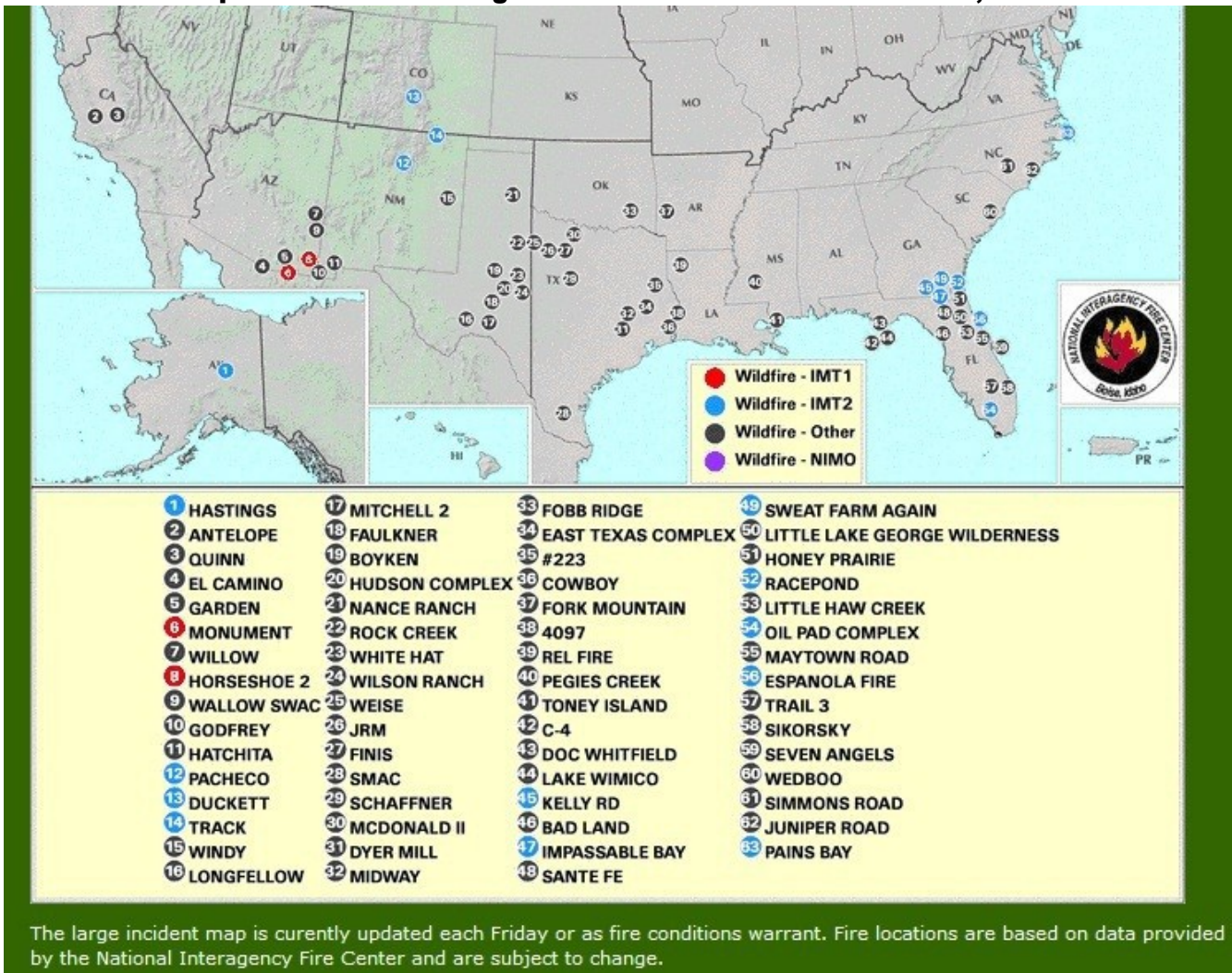


The Natural Resources Defense Council says “Our Forests are not Fuel!”[1]. The links below suggest otherwise. From reading NRDC publications we believe the organization’s intent is to prevent wasteful exploitation of forest resources in low-efficiency electricity generation. The Manomet Study[i] suggests they may be right. Still, it is clear the solar energy stored as woody biomass is a fuel, does burn and has been building up over time in many parts of the country.

Map of Wildfires burning in the United States as of June 22, 2011



This map was taken from the SmokeyBear.com-Get Your Smokey On-Only You Can Prevent Wildfires web site on June 23, 2011.

Resource Professionals Group develops management plans that use value from sustainable local conversion of that fuel to heat and cooling energy. Benefits include less cost for electricity and expensive fossil fuels and reduced carbon emissions with some of the savings used to protect communities from wildfire through danger fuel removal activities.

Wildfire News

[New era sees more, bigger wildfires, echoing blazes a century ago as control policies change](#)

[Get used to mega-fires in the U.S. West](#)

[Arizona Wildfires, Wallow Fire | Satellites Help in Battle to Contain Arizona Wildfires](#)

[Official: Arizona wildfire is now largest in state history](#)

[Winds pose problems in fight against Southwest fires](#)

[Florida battles 400 wildfires, two firefighters die](#)

[Buildings damaged, evacuations called for as a result of wildfires in eastern NC counties](#)

[New Mexico fires threaten Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab – again](#)

[Los Alamos Fire: Initial Air Samples Show No Elevated Radiation Levels](#)

[Arizona Wildfire Essentially Contained, but Concerns Shift to Flooding](#)

['One thing after another': Floods threaten blaze-hit NM](#)

[Links to Wildfire Information and Prevention](#)

[SmokeyBear.com - Get Your Smokey On - Only You Can Prevent Wildfires](#)

[Firewise](#)

[US Forest Service Fire and Aviation Management](#)

[US Forest Service Fire Prevention & Education](#)

[iNRDC: Our Forests Aren't Fuel](#)

[iiManomet Study of Woody Biomass Energy | Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences](#)