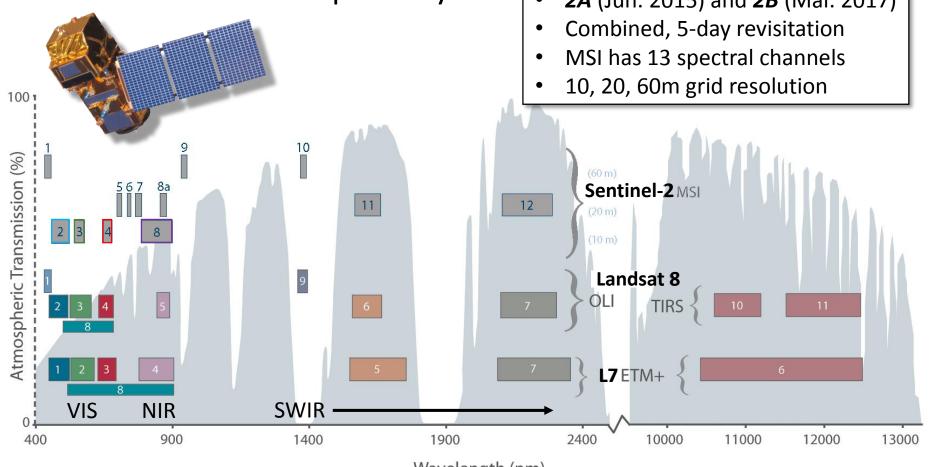
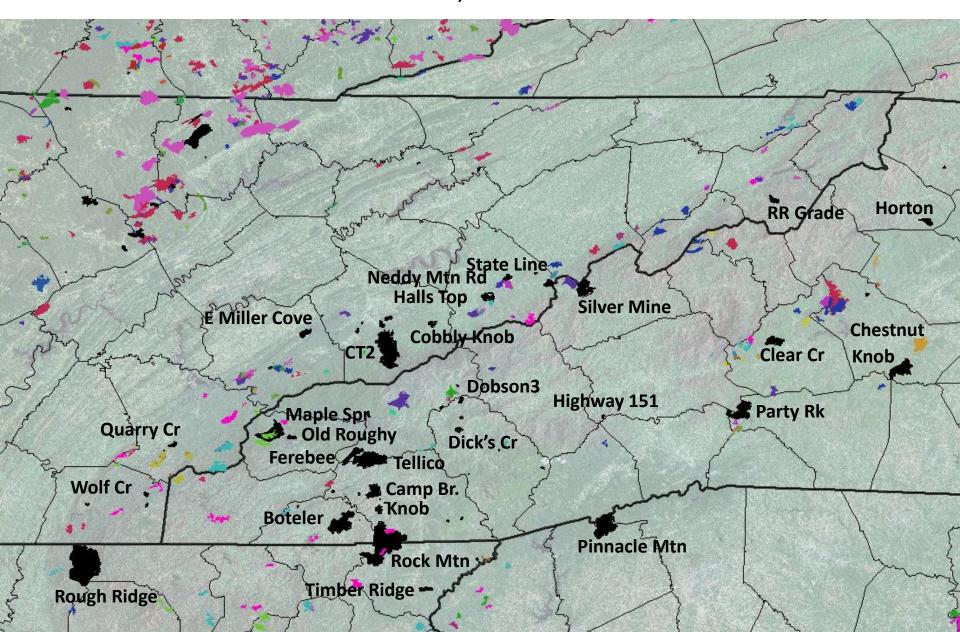
Why Sentinel 2?

- Targeted dynamics occur close to 10m resolution
- Relatively high frequency
- Standardized product for landscape analysis
- European Space Agency
- Global coverage
- Free and open data policy
- **2A** (Jun. 2015) and **2B** (Mar. 2017)



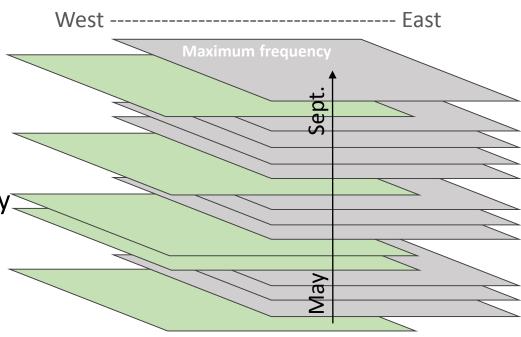
Southern Appalachian Wildfires

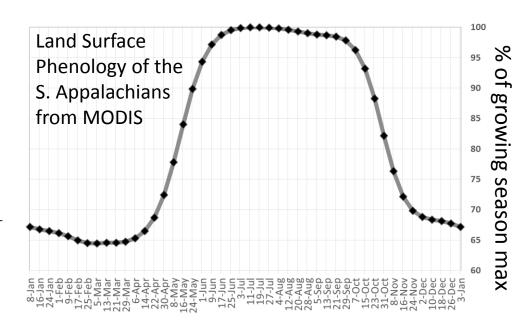
2016 fires are labeled and in black; other colors are fires since 1984



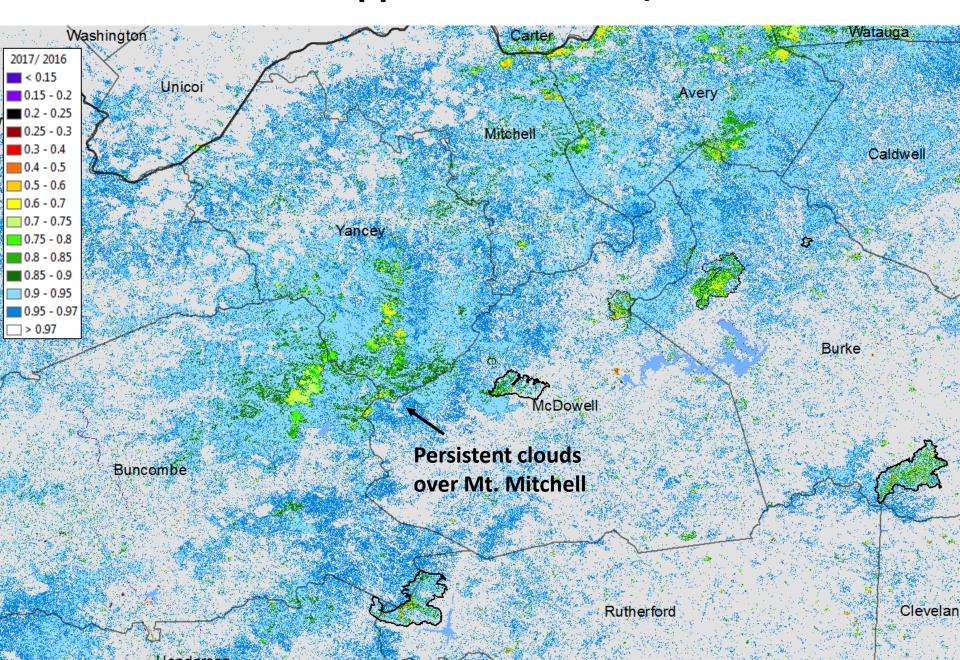
Methodology

- Calculated NDVI at 10m for each date
- Removed major clouds to identify areas with "no data" (SWIR B12)
- Calculated the <u>2016</u> and <u>2017</u> growing season maximum NDVI values
- Generated annual change products from growing season composites
- Generated spring progress products vs composited 2016 baseline ("percent greenup")

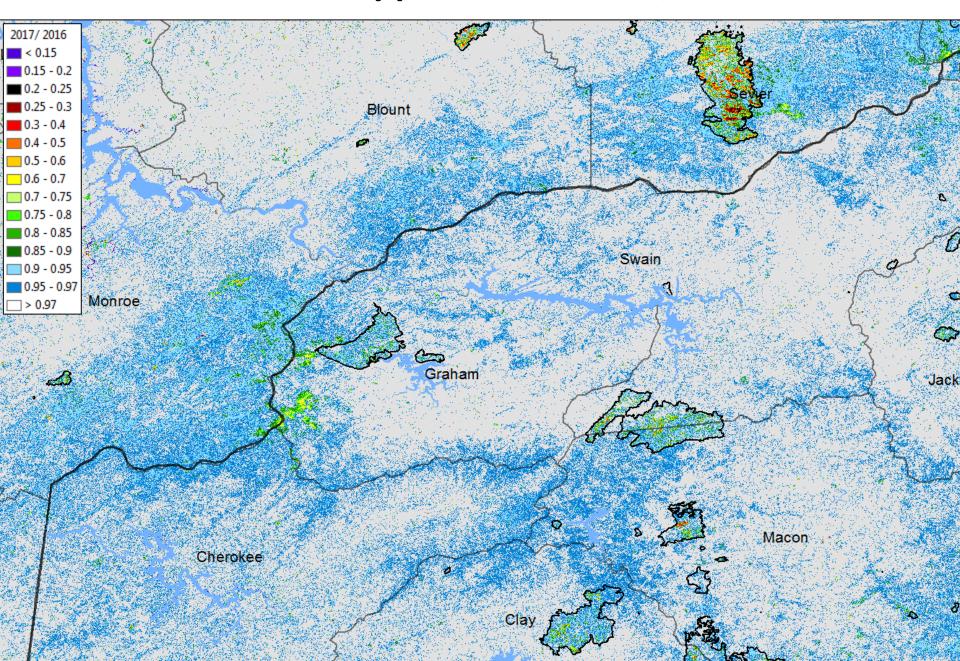




Results: Eastern S. Appalachians 2017/2016

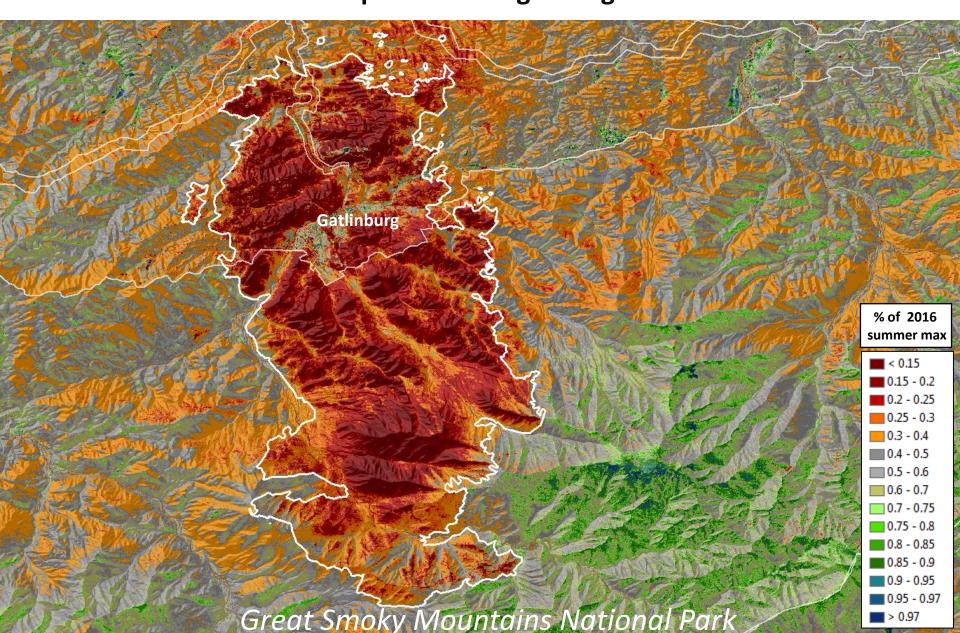


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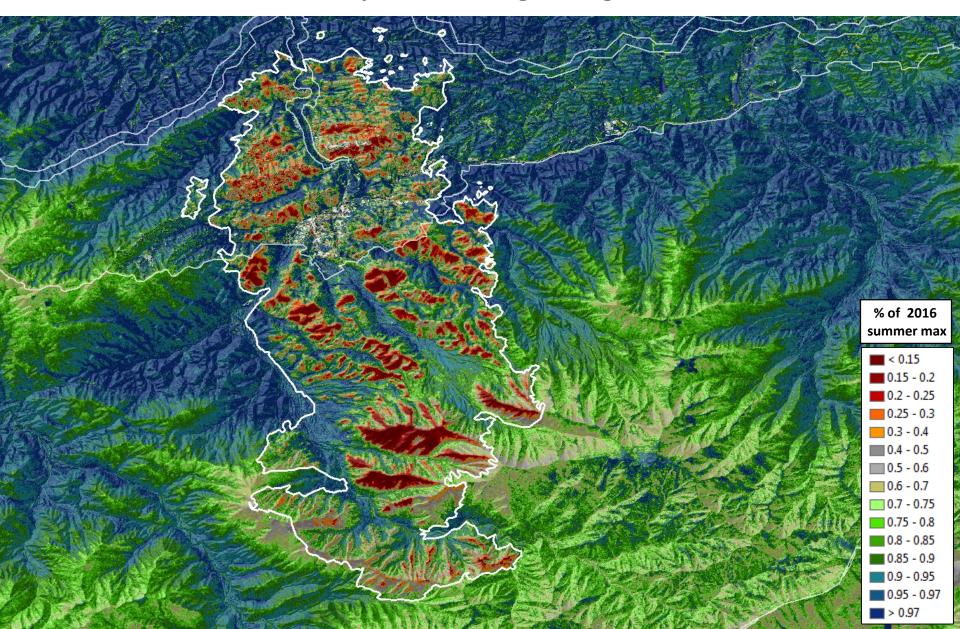
Results: Percent Greenup as of 3/23/2017

Based on 2016 Sentinel composted max. growing season NDVI



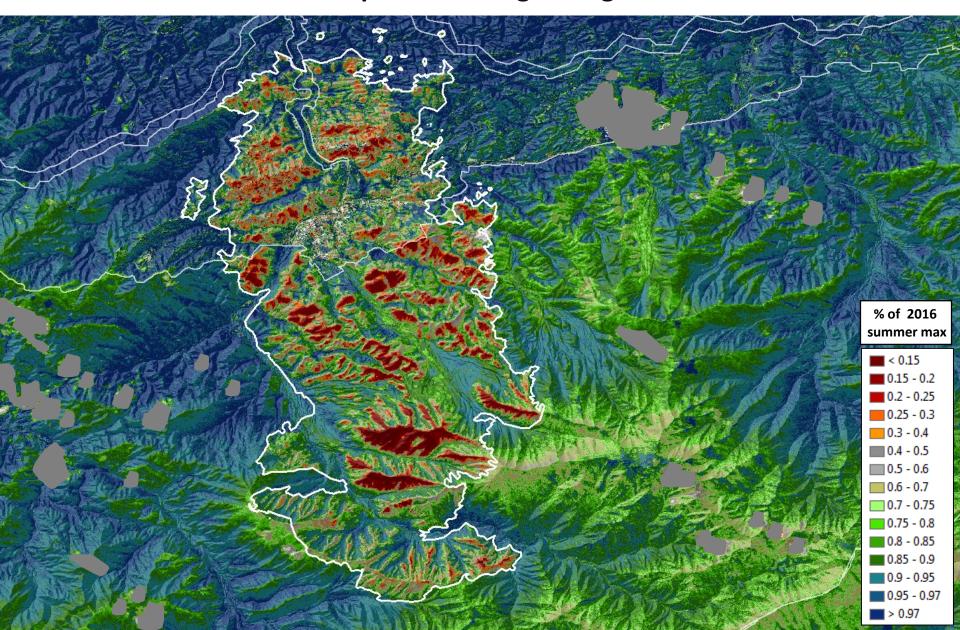
Results: Percent Greenup as of 5/2/2017

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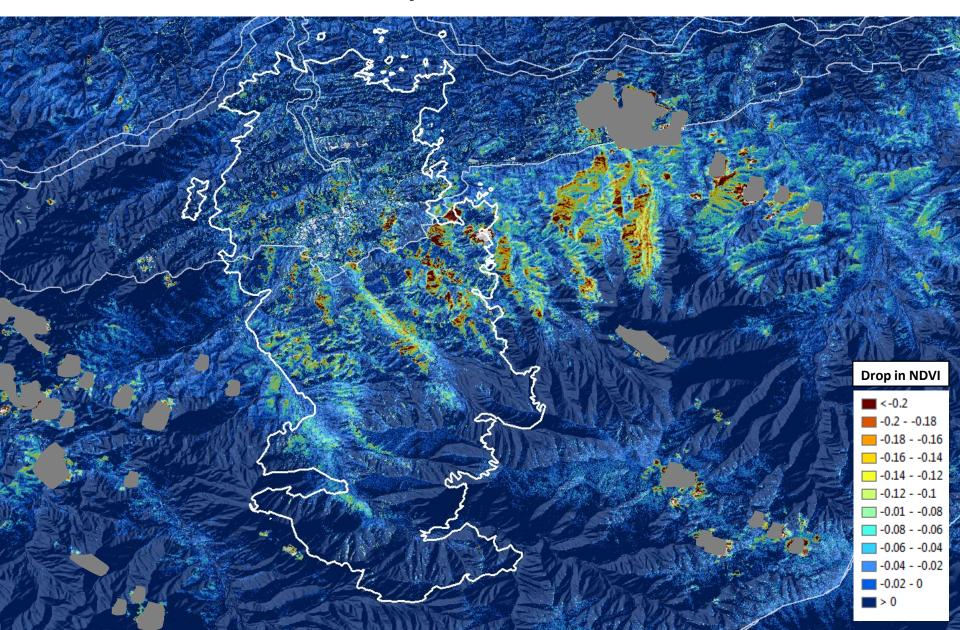
Results: Percent Greenup as of 5/15/2017

Based on 2016 Sentinel composted max. growing season NDVI



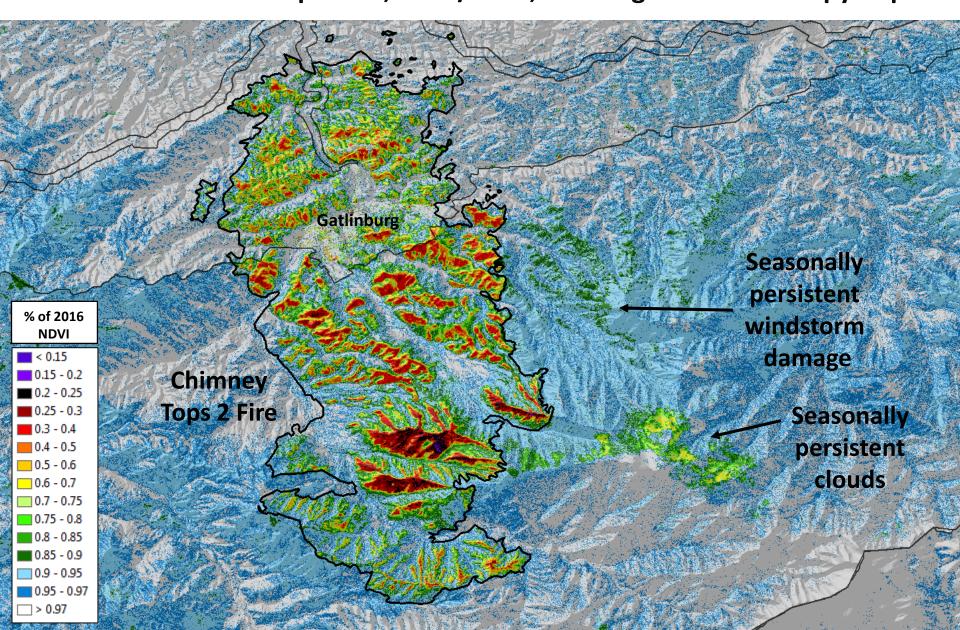
Results: Unexpected Spring Phenological Reversal

Between 5/2 and 5/15 caused by a 5/4/2017 mountain wave wind event

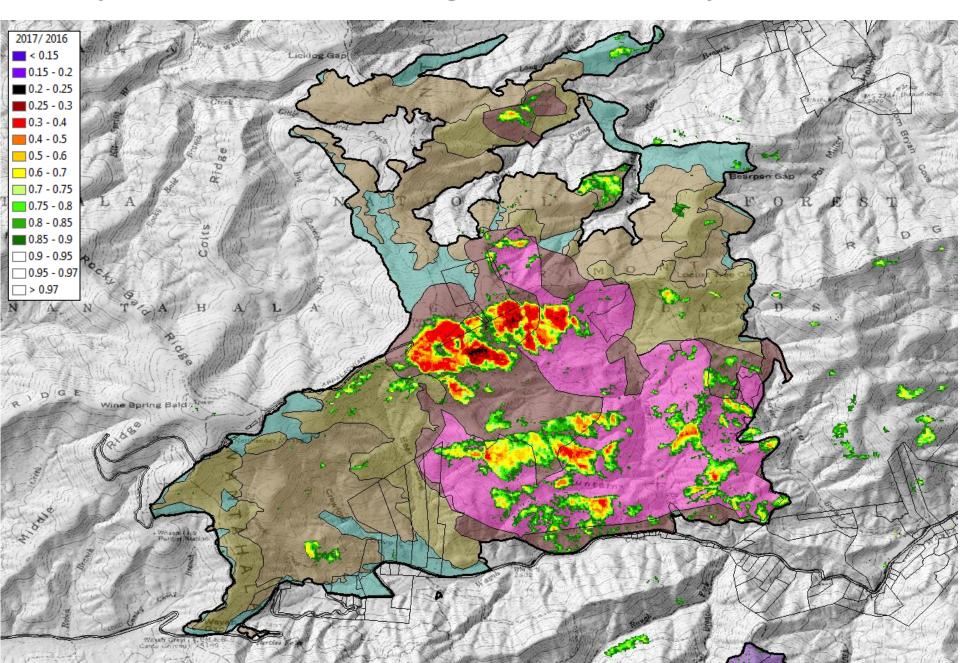


Results: Change in Growing Season NDVI

Based on Sentinel Composites, 2017/2016, showing the fire's canopy impact

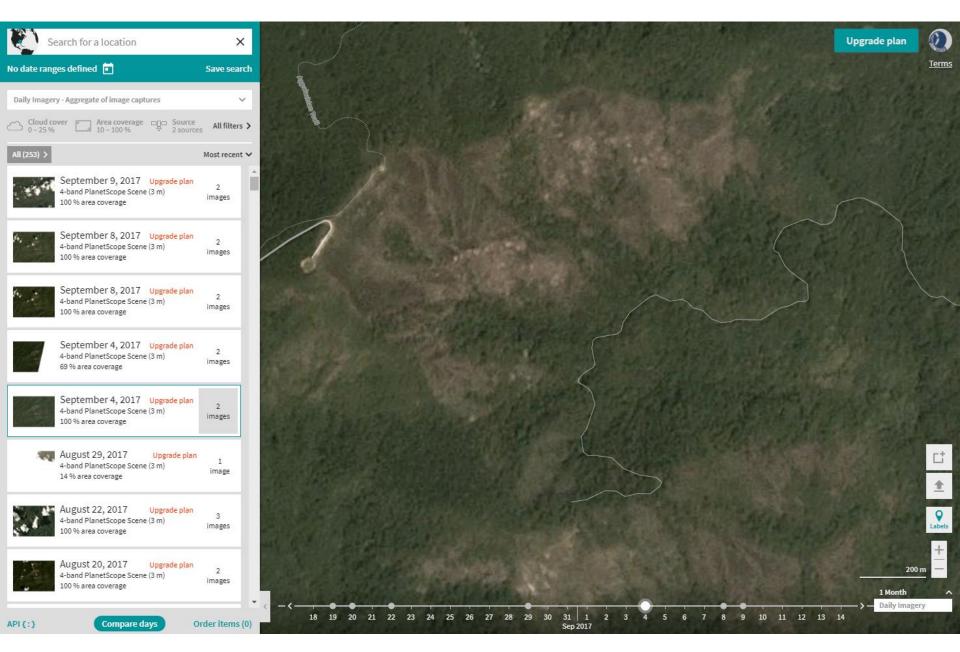


Camp Branch Parcels, Progression and Impacts

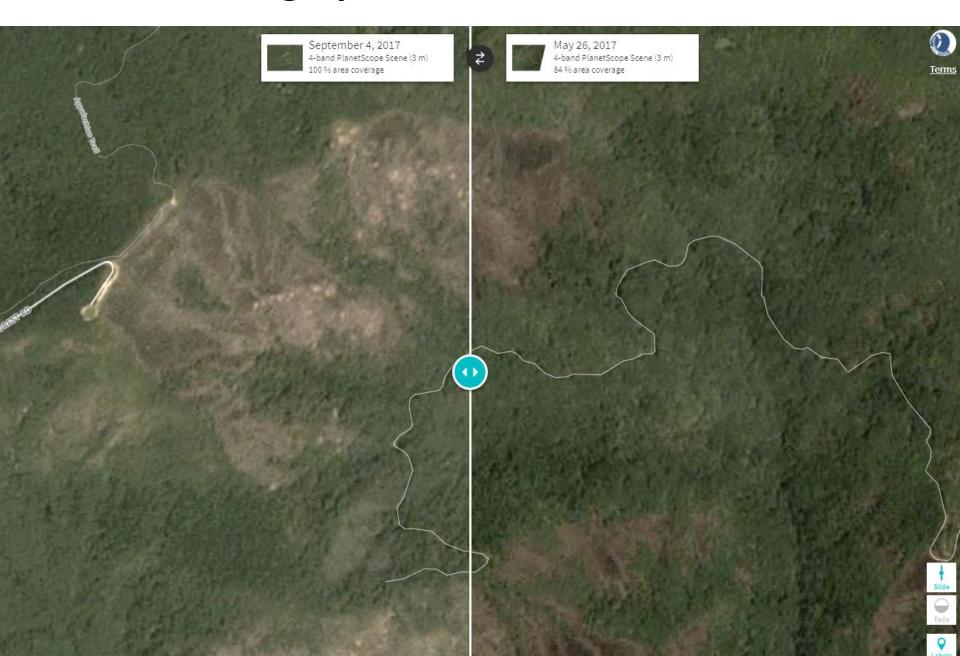


Camp Branch Oblique Photograph - 7/20/2017 Photo credit: Kenny Frick FHP

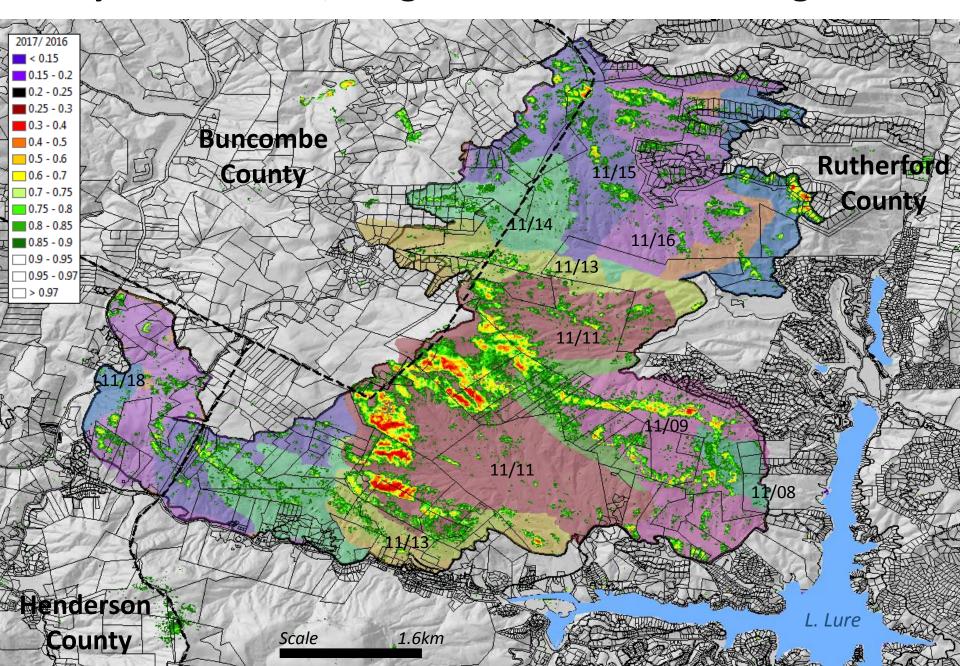
Planet.com imagery for 9/4/2017



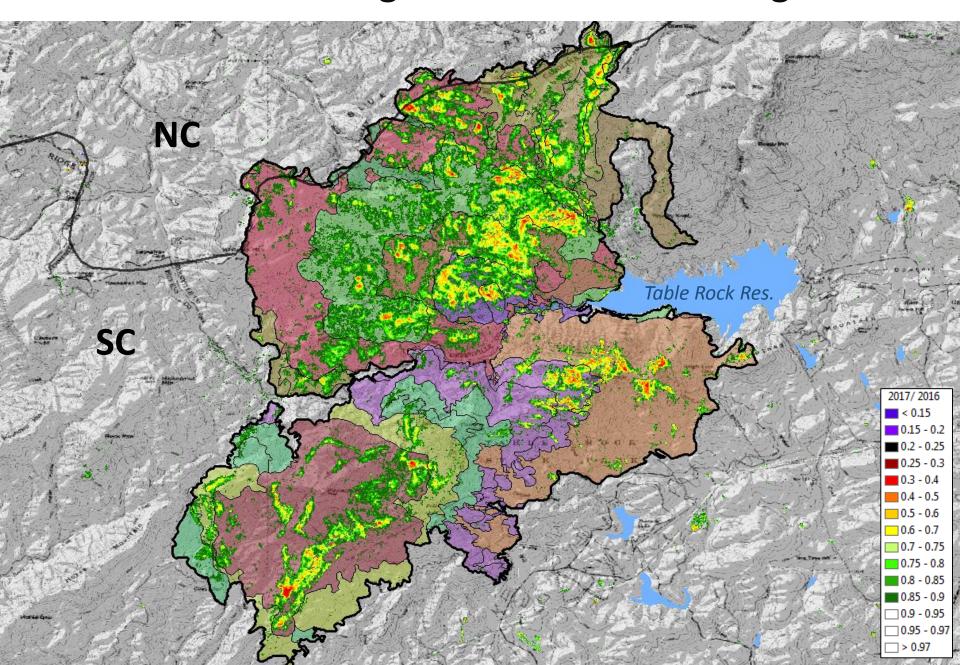
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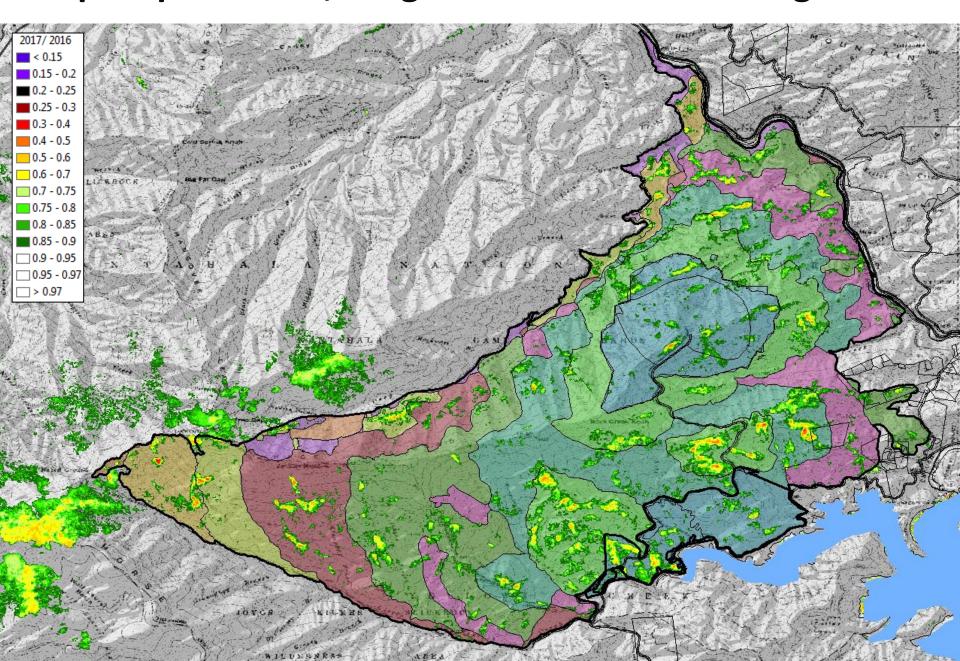
Party Rock Parcels, Progression and NDVI change

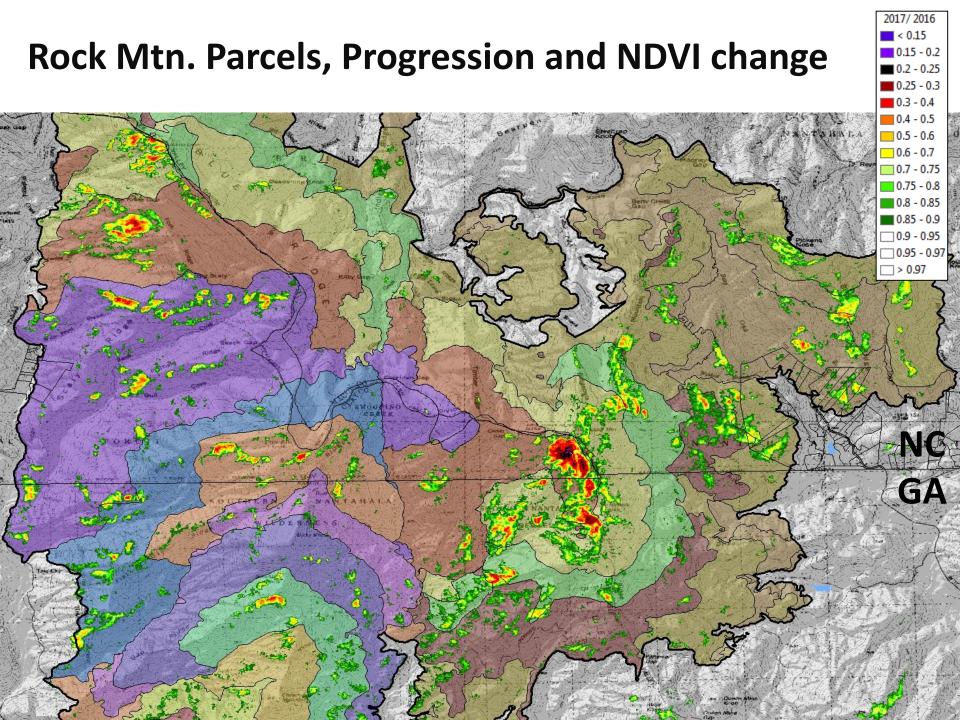


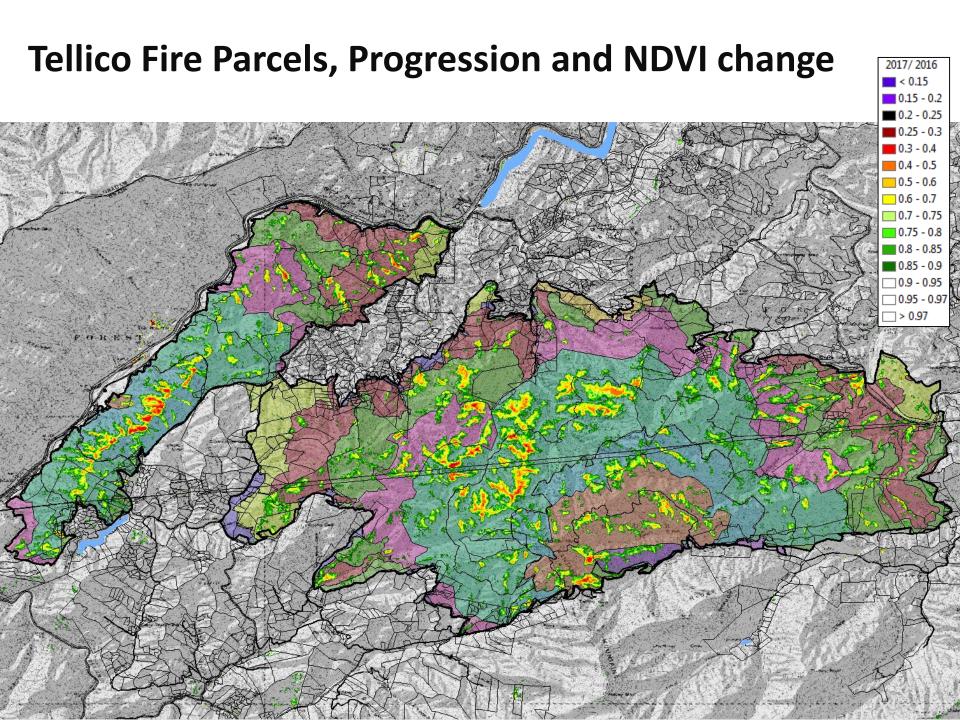
Pinnacle Mtn Fire Progression and NDVI change



Maple Spr. Parcels, Progression and NDVI change

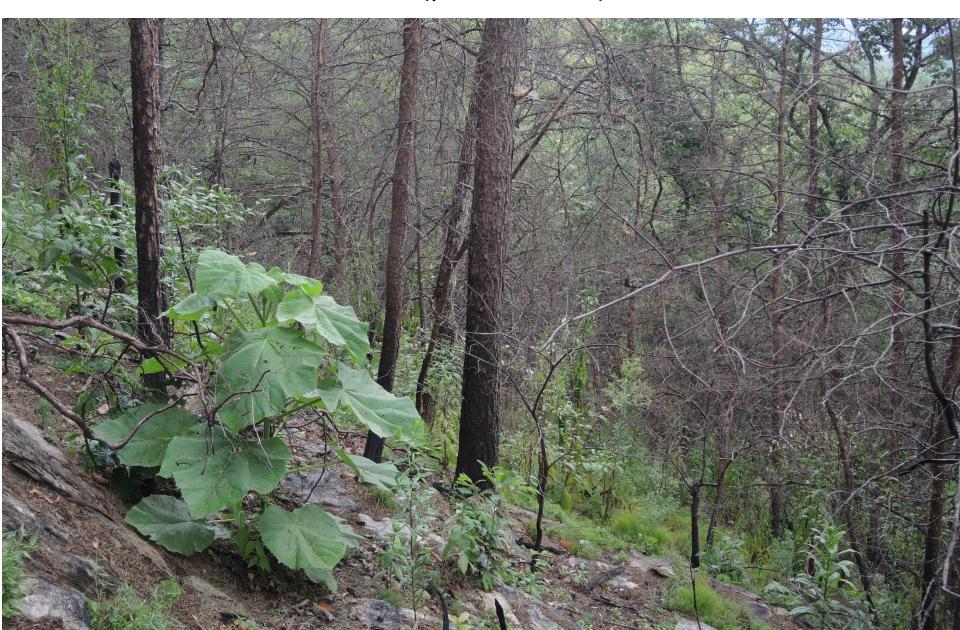




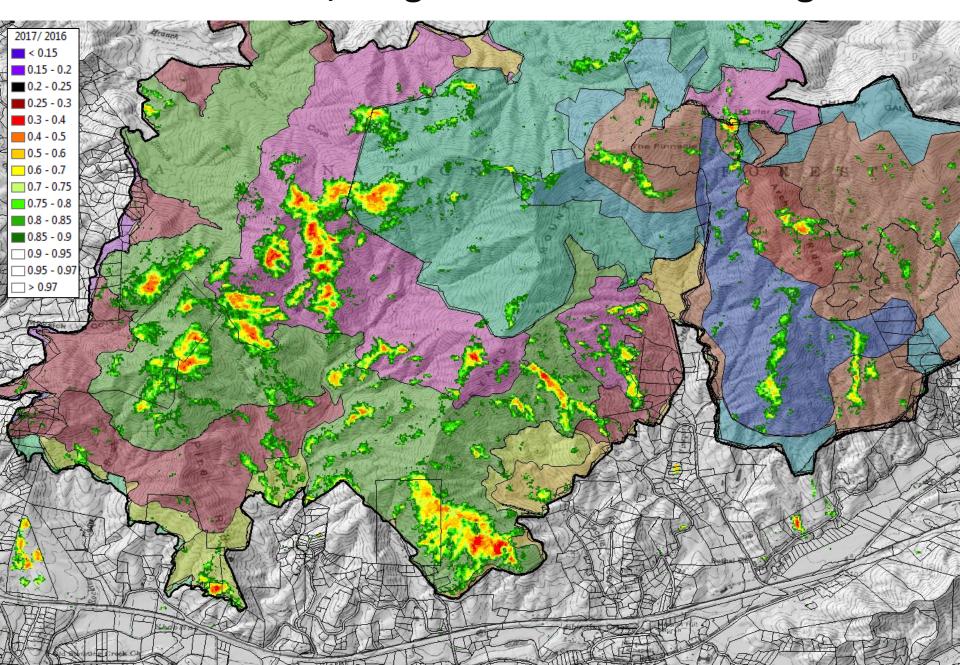


Fire-triggered invasive species establishment

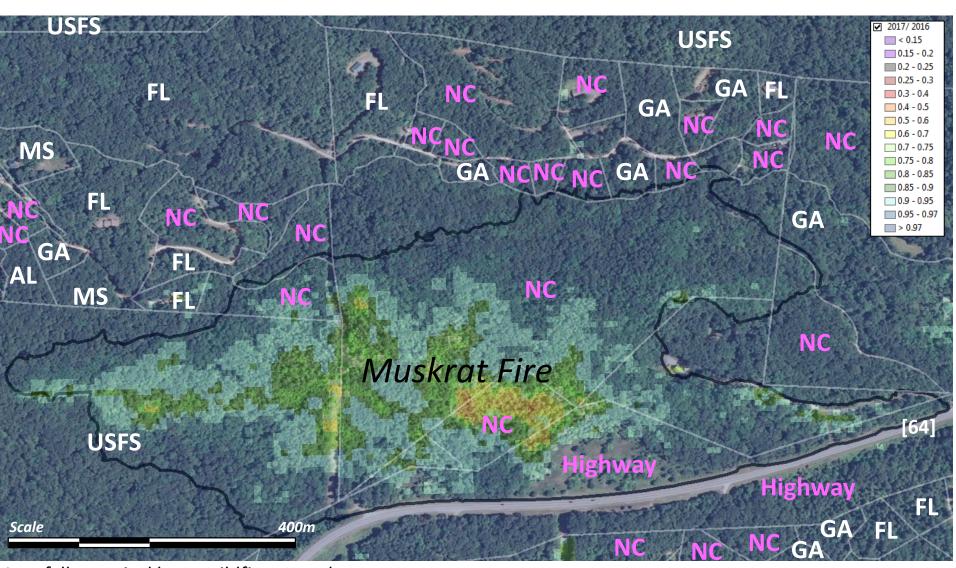
Non-native, invasive Paulownia (princess tree) after the Boteler Fire



Boteler Fire Parcels, Progression and NDVI change



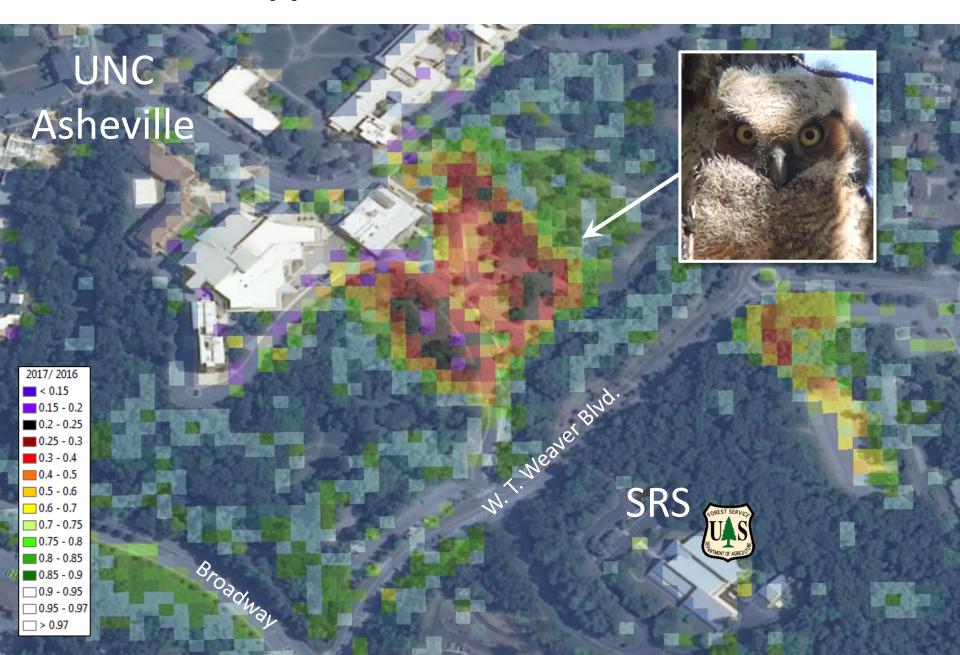
Muskrat Fire Parcels and NDVI change



Last fall, a typical large wildfire spread at an average maximum rate of 750m/day, excluding extreme spotting events.

State codes show private parcel ownership Muskrat Fire: 11/12/2016, 42ha. (104ac.)

Urban forest applications



Summary and closing thoughts

- Compared to Landsat, <u>Sentinel 2</u> provides gridded data at higher frequency and with <u>9x</u> the detail, but we need time to develop robust historical baselines for certain applications.
- At "large tree canopy resolution", Sentinel 2 is well suited for understanding many wildland and urban forest <u>processes</u>, such as tree stress and mortality in gaps and patches.
- <u>Seasonal compositing</u> provides a solution for many (but not all) cloud and atmospheric problems that have long plagued remote sensing efforts.
- <u>Near-real-time</u> <u>applications</u> include understanding spring and fall progression and disturbance events that can be updated as conditions change.