



AGENDA

September 16, 2011

Yates Building, McArdle Room (1st floor)
 USDA Forest Service Headquarters
 1400 Independence Ave. SW
 Washington, DC 20250

10:00 – 12:00 AM – Eastern Time

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Time	#		Topic	Presenter
1000 – 1005	1		Welcome/Introductions	Roy Johnson
1005 – 1010	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Meeting Objectives & Expectations <u>Description:</u> Outline the objectives and expectations of this meeting <u>Outcome:</u> 1. Understanding what we need to accomplish <u>Reference Material:</u> 1. Final Agenda	Tom Harbour
1010 – 1025	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	CS Sub-Committee Status Reports <u>Description:</u> Sub-Committees will report on the following: 1. Identify actions, milestones and deliverables that were to be accomplished between the September 2 WFEC meeting and now. 2. Report on actual accomplishments during that time period. 3. Identify actions, milestones and deliverables planned to be completed between now and the October face-to-face WFEC meeting. 4. Identify any issues or barriers that need to be resolved. 5. Identify what, if anything is needed from WFEC. <u>Outcome:</u> 1. Understanding of the activities of each sub-committee. 2. Agreement on any modifications to deliverables or timelines 3. Identify of next steps to resolve any pending issues and/or barriers <u>Reference Material:</u> 1. Sub-Committee Status Reports	Kirk Rowdabaugh (CSSC) Douglas MacDonald (RSC – West) Tom Harbour (RSC – Northeast) Jim Karels (RSC – Southeast) Mary Jacobs (CS-CW)
1025 – 1035	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	October Meeting Revised Proposal <u>Description:</u> At the last WFEC meeting there were recommendations for modifying the meeting format for October. A new proposal will be	Roy Johnson



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			presented. <u>Outcome:</u> 1. Finalize and Approval the October meeting format <u>Reference Material:</u> 1. New Proposal for October Meeting	
1040 – 1055	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	Phase II Report Format and RSC Presentation Format <u>Description:</u> The CSSC was tasked with developing the Phase II Report Format and the RSC Presentation Format. This agenda item is to review and approve those deliverables. <u>Outcome:</u> 1. Final approval of Phase II Report Format 2. Approval of the RSC Presentation Format <u>Reference Material:</u> 1. Proposal for Phase II Report Format 2. Phase II Report Format 3. Proposal for RSC Presentation Format 4. RSC Presentation Format	Kirk Rowdabaugh
1055 – 1105	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	WFEC Meeting Announcement <u>Description:</u> To enhance the perception of WFEC activities as open to the public which will serve to enhance communication short and long term communication and collaborative efforts the CS-CW has developed a proposal for releasing WFEC meeting information. <u>Outcome:</u> 1. Approval for WFEC Meeting Release <u>Reference Material:</u> 1. Proposal for WFEC Meeting Release 2. Draft Meeting Release	Mary Jacobs
1105 – 1120	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	NWCG Charter Update <u>Description:</u> NWCG's charter will expire next year. There is an outstanding task to re-write the NWCG Charter. Bill will give a status update and identify any issues that need to be discussed and/or resolved. <u>Outcome:</u> 2. Understand the status of the NWCG charter 3. Knowledge of any issues or barriers that need to be resolved <u>Reference Material:</u> 1. NWCG Charter Status Report	Bill Kaage
1120 - 1135	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Round Table Discussion <u>Description:</u> WFEC members have the opportunity to share	WFEC Members



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			information with the committee and identify issues that may result in potential future agenda items. <u>Outcome:</u> 1. Understanding of activities within the members' organizations.	
1135 – 1150	9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Public Comments <u>Description:</u> Time for WFEC to hear from the public. Specific topics to be determined <u>Outcome:</u> 1. Awareness of public opinions related to WFEC activities <u>Reference Material:</u> 1. TBD	Public
1150 – 1200	10	<input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	Closeout <u>Description:</u> 1. Review decision and actions <u>Outcome:</u> 1. Agreement on decisions and actions	Tom Harbour
1200			ADJOURN	



Status Report

Date: September 16, 2011

Subcommittee: Cohesive Strategy Subcommittee (CSSC)

Accomplishments Since Last Report:

- Regional Strategy Committee Presentations– The CSSC developed a draft presentation template to guide the regions as they prepare their presentations for the October WFEC meeting. It is attached for WFEC review and concurrence.
- CSSC Meeting – The CSSC will meet September 27 – 29 in Washington, DC. The meeting objectives are to pull together the National Report and develop the process, objectives and outcomes for Phase III. Drafts of both will be forwarded to WFEC for review and concurrence.
- CSSC writer/editor team – the CSSC stood up a writer/editor team that will pull the National Report together from each of the Regional Assessments.
- Communication/podcasts – Podcasts have been posted to the forestsandrangelands.gov website.

Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period:

- Begin preparing for the September 27 – 29 meeting
- Reviewing preliminary information coming in from the regions
- Start the discussion on designing the Phase III process

Issues Identified:

None

WFEC Decisions/Approvals Needed:

- Concurrence on the National Report Outline (added Phase I commitments and GAO FLAME requirements discussion to the Introduction)
- Concurrence on the presentation template that the regions will use for the October WFEC meeting.

References:

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Status Report

Date: September 7, 2011

Subcommittee: Western RSC and Working Group

Accomplishments Since Last Report:

The Work Group and RSC are working on completing the template for the Western Region and have subsequent conference calls scheduled to resolve issues with the final product.

Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period:

We have conference call scheduled the 16th and 26th to complete the template. We expect two products; first is the completed template, appendices and the entire content analysis product from our METI contractor. Additionally we will produce an abridged version of the product with the highlights and most transformational issues. We also plan a western update to stakeholder with items identified during the outreach that can be undertaken now to meet the three overarching goals without any more money and without a cohesive strategy; the update will go out September 14, 2011. We will also be thanking the stakeholders for their involvement and sharing progress. We see no problems with making the October 1, 2011

Issues Identified:

When the Western Region completes the assessment, our plans are to share with WFEC and CSOC, we are assuming that handoff will be electronically and will suffice. Additionally, we plan to continue providing updates to both RSC and WG members, along with our stakeholders until the final handoff to WFLC in November. We do not plan to share the “final western template” product” to manage expectations of our stakeholders and others but some direction from WFEC and CSOC would be appreciated. The question is “how much is enough” to share? It is also unclear after the handoff/approval to WFLC the role of RSC/WG members with Phase III, when we need to plan engagement with the Science Team and the continued communications with western stakeholders etc. What are the expectations of WFEC of the respective regions? Is there a work plan or time line after October 1st that we can use for future involvement and planning?

WFEC Decisions/Approvals Needed:

References:

Contact Information:

Joe Stutler, Joe Freeland and Alan Quan



Status Report



Status Report

Date: 09/09/2011

Subcommittee: NERSC

Accomplishments Since Last Report:

- Working group met face-to-face in Washington D.C. to develop final list of objectives and actions for RSC meeting in Milwaukee.
- RSC met face-to-face in Milwaukee 9/7/11 – 9/9/11 to finalize objectives actions and alternatives

Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period:

- Working group to edit progress made in Milwaukee and send to RSC.
- Begin final editing of entire draft of Assessment and Report for 30 September deadline.

Issues Identified:

WFEC Decisions/Approvals Needed:

None

References:

None

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Status Report

Date: September 16, 2011

Subcommittee: Southeast Regional Strategy Committee

Accomplishments Since Last Report:

- The RSC and a few WG and Science Team members met September 7 – 8 in Asheville, NC. The group reviewed the Regional Assessment with the RSC providing feedback to the WG. They also discussed next steps, the presentation to WFEC and a timeline of upcoming activities and deliverables.

Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period:

- The WG will make final edits to the SE Regional Assessment and submit the final version to the RSC. The region is on track to deliver the final Regional Assessment before September 30, 2011.

Issues Identified:

None

WFEC Decisions/Approvals Needed:

None

References:

None

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Status Report

Date: September 16, 2011 (*Submitted 9/09/2011*)

Tasked Committee: Cohesive Strategy Communication Workgroup (CS-CW)

Accomplishments Since Last Report:

- With WFEC's concurrence, the *Tasking for Cohesive Strategy Communication Workgroup* was finalized on 9/2/11.
- Writer editor support has been achieved.
- CS-CW has implemented weekly calls, occurring on Wednesdays.
- Continue to develop an outline for Communication Framework. The draft communication document will be presented to WFEC prior to the October meeting to allow for review time before WFLC in November.
- Calls with WFEC members continues, delayed due to scheduling challenges.

Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period:

- Continue actions on activities listed above.

Issues Identified:

- Scheduling of CS-CW members includes commitments to: 9/11 anniversary activities, NASF meeting 9/18-22, scheduled annual leave of members, and on-going wildland fire season.

WFEC Decisions/Approvals Needed:

Reference item presented in the August 19, 2011 Status Update:

- Develop a proposal for WFEC on how to enhance the knowledge and understanding of WFEC's role in the Cohesive Strategy and to better meet the intent of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) which states: ". . . to ensure that advice by the various advisory committees formed over the years is objective and accessible to the public." The intent is enhance the perception of WFEC activities as an open to the public which will serve to enhance communication short and long term communication and collaborative efforts.
 - Once the logistics of how the web can be used for WFEC meetings has been resolved, it is recommended that a press release be issued focusing on the enhance communication option for public participation, while referencing the upcoming meeting schedule. A description of the October meeting should also be included as a component.
 - The attached draft would be a component and could also be used by other groups as a model as well. But it would be modified once information on the internet participation option is concluded.

References:

- CS-CW Status Update dated September 16, 2011
- Draft Release titled, *Wildland Fire Executive Council to meet on Friday, xx date*

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Status Report



Proposal

Date: September 16, 2011

Subcommittee: None

Description of Issue or Assignment:

October Face to Face WFEC Meeting

Discussion of Proposed Recommendation(s):

The primary purpose of the October WFEC meeting is to develop a phase 2 recommendation to be presented through WFLC to Secretary. This will be accomplished through regional reports, public comment, and WFEC deliberations.

In order to accomplish the objectives of this meeting, an agenda with clear expectations and outcomes along with the flexibility to ensure that items are fully discussed must be developed and followed.

Identify Considerations:

WFEC needs to be sufficiently briefed by each of the regional strategy sub-committees to be able to deliberate and develop the council's advice to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior through WFLC. This will require that each of the sub-committees as well as the Science and Analysis Team have sufficient time to present the process that was used, who participated, their regional objectives, values, and strategies along with their considerations and rationale to meet the national goals of the cohesive strategy.

Time	Topic	Presenter/Lead
Tuesday, October 11, 2011		
0800	Introductions, Agenda Review, Meeting Protocols	Tom Harbour
0900	Western Regional Strategy Committee Presentation	Doug MacDonald
1000	BREAK	
1030	Northeast Regional Strategy Committee Presentation	Tom Harbour
1130	LUNCH	
1300	Southeast Regional Strategy Committee Presentation	Jim Karels
1400	Cohesive Strategy Sub-Committee Presentation	Kirk Rowdabaugh
1500	BREAK	
1530	National Science and Analysis Team Presentation	Danny Lee



Proposal

1630	Public Comment	
1730	ADJOURN	
Wednesday, October 12		
0800	WFEC Deliberation on Phase 2 reports	Tom Harbour
1200	LUNCH	
1300	WFEC Deliberation on Phase 2 reports	Tom Harbour
1600	Public Comment	
1700	ADJOURN	
Wednesday, October 13		
0800	Summarize recommendations and develop agenda for WFLC meeting	Tom Harbour
1000	Communication Strategy Presentation	Mary Jacobs
1100	Develop key messages and recommendations	Tom Harbour
1200	LUNCH	
1300	Phase 3	Tom Harbour
1500	Public Comment	
1600	Meeting Closeout	Tom Harbour
1700	ADJOURN	

Rationale for Recommendation(s):

The meeting must begin by establishing agreements on the meeting objectives and protocols being followed. Since this council is established under FACA, public participation is encouraged and adequate time throughout the meeting needs to be set aside for that purpose. Three days are necessary to have sufficient time for presentations and the development of the council's advice to go to WFLC.

Recommendation(s):

Approved outlined agenda.

Approve suggested participants as follows:

- Sub-Committee Chairs
- Communication Working Group Lead
- Sub-Committee Coordinators
- National Science and Analysis Team Co-Leads
- WFEC Members, support staff and advisors

The meeting will be in Washington, DC. The Interior Operations Center in the Main Interior Building has been reserved for October 11-13.

Need to publish all of the October meetings in the Federal Register by September 16.



Proposal

Decision Method used:

- Subcommittee Consensus
- Modified Consensus (explain, i.e. majority, super-majority)
- Chair Decision
- Not Applicable

Contact Information:

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WFEC Decision:

- WFEC Approves
- WFEC Approves with Modifications (not required to resubmit for WFEC approval)
- Need More Information (required to come back to WFEC for approval)
- WFEC Does Not Approve

Roy Johnson, DFO

Date

Notes regarding decision:



Proposal

Date: September 16, 2011

Subcommittee: CSSC

Description of Issue or Assignment:

Phase 2 Report Format

Discussion of Proposed Recommendation(s):

Reviewed the report format at the September 2 WFEC meeting. Suggestions for modifications were identified. The format has been updated and is ready for approval.

Identify Considerations:

Recommendations from WFEC members were incorporated into the format. See attached Phase 2 Report Format.

Rationale for Recommendation(s):

None

Recommendation(s):

Accept the Phase 2 Report Format as modified.

Decision Method used:

- Subcommittee Consensus
- Modified Consensus (explain, i.e. majority, super-majority)
- Chair Decision

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Proposal

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Date

Notes regarding decision:

DRAFT OUTLINE PHASE II DOCUMENT TO WFEC
Version 8/30/11

- I. **Executive Summary** (2 page maximum summary of Phase 2) of entire document highlighting regional similarities and differences

- II. **Introduction**
 - A. **Foundation** – National Framework documents and FLAME Act
 - 1. 1995 Federal Fire Policy and Program Review; National Fire Plan-10 Year Comprehensive Strategy; QFR, Call to Action, Mission Report, Mutual Expectation
 - 2. Guiding Principles – Cohesive Strategy Phase I, Part 2 (page 6)
 - B. **WFLC Decision for a 3-phase process** – brief overview of each phase and Congress/GAO requirements and commitments from Phase I
 - C. **Phase I Governance changes and new organization chart**
 - D. **Phase II report** (includes discussion of regional assessments and strategies) – qualitative

- III. **Collaboration and Outreach** – general description of what was done
 - A. **Northeast** (specific outreach done – perhaps tables of affiliations, groups, listserves, etc.)
 - B. **Southeast** (specific outreach done – perhaps tables of affiliations, groups, listserves, etc.)
 - C. **West** (specific outreach done – perhaps tables of affiliations, groups, listserves, etc.)

- IV. **Policies and Regulations – general enabling policies and regulations**
 - A. General policies and regulations common to all regions
 - B. Policies and regulations that limit or create barriers or conflicts across all regions
 - C. and conflicting policies and regulations unique to each region
 - 1. Northeast
 - 2. Southeast

3. West

V. **Values, Trends, and Risks**

A. Values, trends and risks common to all regions (define values, trends and risks censu CRAFT)

B. Values, trends and risks unique to each region

1. Northeast
2. Southeast
3. West

VI. **Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Actions Overview** (*NOTE: these goals, objectives and actions are formatted under the alternatives – this will take some work to bring forward by WFEC*)

A. Commonalities Among the Regions

1. Restore and Maintain Resilient Landscapes
2. Fire-Adapted Communities
3. Wildfire Response

B. Goals, Objectives and Actions Unique to Each Region

1. Restore and Maintain Resilient Landscapes
 - a. Northeastern unique goals, objectives and actions
 - b. Southeastern unique goals, objectives and actions
 - c. Western unique goals, objectives and actions
2. Fire-Adapted Communities
 - a. Northeastern unique goals, objectives and actions
 - b. Southeastern unique goals, objectives and actions
 - c. Western unique goals, objectives and actions
3. Wildfire Response
 - a. Northeastern unique goals, objectives and actions
 - b. Southeastern unique goals, objectives and actions
 - c. Western unique goals, objectives and actions

VII. **Describe an initial set of broad alternatives** that explore achievement of regional objectives and national goals ((Define “broad alternatives” *censu CRAFT*)

- A. Northeastern alternatives
- B. Southeastern alternatives
- C. Western alternatives

(there may be several alternatives per region, and *NOTE: this section may need to be restructured based on what we receive from the regions*)

VIII. NSAT - Brief summary of what was accomplished in Phase II.

IX. Phase III Process/Timeline –Include a brief outline of major outcomes and *describe potential role of NWCG in implementation phase*

X. Communication Plan – Discuss

XI. Conclusions

XII. Appendices

Appendix A – List of Terms and Acronyms

Appendix B – List of RSC, WG and support staff from all regions and committees and subcommittees

Appendix C – Northeast Report

Appendix D – Southeast Report

Appendix E – Western Report

Appendix F – Outreach Documentation (This Appendix may not be necessary if the outreach documentation is included in each of the regional reports above).



Proposal

Date: September 16, 2011

Subcommittee: CSSC

Description of Issue or Assignment:

RSC Presentation Template

Discussion of Proposed Recommendation(s):

At the September WFEC meeting the CSSC was tasked with developing a presentation format for all of the regional strategy sub-committees to use at the October WFEC meeting. See attached Presentation Format.

Identify Considerations:

The format was developed to systematically walk through the components of each of the regional strategy sub-committee reports. Consistency between reports and presentations is important for ease of review and analysis of the content.

Rationale for Recommendation(s):

None

Recommendation(s):

Approve the RSC Presentation Format.

Decision Method used:

- Subcommittee Consensus
- Modified Consensus (explain, i.e. majority, super-majority)
- Chair Decision

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Proposal

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Date

Notes regarding decision:



Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy
National Goals; Local Solutions

Response to Wildfire
Fire Adapted Communities
Resilient Landscapes
Supported by Science



**(Insert your Region) Regional
Assessment**



Process Overview

- *Describe diversity of team member affiliations, RSC & WG meetings that were held, what worked well, what didn't and how it was resolved, etc.*



Process Overview

- *Describe any background research and/or how the region built on previous work and relationships, etc.*



Process Overview

- *Describe the region's outreach and collaboration efforts – focus groups, web sites, document review, etc.*



Policies and Regulations

- *List any policies and regulations that are unique to the region*
- *List any policies and regulations that create barriers to working effectively together*



Values, Trends and Risks

- *List the region's top 3 – 5 values and discuss why they are important*



Values, Trends and Risks

- *List the region's top 3 – 5 risks and describe why those are risks*



Values, Trends and Risks

- *Describe the trends with respect to values and risks that the region sees as current or future issues.*



Goals and Regional Objectives

List the National Goals, the regional goals (if there are any beyond the national goals) and the regional objectives. Paraphrase if they are too wordy for PPT

- Ex: Landscapes across all jurisdictions are resilient to fire-related disturbances in accordance with management objective (Nat'l Goal)
 - Build and maintain resiliency in Southeastern landscapes (*Reg'l Obj 1*)
 - Promote strategic interagency and policy development (*Reg'l Obj 2*)
 - Develop and sustain capability and capacity to plan and carry out landscape treatments (*Reg'l Obj 3*)



Goals and Regional Objectives

- Human populations and infrastructure can withstand a wildfire without loss of life and property (Nat'l Goal)
 - Regional Objective 1
 - Regional Objective 2
 - Regional Objective 3
 - Etc.



Goals and Regional Objectives

- All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective and efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions (Nat'l Goal)
 - Regional Objective 1
 - Regional Objective 2
 - Regional Objective 3
 - Etc.



Alternatives to Achieve the Goals and Objectives

Describe your management scenario alternatives and how you developed those. If you used a matrix, you can share that process.

- Alternative A
- Alternative B
- Etc.



Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy
National Goals; Local Solutions

Response to Wildfire
Fire Adapted Communities
Resilient Landscapes
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Southeast Regional Strategy Committee

- *List your RSC members*



Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy
National Goals; Local Solutions

Response to Wildfire
Fire Adapted Communities
Resilient Landscapes
Supported by Science

Working Group Members

- List your WG members



Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy
National Goals; Local Solutions

Response to Wildfire
Fire Adapted Communities
Resilient Landscapes
Supported by Science

Coordination and Logistical Support Team

- *List your support team*



Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy
National Goals; Local Solutions

Response to Wildfire
Fire Adapted Communities
Resilient Landscapes
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QUESTIONS?



DRAFT 8-29-2011

Contact: xxx xxx at xxx.xxx.xxxx

Wildland Fire Executive Council to meet on Friday, xx date

Washington, DC: The Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC) will be holding its regularly scheduled meeting on **Friday xx, 2011**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon Eastern Time. This is a virtual meeting and participation is open to the public.

The meeting agenda includes:

1. Welcome and introduction of Council members;
2. Overview of prior meeting and action tracking;
3. Members' round robin to share information and identify key issues to be addressed;
4. Wildland Fire Management Cohesive Strategy;
5. Wildland Fire Issues;
6. Council Members' review and discussion of sub-committee activities;
7. Future Council activities;
8. Public comments; and
9. Closing remarks.

Due to a finite number of lines, members of the public who wish to have access to the meeting along with individuals who would like to present comments must notify Shari Shetler at Shari_Shetler@ios.doi.gov no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. For the meeting scheduled on **XX date**, submit your request via e-mail by **XX date**.

Depending on the number of people participating and the time available after the scheduled agenda items, time for comments may be limited. All participants should dial into the call approximately 5 minutes prior to the start of the call. For documentation purposes, each caller will be asked to provide their name during the public comment period.

The WFEC is established as a discretionary advisory committee under the authorities of the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture, and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Federal Advisory Committee Act was enacted in 1972 to ensure that advice by the various advisory committees formed over the years is objective and accessible to the public.

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The purpose of the WFEC is to provide advice on coordinated national-level wildland fire policy and to provide leadership, direction, and program oversight in support of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council. For additional information about WFEC, see: <http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/strategy/wfec.shtml>. For more information about FACA groups, see: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104514>.

WFEC holds virtual meetings on the first and third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Eastern Time. For the remainder of the 2011 calendar year, the following dates are scheduled for virtual meetings: September 16, 2011; October 7, 2011; October 21, 2011; November 4, 2011; November 18, 2011; December 2, 2011; December 16, 2011. WFEC's in-person meeting is scheduled to be held October 11-13, 2011 in Washington, D.C.

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