

# Multi-Medium Wildfire Detection

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## Wildfire Monitoring Reality

NIFC interagency coordination, USFS detection systems, state-fire authorities (CalFire, OR DEQ, AZ DFFM, similar bodies), emerging private-sector detection (Pano AI, Cornea, AlertCalifornia) operate cross-jurisdiction and cross-vendor across the western U.S.

Climate-driven fire behavior intensifies coordination complexity.

## Multi-Medium Substrate

Each detection source contributes credentialed observations across modalities (RF, optical, thermal, smoke-chemical, ground-sensor). Cross-agency correlation operates through declared federation; emerging private-sector integration admits through credentialing.

Composite signature matching identifies fire-class from cross-modality observations.

## Wildfire Response Trajectory

Climate-driven response reform, emerging cross-agency monitoring standards, emerging private-sector integration frameworks all benefit from architectural multi-

medium substrate.