



Emerging Regional Strategies for Wildland Fire Management The Cohesive Strategy

The challenges presented by wildfire today – from the heavy vegetation on forests and rangelands to the communities at risk situated near these tinderboxes – are simply too complex to solve alone. To address these challenges, Federal, Tribal, state, local, and private organizations committed to establish regional strategies. Strategies have been developed in the West, Northeast, and Southeast through a collaborative “all-lands, all-hands” effort. They share a common national vision to promote safe and effective fire suppression, when needed; use fire where allowable; manage natural resources; and as a nation, live with wildland fire.



Cathedral Group fire managers discussing fire.

Wildland fire must be managed across broad landscapes, which are often fragmented into many land ownerships and political jurisdictions. The regional strategies define the varying roles and responsibilities of fire managers from all levels of government, including private landowners, and determine how they can best blend and work together. The strategies reflect the values of the stakeholder interests and concerns, including the public and advisory groups.

The regional strategies analyzed information, science, and available fire management assets before addressing the increasing complexities of fire management. Each region provided workable solutions on how to braid Federal, Tribal, state, local, and private capabilities together to achieve landscape-scale results.

The work completed over the past year has demonstrated how effective relationships among stakeholders are key to success. By embracing a collaborative approach, the efforts of the Cohesive Strategy have built on existing relationships and created new collaborative alliances for the future. The regional strategies represent the kind of creative thinking and cooperation necessary to meet wildland fire challenges across all lands.

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