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Subject: Use of Wildland Fire

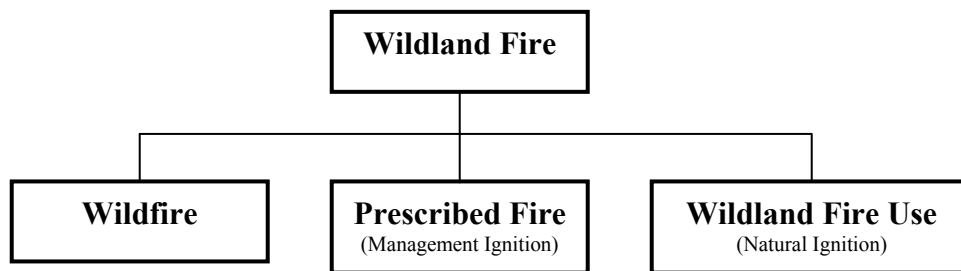
The directives task group has found that there is some confusion as to the term “Use of Wildland Fire” and its meaning and relationship to Wildland Fire Use and Prescribed Fire. The Federal Interagency Fire Policy statement #4 reads as follows:

#4. Use of Wildland Fire: *Wildland fire will be used to protect, maintain and enhance resources and, as nearly as possible, be allowed to function in its natural ecological role. Use of fire will be based on approved Fire Management Plans and will follow specific prescriptions contained in operational plans.*

In the Interagency Strategy for Implementation of the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, **Wildland Fire** has been defined as: *Any non-structure fire that occurs in the wildland. Three distinct types of wildland fire have been defined and include **wildfire, wildland fire use and prescribed fire.***

Use of Wildland Fire has been defined as: *Either **wildland fire use or prescribed fire applications to meet resource objectives.***

The following diagram depicts the relationship between these terms:



“Use of Wildland Fire” or “Fire Use” are terms that are used to describe the two types of wildland fire that provide for resource benefits; Prescribed Fire and Wildland Fire Use.