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Attendees	WFLC Members:
	Robert Bonnie (USDA)
	Rhea Suh (DOI)
	Jim Hubbard for Chief Tidwell (FS)
	Steve Hart for Butch Blazer (USDA)
	Jon Jarvis (NPS)
	Steve Ellis – for Neil Kornze (BLM)
	Jim Kurth for Dan Ashe (FWS)
	Faline Havens for Mike Black (BIA)
	Mary Jacobs for Mayor Hammon-Roland (NLC)
	Patti Blankenship for Chief Ernie Mitchell (FEMA)
	Dan Shoun (NACo)
	Tony Harwood (ITC)
	Will May for Bob Roper (IAFC)
	Jim Karels (NASF)
	Laura Wilkeson/Ann Walker – for Gov. Kitzhaber (WGA)
	Jake Weltzen for Suzette Kimball (USGS)
	Stakeholders:
	Vicki Christiansen (FS)
	Tom Harbour (FS)
	Jim Douglas (DOI)
	Kim Thorsen (DOI)
	Mike Zupko (SGA)
	Joe Stutler (representing NACo)
	Larry Mastic (NE RSC)
	Mike Zupko (SE RSC)
	Katie Lighthall (West RSC)
	Chris Topik (TNC)
	Dan Olsen (FS)
	Sandy Burnett (FSI)
	Danny Lee (FS)
	Caitlyn Pollihan (WFLC)
	Joe Freeland (BLM)
	Dan Smith (NASF)
	Erik Litzenberg (IAFC)
	Interim Task Group Work and Recommendation
1	Background was provided on the recent work of the Interim Task Team and a restatement of the
	task that WFLC assigned at the April 9, 2014 Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) meeting was

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Number **Topic** discussed. Specifically, WFLC asked an Interim Task Group to define the next steps toward implementation of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and to provide a recommendation to WFLC on a proposed structure to implement the National Action Plan that is collaborative in nature, broad in scope, and implemented at multiple scales to achieve the shared vision of the CS. A recommendation was transmitted to WFLC from the Interim Task Group via the documents that were sent out prior to the meeting. The Task Group presented two options to further engage senior leadership to help assure CS implementation success and told WFLC members that either option could lead to successful implementation. However, the Interim Task Group recommended Option A and affirmed that engagement of senior leaders at the national level is important for success. Key differences between the two options were discussed including: Option A • WFLC sets the vision, strategy and expectations for CS implementation. • WFLC membership is selectively expanded to address all three goals of the Cohesive Strategy. • WFLC meets quarterly either in person or via conference/VTC capability The National Strategic Committee serves as workgroup of WFLC to carry out the day-to-day transactions necessary to achieve WFLC's vision, strategy and implementation expectations. **Option B** · WFLC leadership concurs with or modifies significant actions that are put before it by the National Strategic Committee. • WFLC membership make-up remains the same. • WFLC meets twice a year. • The National Strategic Committee serves as the leadership group that sets the vision, strategy, expectations, forwards decisions, and proposed direction to WFLC for concurrence. • NSC's membership would include the broad based leadership and management needed for success. Other specifics were also discussed including that Option A requires more direct engagement and a greater time commitment from WFLC members than is currently the case. It also offers the opportunity to selectively broaden the membership to enable more holistic solutions that better integrate all three goals of the Cohesive Strategy, which the WFLC members supported. Under this option, those on the National Strategic Committee would serve as WFLCs work group. Option B would maintain WFLCs status quo regarding responsibilities and time commitment. The National Strategic Committee would be staffed at a more senior leadership level than it would be if option A were selected because it would take on the visionary and strategic leadership role. It would also set national direction, expectations, forward decisions, and proposals to WFLC for concurrence. Under this option, the National Strategic Committee would likely establish workgroup to carry out specific tasks.

Recognizing that there are still some details to be worked out, the WFLC members on the call all

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	selected Option A. They believe that option strengthens WFLC by promoting greater
	collaboration, flexibility, leadership continuity leading to social, political and cultural change that is necessary to leverage success.
	 Decisions: The structure and functions presented in Option A was chosen by the WFLC membership.
	 Actions: The Interim Task Group was asked to do further work to flesh out the proposal including WFLC and individual WFLC members' future roles and responsibilities, transitioning to/standing-up the National Strategic Committee, and working with the regions to help ensure a successful transition to implementation.
2	Next Steps
	The Interim Task Group will continue its work and submit a final proposal for WFLC's deliberation regarding WFLC's future role, responsibilities and membership. In addition, the Task Group will work toward standing-up the National Strategic Committee and work with the regions on their implementation structure proposal. The WFLC will meet via conference call again in early September to discuss these issues and prepare for their in-person meeting in late October.
	 Decisions: WFLC will meet again via conference call in early September. Date TBD
	Actions: • Schedule the conference call. Prepare and send proposal documents to facilitate WFLC's discussion in September.
3	Closing
	The Interim Task Team tasks were reviewed and agreed upon. The Chairs and members thanked everyone for their support and hard work on these proposals and recommendations
	Decisions: None
	Actions: None