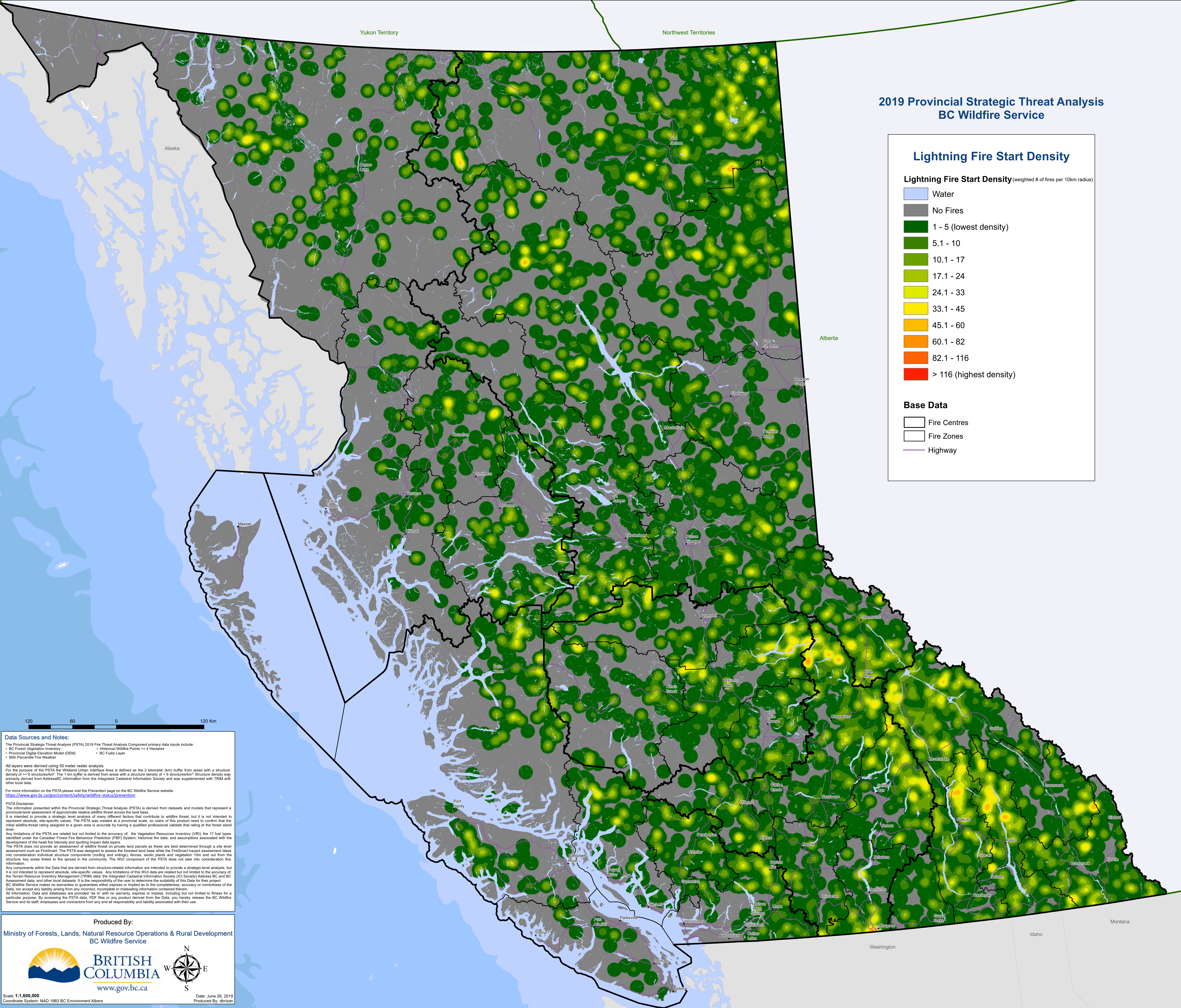
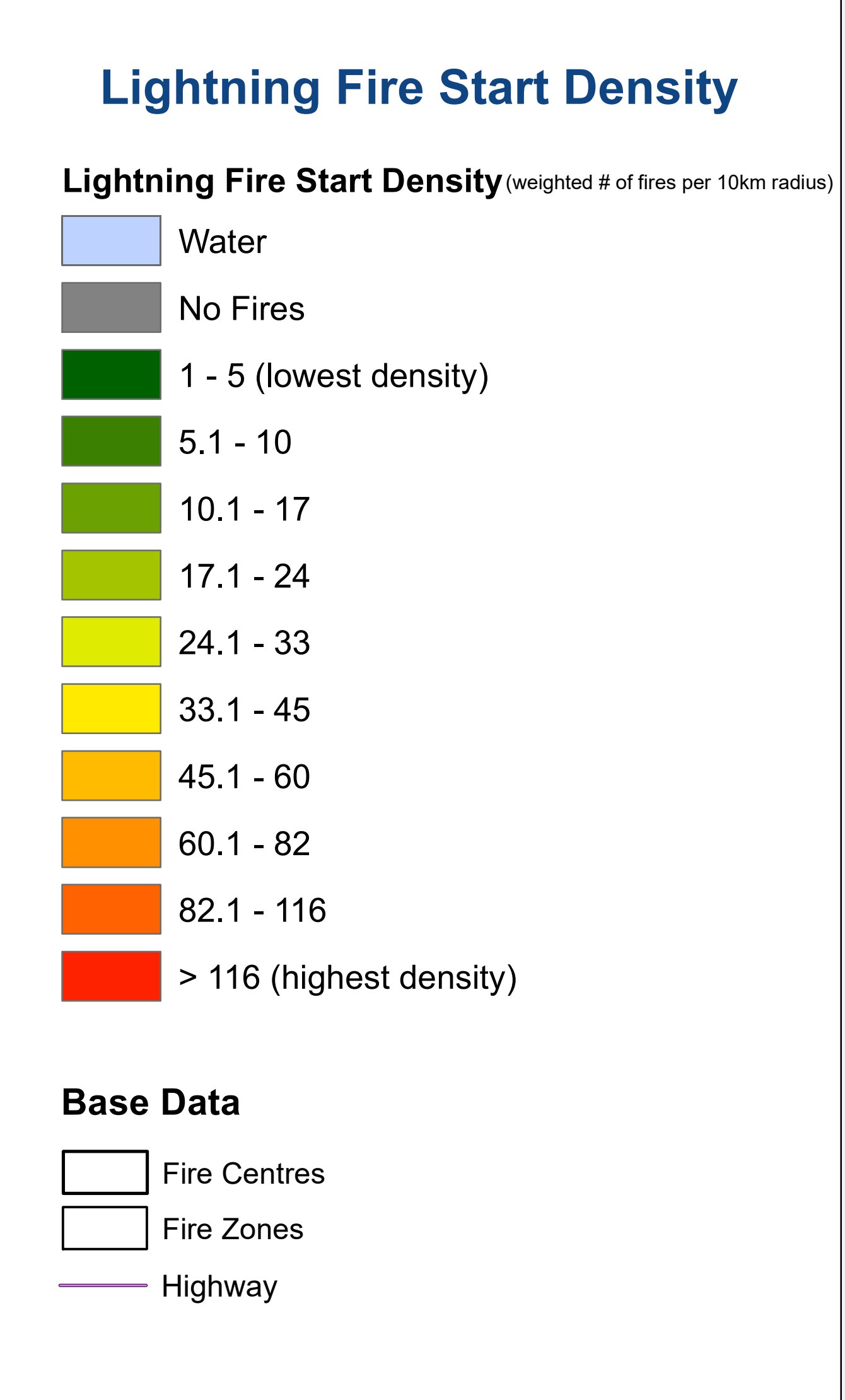


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**Data Sources and Notes:**

The Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis (PSTA) 2019 Fire Threat Analysis Component primary data inputs include:

- BC Forest Vegetation Inventory
- Historical Wildfire Points >= 4 Hectares
- Provincial Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
- BC Fuels Layer
- 90th Percentile Fire Weather

All layers were derived using 50 meter raster analysis. For the purpose of the PSTA the Wildland Urban Interface Area is defined as the 2 kilometer (km) buffer from areas with a structure density of >= 6 structures/km<sup>2</sup>. The 1 km buffer is derived from areas with a structure density of < 6 structures/km<sup>2</sup>. Structure density was primarily derived from AddressBC information from the Integrated Cadastral Information Society and was supplemented with TRIM and other local data.

For more information on the PSTA please visit the Prevention page on the BC Wildfire Service website <https://www.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention>

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Any limitations of the PSTA are related to but not limited to the accuracy of the Vegetation Resources Inventory (VRI), the 17 fuel types identified under the Canadian Forest Fire Behaviour Prediction (FBP) System; historical fire data, and assumptions associated with the development of the lead fire intensity and spotting impact data layers.

The PSTA does not provide an assessment of wildfire threat on private land parcels as these are best determined through a site level assessment such as FireSmart. The PSTA was designed to assess the forested land base while the FireSmart hazard assessment takes into consideration individual structure components (roofing and siding), fences, exotic plants and vegetation 10m and out from the structure, key areas linked to fire spread in the community. The WUI component of the PSTA does not take into consideration this information.

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