

Steps Toward Completion of the Final Phase of the Cohesive Strategy – April 2, 2013

STEP	Organizations	RSCs	CSSC	NSAT ¹	WFEC	WFLC	NOTES
Cohesive Strategy Work Plan	--	--	--	--	--	Approved	Approved by WFLC in April 2012. Tasked to WFEC to oversee the completion.
Develop Regional Action Plans	Participate	Lead	Oversee/ Guide	--	Monitor	--	
Finalize Regional Action Plans	--	Recommend to WFEC	--	--	Accept/ Modify/ Reject	--	April 5, 2013 WFEC meeting
Identify Barriers and Critical Success Factors	Participate	Lead	Recommend to WFEC	--	Disposition/ Action	--	Fuels Barrier Task Group Assigned May 3, 2013 WFEC Discussion of additional taskings
Trade-Off Analysis	Participate	--	--	Lead/ Recommend to WFEC	Disposition/ Action	--	May 17, 2013 Discussion. WFEC determination of principal findings and alternatives to be articulated within the National Risk Report. ² WFEC to task or determine appropriate action for the National Risk Report and National Action Plan.
Develop National Risk Analysis Report	Participate	Review	Lead	Participate	Recommend to WFLC	--	Draft in August 2013 ?
Develop National Action Plan	Participate	Review	Lead	Participate	Recommend to WFLC	--	Draft in August 2013 ?
Acceptance of Nat'l Report and Action Plan	--	--	--	--	--	Recommend to Secretaries /Action	September??
Transmit Nat'l Report and Action Plan to Congress	Lead ³	--	--	--	--	--	
Implementation	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Future management and governance of implementation TBD

¹ NSAT includes the Science Advisory Team assigned by the WFEC.

² Facilitated Discussion of the WFEC regarding the NSAT Analysis and Science Advisory Team's Recommendations.

³ DOI and USDA Forest Service

[Name of Regional Action Plan] for Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Released

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A milestone in true collaboration for wildland fire management – one in which the whole is greater than the mere sum of individual parts - was achieved with the recent release of the [Name of Regional Plan _provide regional link] (acronym).

The [Name of Plan] is a major milestone in a continual commitment to the three goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, focused on: (1) Restoring and Maintaining Landscapes (2) Creating Fire Adapted Communities and (3) Effectively Responding to Wildfire.

The Plan details a portfolio of actions, aligned with broader Cohesive Strategy goals, to be implemented in the next five years; lists planned activities that address gaps and expand existing efforts; and assigns government and non-government leads and partners for various actions. The [Regional Action Report and Plan] provides a blueprint for how we will build the social and ecological resilience of wildfire together.

As the actions in the Regional Plans are implemented, there will be long-lasting impacts:
[Regions could plug in specific actions]

- Community-led efforts to build resilience to mitigating wildfire threat will be supported;
- Comparative Science-Based Risk Analysis will increase depth and relevance of significant policy choices, related to major issues facing fire management, will be shared among decision makers including elected members of Congress, Governors, Homeland Security Advisors, City and Rural Cities Chiefs, Mayors Offices, local partners;
- Training for Federal, State, tribal, and local wildland fire response personnel for wildfire response;
- There will be platforms throughout the [name of region] to share learning and innovations across the three goals of the Cohesive Strategy; and
- Local partners, including government officials and community leaders, will better understand the threat of wildfire and how they can work together to prevent it.

Commitments such as [name of Regional Action Plans], achieved through Cohesive Strategy efforts, have created an environment focused toward a common vision of collaborative wildland fire management. By embracing a collaborative approach, the efforts of the [name of RSC] have built on existing relationships and created new collaborative alliances for the future to meet today's wildland fire challenges.

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