



**Third and Final Comment Period for Draft  
Action Plan Opens January 18 for Two Weeks**

The Western Regional Strategy Committee (WRSC) is providing a third and final opportunity for stakeholders to review and comment on the Draft Action Plan for the Western Cohesive Strategy.

This comment period will open on JANUARY 18 and close on FEBRUARY 1. Stakeholders can review the DRAFT ACTION PLAN, which includes additional detail and information on the potential actions reviewed by stakeholders during last month’s comment period.

To review the draft and provide suggestions and comments go to:  
<http://sites.nemac.org/westcohesivefire/updates/>

To ensure your comments are given full consideration, please use the procedures described on the website. Based on stakeholder comments, your comments can be submitted in a variety of formats. The WRSC will consider stakeholder comments and those from previous comment periods to assist them in the completion of the Regional Action Plan, scheduled for late February.

**WHAT IS THE ACTION  
PLAN?**

The Western Region Action Plan will detail the goals, objectives, outcome-based performance measures, implementation outcomes, and priority implementation tasks for the Western Cohesive Strategy. These actions will enable the Western Region to make progress in achieving the three national CS goals: Restore and Maintain Landscapes, Fire Adapted Communities, and Fire Response.

**December Action Plan Comments Indicate Broad Agreement in Some Areas**

**Stakeholder Affiliation  
December 2012**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Federal Government  | 23        |
| State Government    | 10        |
| Tribal              | 2         |
| Local Government    | 9         |
| NGO                 | 24        |
| Forest Industry     | 2         |
| Fire Departments    | 4         |
| Homeowner/Landowner | 1         |
| Other               | 8         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>84</b> |

During the last Action Plan comment period that ended in December, stakeholder comments indicated broad-based agreement on the outcomes described in the action plan. However, there is less agreement about the specific procedures and techniques that were described to accomplish these desired outcomes.

There is also broad and consistent support for the application of “best science” and accurate data in identifying priorities and actions described throughout the plan. These comments and suggestions, as well as those from the next comment period (see above), will assist the WRSC in their effort to construct the final Action Plan.

Participation during the December comment period, open from December 4th through the 14th, included comments from 84 separate stakeholders representing all affiliation categories (see table). The final Content Analysis for the three comment periods for the development of the Western Region Cohesive Strategy Action Plan will be made available in February.

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