Making your own satellite animations of change









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Landsat 4-5 Thematic Mapper (TM) and Landsat 7 Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus (ETM+)

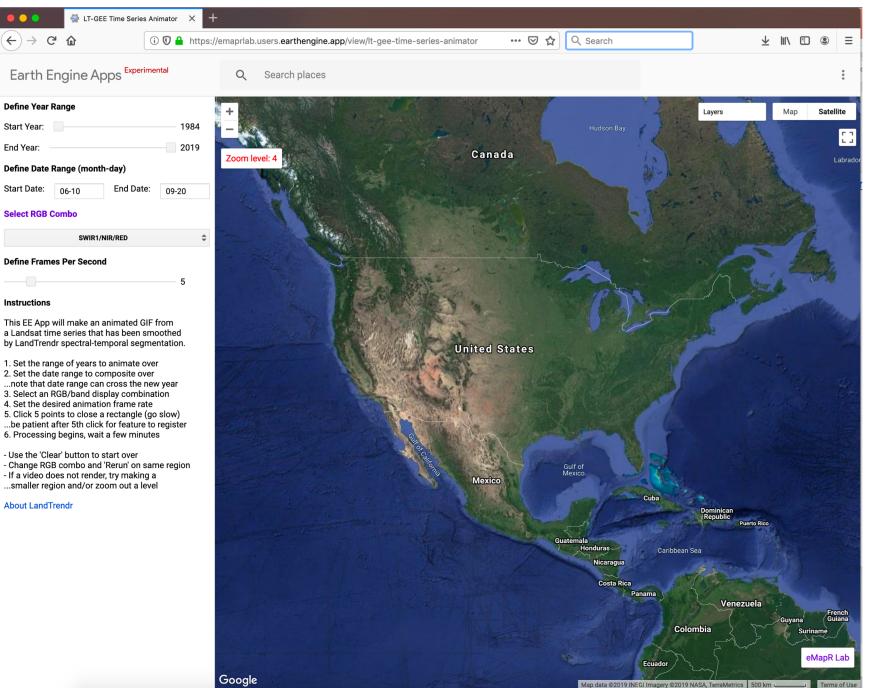
Band	Wavelength	Useful for mapping	
Band 1 - blue	0.45-0.52	Bathymetric mapping, distinguishing soil from vegetation and deciduous from coniferous vegetation	
Band 2 - green	0.52-0.60	Emphasizes peak vegetation, which is useful for assessing plant vigor	
Band 3 - red	0.63-0.69	Discriminates vegetation slopes	
Band 4 - Near Infrared	0.77-0.90	Emphasizes biomass content and shorelines	
Band 5 - Short-wave Infrared	1.55-1.75	Discriminates moisture content of soil and vegetation; penetrates thin clouds	
Band 6 - Thermal Infrared	10.40-12.50	Thermal mapping and estimated soil moisture	
Band 7 - Short-wave Infrared	2.09-2.35	Hydrothermally altered rocks associated with mineral deposits	
Band 8 - Panchormatic (Landsat 7 only)	0.52-0.90	15 meter resolution, sharper image definition	

Landsat Multispectral Scanner (MSS)

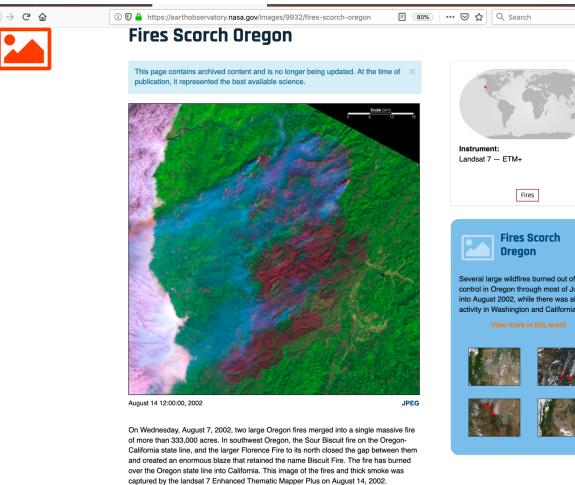
Landsat MSS 1, 2, 3 Spectral Bands	Landsat MSS 4, 5 Spectral Bands	Wavelength	Useful for mapping
Band 4 - green	Band 1 - green	0.5-0.6	Sediment-laden water, delineates areas of shallow water
Band 5 - red	Band 2 - red	0.6-0.7	Cultural features
Band 6 - Near Infrared	Band 3 - Near Infrared	0.7-0.8	Vegetation boundary between land and water, and landforms
Band 7 - Near Infrared	Band 4 - Near Infrared	0.8-1.1	Penetrates atmospheric haze best, emphasizes vegetation, boundary between land and water, and landforms

https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-are-bestlandsat-spectral-bands-use-my-research?qtnews_science_products=0#qtnews_science_products

https://emaprlab.users.earthengine.app/view/lt-gee-time-series-animator



Example: The Biscuit Wildfire (2002) southwest Oregon, United States



In this false-color iamge, vegetation is green, burned areas are deep magenta, actively burning fire is bright pink, and smoke is blue.

Image provided by the USGS EROS Data Center Satellite Systems Branch.

Several large wildfires burned out of control in Oregon through most of July and into August 2002, while there was also fire activity in Washington and California.

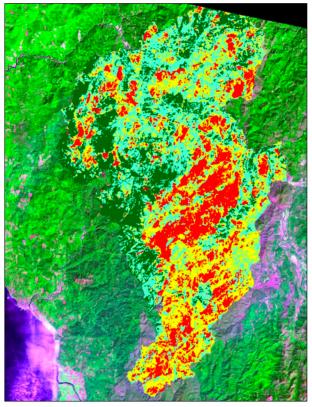
https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/9932/fires-scorch-oregon

https://www.opb.org/news/video/biscuit-fire-15-year-anniversary/



Burn Severity for Oregon's Biscuit Fire

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Preliminary Burn Severity ■unburned ■low ■moderate ■high

Before a wildfire is fully contained, natural resource specialists are already thinking about rehabilitation of the burned area. That important work is the domain of a team of experts called a Burned Area Emergency Behabilitation (RAER) team & RAER team is composed

https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/2893/burn-severity-for-oregons-biscuit-fire

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- What patterns and colors do you see?
- Why do you see these patterns and colors?