This monthly newsletter highlights Cohesive Strategy news, events, and regional happenings to collaborators and members of the wildland fire community, regionally and nationally.

**NIFC Fire Season Preview for Secretaries Vilsack & Jewell**
As another difficult fire season dawns, the National Interagency Fire Center briefs the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior on sharing and prepositioning resources to optimize fire management.

**Fire Mitigation Research Needed**
Roughly, 70,000 American communities face wildland fire risk. According to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, when suppression will not work Wildland Urban Interface residents can still mitigate, but more research is needed. [Read more](#)

**Community at the Edge: WUI Research Compendium**
Wildland Urban Interface residents are taking risk-reducing actions. Deciding to mitigate risk depends on perceived effectiveness, ability to implement, and tradeoffs with other values. [Read more](#)

**Forest Service ‘red zone’ report on WUI successes, challenges**

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Secretaries Jewell and Vilsack listen to a briefing on National Interagency Fire Center by Chuck Wamack.

**A Model Response**
The authors discuss biophysical factors of wildfire – temperature, humidity, precipitation, etc., and research on patterns of human-caused ignitions and effects of prevention. [Read more](#)

**Western US**
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hears Western Regional Strategy Committee. [Read more](#)

**Northeast US**
The Northeast Regional Strategy Committee will meet Northeast Forest Fire Supervisors and partners in State College, PA, to discuss an implementation strategy for the Northeast Regional Action Plan.

**Video:** Senator Udall Touts Aerial Response via Next Generation Planes