



## ...and Action! : The West Doesn't Rest

### Comment Period Resumes December 4

The Western Regional Strategy Committee (WRSC) presents the second of three opportunities for stakeholders to help craft the Action Plan for the Western Cohesive Strategy.

This comment period will open on December 4 and continue through December 14. You can review a complete consolidation of all the previous input (Phase I-III) regarding actions needed to implement the strategy, a more refined version of the recommendations, and **provide input to the Draft Action Plan development at <http://sites.nemac.org/westcohesivefire/comment-period/>**

In early November, stakeholders reviewed the current recommendations from the draft Risk Report, and the goals, objectives and actions that were developed in Phase II, and provided ideas and suggestions to help guide action planning.

The third comment period is currently scheduled for January 21 through February 1, when you will be able to review and provide comments on the Draft Action Plan.

Following the three comment periods, the WRSC expects to complete the Regional Action Plan by February 15.

The Western Region Action Plan will detail the goals, objectives, outcome-based performance measures, implementation outcomes, and priority implementation tasks for the Western Cohesive Strategy. These actions will enable the Western Region to make progress in achieving the three national CS goals: restore and maintain resilient landscapes, encourage fire adapted communities, and support response to wildfire.

### First Draft of Action Plan Available

On December 3, the first draft of the Regional CS Action Plan will become available concurrent with the opening of the comment period. This draft will be comprised of a summary of comments that have suggested potential actions to meet the goals and recommendations developed through Phase III of the CS effort.

The draft Action Plan will be available at: <http://sites.nemac.org/westcohesivefire/comment-period/>

### WRSC Leadership Transition



Corbin Newman, current co-chair of the Western Region Strategy Committee (WRSC) and Regional Forester for the Southwest Region of the Forest Service will retire at the end of this year.



Kent Connaughton, Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service, has accepted the nomination to replace Newman on the WRSC. Previously, he was the Associate Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry in Washington, DC. Kent also served as Deputy Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region; Supervisor of the Lassen National Forest; and as a forest economics scientist at the Pacific Northwest Research Station.



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**Success Stories**

This month's stories feature the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District and the Mid-Klamath community. North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District's Fuel Management Division serves a large population in urban and wildland areas owned both privately and by the US Forest Service.

The Mid-Klamath community, which is presently mapping their community's firesheds, is a remote rural community of mixed ownerships including Tribes, National Forests, and private owners.

Find these plus tips from other stakeholders at:  
<http://sites.nemac.org/westcohesivefire/about-you>

Find more success stories at our national website:  
<http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/success/index.cfm>

Or check out <http://www.fireadapted.org>

**Risk Report Accepted by WFEC**

The Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC) has accepted and posted the Western Region Risk report. The Western Regional Strategy Committee (WRSC) completed its Risk Analysis Report last month, identifying strategies for addressing wildland fire management risk. The Risk Report contains key elements that can be integrated into strategies for addressing the shared goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy: resilient landscapes, fire-adapted communities and response to wildland fire.



Learn more about the Western Region Risk Report and the Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy at:

<http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/strategy/rsc.shtml#riskanalysis>



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