



Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy - Phase II Western Regional Strategy Committee (WRSC) Update – 10/06/11

National Relevance:

Cohesive Strategy efforts are taking a turn toward the national as Phase II draws to a close and Phase III begins. The Cohesive Strategy Sub-Committee and the Wildland Fire Executive Council are busy reviewing the Phase II National Report, which summarizes and synthesizes outcomes of each of the regional assessments and strategies.

Your voices were heard; your ideas have been incorporated into the *Western Regional Assessment and Strategy*, and will remain a critical part of the national discussion. Please remain engaged and gear up for action on all of the immediate opportunities that have come out of Phase II here in the West. One of these immediate opportunities is to continue and enhance effective collaboration around land and wildland fire management objectives.

Enhancing Collaboration:

In the course of doing outreach for the *Western Regional Assessment and Strategy*, we heard many comments about the need to improve or extend collaboration. Many who are familiar with the community processes active throughout the West believe that increased collaborative efforts will improve on-the-ground results.

Local collaboratives such as the Applegate Partnership (OR), Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership (AZ), Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition (WA), Wallowa Resources (OR), and others have been able to transcend political and regulatory gridlock to successfully complete fuels reduction and landscape restoration projects on the ground.

Follow this link for more information and helpful hints on collaboration to meet the goals of the Cohesive Strategy: <http://sites.nemac.org/westcohesivefire/>

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