



Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy
National Goals; Collective Solutions

Response to Wildfire
Fire Adapted Communities
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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*
 - *Report to Congress: The Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act of 2009*
- 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)



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- 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

Nov14 - ? - 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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QUESTIONS?