



ArcGIS Field Maps – GeoPDFs – No Account Needed!

A **geospatial PDF** is a PDF with embedded location data that works as an offline map in Field Maps. No sign-in required—if you don't have login credentials, tap "Skip Sign In."

How to Access Incident Maps in Field Maps

IOS



Option 1: Scan QR Code (Fastest)

- Open your device camera
 - Scan the provided QR code
 - Tap the link that appears
 - When the map opens in your browser:
 - Tap the **share icon**
 - Select **"Open in Field Maps"**
 - The map will load in Field Maps – no cell service required
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Option 2: Access via FAMShare Site

- Open a web browser
 - Go to:
 - <https://ftp.wildfire.gov>
 - Navigate to: **Incident Specific Maps**
 - Tap the GeoPDF map you need
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Option 3: Access via FireNet

- Open **FireNet SharePoint link**
 - Tap the GeoPDF map
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Android



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- Open your device camera > Scan the provided QR code
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 - Download the GeoPDF to your device
 - Open the Files app on your device
 - Navigate to Downloads > Locate the map file
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Key Benefits to Geospatial PDFs

1. **Situational Awareness** – See your live GPS location on the same ops map
 2. **Offline Ready** – Works in remote/no-service environments
 3. **Easy Distribution** – Share via QR code, email, text, Airdrop
 4. **Flexible Access** – Works with or without an ArcGIS account
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Important Notes

- Maps must be opened in **Field Maps** for use in the field
 - No login is required for **Incident Specific Maps** on FAMShare
 - No multi-page PDFs
 - No password-protected PDFs
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Using PDFs in the Field

PDF Maps (Read-Only):

- View current location
- Pan/zoom
- Search coordinates
- Drop pins & save favorites
- Measure distance/area
- Add **personal markup**

Available Layers:

- Personal Markup
 - Do not use PDF markup for data collection
 - Use feature layers and forms in Field Maps for official, trackable data
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Pro Tips

- Test PDFs in Field Maps before deployment
 - Use QR codes for fast field distribution
 - Keep file sizes manageable for performance
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Watch Out – Field Users

- Open GeoPDFs while connected the first time so they're available offline
- Avoid using incident maps as basemaps—this can show the same features twice
- Not all maps require sign-in; use “Skip Sign In” when prompted
- If the map looks blurry, give it a moment to finish loading

Watch Out – GISS

- Test PDFs in Field Maps before deployment
- Do not upload PDFs NIFC Org as a storage solution (not designed for high-volume storage)
- Use the FAMShare site for public-facing incident maps when available; FireNet is the next best place to store and share maps publicly
- Ensure incident maps used in Field Maps are optimized for mobile performance (file size and complexity)