



Northeastern Region Begins Development of the NE Action Plan

The release of the Northeast Regional Risk Analysis Report in October is not the final step in the Cohesive Strategy (CS) development. The contents of the report will be used in conjunction with the objectives and actions outlined in Phase II, and contained in the 2012 Assessment report, to develop a regional Action Plan that addresses the three CS goals. The Action Plan will be developed with stakeholder input, in an iterative and transparent process, beginning in early December and concluding in February.

The Northeast Regional Action Plan will detail the goals, objectives, outcome-based performance measures, implementation outcomes, and priority implementation tasks for the Northeast Cohesive Strategy. These actions will enable the Northeastern Region to make progress in achieving the three national CS goals: Restore and Maintain Landscapes, Fire Adapted Communities, and Fire Response. The tasks will be consistent with the guiding principles and core values of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy.

The Action Plan will define and document the actions intended for implementation over the course of the next five years to make progress in achieving the three CS goals. The performance measures and implementation outcomes will enable all parties to assess and track progress toward the desired outcomes envisioned within each goal. The priority implementation tasks will identify specific actions needed to realize measurable progress within the next five years.

The NERSC also envisions the Action Plan to be a dynamic document. Therefore, it will evolve as conditions or other factors (i.e. drought, economics, insects and disease outbreaks, etc.) warrant. The creation of the Northeast Regional Action Plan is fundamental in achieving the goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy in the Northeast.

We ask that you direct your attention to the three documents on the NERSC web page. Under Reports there is a tab called "Comment Period". There are links to the three reports: the Executive Summary; the Synopsis; and the full Northeast Regional Risk Analysis Report. Within the Synopsis Report you will see opportunities for actions under the options and goals. These opportunities provide a foundation for commenting on potential actions to be included in the NE Regional Action Plan.

Stakeholder Engagement Schedule for Action Plan Announced

The Northeast Regional Strategy Committee (NERSC) announces opportunities for stakeholders to help craft the Action Plan for the Northeast Cohesive Strategy.

- December 3-14 Stakeholders can review a synopsis of the Northeast Regional Risk Analysis Report as well as the full report and previous documents, and provide input to the Draft Action Plan development.
- January 14-25 Stakeholders can provide comments on the Draft Action Plan.

The comment periods will provide stakeholders expanded, iterative, and increasingly more focused opportunities to shape Action Plan content. Opportunities for both webinars and written comments will be provided. Following the comment periods, the NERSC expects to complete a Final Draft Action Plan by February 15.