



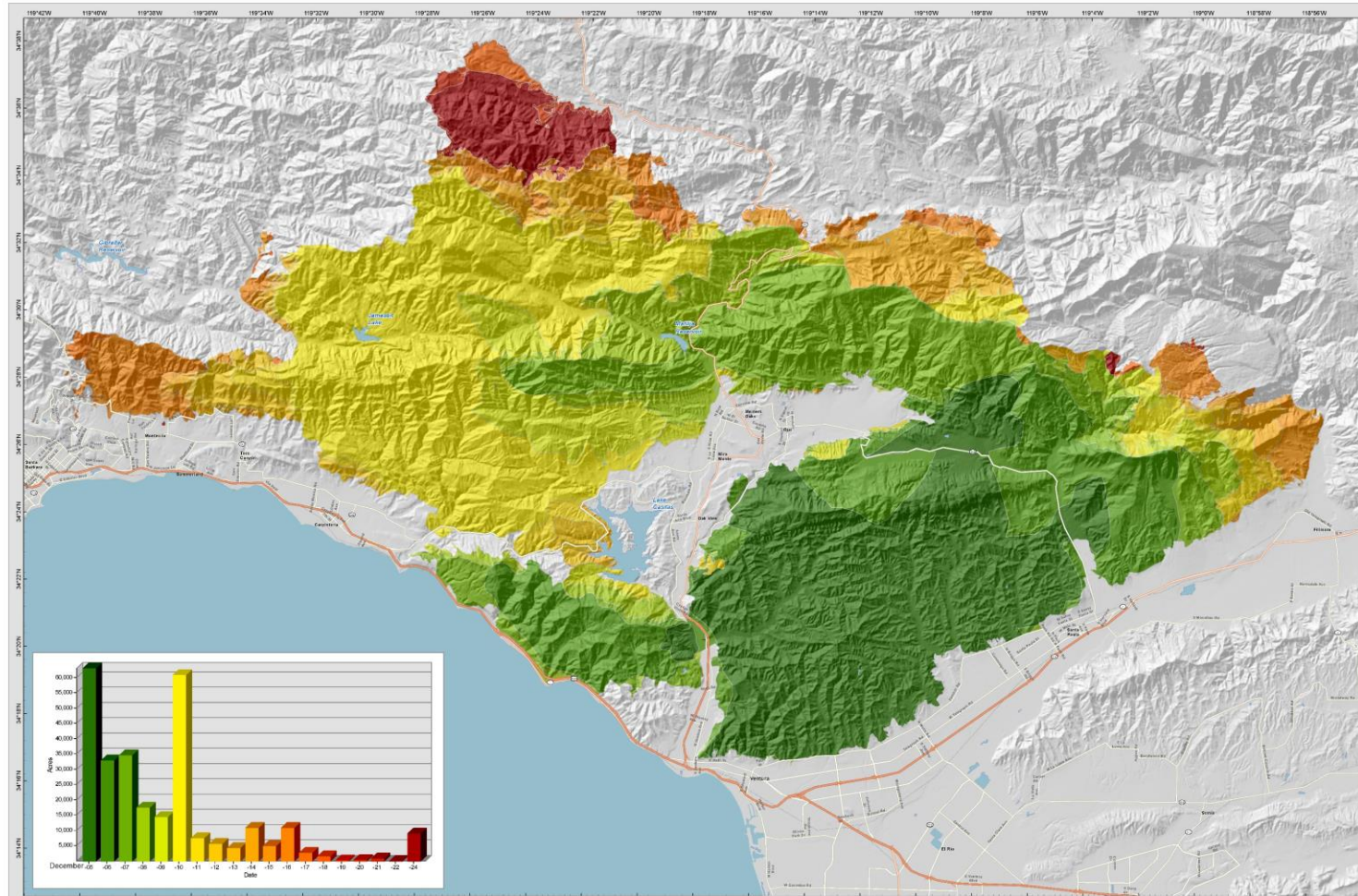
# WILDFIRE

One Ranchers Experience

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# Thomas Fire



- Started Dec 4 2017
- Burned 281,893 Acers (At the time Largest on record in California)
- Consumed 1000 Structures
- 100% Contained January 12<sup>th</sup>



# Rancho Canada Larga

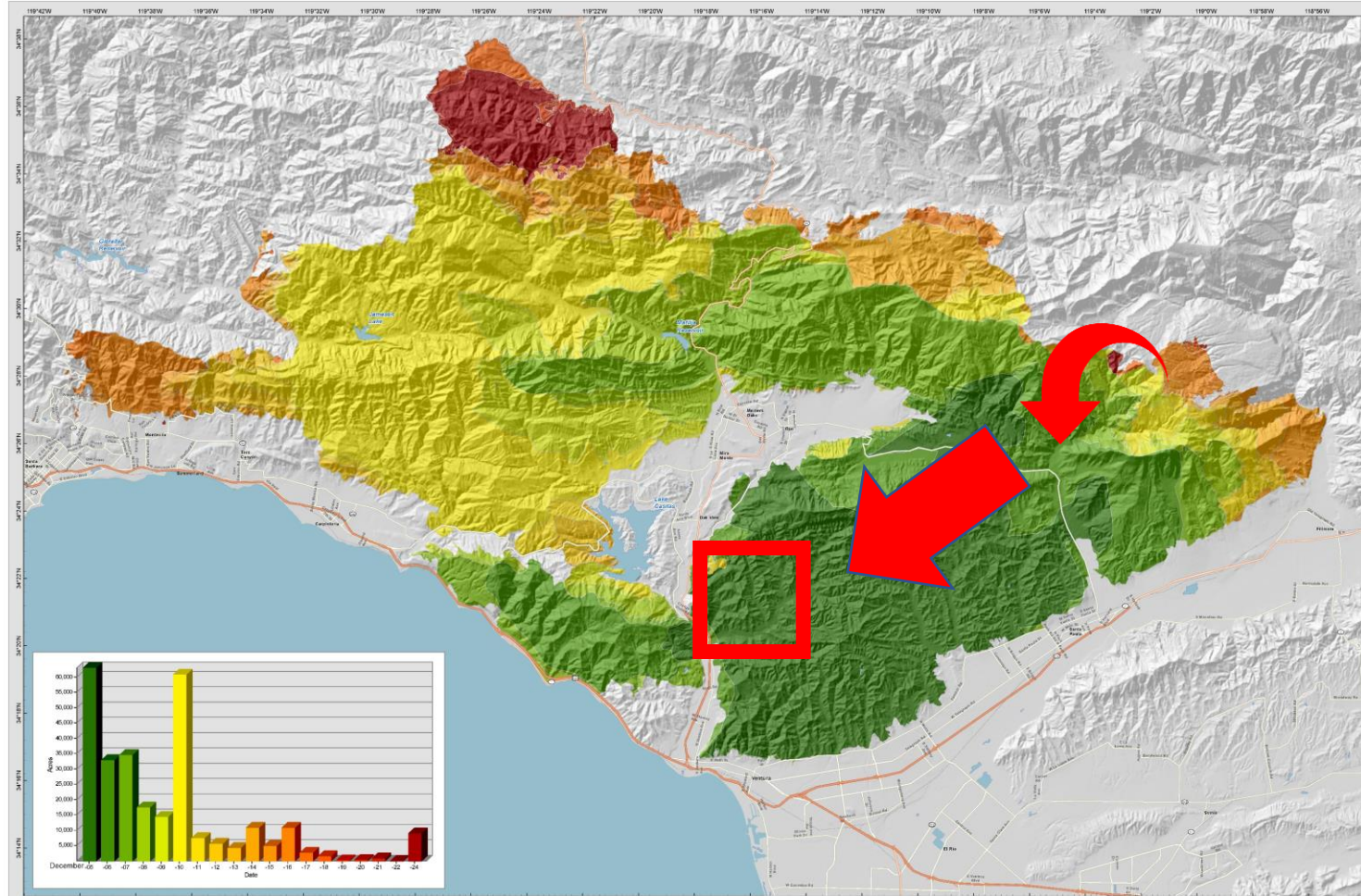
## The Ranch

- 6500 Acres
- Original Mexican Land Grant 1841
- Cattle running in these canyons since the mid 1700s
- Operated on ranch for 10 years
- Cow/Calf and Stockers
- Year round Cows with young calves
- 300 Stockers
- Three more trucks due on the 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2000 acers ungrazed pasture





# Thomas Fire



- Started North of Santa Paula at Thomas Aquinas Collage Around 6:30 pm
- Traveled South West 14 Miles to my ranch by 9:30 – 10:00





# Problems/Challenges

## Pre Fire

- Controlled Burns/Brush Control
- Communication/coordination

## Post Fire

- Aid/Relief/Information/coordination
- Technical advise/help in recovery



# Questions?

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