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November 15, 2013

1000 - 1300 (Eastern Time)

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Attendees	
<p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Kaage – NWCG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Douglas MacDonald – I-Chiefs <input type="checkbox"/> Glenn Gaines – DHS/USFA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Douglas – DOI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Erickson – ITC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Karels – NASF <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Jacobs – NLC <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Yates – NACO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Harbour – USFS <p>Support Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shari Eckhoff – DFO – DOI <p>Alternates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Olsen – USFS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Smith – NASF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Litzenburg – I-Chiefs <input type="checkbox"/> John Segar – NWCG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Blankenship – DHS/USFA 	<p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Walker – WGA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Simpkin – NERSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cairlyn Pollihan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danny Lee – USFS – NSAT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Darboven – DOI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Sloan – DOI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judith Downing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Lighthall – WRSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Matick – NERSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Zupko – SRSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Burnett – USFS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Quigley – METI – NSAT

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1	<p>Meeting Expectations and Introductions</p> <p>Jim opened the meeting at 8:00</p> <p>Re-iterated that this is a public meeting and will be conducted according to the FACA rules of engagement</p>
2	<p>Cohesive Strategy – National Report</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u></p> <p>Turned over to Dan Smith (CSSC chair) for a brief introduction</p> <p>Reviewed the proposal for selecting the title for the National Strategy Document which will be address during the deliberation phase of the meeting</p> <p>Jenna – gave a brief overview of the report of the National Strategy.</p>
	<p>Public Comments</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u></p> <p>Public comments and proposed edits received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Walker (WGA) –The re-write resulted in a much improved document. The governors are concerned about the priority given for fire use. The governors’ position is that we need to increase federal forest management. There is only one page (3) where modification is suggested to include the disadvantages of prescribed fire, which is consistent with other management options. <p>Suggested edits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judith Downing (USFS) – pleased with the way the report has turned out. There are still communication requirements. No changes requested.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Mastick (NE RSC) – echo what everyone has said on how well the report has turned out. Requested discussion of page 70 under the implementation where the action plan is described as including actions from the national direction and national strategy. It is unclear that there is any national direction in this document. • Mike Zupko (S RSC) – Regions waiting for this – this will take us a long way – and still need lots of internal and external communication. No changes requested. • Tom Quigley (NSAT) – looking forward to the next steps. No changes requested.
4	<p>Develop WFEC Recommendations to go to WFLC <u>Discussion Summary:</u> Tom Harbour – heard proposals for edits – Page 34 from Ann Walker – Page 70 from Larry Mastick.</p> <p>Bill Kaage – given the discussion, we need to understand (page 59) what we mean by increased short term risks and how much of that section is about balancing short term risks with long term benefits</p> <p>Jim Erickson-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some observations and heads up on some concerns we are going to see. Some counties that are flagged on certain maps make no sense and we need to be prepared on how to respond to them. • Page 36 - concerned about some of the language –includes mechanical and chemical thinning, but we don't talk about utilization. • Page 37 – fourth paragraph – a couple of sentences that should be removed – sound forest management is implied throughout the whole document. • Talked about mechanical as use where fire is not desired, however, mechanical may be a precursor to other treatments where fire use is an option.. • Page 38 – third paragraph – we talk about where markets are available, but we don't talk about the opportunities within the paragraphs. That could be a key part to solving the problem. • Page 48 – concerned about human ignitions and how we reduce ignitions – how do we get those people that want to burn to do it appropriately and ultimately result in benefit. • Page 49 – talk about local response capacity as being generally adequate...However, we are finding the succession of resource managers trending down – don't know how we are going to maintain capacity out to the future. <p>WFEC consensus on making modifications to the following pages:</p> <p>Page: Title Page <i>The National Strategy</i> <i>The Final Phase in the Development of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy</i></p> <p>Page: 34, Conclusion: Prescribed Fire Proposed changes will be sent by Ann Walker to Jenna Sloan.</p> <p>Page: 36, Commercial Timber Harvest Proposed changes will be sent by Jim Erickson to Jenna Sloan.</p> <p>Page: 37, para 2 and 3. Proposed changes will be sent by Jim Erickson to Jenna Sloan.</p> <p>Page: 59, Premises of Risk Reduction Change 'accepted' to 'considered'</p> <p>Page: 70, National Action Plan Change 'direction' to 'guidance'</p>

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	<p>There will be a science team report that will be different than this national strategy. Important to keep this in mind. And we refer to it in the final document.</p> <p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send out an errata sheet to the WFEC members indicating the proposed changes 2. If everyone accepts the modifications identified in the email – the National Strategy is approved and does not need to come back to WFEC. It then goes forward to WFLC as recommended by WFEC. 3. The title of the document will be: The National Strategy: The Final Phase of the Development of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy. <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <p>The following pages will be modified (as indicated above)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Page 34 – Ann Walker to provide wording 2. Page 36 – Jim Erickson to provide wording 3. Page 37 – Jim Erickson to provide working 4. Page 59 – Jenna will modify 5. Page 70 – Jenna will modify 6. Change title of the document.
5	<p>Next Meeting – December 6</p> <p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <p>Agenda for December 6 will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performance Measures 2. CSSC –National Action Plan 3. Barriers and Critical Success Factors
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