Cohesive Strategy Subcommittee: Phase II Report Out to WFEC
Phase I – Key Messages

• CS Vision: “Safely and effectively extinguish fire, when needed; use fire where allowable; manage our natural resources; and as a nation, live with wildland fire.”

• The Cohesive Strategy builds on previous work and the Foundational Documents.
Phase I – Key Messages

• WFLC defined three primary factors as presenting the greatest challenges and opportunities to make a positive difference:
  • Restoring and Maintaining Resilient Landscapes
  • Creating Fire-Adapted Communities
  • Responding to Wildfires
Phase I – Key Messages

• National Goals were established to address each of the primary factors
• Guiding Principles and Core Values of the Cohesive Strategy were developed
Phase I Completion

• Developed CS foundational documents:
  • *A National Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy*

• Documents approved by WFLC, OMB and signed by Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior
Phase II – Basic Principles

• Collaborative
  – Engages stakeholders, managers, and analysts
  – Shared responsibility and ownership of process and results

• Rigorous
  – Adopts a formal definition of risk
  – Uses scientifically credible data and analyses

• Transparent
  – All steps are documented and shared
Phase II - Expectations

• Define regional goals and objectives and portfolio of actions and activities

• Complete qualitative analysis of goals and objectives and portfolio of actions and activities

• Develop protocol and guidance to complete quantitative analysis in Phase III (National Tradeoff Analysis)
  – Conceptual models, analytical models
  – Local and national data
Phase II CSSC Actions

• Public Outreach and Communications
  – Established a Communications Team
  – Constituent Outreach by CSSC members
  – Forests and Rangelands.gov
  – Podcasts

• Developed RSC charters, standardized Regional Assessment templates, National Report template

• Drafted the National Report from the three Regional Assessments (writer/editor team)
• To be continued after the RSC presentations...
Phase II Successes

• Outreach
• Strengthening and building new relationships
• Science support and diversity
• Tools to share information across groups
• Standardizing using templates
Phase II

• Phase II National Report – developed from the three Regional Assessments
• Common themes among the regions
• Unique factors among the regions
• A path forward to complete Phase II

Oct 11 – 13 - WFEC meets
Oct 14 – 21 - CSSC and RSCs, and NSAT modify report
Oct 21 – 25 – Report goes back to WFEC for final review
Oct 26 - WFEC sends final draft and briefing package to WFLC

Nov 9 – 10 - WFLC meets in Denver

Nov 14 - ? - DOI and USFS begin Department and OMB review process of final version to be signed by the Secretaries.
Phase III

- CSSC thoughts on Phase III
  - Design
  - Barriers or changes from Phase I commitments
  - Outreach/Communications
  - RSCs/WG involvement and expectations
  - Timeline for completion
  - Developing an Implementation plan
  - Iterative process
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