

Resilient Landscapes
Fire Adapted Communities
Response to Wildfire
Supported by Science

The Cohesive Strategy

The Challenge

Forest and rangeland vegetation is heavier and more flammable than in the past. Communities have expanded into these tinderboxes. Drought and warmer temperatures plague much of the country. For these reasons and others, fire seasons are becoming increasingly complex and wildfire risks are increasing.

The Approach

Federal, Tribal, state, local and private partners have committed to a cohesive, strategic approach toward assessing risk nationally, understanding roles and responsibilities in mitigating risk, and developing alternative strategies for the future of fire management.

The Goals

Restoring and Maintaining Resilient Landscapes

Recognition that the lack of resilient, healthy forests and rangelands across the country compound risks posed by wildfire.

Creating Fire-Adapted Communities

Acknowledgement that communities must be engaged in a collective responsibility to become more resistant to wildfire threats.

Effectively Responding to Wildfire

Public and firefighter safety remains the number one priority at all levels and within all entities.

Science-Based Comparative Risk Analysis

A wealth of science and data to support planning and management was compiled as a result of this effort. Regional assessments utilized this network of data to identify regional risk reduction strategies. In the coming months, a national risk trade-off analysis will be completed to inform the significant policy choices faced by Congress, the White House Offices, and Federal, state, local, and Tribal organizations. This 'all-lands' approach will consider the full range of factors surrounding wildfire and ultimately define an intergovernmental strategy for the future of wildland fire management.

All-Hands, All-Lands

Property lines and jurisdictions seldom align with ecosystem boundaries or the topography and vegetation that affect wildland fire behavior. Therefore, there is a role and responsibility in wildland fire management for many different people.

Roles, responsibilities, and interests vary greatly among those involved and impacted by wildland fire.

The key to the success of the Cohesive Strategy is the commitment of the many partners to collaborate. The Cohesive Strategy is a collaborative effort to manage growing wildland fire challenges across all lands regardless of ownership.

Get Involved

Inclusive involvement of the many, diverse wildland fire stakeholders ensures success for the Cohesive Strategy.

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