CONNECTING PRESCRIBED FIRE TO COMMUNITY VALUES:

Black Lake and the Upper Coyote Creek Watershed Collaboration

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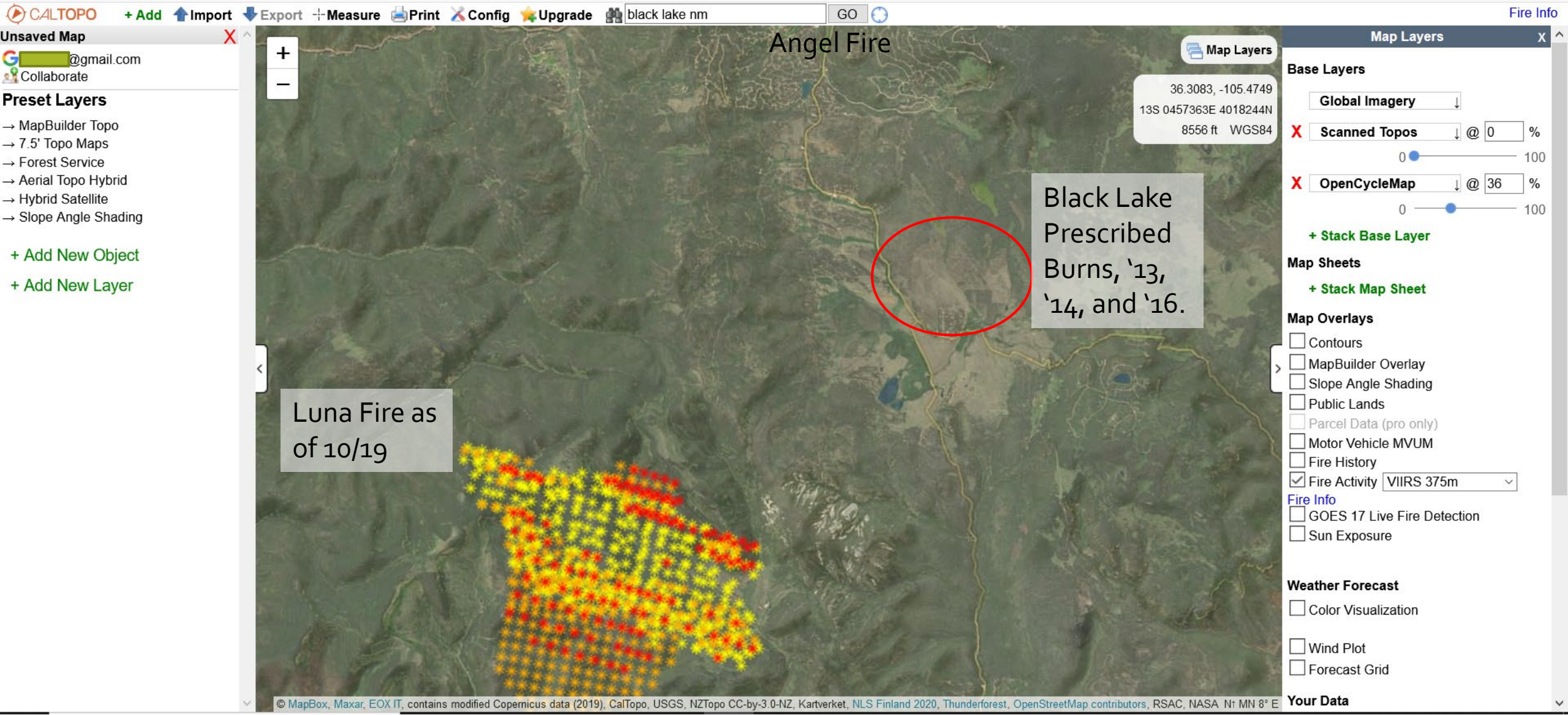
Location and Context



WHO?

- The Nature Conservancy's Fire Learning Network
- The NM State Land Office
- Collaborative Forest Restoration Program
- NM State Forestry
- Moreno Valley Fire Department
- Angel Fire Fire Department
- Santa Clara Pueblo
- Bureau of Land Management
- City of Santa Fe Fire Department
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
- And many more!

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WHY PRESCRIBED FIRE?

- Fire suppressed forests adjacent to at-risk communities and watersheds
- Black Lake identified as high risk since 2006 in the Enchanted Circle CWPP (and in subsequent plans).
- Little Coyote Creek Watershed listed as priority and impaired.
- Fire adapted forests had missed many fire cycles
- Important game unit for local and out-of-state hunters in need of habitat improvement

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HOW?

- Build the team
- Manage risk
- Train fire practitioners
- Clear and frequent communications
- Invite press onsite
- Trapline at communities
- Invest locally
- Learn and improve with each operation

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WHAT'S NEXT?

- Scale up!
- Work collectively to continue to connect prescribed fire with community values
  - We can't burn everywhere, so we need to burn where it overlaps with the greatest need.
- What do you think?

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