIFC-Washa 2002-2025 (thru 27-Oct-25) at https://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/fireInfo_statistics.html

Is Utah at Risk for Wildfires Similar to Those in Los Angeles?



Parallels between California and Utah

- Continue to see the Wildland/Urban Interface
- Insurance coverage dramatically dropped home



Parallels between California and Utah



- Utah has experienced a number of recent wildfires with structural losses



Parallels between California and Utah



WHAT WE LEARNED
ABOUT UTAH
WILDFIRES IN 2025



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Differences Between California And Utah



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More than 1,100 communities across the U.S. face wildfire risks similar to Los Angeles

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communities with a similar risk profile

Fire Regime Caution

**The Fire Regimes of Utah
are not the fire regimes of
Australia, nor are they the
fire regimes in California or
elsewhere in the west.**

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Cohesive Strategy Vision

To safely and effectively extinguish fire, when needed; use fire where allowable; manage our natural resources; and collectively, learn to live with wildland fire.





**THANKS
FOR LISTENING.**

