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New and Emerging Technologies & Innovations



KODAMA THANKS CAL FIRE & US FOREST SERVICE FOR THEIR SUPPORT







Problem:

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Productivity Enabler:

SUPERVISED AUTONOMY

Source Employees: find employees from far away

No Travel: eliminate the cost of 3hr commutes

Safer:
lower workers' comp costs

Productivity Multiplier: enable multiple shifts & multiple machines per operator







First Product:

SKIDDER TELEOPERATION & AUTONOMY

- Partnered with WEILER, a forestry equipment OEM
- Operating on the site of the Park Fire near Red Bluff, CA
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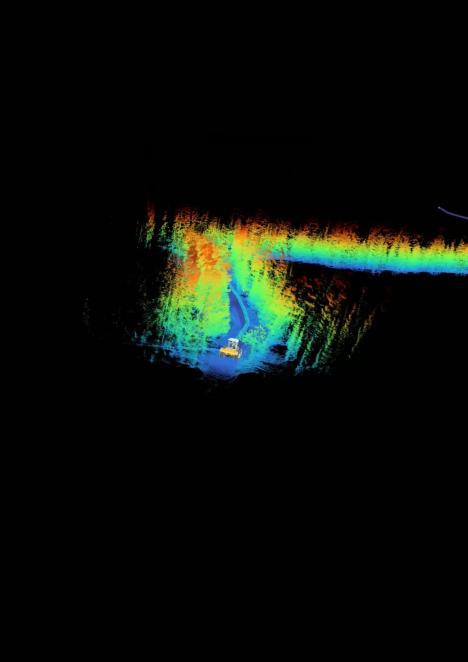


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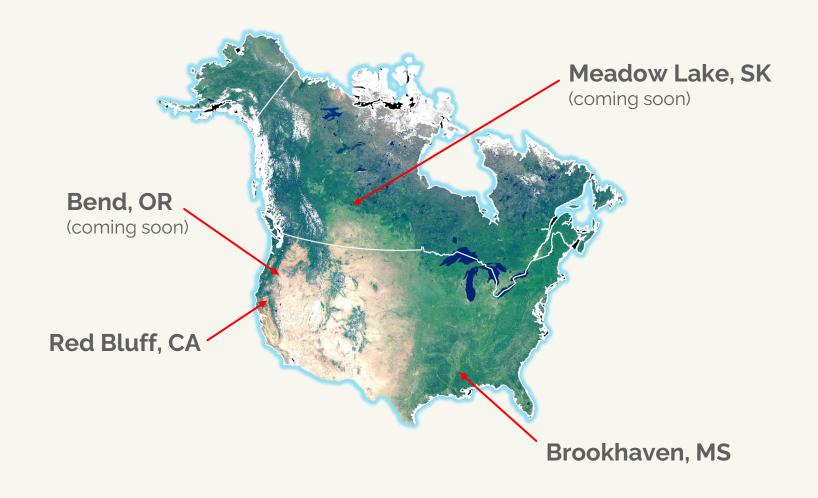






Commercial Deployments

KODAMA IS EXPANDING OPERATIONS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA





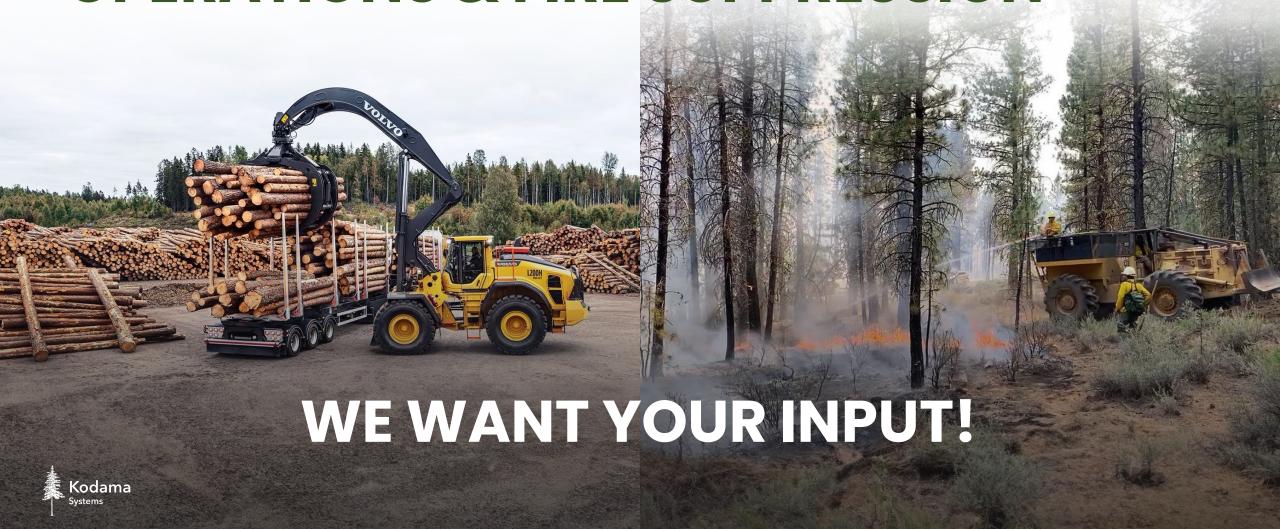
The Future





The Future

KODAMA PLANS TO EXPAND TO MILL OPERATIONS & FIRE SUPPRESSION







Biomass Management Platform



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Pete Christensen COO & Cofounder



Chelsea Samuelson Head of Operations























Waste biomass is the lowest (CO2e) footprint feedstock for chemicals, fuels and materials.

- Forest Residues
- Agricultural Residues
- MSW



Wildfire prevention and recovery requires biomass management.

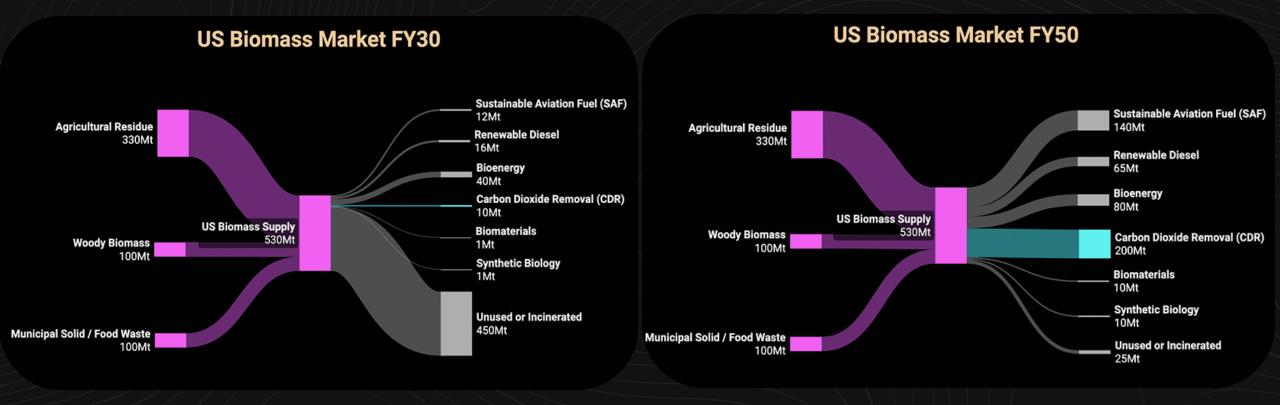
- Treating 1M acres in CA will produce 10-15M tons of biomass
- Post-fire debris must be cleared to plant new forests



Biomass is waste management.

Demand Constrained

Supply Constrained



10% of Biomass is Used 2025 - 2030 100% of Biomass is Used 2035 - 2050



In 2025, biomass is an expensive waste management problem

\$10B

Vegetation Management

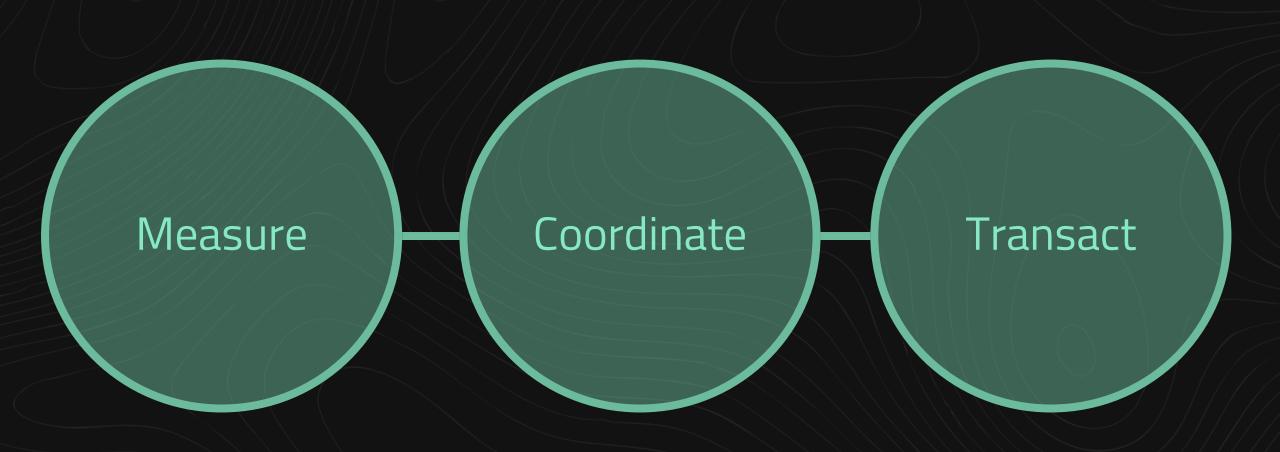
With software, Loamist reduces biomass management costs and optimizes value creation.

Biomass Supply is a cost center >\$10B annually

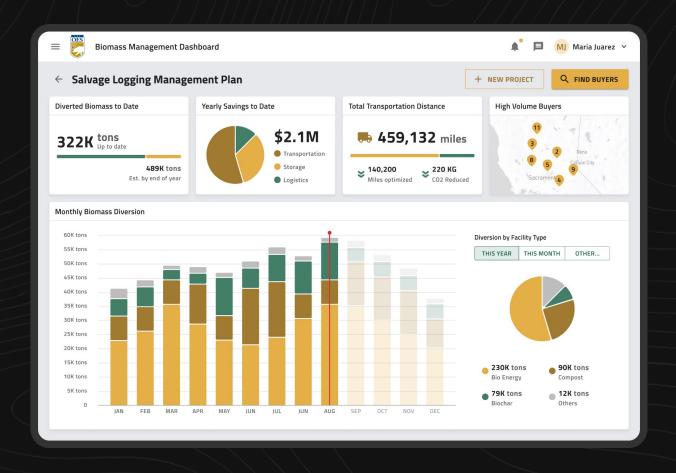


Biomass Demand is growing to \$20B by 2035





Measure - For land managers, we track and quantify where the biomass goes and how much it costs.



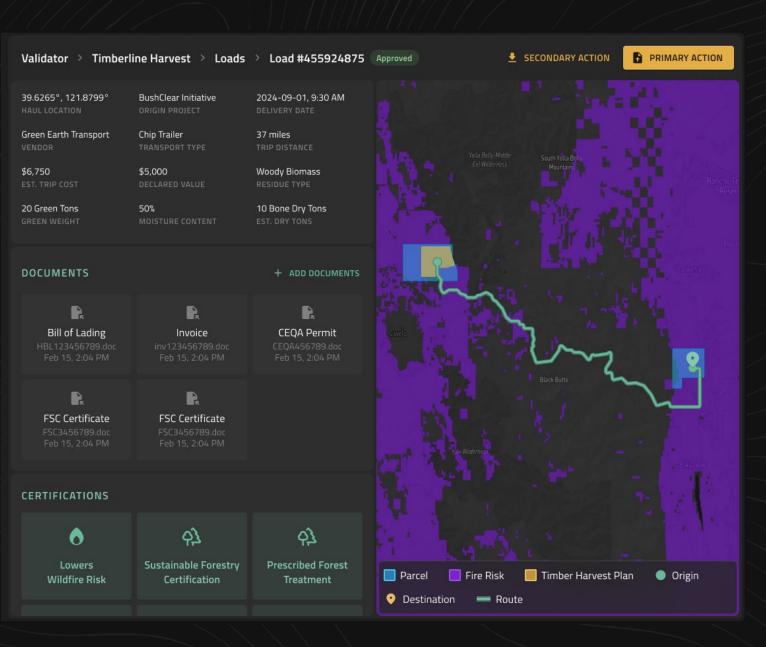
- Truck miles, labor hours, tip fees.
- Meet compliance requirements.
- Establish baseline to optimize for fire risk, safety, and transportation.







Measure - Chain of Custody software

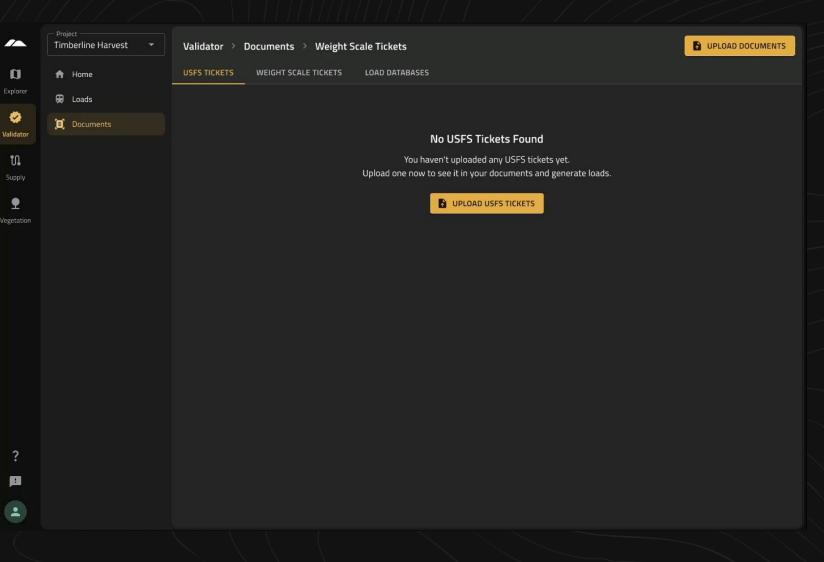


- Transportation Subsidies
- Wildfire Risk Reduction
- Certificates of Compliance
- VCM Registries





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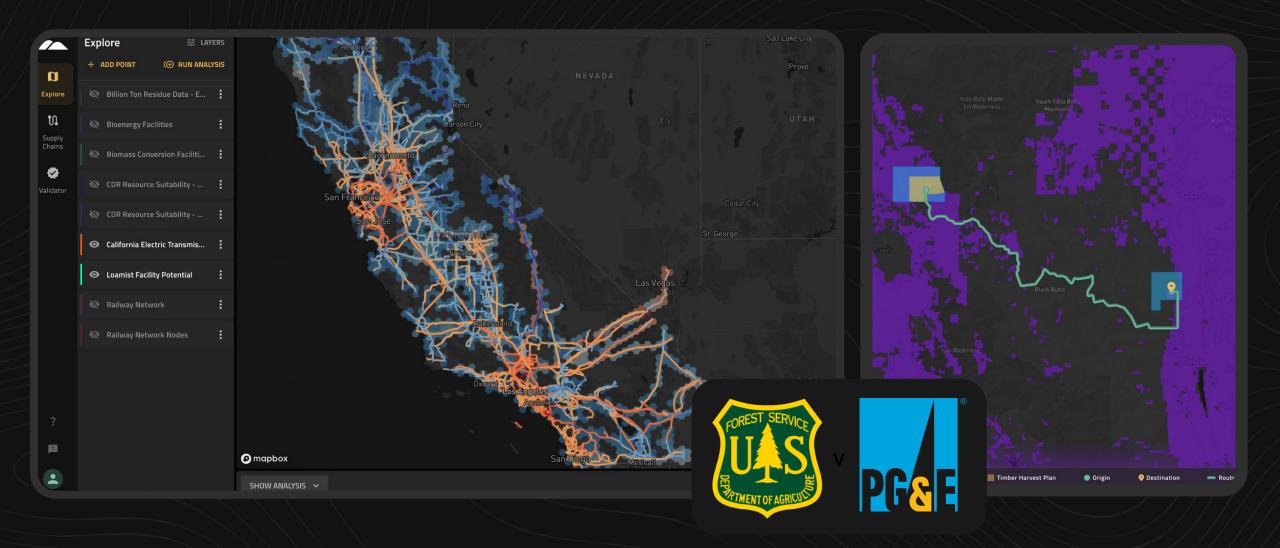


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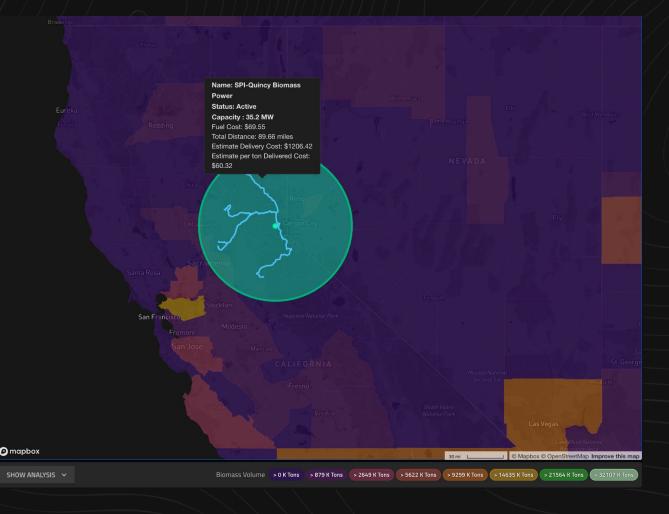




Coordinate - Al-enabled operational planning for utilities and land managers.

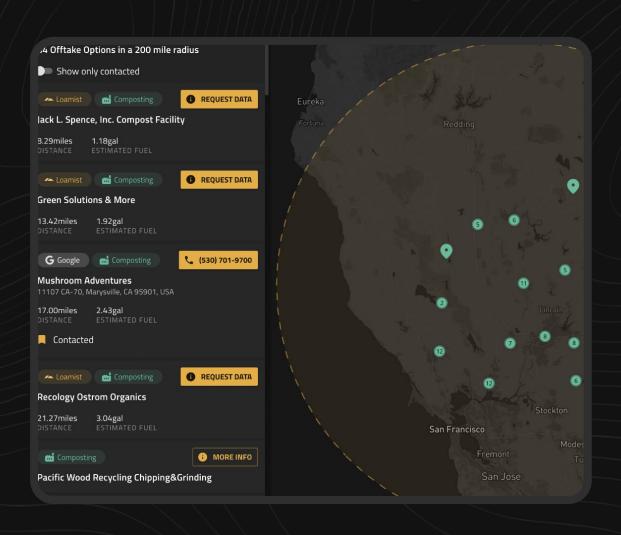


Coordinate - Leverage hundreds of data layers to support your biomass optimization strategy.



- Instant Feedstock analysis
- Transportation Studies
- Competitive Use
- Land Change with FIA data
- Pricing

Transact - Secure low-risk feedstock agreements from Loamist.



- Supply aggregation
- Options
- Spot purchases
- Long term offtake

Coming 2025

Please reach out

- Customers / Partners
 - Supply of Biomass and want to lower your waste management costs
 - Demand for biomass and want to:
 - Understand feedstock TAM, Competition, Local Dynamics
 - Secure Biomass feedstock for your project

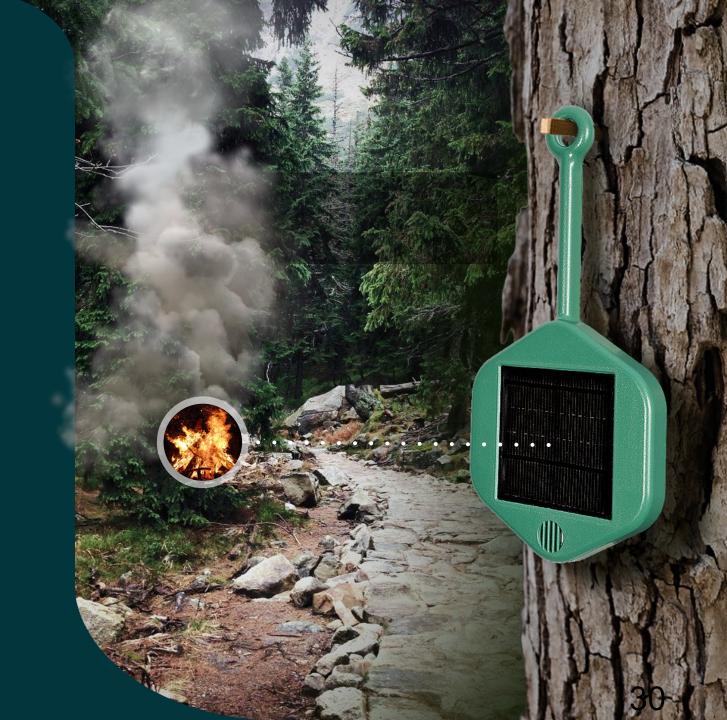
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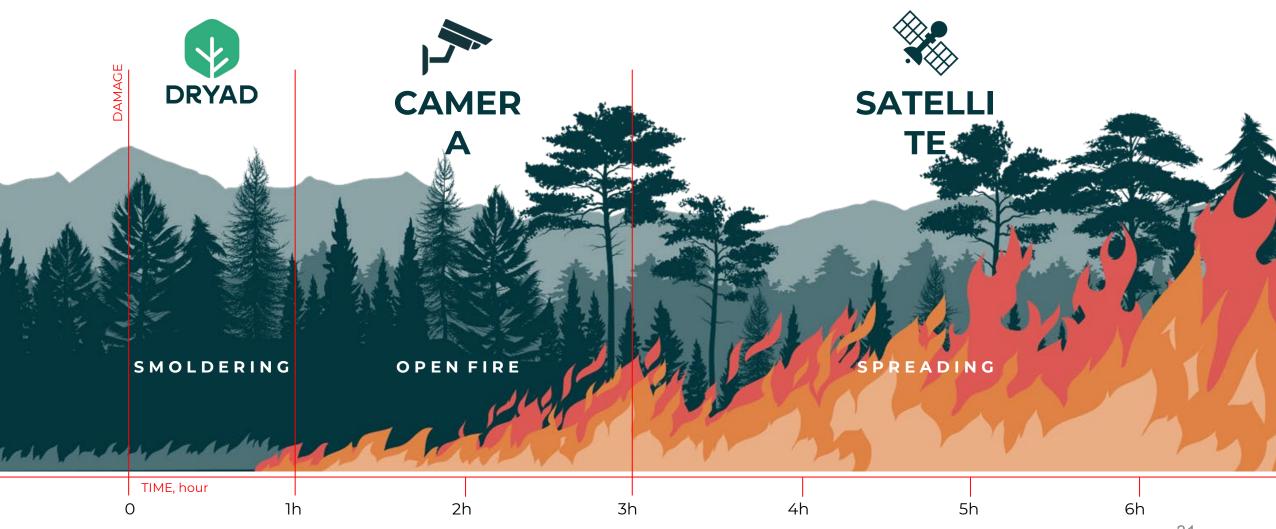


Ultra-Early Wildfire Detection



Time is of the Essence





Silvanet Wildfire Sensor

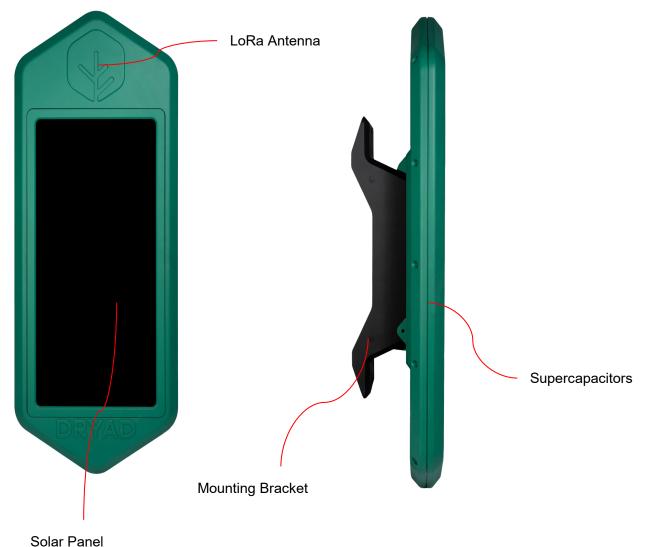
Solar-powered gas sensor **'smells'** fires within minutes from ignition

- Detects fires at smoldering phase
- Runs on solar power & supercapacitors
- Low cost, high volume deployments
- 10-15-year lifespan maintenance-free
- Al powered EDGE computing
- IP67 waterproof



Silvanet Mesh Gateway



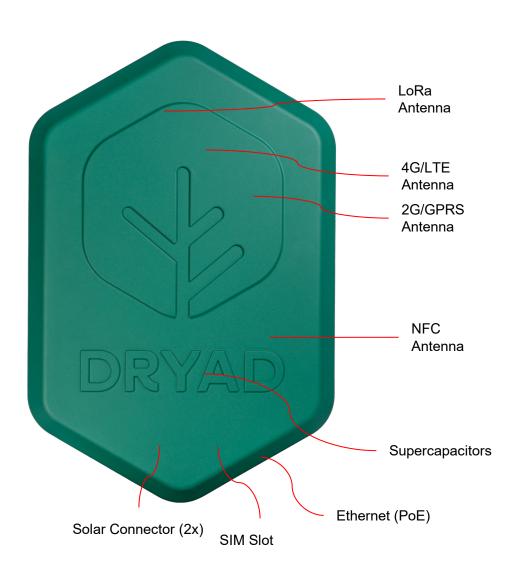


Network Range Extender

- Mesh Gateways cover 2-3km radius
- Multiple gateways can extend the range
- Up to 10 hops to Border Gateway
- 100 sensors per Mesh Gateway
- Solar-powered, no lithium-ion batteries
- Supercapacitors for energy storage
- IP 67 waterproof

Silvanet Border Gateway



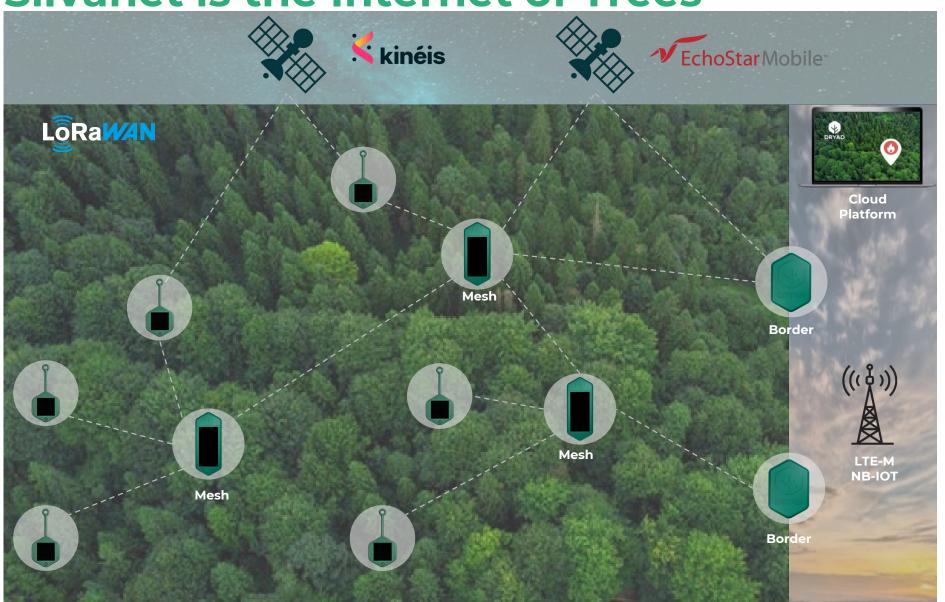


Connectivity for the Network

- 4G/LTE with GPRS fallback
- Built-in satellite connectivity
- Ethernet (POE) for wired connectivity
- Up to 10.000 sensors per network
- Solar-powered, no lithium-ion batteries
- Supercapacitors for energy storage
- IP 67 waterproof

Silvanet is the Internet of Trees





Optimizing Wildfire Sensor Deployments





Go to Market



TRACTI



20+ active Resellers in EU, USA and Asia





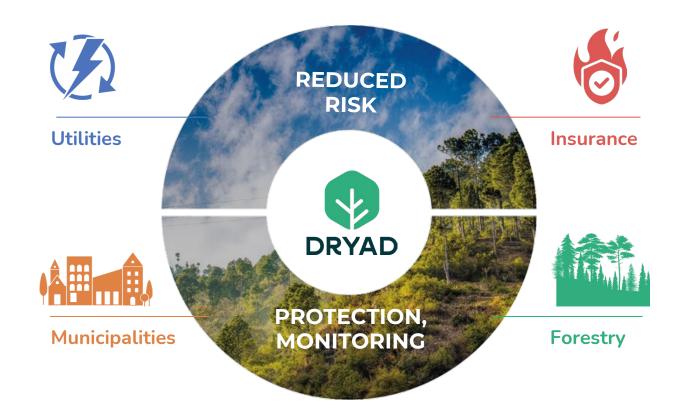




50+ Paid-for POC / Pilots **100.000** sensors contracted for Thailand and South Africa



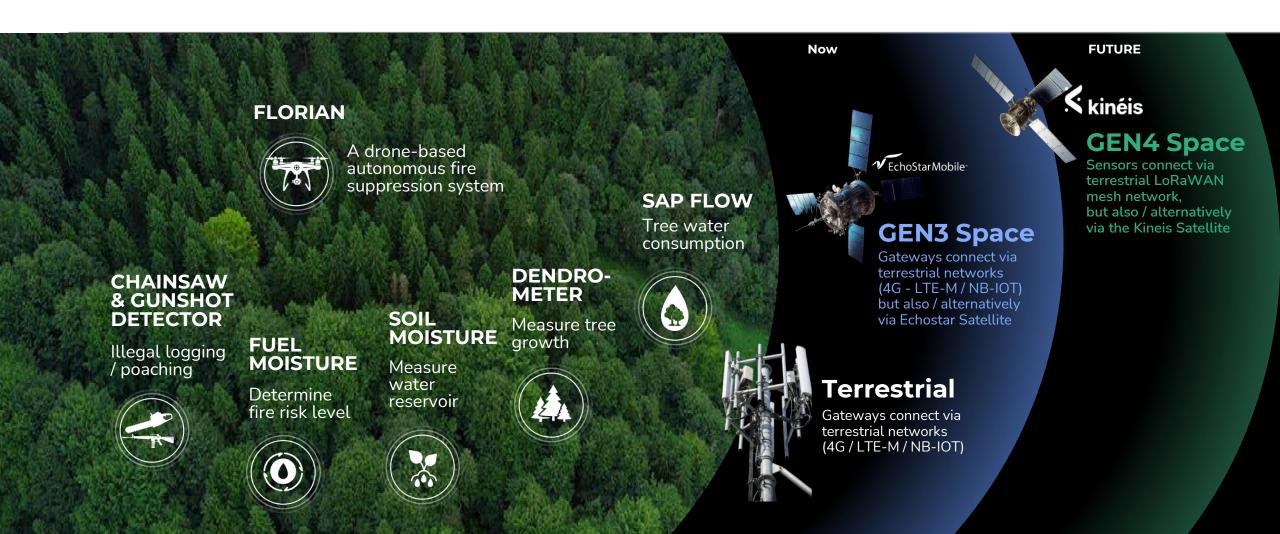
20.000 sensors sold to-date €4.9m contracted revenue



Roadmap: H/W in development

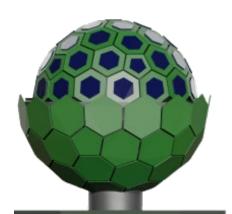


Dryad is building a **scalable communications infrastructure for forests and nature,** for health and growth monitoring, fire risk, illegal logging and poaching detection.



Roadmap: Observation & Suppression





Autonomous drone system embedded in the forest

Receiving **\$4m** EU Grant for R&D

Live Demo to investors and media end of March



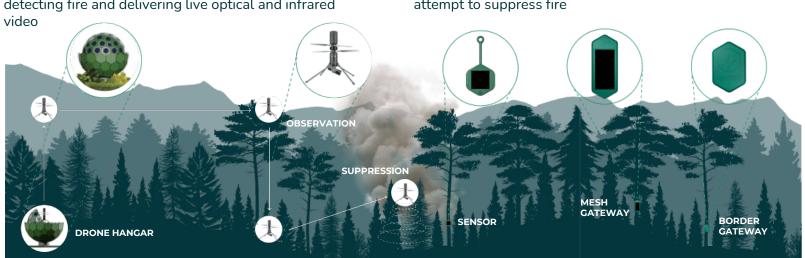
Unique approach

Observation Phase 1: Solar-power

Suppression

Phase 1: Solar-powered hangar and autonomous drone, detecting fire and delivering live optical and infrared

Phase 2: Descend into forest, navigate through trees, attempt to suppress fire





Fully Autonomous Operation



Acoustic Fire Suppression



Solar-Powered Drone Hangar



Event Cameras for Obstacle Avoidance



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Development Fund

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California Fire Problem

Effective Use of Long-Term Fire Retardants



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Fire Problems and Technology



- Large Complex Note Worthy Fires Longer In Duration
- Year Around Fire Potential
- Wildland Timber Interface Urban Fuel Models (recent Fire in LA, Dixie (Greenville), Camp Incident, Tubbs Incident, Weed Boles & Mill Fires)
- Wicked Fire Problem (can not change the weather, topography)
- All About The Fuel Reduction
- Summary of Large Damaging Fires Needs to Up The Game
- Technology
- **Utility Hardening**

Agency Issues with Technology



- Agencies are still doing many things same way they have done for many years.
- In the event new technology come forth; challenges to research, testing approval, adopt and funding.
- Late to technology.
- Wait and see innovators.
- Example the DC-10 Since 2006 to Adopt a VLAT CW **Exclusive Use Contracts.**
- Helicopter in the Early 1940's 1946 a Bell 47, Heavy Lift Copters use in the 1980's Now the NORM.
- Now flying night operations with NVG
 - Heavy CH47's
 - Firehawks and other Ships
 - o SCE ORC, LAC, VNC







Early Days of Airtankers 1959 –1973





The TBM Avenger, a Grumman TBF manufactured by General Motors, began being used as a firefighting air tanker in 1958. The first TBM to drop retardant on a fire was Paul Mantz's TBF near Lake Elsinore, California. The TBM was well-suited to the role of air tanker because it was built to withstand the rigors of war.





To Current Aviation Assets





Utilities & Private Company's



- Utilities in the Fire Business [Protection & Prevention]
 - SDG&E
 - o SCE
 - Cooperative effort with [QRF] ORC, LAC, VNC
- PG&E
 - Using Class "A" Wildland Foam to now using LTR on Utility Poles
 - SIPT 45 Type 6 engines with plans going to 60 Type 6 engines
 - Siskorsky Rotary Aircraft –Construction & Maintenance [Coop. in Marin & Butte County prepositioned]
- Private Insurance
- Private Fire Businesses







Forest Timber Industry



Since logging the Forest Timber industry has been fighting fire

- Dozers, Skidders, Water Tenders and other equipment
- Logging Industry Crews
- Coop Fire Positions
- Aerial Patrols

Types of Suppressants



WATER: HEAT is absorbed during evaporation.

FOAM: expands water, increases insulation, penetrates deeper into the fuel layer, remains on fuel surface longer, and increases visibility. PHOS-CHEK® WD881, PHOS-CHEK® WD881C, PHOS-CHEK® First Response, FIRE-TROL 103

GEL – (Water Enhancer): increases amount of water reaching and clinging to fuel. HEAT is absorbed during evaporation. Insulate LC & Aqua-Gel K Powder

Retardant can be applied as a suppressant – PHOS-CHEK® LCE20-Fx, LCE20-W, PHOS-CHEK® MVP-Fx, PHOS-CHEK® 259-Fx

Class A Foams



Proven to be more effective than plain water

This appears to be due to:

- Increased drain time
- More effective penetration into fuels
- Insulating effects
- More effective knockdown



Gels



Characteristics and Properties

Typically, all Water Enhancers (Gels) consists of:

- Polyacrylate
- Polyacrylamide

These are known as the "active" ingredient.

PHOS-CHEK® Insul-8 Vertical Adherence Trial

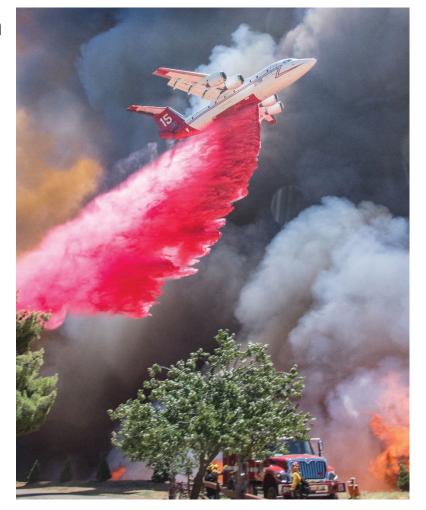


Long-Term Fire Retardant



A formulation that has the ability to create a chain reaction which reduces & inhibits combustion (burning).

Even after the water it originally held has evaporated.





Demonstration

A lot of science – and a little bit of magic

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Vegetation Decomposition Process



1 Molecule Cellulose = $C_6H_{10}O_5$

CELLULOSE + LT Fire Retardant + FIRE

Results: = 6 Atoms "C"

= 5 Molecules "H₂O"

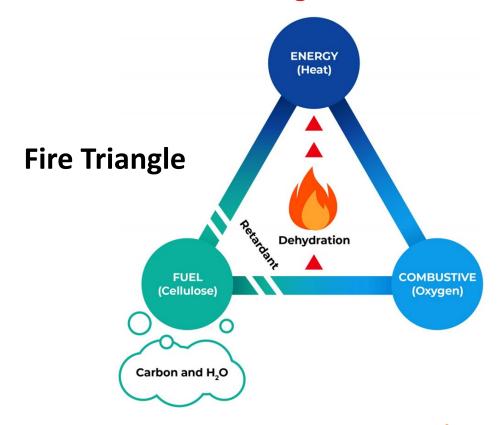
Fuel Modification



Modifying the fuel to prevent the ignition of the vegetation – ground, ladder and canopies

Long-Term Fire Retardant applied to make the fuel

NON-Flammable cation of Long-Term Fire Retardant



Recommended Retardant Coverage Levels



NFDRS FM	Behavior FM	Coverage Level	Flow Rate gal./sec	Fuel Description			
A,L,S	1	1	100-150	Annual & perennial Western Grasses, Tundra			
C H,R E,P,U	2 8 9	2	151-200	Conifer w/ Grass Short needle Closed Conifer, Spring Hdwd Long needle Conifer, Fall Hardwood			
T N F K	2 3 5 11	3	251-400	Sagebrush with Grass Sawgrass Intermediate Brush (Green) Light Slash			
G O F,Q	10 4 6	4 6	401-600 601-800	Short needle Conifer(heavy dead litter) Southern Rough Intermediate Brush(cured); Alaska Blk Spruce			
B,O J I	4 12 13	Greater than 6	Greater than 800	California Mixed Chaparral; High Pocosin Medium Slash Heavy Slash			
Adjust Coverage Level based on fire behavior, i.e., for smoldering fires decrease by 1							

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Coverage Level – Relative Comparison



Coverage Level 1 = 1 gallon equally spread over 100 square feet (2, 3, 4, - 8, 9, etc.)

Approx. Thickness						
Coverage Level 2	Speckled measles = (1/32 in.)					
Coverage Level 4	.0625 in thick (1/16 in.)					
Coverage Level 6	.096 om (3/32 in.)					
Coverage Level 8	.125 in (1/8 in.)					

Fire Chemical Tactical Effectiveness Guide



Fire Chemical Effectiveness by Application

	Long-Term Retardant	Gel	Class A Foam	Water
Indirect Attack	/ / / /	√ √	✓	
Direct & Parallel Attack	////	/ / /	√ √	✓
Interior Structure Attack		√ √	////	✓
Structure Protection Indirect Application	/ / / /	///	\	✓
Structure Protection Direct Application		/ / / /	///	✓
Mop-Up	√ √	√ √	////	✓
Prescribed Burn Control	////	///	√ √	✓
	√√√ = Best	Better √√=Good	√=Baseline Effective	

Environmental Information



Fire Chemicals

- Forest Service approved products must go through rigorous environmental testing by the US Forest Service WFCS Missoula.
- Only approved products are listed on the Qualified Products list (QPL).
- Products are tested for fish toxicity, mammalian toxicity, & an entire comprehensive list of potential effects.

http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/fire/index.htm

United States Forest Service (USFS) Qualification Testing



Testing Includes:

- Mammalian and fish toxicity
- Initial and final corrosion (surface and intergranular)
- Viscosity stability/Product stability
- Pumpability
- Abrasion
- Temperature cycling
- Microbial growth
- Color properties and visibility (opacity, fading, field visibility)
- Air drop characteristics
- Operational field evaluation
- Burn testing effectiveness

Wildland Fire Chemical Qualification & Testing



Determine that potential wildland fire chemicals meet the performance requirements

- Defined in Forest Service Specification
- Performance based
- Common to all products if handled & used in same way

Moving Forward



Agencies

Getting Agencies to adopt the paradigm shift from aerial application and ground applied operations.

Getting Forestry & Timber Industry to use Long-Term Fire Retardants

- Protecting Timber
- Plantations
- Equipment & Landings
- Log Decks
- Finished Lumber Inventory
- Co-Gen Chip Piles
- Mills
- Infrastructure



Benefits of PHOS-CHEK Ground Applied LTR



- Improving the safety of firefighters and the public.
- Protection of identified Safety Zone(s), Temporary Refuge Area(s) and escape route(s).
- Can be applied 24/7 no worries of inversions, weather conditions or night.
- Mixes easily to blend to be ready to apply.
- Can be applied with a variety of fire apparatus, water tenders and equipment.
- Can be applied days, weeks months in advance (Prevention/Protection).
- Easy to apply; Pinpoint accuracy of application from apparatus & hose lines.
- Once the product is applied it works wet or dry and remains effective until product is washed off.
- Can be used for critical infrastructure, utility assets, power lines, communications sites [Agency & Cellular], water supply.

Benefits of Ground Applied LTR [Cont]



- Structure protection, within or outside the burn area thus reducing the number of resources assigned for structure and/or asset protection.
- Could reduce the quantity of apparatus assigned to improvements, structure protection by pretreating vegetation ahead of the fire.
- Establish anchor point(s).
- Firing out around structures and assets.
- Establish or reinforce control lines on active fires, prevent fire escape (wet line).
- Reduce fire intensity, check line.
- ✓ Used in conjunction prior to a firing operation(s) by treating fuels (Once treated can conduct firing operations when conditions allow), reduce or eliminate ignition, limiting spotting and fire intensity.

Benefits of Ground Applied LTR [cont.]



- Protection of Machinery and Equipment
- Pre-treating vegetation to reduce chances of ignition {welding, grinding, etc.]
- Establishing and maintaining egress routes
- Apply prior to control and/ or prescribed fire projects
- Environmental, air quality

Forest Timber Industry Usage

- Protect their own assets ahead of the Agency
- Have used some in the last 5 or more years
- Dixie Incident
- And a few others



Working cooperatively with agencies on portable base operation on incidents that the copters are pulling from. Ground applied portable base operations assigned to incidents for ground applied water tenders and other apparatus.

Application – Equipment







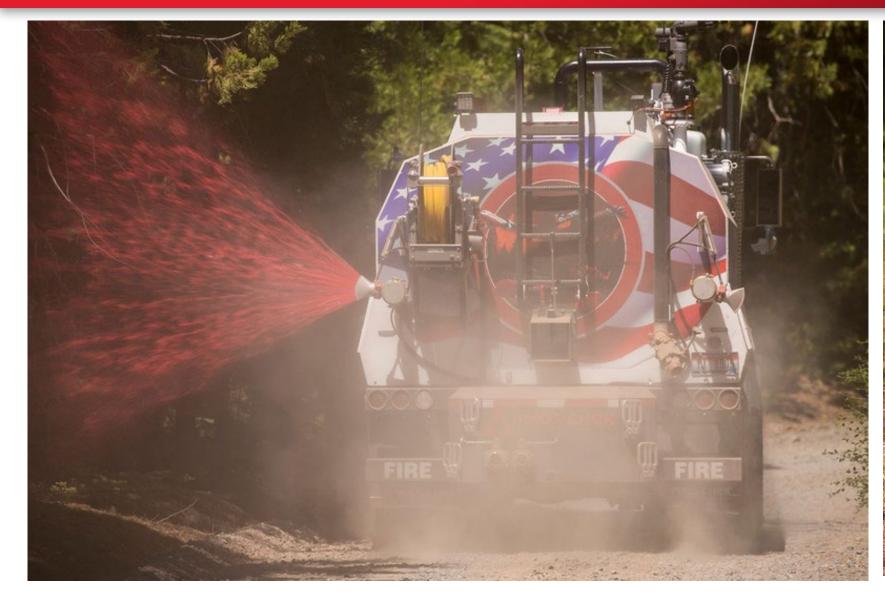






Applications Water Tender









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