

# The National Fire Plan

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The USDA Forest Service and the Department of Interior Agencies are in the third year of successful implementation of National Fire Plan (NFP) activities. The NFP was developed in August of 2000, following a landmark wildland fire season, with the intent of actively responding to severe wildland fires and their impacts to communities while assuring sufficient firefighting capacity for the future. USDA and DOI have taken several steps to ensure that National Fire Plan activities meet the priorities and objectives described in the 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy, the collaborative plan for NFP. These actions include:

- Standardized Performance Measures - The Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture established a standard set of performance measures that provide the public and managers valuable data for trends, cost analysis, and program accomplishment. The measures also link with the agencies' strategic plans and the Government Performance Results Act.
- Standardized, Interagency Accomplishment Reporting System - The Agencies established a real time accomplishment reporting system for managers at all levels to plan and monitor fuels treatments, stabilization and rehabilitation, and community assistance work.
- Senior Level Management Oversight - The Wildland Fire Leadership Council, consisting of the heads of all five wildland firefighting agencies, senior level managers at the Departments of Agriculture and Interior, and leadership from the National Association of State Foresters, National Association of Counties, National Governors Association, and the Intertribal Timber Council, meets quarterly to coordinate NFP and Federal Wildland Fire Policy issues for seamless delivery of the wildland fire program. Some of the many accomplishments of the council include:
  - Adopting a standardized fire management plan template for use by all federal wildland fire management agencies,
  - Developing the action plans and monitoring mechanisms for each task in the 10-Year Implementation Plan, and
  - Executing a Memorandum of Understanding between states and federal agencies for standardized priority setting for hazardous fuels projects.