



SFRAS v9.2 for ArcGIS 9.2 Now Available!

The Sanborn SWRA Team is excited to announce the release of SFRAS 9.2! This version is now available from the SFRAS download site at <http://gis.sanborn.com/sfras>. SFRAS 9.2 operates on ArcGIS 9.2 SP4.

SFRAS 9.2 is the first of several releases planned for the current maintenance year. Each version will have new capabilities and enhancements. SFRAS functional enhancements have been developed as part of the Southern Wildfire Risk Assessment (SWRA) Maintenance Program under the support of the Southern Group of State Foresters.

Extending Communities-at-Risk Analysis to Address Areas of Concern

There are many functional enhancements that make SFRAS much more robust with this new version. The primary new capability for this release is a substantial enhancement to the Communities-at-Risk tool. This tool has been enhanced to support the input of any polygon data layer and now can be used to analyze the impact of wildfire on any area of concern – not just communities. This tool provides the flexibility to use your own input polygon datasets and can be used to evaluate risk to watersheds, counties, congressional districts, communities or any other layer you desire. You can even digitize your own polygons for evaluation.

Summary of Features

There are a number of changes to SFRAS and these are documented in the FAQ document available from the download site. The following list summarizes some key items about the new SFRAS v9.2 release.

- SFRAS v9.2 software installation programs and documentation can be downloaded from the SFRAS web site at <http://gis.sanborn.com/sfras>
- SFRAS v9.2 operates on ArcGIS 9.2, Service Pack 4. You will need to have this version of ArcGIS installed prior to installing SFRAS v9.2. Refer to the new Install Guide for detailed instructions.
- We are now using a version naming convention consistent with ArcGIS to make it simpler for SFRAS users to determine which version they need. Accordingly, SFRAS v1.3 (the initial release from December 2006) has been renamed v9.1 (for operation on ArcGIS 9.1).
- All new enhancements will only occur on SFRAS v9.2 using ArcGIS 9.2. No changes have been made to the SFRAS v9.1 version (previously v1.3).
- Under the SWRA Maintenance Program support is available for using SFRAS. Please refer to the attached **SWRA Support Memo** for detailed information about the guidelines for using SFRAS support.

What's Next?

To support the new release we will be holding *Web Training Sessions* to refresh users on new capabilities. These sessions will be provided at no cost, first come first served basis for registered users. Multiple training sessions will be held. Notification of session dates and times

will be sent out in mid-March with sessions starting shortly after. All sessions will be limited to one hour in length so folks can get a quick refresher and get on with using the software.

In addition, we will be offering *Web Based SFRAS Videos* that demonstrate new functionality. These short video clips will show the operation of new capabilities complete with audio explaining how to use the new tools. These videos will be available from the SWRA web site and will operate within your Microsoft Internet Explorer window using Macromedia Flash. More information will be provided during the web training sessions.

The Sanborn Team is very excited about SFRAS v9.2 and we look forward to providing our users the best available support with implementing and applying the new capabilities. Many thanks to the SGSF and our Federal partners for their continued support.

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