



Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy National Goals; Collective Solutions

*Response to Wildfire
Fire Adapted Communities
Resilient Landscapes
Supported by Science*

Key Messaging: National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy

The National Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy is an all-lands approach that reaches across jurisdictional boundaries. This strategy – born from an act of Congress (Federal Land Assistance, Management, and Enhancement Act of 2009) and overseen by the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) and the Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC) - is leading the way towards a more cohesive approach to how we – all the stakeholders – address wildland fire.

The Cohesive Strategy is defined by three Phases. The phased approach has allowed stakeholders to systematically and thoroughly develop a dynamic approach to planning for, responding to, and recovering from wildland fire incidents. The three phases are:

- ❖ Phase I: Development of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy
- ❖ Phase II: Development of Regional Strategies and Assessments
- ❖ Phase III: National Trade-Off Analysis and Execution

A New National Strategy

The Cohesive Strategy has identified a shared vision among all stakeholders. As a nation, we must:

- ❖ Safely and effectively extinguish fire when needed
- ❖ Use fire where allowable
- ❖ Manage our natural resources
- ❖ Live with wildland fire

The three principal goals of the Cohesive Strategy are:

- ❖ **Restoring and maintaining resilient landscapes:** - a recognition of the lack of ecosystem health within many of our forests and rangelands across the country and the need to address it.
- ❖ **Creating fire-adapted communities:** acknowledging the need to develop options and opportunities to engage communities at the lowest level to help them become more resistant to wildfire threat.
- ❖ **Effectively responding to wildfire:** a critical component to insure all levels of government, local, state, tribal and federal, work together when wild fire occurs.

Wildfire is more than a fire management issue. It is a larger land management, urban interface, and societal issue.

The Cohesive Strategy is an 'all-lands, all-hands' approach to improved wildland fire management, engaging stakeholders from all levels of government, non-government organizations, and people with interests in wildland fire, working together collaboratively.

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To become more involved, or to learn more about the background, phases, updates, and successes surrounding the Cohesive Strategy effort, please visit www.forestsandrangelands.gov.