

Background

The Wildland Fire Leadership Council, (WFLC), met for a half day at the Hall of States in Washington, DC on April 1, 2015. Since the last in-person meeting, the WFLC has written and approved a charter for the National Strategic Committee (NSC), accepted the NSC nominations, and hired Mike Zupko as Executive Manager.

Meeting Objectives

- Set 3 to 5 priorities that incorporate the three primary national goals of the Cohesive Strategy (CS)
- Provide guidance to the NSC and Regional Strategy Committees (RSCs) to define draft objectives for each priority
- Identify communication and outreach strategies to share WFLC priorities both to external partners and within agencies and organizations.

Agreements, Action Items & Next Steps

Setting WFLC Priorities that are achievable in the next two years with expectations and opportunities for the longer-range - The priority setting is intended to give the NSC a baseline for delving more deeply into content as well as interactions with the RSCs. This will help focus the actions of the NSC and future decisions and adjustments by the WFLC. Future reports from the RSCs will include direct feedback on the priorities set at the WFLC level, those items that don't fit neatly into priorities, and the work that is already being accomplished. The priorities decided on by the WFLC were as following:

- Promote landscape scale land management activities that address creation and maintenance of resilient landscapes.
- Encourage the public to actively plan, create and maintain fire resilient / adaptive communities and landscapes.
- Adopt policies and other measures to reduce risk of communities to wildfire.
- Maximize collective synergy across federal, tribal, state, and local response resources.

Guidance for developing objectives included: Engaging the public both as a stand-alone priority and as a cross cutting objective under each priority, incorporating best available science, including social science, incorporating a baseline to measure success, learning from the RSCs, looking at the big picture (landscape scale and beyond fire), understanding barriers and limits to success, and using past resources like the National Action Plan (NAP).

Communications: The group would like to include a “success story” at the next WFLC meeting – in which a region or local community has successfully implemented one or more of the priorities through inter-agency actions.

Meeting Dates: Members were asked to review the suggested meeting dates and e-mail either Shari if unable to make specific dates work along with a suggested alternative date (as close to the original proposed date as possible).