



LOSS MODELLING FRAMEWORK

# **Approaches to Modelling Wildfire Risk**

3 May 2023

# Agenda

Complexities surrounding wildfire



Wildfire risk management solutions



US Wildfire CAT Model



Exploring Sonoma and Napa County



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### The Future of CAT Risk is Here

CoreLogic catastrophe models incorporate the latest scientific research, deep engineering knowledge, and a breadth of claims and exposure data to product a unique and innovative view of global catastrophe risk.

> 6 Continents 96+ Territories 180+ Models

### CATASTROPHE MODELS - Peril and Region

#### Central America

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#### South America

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#### **Middle East**

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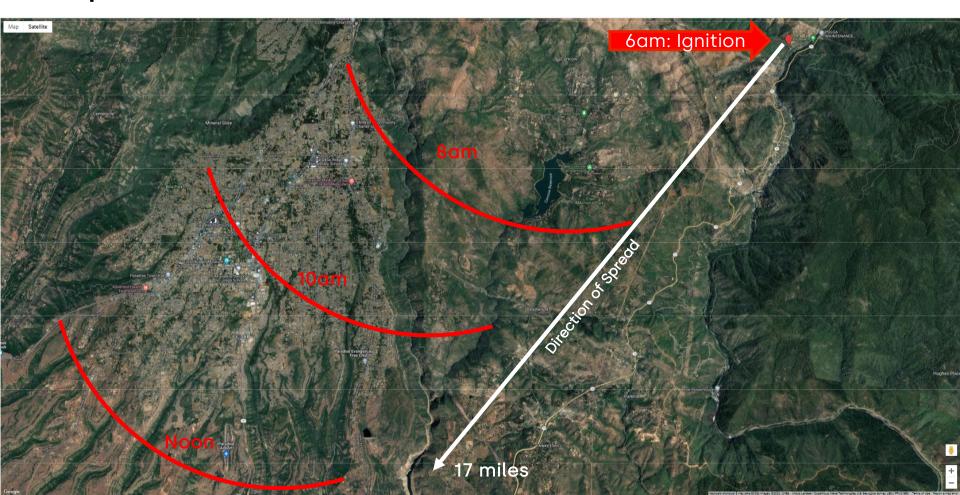
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Wildfire Earthquake

- Offshore Energy
- Convective Storm
  - Winterstorm
    - Flood
  - Windstorm
    - Cyclone
    - Typhoon
    - Hurricane

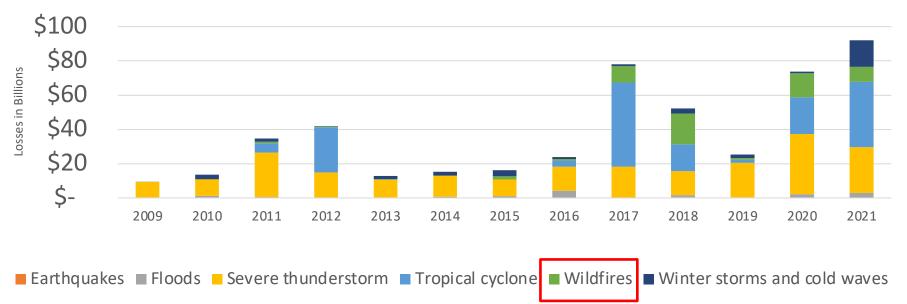
## Fire progression, path, and spread Wildfire: Is Different

### Camp Fire – Paradise, CA Nov 8, 2018



### Wildfire Losses Now Top 3

US Nat Cat Insured Losses, 2009 to 2021



# Aligning with CAT Risk CoreLogic Wildfire Solution Suite

# Wildfire Risk Score

Assessing the hazard only at a 30x30m grid

Fuel

Type and density cause variability in intensity and rate of wildfire spread

#### **Distance to Wildland**

Large open expanses of undeveloped land can contribute to fire intensity and spread, especially in regards to ember propagation

#### Slope

Steep slopes can accelerate fire spread and contribute to a higher intensity burn

#### Aspect

South-facing slopes are drier and warmer. Wildfires can

#### ignite and spread more easily

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#### Firebreaks

The density of development reduces likelihood of wildfire encroachment due to a lack of viable fuels in areas of dense urban development

#### **Surface Composition**

Areas that have burned previously can burn again. This factor functions to estimate burn history and frequency

#### Wind

Wind contributes to fire intensity and ember spread that cause more ignitions and outpace suppression

#### Drought

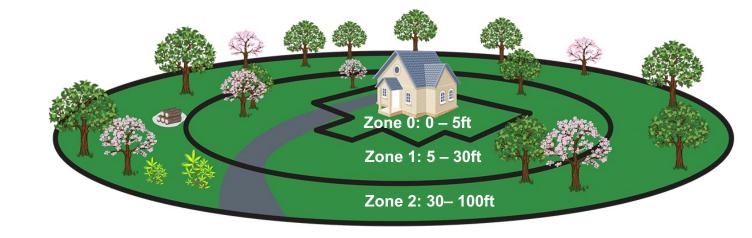
Drought contributes to both the dead fuel load and dries out live fuels making them more susceptible to fire

## Mitigation Matters – Slow Fire Progression

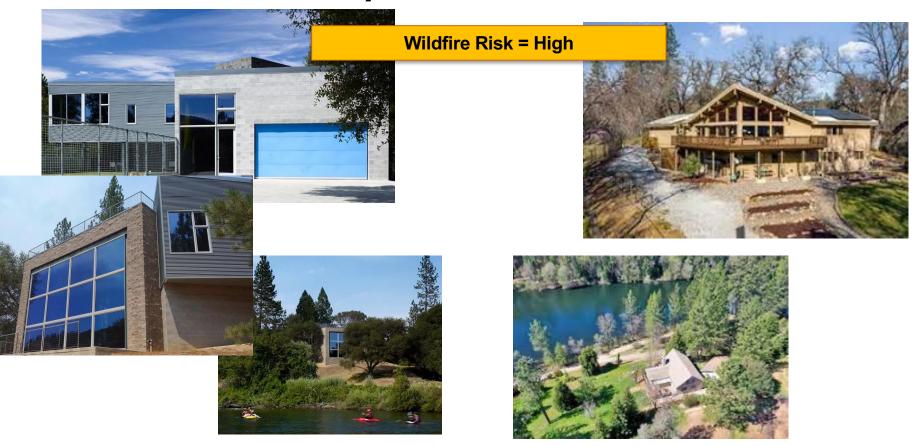


Community level Mitigation factors and their basis in research

- Zone 0: nothing flammable
- Zone 1: Lean, Clean, & Green
- Zone 2: Reduced Fuel Zone



### California Gold County – In the WUI



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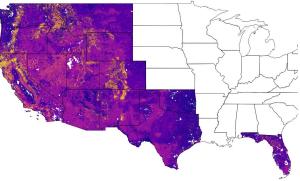


# CoreLogic® US Wildfire CAT Model

# **US Wildfire Model**

Industry-leading tool for managing wildfire risk in high-risk states

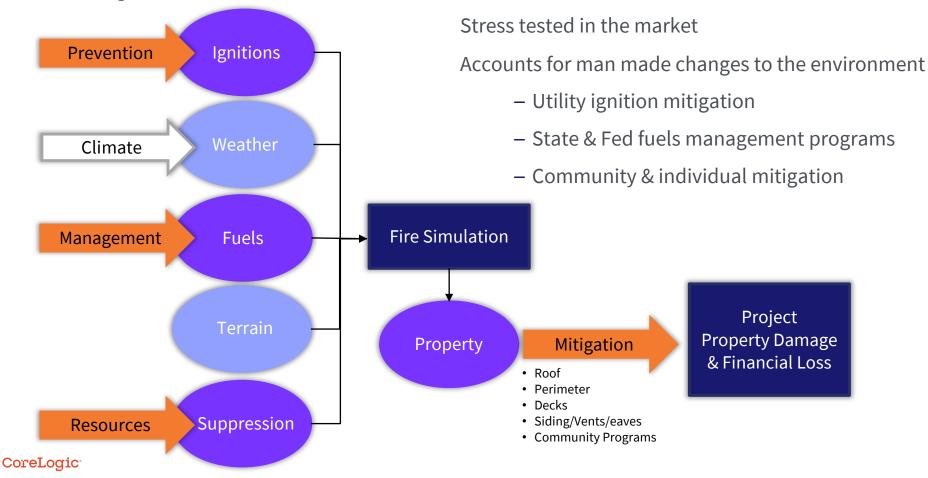
- Simulation-based spread model at **30-meter resolution**
- Includes urban conflagration modeling
- Distinct modeling for fire and smoke
- Integrates surface and crown fire spread
- Weather simulation captures variability and extremes
- Long-term, low and high views of risk
- Vulnerability parameters defined per IBHS recommendations
- Covers 14 states: Western US + TX, OK, FL



Residential properties that are at High or Very High Risk

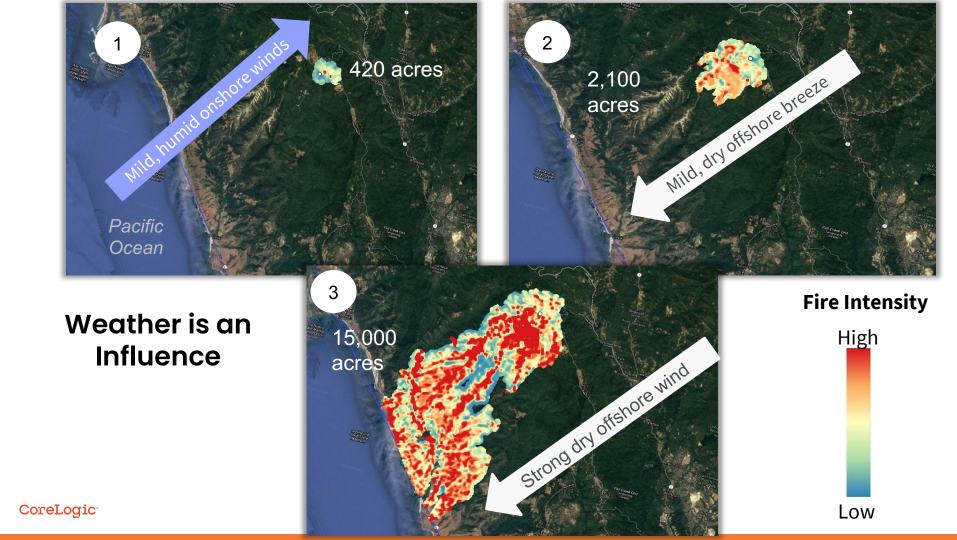
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### **CoreLogic US Wildfire Probabilistic Model**



### The Core of Probabilistic Models are the Simulations

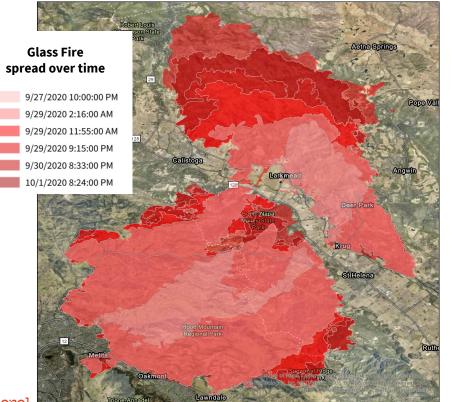




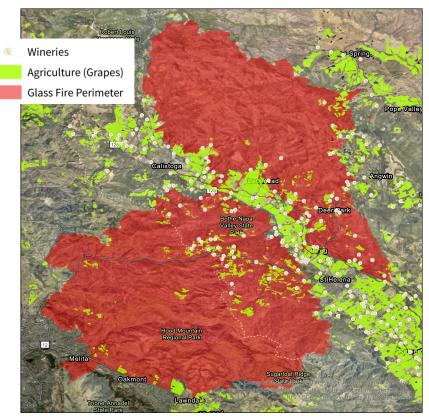
# **Exploring Sonoma and Napa Valley** The Glass Fire

### **The Glass Fire**

### Progression



### Wineries within Glass Fire

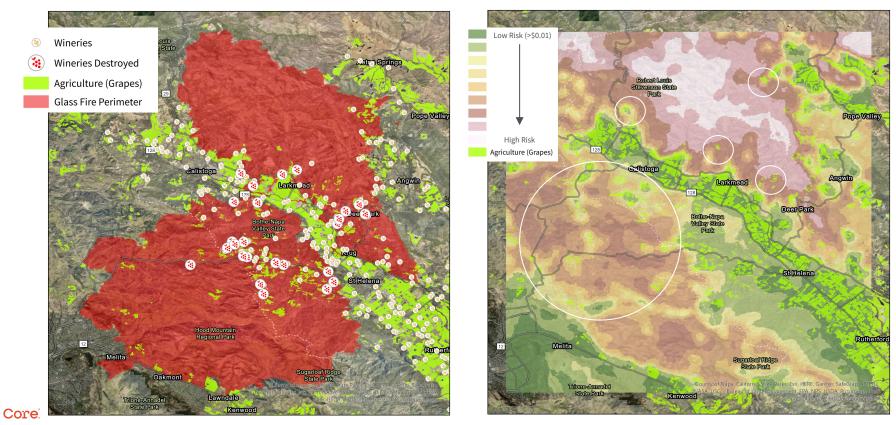


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### **Model Fidelity**

### Wineries Destroyed

### AAL – Fire Only



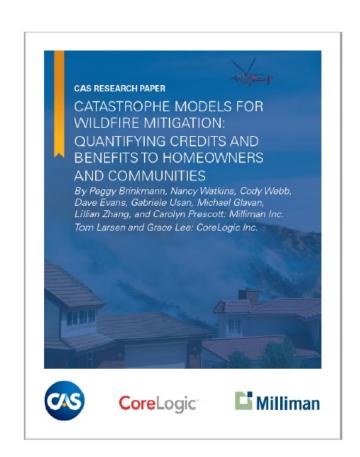
# **Making Models Work**

Casualty Actuarial Society Research Paper

2 rate-making studies:

- Mitigation credits for as-is regional fuels
- Mitigation credits for mitigated fuels
- Fully mitigated *could* reduce rates ~35%
  - Much of this is already in-place
- De-risking (eliminating ladder-fuels in forested areas)
  - Additional 35% drop

https://www.casact.org/publications-research/publications/cas-research-papers-andbriefs



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