

The background is a dark purple gradient. On the left, there are two vertical neon lines, one blue and one magenta, with a horizontal magenta line intersecting the blue one. On the right, a large, glowing magenta arc curves from the top towards the bottom. The text 'AVEVAWORLD' is centered in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

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Understanding Utility Fire Risk

With AVEVA™ PI System™

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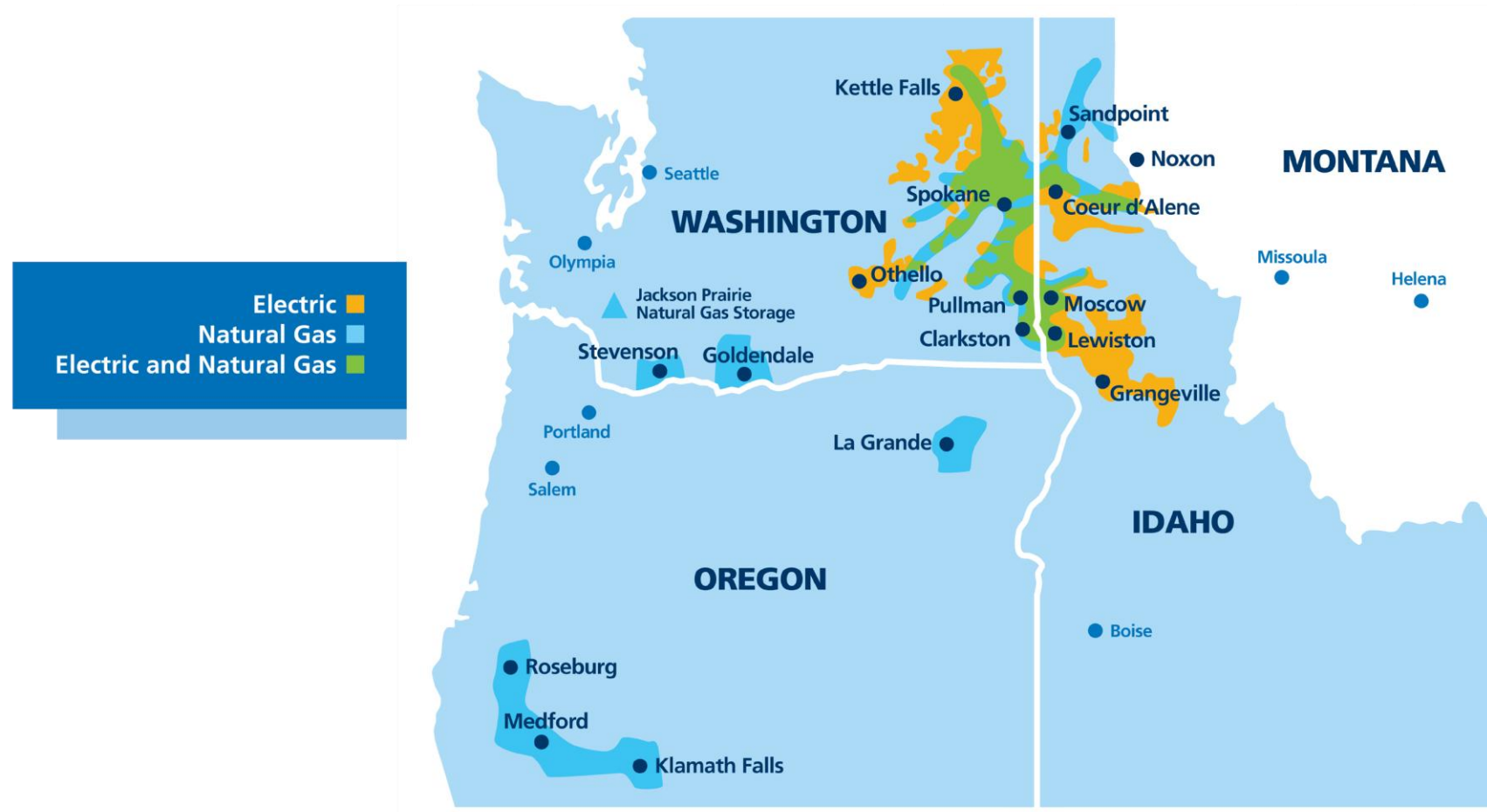
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Presentation Overview

Brief intro and overview about Avista

- How we are leveraging **AVEVA PI System** to understand fire risk
 - Data imports, analysis & monitoring
 - District and individual feeder fire risk
 - Historical analysis walk through

Northwest Service Area



About Avista

Company History

- 1889: Washington Water Power
- 1890: hydroelectric
- 1958: natural gas
- 1983: biomass
- 1999: Avista Corp.
- 2009: Smart Grid Demonstration Project
- 2012: wind
- 2015: solar
- 2019: smart meter deployment

Northwest Service Area

- Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana
- 422,000 electric customers
- 383,000 natural gas customers

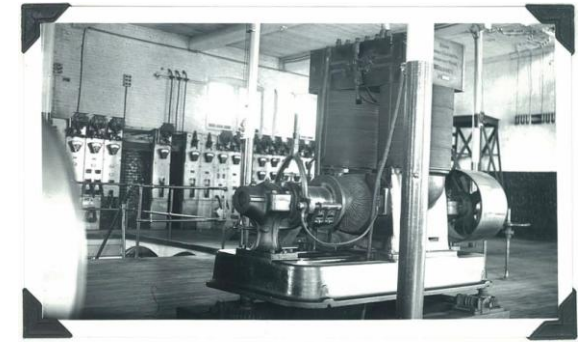


Supply Mix

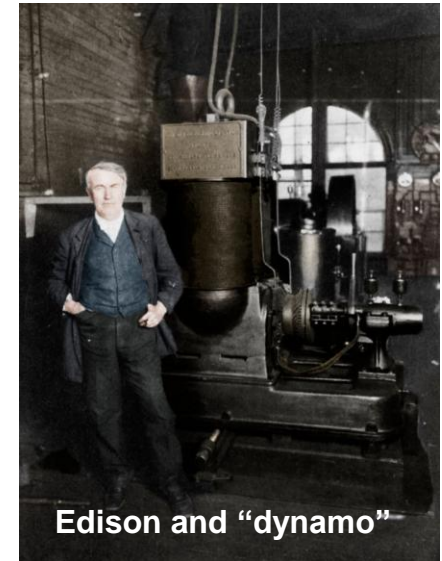
- 48% hydroelectric
- 9% wind
- 2% biomass
- 33% natural gas
- 8% coal

By the Numbers

- 2,800 miles of transmission lines
- 19,700 miles of distribution lines
- 8,200 miles of natural gas distribution mains
- 8 hydroelectric facilities: 1,049 MW
- 7 thermal generation plants: 860 MW
- 1,858 employees



Old 80 KW Edison bi-polar unit. Has been disposed of in 1943.



Edison and "dynamo"

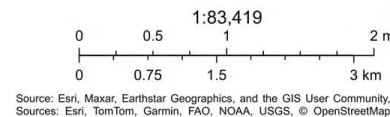
Northwest Service Area and AVEVA PI System

Airway Hts Map

The following example is showing one substation off a transmission line to 3 feeders



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2,800 Miles Transmission Lines
19,700 Miles Distribution Lines
400 Feeders

- 6,844,153 Total PI tags
- Over 1,200 AVEVA PI Vision displays
- Operation Asset Framework
 - 41,000 asset analytics
 - 33,000 AF elements
 - 650,000 event frames
- Smart Meter Asset Framework
 - 948,000 asset analytics
 - 1,050,000 AF elements
 - 43,108,434 event frames

How We Leverage PI System to Understand Fire Risk

AVEVA PI Server's data archive and asset framework empower our teams with the insights needed to determine when actions are necessary.

For instance, enabling our distribution operations team to evaluate and respond.

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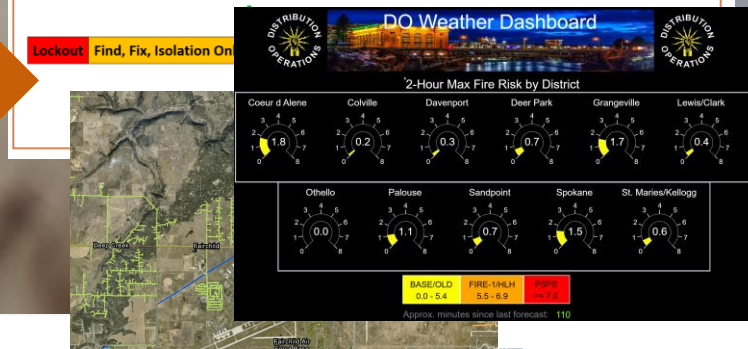
analysis, monitor, historize

deliver, display

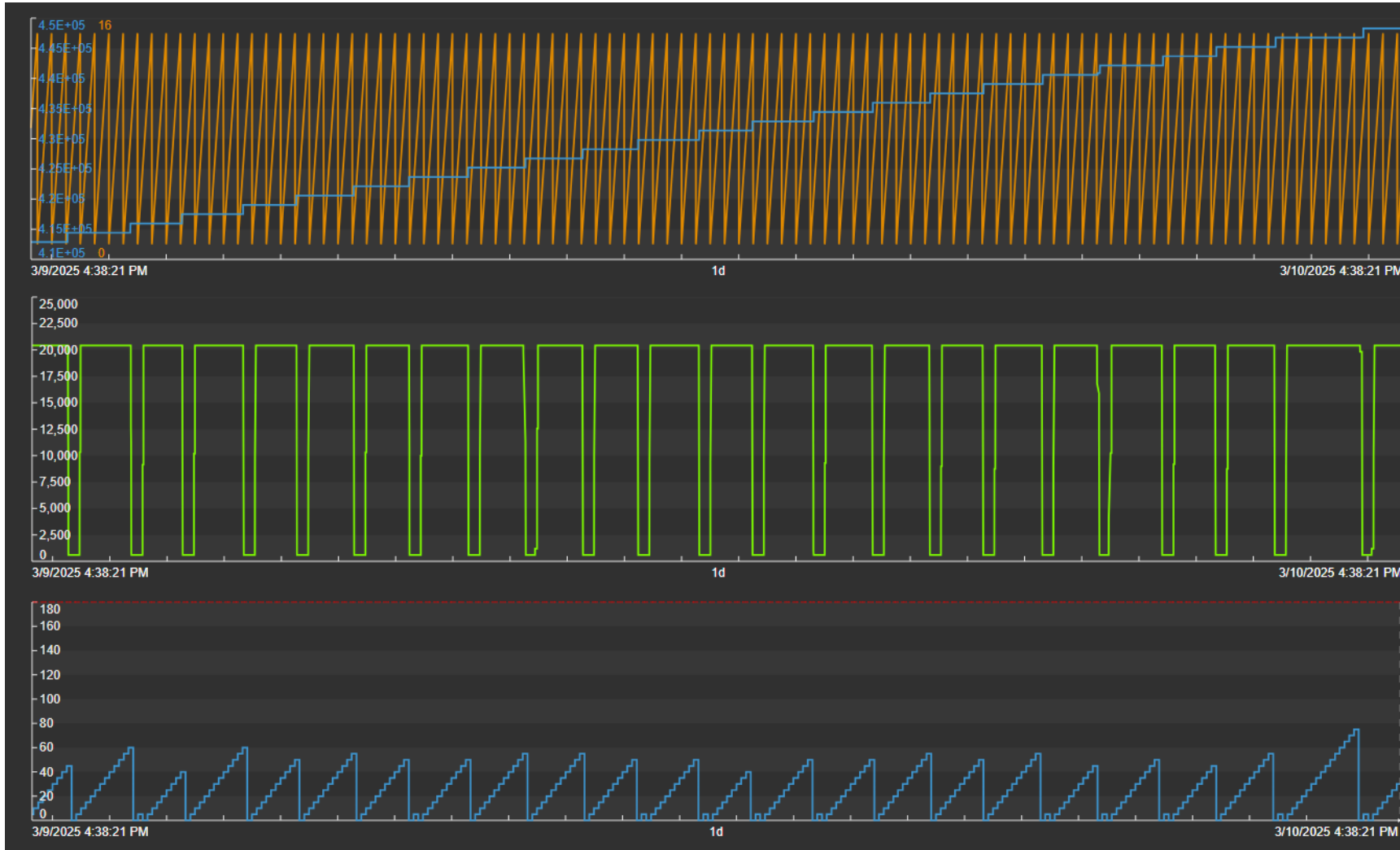


Fire 1 and HLH Restoration Processes

After System Reaches Fire Risk 5.5



Data Imports & Monitoring



Log File Message
Count

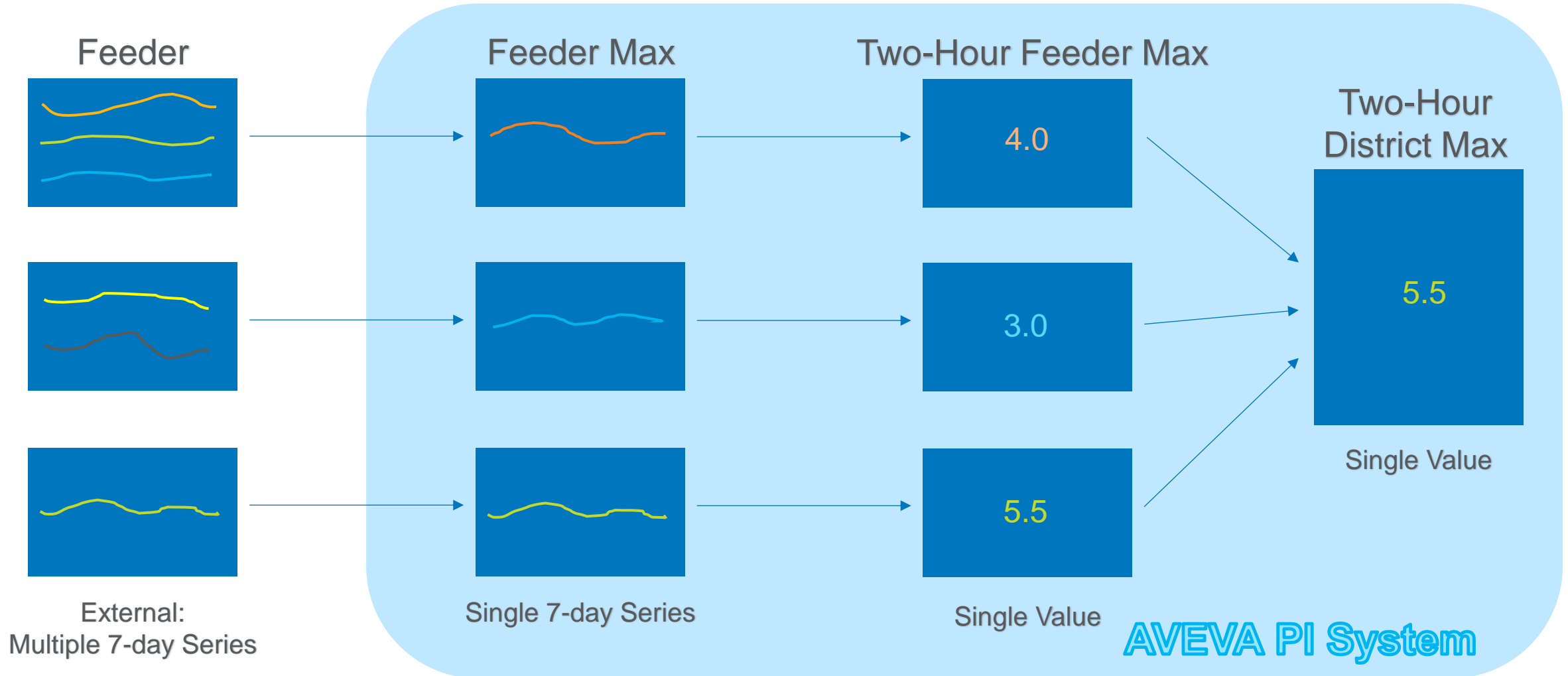
Heartbeat

Points Stale (10 mins)

3 Hours

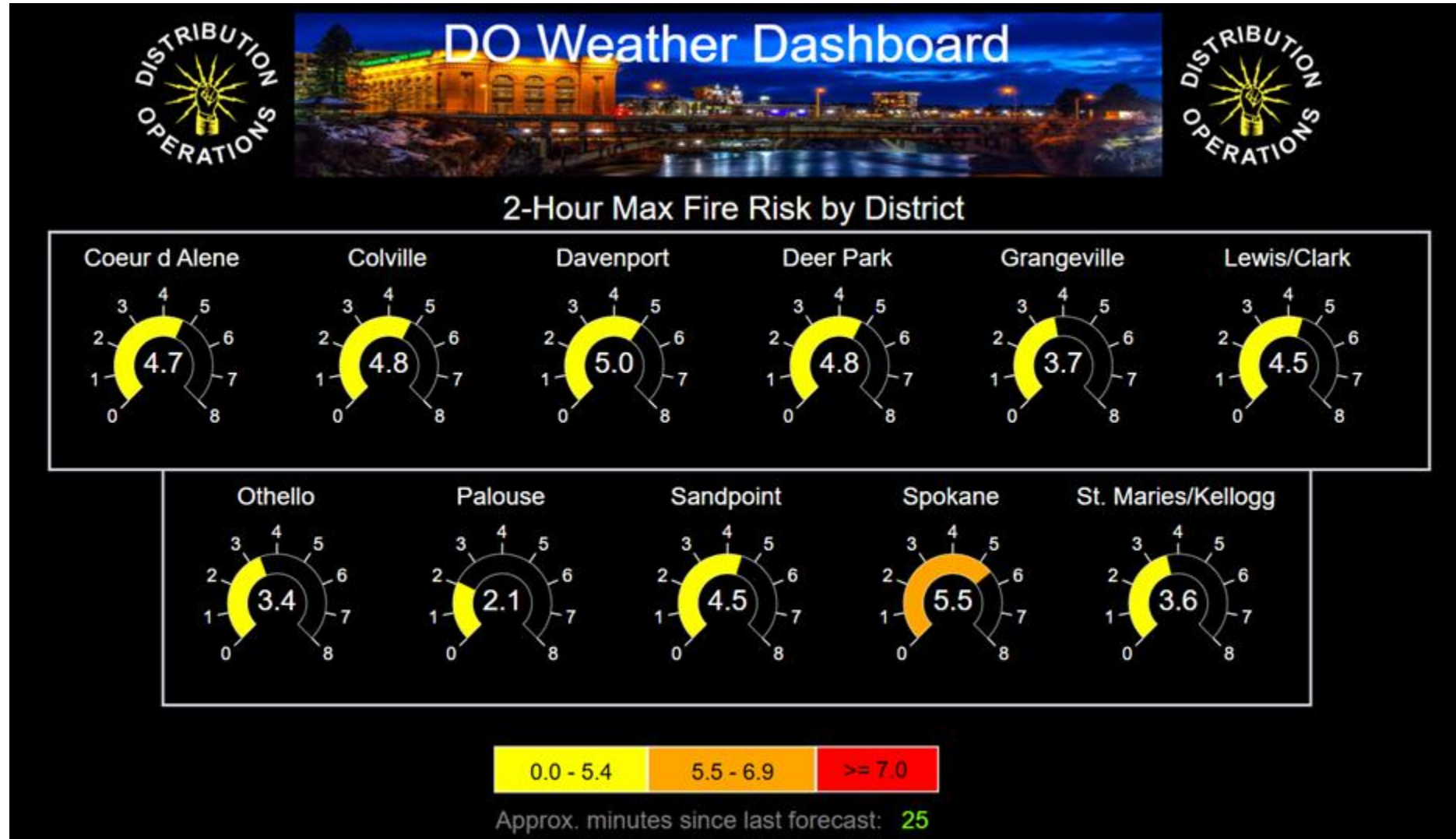
Minutes Since Update

Fire Risk Data Flow



Two-Hour District Max

(Single Value)



Two-Hour Feeder Max

(Single Value)

[HOME](#)

Approx. minutes since last forecast: 25

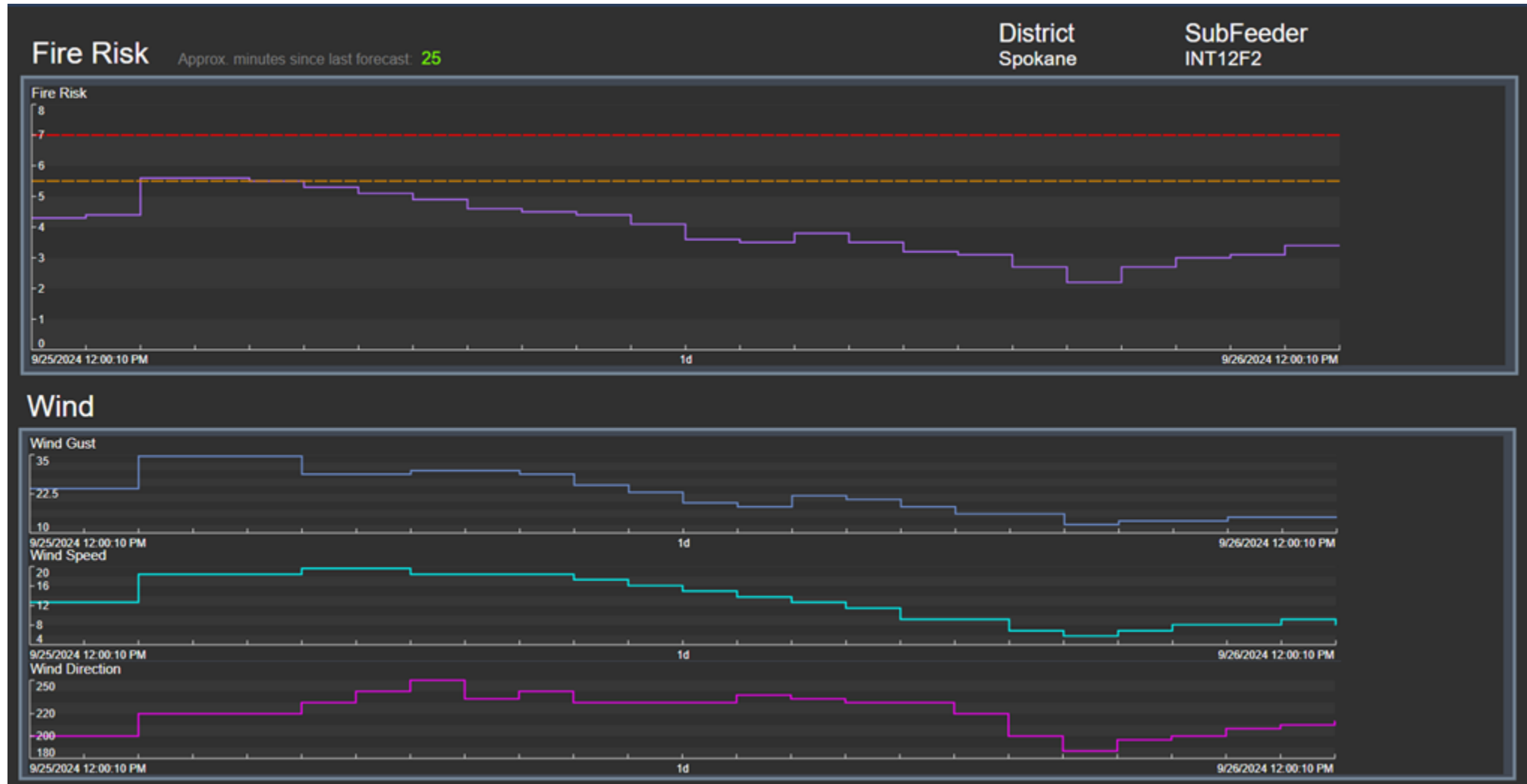
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2-Hour Max Fire Risk

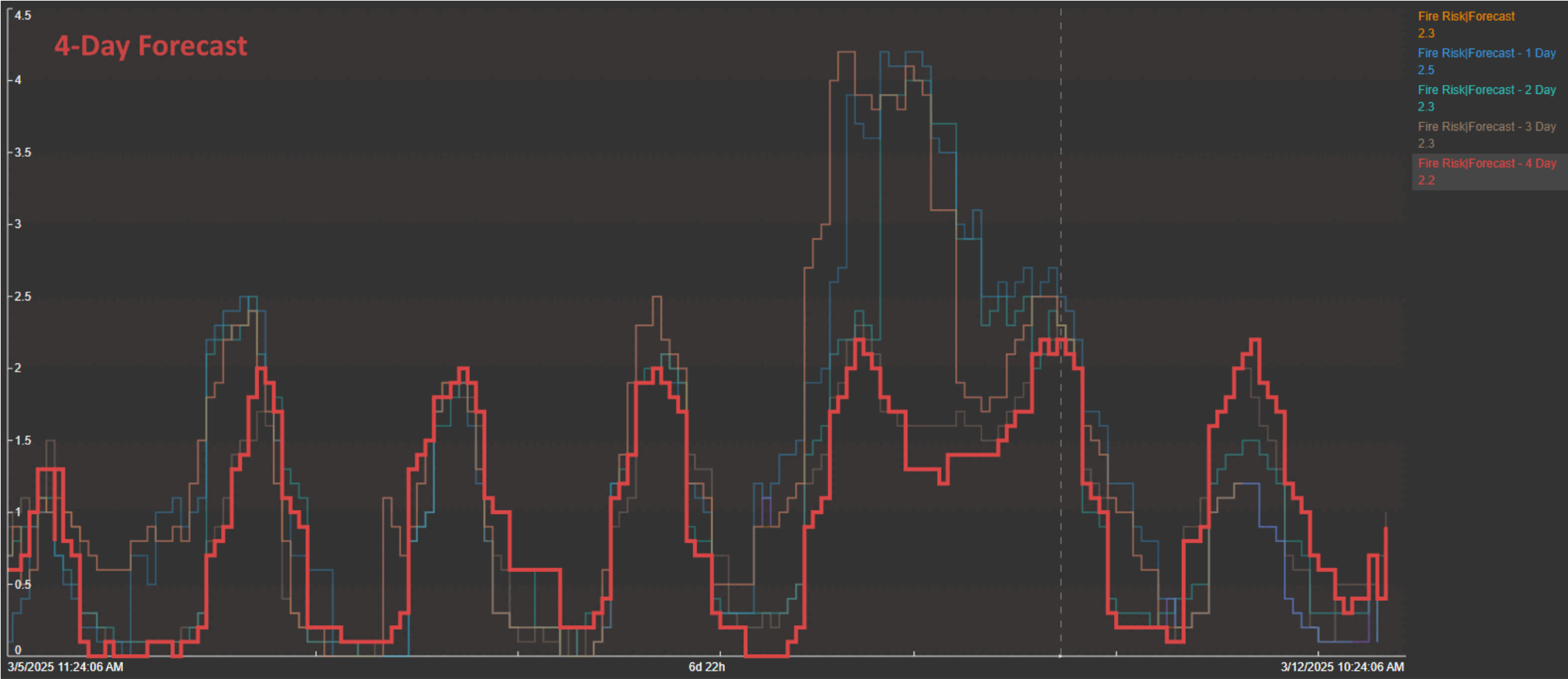
SubFeeder	2-Hour Max ▼
INT12F2	5.5
WAK12F4	5.4
SE12F4	4.8
SUN12F5	4.7
SUN12F2	4.7
MEA12F2	4.7
H&W12F3	4.5
AIR12F1	4.5
SUN12F4	4.4
SLK12F1	4.2
BLD12F4	4.2
SLK12F2	4.1
SE12F2	4.1
LIB12F3	4.1
WAK12F2	4.0
SLK12F3	3.9
GLN12F2	3.9
EFM12F2	3.9
CHE12F4	3.9
AIR12F3	3.8

Feeder Max

(7-Day Series)



Historical Analysis



Avista Utilities understands fire risk data

Challenge

- Understanding complex set of fire risk metrics across several hundred feeders and devices
- Knowing when forecast fire risk was low enough to safely patrol and re-energize equipment
- Communicating how current the fire risk forecast data was for accurate decision-making

Solution

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Results

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- Streamlined essential data for a simplified view for our grid operators
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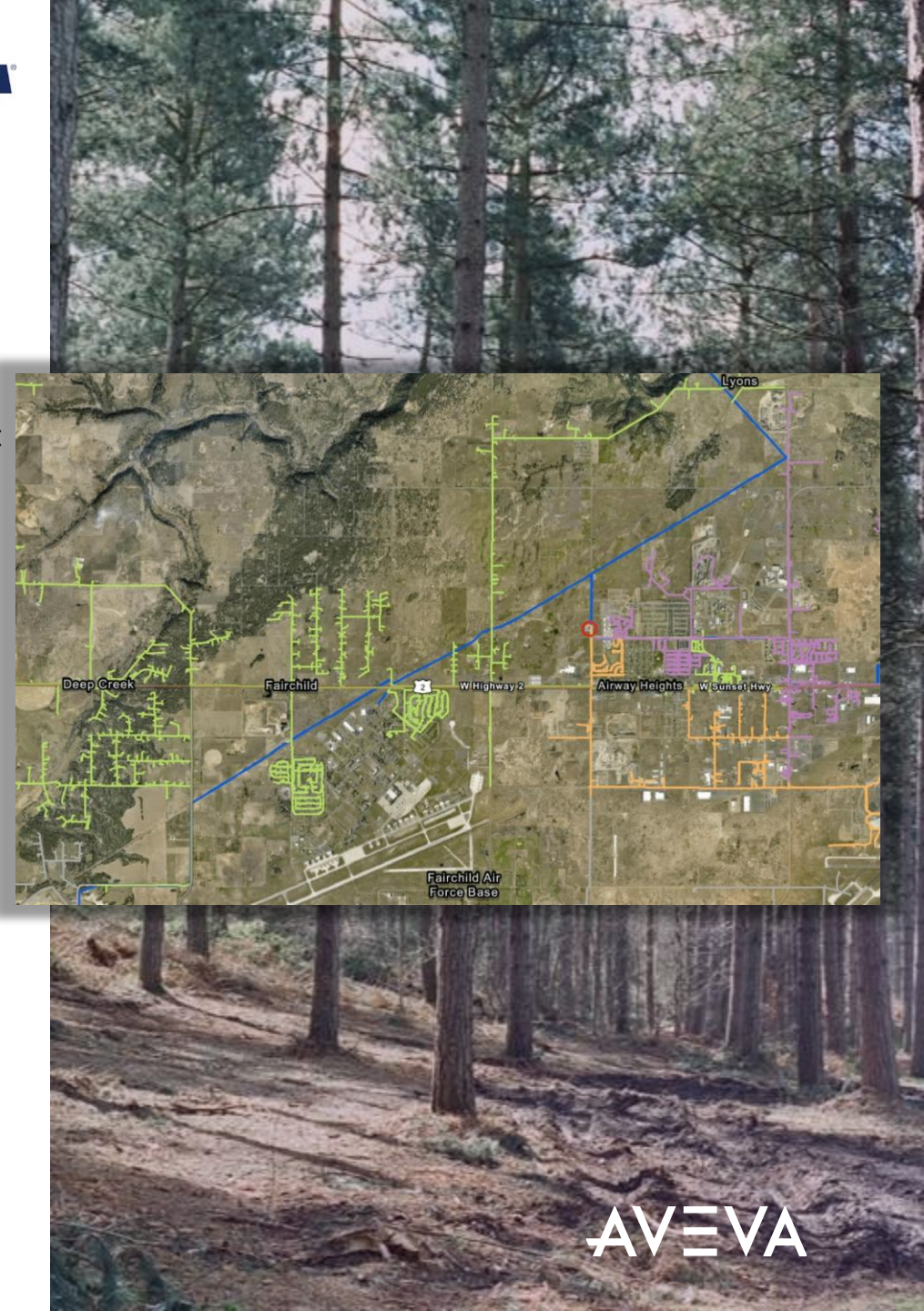
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