

Introduction

<https://gridzilla.us/faq>

Gridzilla tracks your progress toward VHF/UHF/SHF awards, and connects the operators chasing them:

- **FFMA** - Fred Fish Memorial Award (6 meters, all 488 US grids)
- **VUCC** - VHF/UHF Century Club, per band, terrestrial and satellite
- **US488** - the same 488-grid map applied to bands other than 6m
- **WAS** - Worked All States, per band
- **DXCC** - VHF DXCC, per band
- **VUCC/r** - rover progress from your roving grids
- **Society awards** - Worked All of 'EM, Lewis & Clark, and CSVHFS States Above 50 MHz (personal tracking and sheet export; these have no community demand map)

Beyond your own scorecard, it's a community tool:

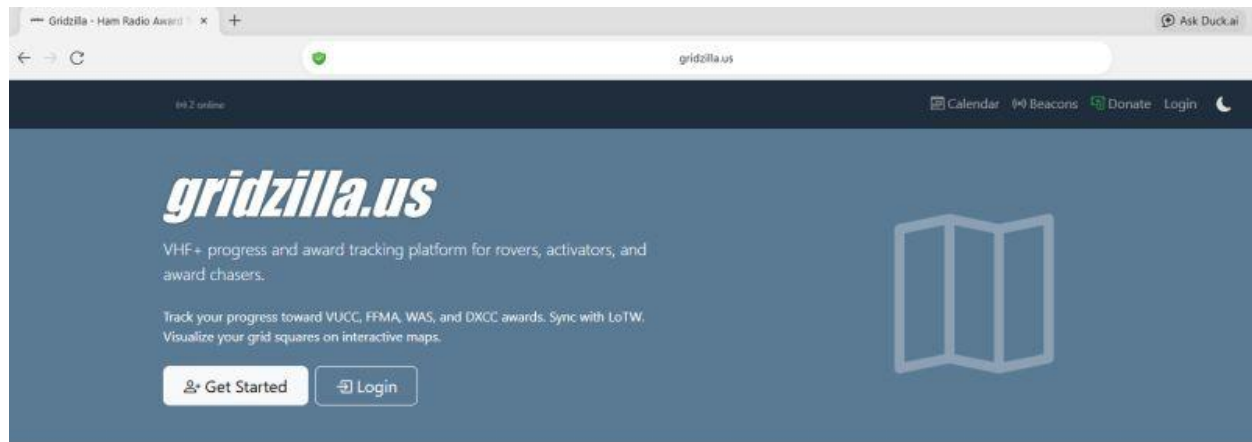
- [Most Needed](#) maps showing which grids the chasing community still needs
- The [Grid Activation Planner](#) for building rover routes around real demand
- [Rare-grid alerts](#) when a grid you need is heard on 6m
- The [Leaderboard](#), [activation calendar](#), [beacon list](#), [live rover map](#), and [MS-Connect](#) meteor-scatter tools

HF awards are not supported - Gridzilla is 6 meters and above.

FFMA Most Needed Map and WAS Most Needed Map

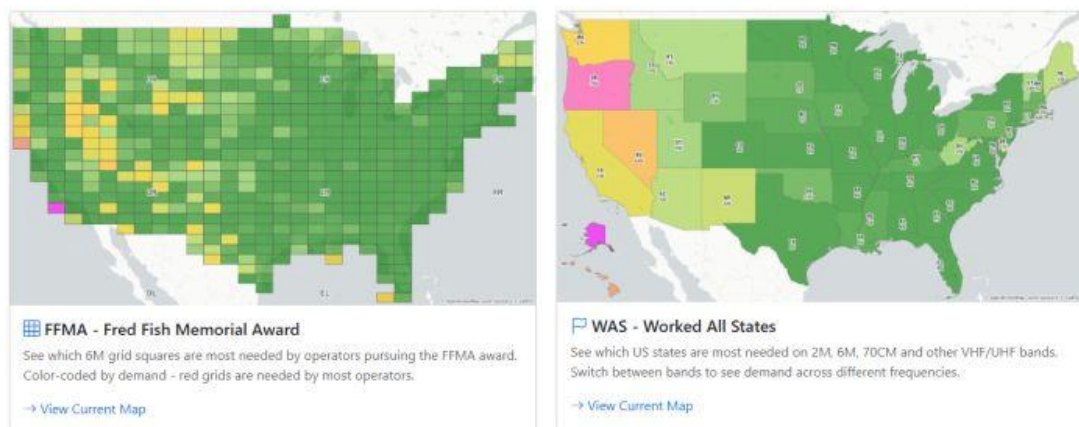
<https://gridzilla.us/>

- Access both without logging in.



See Gridzilla in Action

Click to explore live aggregate maps showing what grids and states are most needed by the community



Getting Started

<https://gridzilla.us/auth/register>

- Create a free account to get started.
- Your [Profile](#) is organized into tabs in the order you complete them, and each step unlocks the next:
- **Account** - set your **Home Grid** (6, 8, or 10 characters - 4 is not accepted, since it only resolves to a grid center). This unlocks the other tabs.
- **Import Data** - if you're using an ADIF, [upload it first](#) (Add & Update), then sync with LoTW — full history the first time. Finish with **Import LoTW Credits** for each band you hold VUCC, WAS, or DXCC credit on ([the sync can't fetch those](#)). Uploading again later is always safe ([how the upload options differ](#))
- **Operating Zone** - define your award-eligible operating location(s)

- **Awards & Bands** - check the awards you're pursuing per band, then [Verify](#) each one after reviewing your map
- **Privacy & Alerts** - choose your privacy setting and turn on rare-grid alerts
- Everything saves automatically - there's no "save" button. The status dot on each tab and the banners at the top show what's still needed before you're included in the Most Needed aggregates and rare-grid alerts. Then explore the Dashboard and Maps to see your progress.

Dashboard

- Overview of your account, settings, upcoming activity, award tracking, plus society awards.
- Expand Lews and Clark Grid Exploration Awards to see details and progress towards PNW VHF Society awards.

Activation Calendar

- Select Calendar from the “The Shack” drop down menu.

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Upcoming Events

+ Submit Event Subscribe to Activations ▾

All Rover Activations Satellite Contests Other

SEP 11

ROVER ACTIVATION TENTATIVE

September VHF Contest

W7HFV Sep 11 – Sep 14, 2026

DN52, DN53

GM 2M

Submitted by AD7OV

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ROVER ACTIVATION TENTATIVE

September VHF Contest

WG3K/R Sep 12 – Sep 13, 2026 11 AM–4:21 PM PDT (1800z – 2321z)

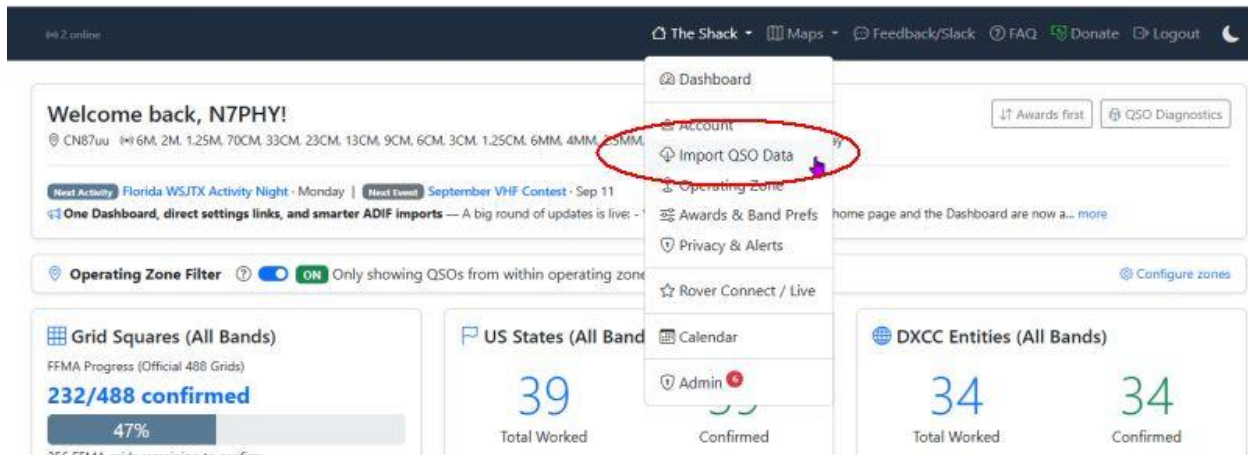
FM27, FM28, FM29, FM19, FM09, FM08 +1 more

GM 2M 125M 70CM 33CM 23CM

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Importing Data

- Select “Import QSO Data” from the “The Shack” drop down menu.
 - 1) Upload ADIF file. (Optional)
 - 2) Sync with LoTW. (Recommended)
 - 3) Import award credits if you hold credits that aren’t in your log.
 - 4) For single QSL card – select “+Add QSO” on your map.



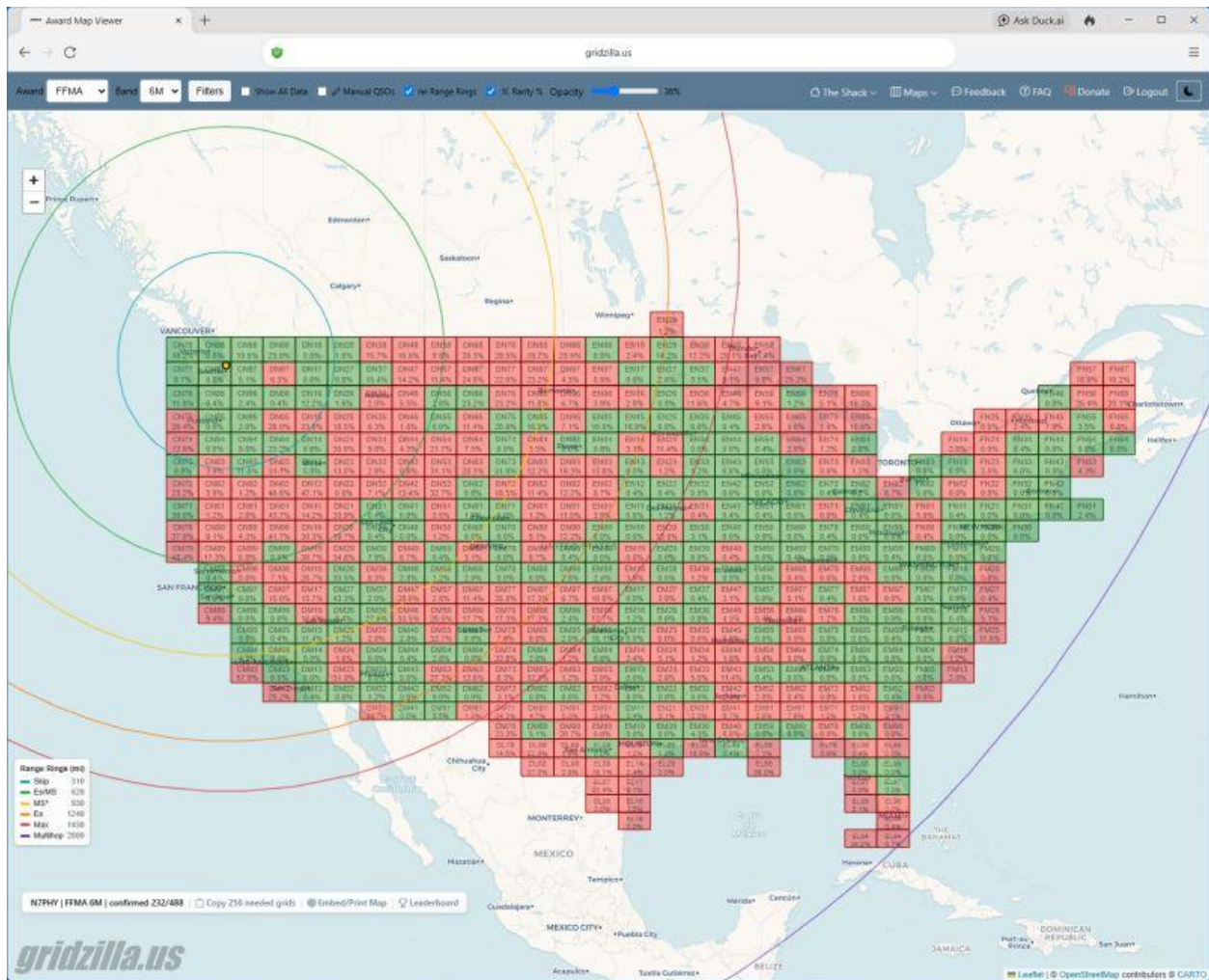
Import QSO Data



Click LoTW Sync Download

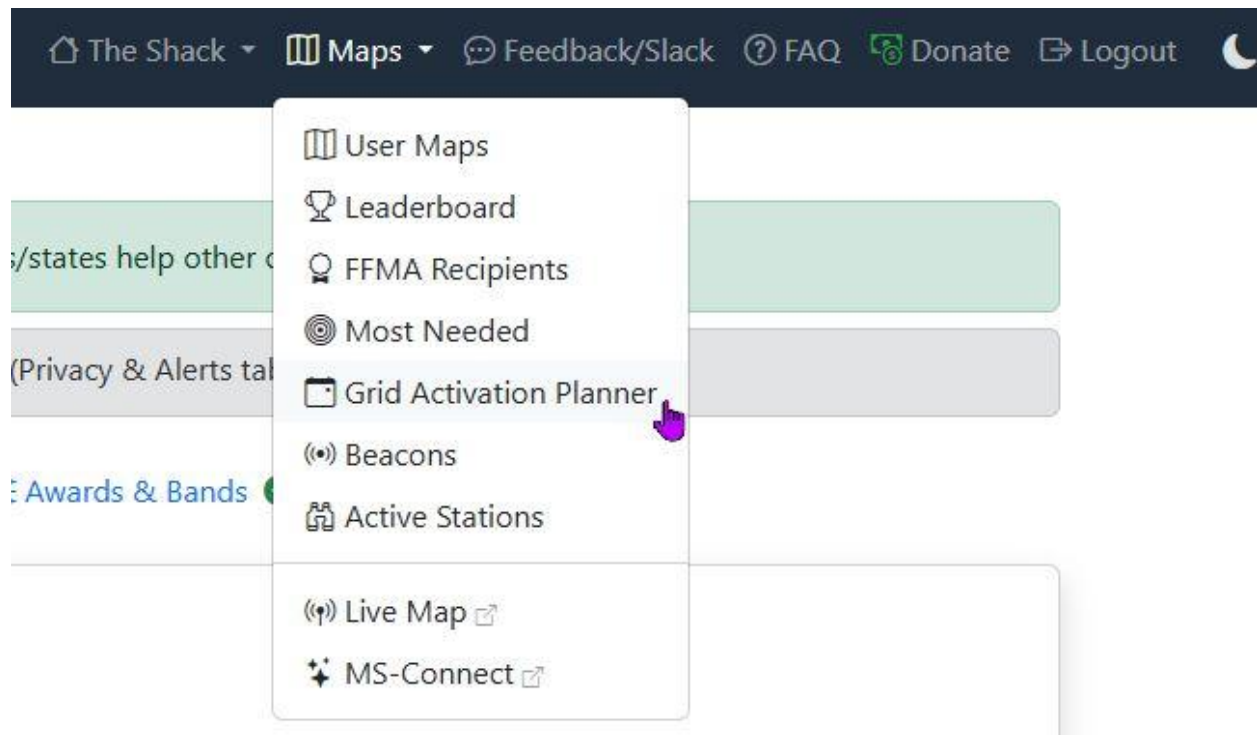
Maps

- **User Maps** – Confirmed, Worked, and Needed grids for the call sign logged in. Select award, band, and various filters and features. Centered around home grid. Click a grid to see recent activity and to add a QSO the old-fashioned way.
- **Leaderboard** - Adds Leaderboard window on left. Click call sign to see that user's needed map. Link to right of call sign jumps to qrz page. Filter award, band, range rings, etc.
- **FFMA Recipients** – List and map of award recipients.
- **Most Needed** – Map of most needed grids. Select award and band, can show Rankings, stations on map, and grids with 1 to go. Hover over grid for more statistics.



FFMA Grid Map for N7PHY

Grid Activation Planner



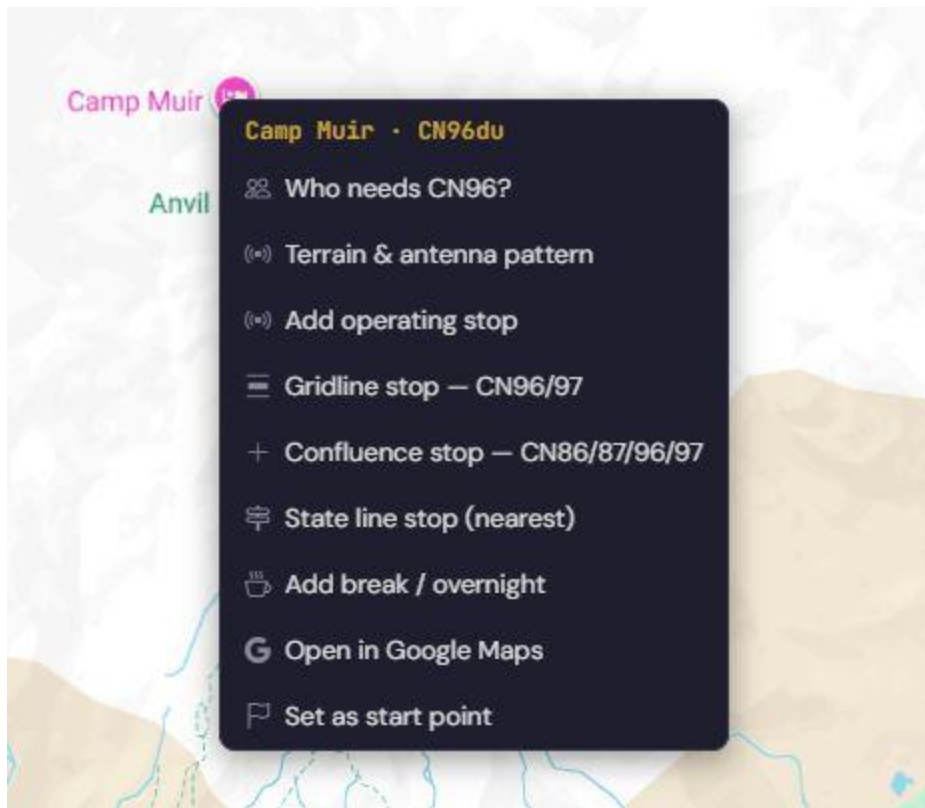
The [planner](#) is built around a route: pick the grids you're going to activate, in order, and it tells you what that trip is worth.

1. **Pick your award and band**, then click grids on the map to add stops. Demand shading shows which ones matter most; gridline and confluence stops let you count several grids at once.
2. **Route Planner tab** - reorder stops, set arrival and departure times and per-stop bands, and see drive distances between them.
3. **Stations tab** - who would get a new grid from each stop, filterable by tier (**Chaser, Elite**) and band.
4. **Prop tab** - propagation context for the path.
5. **Save it** under **My Plans**, export it, or **publish it to the Gridzilla calendar** so chasers know you're coming (published events go through a quick review).

Interesting planner features

While investigating a potential activation site;

- Click location on map to investigate location.



Selection menu after clicking location on map



Icons in top info bar left to right

- Select band. (6M for example)
- Select Miles or Km
- **"Fill"** colors in the grid based on need.
- **"Lines"** add grid lines to map.
- **"Grid"** adds grid designator to map.
- **"%"** adds needed percentage to map.
- Slider controls needed grid color opacity.
- Drop down selects different color menus for most needed. (Classic is best)
- **"St"** (State) selections are next. Fill, Lines, %, opacity, and color menu.
- **BRG** = show meteor scatter range and direction on map for needing stations within range.
- **/R** = Show locations listed in coilgun.info db as colored triangles on map.

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