



Overview

The Quadrennial Fire Review (QFR) is a strategic risk assessment, conducted every four years, since 2005. It is a joint effort of the Forest Service, the four Federal land management bureaus of the Department of the Interior (DOI), as well as tribal, state, and local government and non-governmental partners.

The purpose of the QFR is to forecast conditions that may present the greatest challenges for wildland fire management over the next 10 to 20 years, then develop long-term, strategic actions to address them. The 2014 QFR will focus on completing two main objectives:

1. Identify the most significant, long-term wildland fire management challenges by assessing emerging issues and future threats facing the nation; and
2. Project future scenarios to highlight areas of consideration for realignment of programs, strategies, capabilities, and the workforce that will assist in addressing the identified challenges and threats.

The QFR evaluates current wildland fire mission strategies and capabilities against the best estimates for the future environment to explore potential risks, threats, challenges, and opportunities.

The QFR is designed to be forward looking and to *challenge fixed assumptions in the wildland fire community*. As such, the QFR uses the best available science and technology to review the current and expected future state of wildland fire management. The QFR will help refine focus areas for the next version of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy (CS), examine the basic assumptions used to develop the CS, and extrapolate trends over a multi-decade period to test the outcomes.

Primary Areas of Concern

Four primary areas of concern for the 2014 QFR are identified as:

1. Changing climatic conditions and effects on landscapes;
2. Evolving risk in public and firefighter safety;
3. Water quality and quantity; and
4. Technology and program Infrastructure.

This version of the QFR will utilize crowdsourcing, an interactive web-based tool, to garner input from interested participants. Each crowdsourcing campaign is based on one of the four specific areas of concern. A fifth "Wild Card" priority is established to capture insights that may not be addressed by the other four categories.



Get Involved

Your input is important to help plan for the future of wildland fire management. As we work together, generating ideas through crowdsourcing, we will be better prepared to combat future risks and capitalize on opportunities in the best way possible.

What is the QFR Crowdsourcing site?

Crowdsourcing is a transparent, interactive way for a community to engage and discuss specific topics and is available 24 hours a day. The site facilitates idea sharing among stakeholders to identify the best solutions for the 2014 QFR and will complement other core outreach efforts such as interview and focus groups. The site is not a place for individuals to solicit general feedback. Contributions should be *forward-thinking* — *out 10 to 20 years* and generate problem solving.

How do I know if my idea is right for the 2014 QFR?

If you have an idea that addresses one of the QFR areas of concern, as it relates to the future of wildland fire management, share it! Even if you don't know all the details to make the idea doable, sharing it will allow dialogue among stakeholders to help refine the idea. Your perspective is welcomed and your ideas appreciated, as we determine future challenges!

What are the benefits of doing crowdsourcing for the QFR?

The crowdsourcing site allows stakeholders with a variety of perspectives to share ideas and engage in dialogue to identify the best path forward for the 2014 QFR. By bringing stakeholders with diverse backgrounds together, we can brainstorm actionable ideas that can have impacts 10 to 20 years down the road.

Why should I participate in the QFR Crowdsourcing site?

You are the future of wildland fire management. Sharing an idea within a crowdsourcing platform allows others to comment and strengthen an original idea. As you share your ideas, you will help wildland fire leadership, across the nation, address concerns in the best way possible. Your perspective is important to us.

Who can submit an idea to the 2014 QFR?

Anyone with an interest in the future of wildland fire management is invited to participate in the QFR Crowdsourcing effort. Entries may be submitted by individuals or small groups. There is no limit on the number of entries an individual or group may submit.

What's Next?

The QFR Crowdsourcing effort allows at least two weeks for stakeholders to submit ideas, with two more weeks afforded for comments and feedback to those ideas. The site will **officially open on March 17** and will be available for the submission of input through mid-April. **So, mark your calendars!**

Phase I: Challenges, risks, and opportunities

- QFR Crowdsourcing Site launches March 17
- Contribute ideas on the future
- Agree with or comment on other ideas

Phase 2: Strategies and resources to mitigate challenges and risks and manage opportunities

- Contribute solutions to specific challenges, risks, and opportunities
- Build on existing ideas
- QFR Crowdsourcing Site closes in mid-April

For More Information:

If you are not participating in one of the focus groups at the IAFC Wildland Urban Interface Conference, we hope you will still become involved through the crowdsourcing effort or future web-based focus group sessions. Additional information on the 2014 QFR and how you can become involved will be available at www.forestsandrangelands.gov/QFR.

Thank you for your participation! Your input is critical to the future success of wildland fire management.

Additional questions?

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