Fire Incidences, Water Bodies, and Population in Maine

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This map shows the locations of fires that occurred between 2000 and 2007. It also shows population in different census tracts to enable comparisons between number of fires and number of residents in an area. Finally, the map shows rivers, lakes, and ponds to determine if more fires occur alongside water bodies where campsites may be present.

The layer containing fires was provided by Greg Miller of the Maine Forest Service (http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/services/contact_mfs.html). The layers containing Maine population, the United States, and Canada were obtained from ESRI. The layers containing rivers and lakes were obtained from the Maine Office of GIS (http://megis.maine.gov/catalog/).