



WILDLAND FIRE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Discussion Summary

February 21, 2014

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 type="checkbox"/> Jim Karels – NASF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jacobs – NLC <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 type="checkbox"/> Erik Litzenburg – I-Chiefs <input type="checkbox"/> John Segar – NWCG <input type="checkbox"/> Patti Blankenship – DHS/USFA 	<p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amparo Garcia - USFS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Walker – WGA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Washa – BLM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cairlyn Pollihan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Darboven – DOI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Sloan – DOI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Freeland - BLM <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 <p>NFPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathleen DeLoach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Steinberg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hylton Haynes

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1	<p>Meeting Expectations and Introductions</p> <p>Jim Douglas called the meeting to order at 10:03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an official meeting of the Federal Advisory Meeting • Deliberations will be among the WFEC members or their alternates • Principal purpose is to develop WFEC recommendation on the national action plan
2	<p>Opening Comments</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u></p> <p>Jim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal is to have a WFEC recommendation to go forward to WFLC. • Status of Phase III document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was sent to OMB ○ We received a number of comments ○ We worked through those comments and made appropriate modifications that maintained the spirit of the original text. ○ We are working out a couple of things with OMB that were not as straight forward ○ We are putting together the letter from the Secretaries transmitting the Phase III report to Congress <p>Tom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are at a really remarkable milestone – near the end of an interim journey • Have a document that resulted from collaboration with all levels of the wildland fire community • We are about to get into discussions about two different versions of the National Action Plan • There is concern about governance and the future role of WFLC, WFEC, CSSC, RSCs • There is concern that Jim and I are aware of overbearing federal action • If we look back three years, we have made tremendous progress • We are all committed to the kinds of relationships that we have formed in the past and know we need to implement to the cohesive strategy

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	<p>Jim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At an awkward moment in the transition from the way we have been doing business and how we need to do business in the future • Reviewed the role of a FACA committee – limitation is to provide advice • Can't rely upon the RSCs as a management group because they are created as subcommittees to WFEC • Use WFLC meeting to engage in a thoughtful discussion about continued governance – structures for collaboration, etc.
3	<p>National Action Plan – Presentation by CSSC <u>Discussion Summary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background was presented on the direction from WFEC and the activities by CSSC in the development of the draft national action plan • The list of items that CSSC did not have complete concurrence on were identified for further WFEC conversation and decision • There was a suggestion to include “territorial” to the list of stakeholders
4	<p>Public Comment on CSSC Proposal <u>Discussion Summary:</u> None from the NFPA Jenna:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom and Jim’s version – looked at it from the standpoint of how can I use this to inform what I do when working with our partners • Easier to use the broader framework to have a dialogue with the Bureau leadership <p>Tom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My context will frame my deliberative comments – have the national action plan provide meaning at all levels but to help WFLC now become just as committed and engaged and energetic about implementing this framework that you have spent 3 years working on • We want to lead up at the same time we lead down. The next sequential action is to get the governors, mayors, secretaries to provide the energy in owning and implementing the national action plan <p>Sandy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance measures – we understood that the performance measures were in fact been accepted – Shari will review the past notes to see if they were agreed upon <p>Mike Zupco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate Tom’s most recent comments about the next steps • Reviewed the modifications – rearrangement was good • Concerned with the bullets – only two or three that were not in the strategy – 2 pages were taken directly from the national strategy • Is there much left in the national action plan? Becomes rather circular. • Looking at the CSSC proposal – page 5 – under leadership – Mike identified several bullets that seem to be lost in the updated version <p>Jim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained the filter he used in removing some of the language that is inconsistent with what a FACA committee can say – Much more specific and tactical than what is appropriate for an enduring document. <p>Ann:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous versions referred to the engagement of non-traditional partners • Reflecting back to some of the comments from the last WFLC meeting – seems that we are missing some of the land management concerns that were identified, e.g. sage grouse • Tom Quigley indicated what will be delivered from the science team – intent is to not change the conclusions • We need to make the words consistent referring to the National Science Report • There was an earlier bullet about the insurance industry – under goal 2

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann identified several desires for wording changes <p>Larry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't have a clear set on how you envision the implementation part of this to occur • Jim: Going back to the conclusion section – the notion being that implementation is the responsibility of all the respective agencies and needs to be managed in that way rather than a top down. Perhaps we need to have information in a specific heading related to implementation. • Need help to guide and encourage
5	<p>WFEC Deliberations on National Action Plan</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u></p> <p>Working from the Harbour/Douglas version, Jim reviewed the changes based on the comments provided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 2 – add territorial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make the reference to the science stronger in the introduction – transfers to the implementation – underpins all aspects isn't strong enough – second paragraph – fourth line down – emphasize science as the basis for implementation • Page 6 - Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add "s" to action ○ Don't lose the concept of non-traditional partners – everyone doing their part ○ Specifically focusing on implementation activities when we talk about leadership ○ Add another bullet: Implementation is but one aspect of the National Action Plan ○ Commitment of all the values, etc. and not just the implementation of the cohesive strategy. Commitment, support and engagement. Another bullet for implementation • Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uncomfortable with not referencing treaty reserve rights ○ Paragraph appears to be inclusive of everything, but is really just some examples • Restore and Maintain Landscapes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add a 5th bullet around the concept around active land management – Promote cost effective active land management • Fire Adapted Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add bullet: Engage the non-traditional partners such as the insurance industry and NGOs in promoting fire adapted communities ○ Refer to grant programs (not reference existing or any other specific programs) ○ Examine and develop solution to better utilize grant programs that • Wildfire Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No comments • Monitoring and Accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is concern about the specificity of the performance measures – but need to ensure that all the work and specifics are not be lost ○ In the title: Performance Measurement – gives it some standing – perhaps in the bullets where we talk about performance measurement – emphasize that it will equate back to the science aspect of our process and relate back to the national strategy with respect to the options and opportunities and the change of risk. Accepted the modeling, options and opportunities in the national strategy. Would tie this back to the national strategy. ○ Add concept in the paragraph before the bullets ○ Title becomes: Monitoring, Performance Measurement, and Accountability ○ CSSC suggests that there be a companion document that includes specific performance measures, other implementation guidance/tools, etc. ○ Include some generic reference to tee up this companion document ○ Consensus is to NOT include any of the outcome or intermediate measures in this document? ○ Consensus is to include reference to Performance Measurements in the heading: • Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do we want to have some document that WFLC signs to implement the national action

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	<p>plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do we end this thing on a high note? Some suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Words that indicate: national all lands, inclusiveness – bottom up and top down approach – puts a positive spin on all of this ▪ Generational component ▪ Future focused and the possibilities of what we can see as a result ▪ Add a small section on Implementation before the conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds to getting to the conclusion • Would highlight the expectation – multi faceted, multi scaled, everyone’s responsibility • Long term – implementation will take many years to affect significant change ▪ Already an implementation section, so add the above comments to the conclusion section • Jim Erickson has a handful of suggested wording changes • Ann: include additional working in the first bullet under planning to address Ann’s concerns <p><u>Decisions:</u> WFEC – agree with the changes that have been discussed to the Harbour/Douglas version Send suggestions to Jenna (Ann W and Jim E)</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CSSC (Jenna) – do a track changes versions incorporating the agreed upon changes 2. COB Tuesday – Shari will send out final version to WFEC members 3. COB Thursday – WFEC members complete their review to ensure the document is consistent with today’s conversation 4. WFEC official recommendation on the national action plan will go forward to WFLC on Friday morning
6	<p>Preparation for WFLC Call</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u> Agenda for March 5 WFLC call</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Strategy - Phase III 2. National Action Plan with cover note as a proposal from WFEC 3. Preview the April 9 meeting <p>Agenda for April 9 WFLC Face to Face meeting</p> <p>Morning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Success stories to illustrate that the principles and concepts of the CS are already being implemented <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify examples which can be built upon. b. Identify barriers and frustrations and how can WFLC help with resolving those 2. Conversation about governance <p>Afternoon</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present the CS 2. Present the National Action Plan 3. Get WFLC commitment for implementation
7	<p>Cohesive Strategy Logo</p> <p><u>Discussion Summary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified both the importance and potential negative consequences of having a cohesive Strategy logo • It is not up to WFEC to implement the communication strategy – only to recommend a communication approach to WFLC <p><u>Decisions:</u> None</p>

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	<u>Actions:</u> Mary will develop a paper: Rationale for a unified coherent communication approach – identify key elements (standardized logo) – how would this potentially be implemented Send to WFLC via Sandy along with other briefing material by COB Thursday
8	Next WFEC Meeting – March 7 <u>Discussion Summary:</u> Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of the WFLC meeting • Further discussion to formulate the April WFLC meeting agenda • Have a conversation regarding the future need for a federal advisory committee
	<i>ADJOURN at 11:30</i>