



**Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy**  
**National Goals; Collective Solutions**

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**Cohesive Strategy**  
**Subcommittee:**  
**Phase II Report Out to WFEC**



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## Phase I – Key Messages

- CS Vision: *“Safely and effectively extinguish fire, when needed; use fire where allowable; manage our natural resources; and as a nation, live with wildland fire.”*
- The Cohesive Strategy builds on previous work and the Foundational Documents.



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## Phase I – Key Messages

- WFLC defined three primary factors as presenting the greatest challenges and opportunities to make a positive difference:
  - Restoring and Maintaining Resilient Landscapes
  - Creating Fire-Adapted Communities
  - Responding to Wildfires



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## **Phase I – Key Messages**

- National Goals were established to address each of the primary factors
- Guiding Principles and Core Values of the Cohesive Strategy were developed



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## **Phase I Completion**

- Developed CS foundational documents:
  - *A National Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy*
  - *Report to Congress: The Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act of 2009*
- Documents approved by WFLC, OMB and signed by Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior



## **Phase II – Basic Principles**

- Collaborative
  - Engages stakeholders, managers, and analysts
  - Shared responsibility and ownership of process and results
- Rigorous
  - Adopts a formal definition of risk
  - Uses scientifically credible data and analyses
- Transparent
  - All steps are documented and shared



## Phase II - Expectations

- Define regional goals and objectives and portfolio of actions and activities
- Complete qualitative analysis of goals and objectives and portfolio of actions and activities
- Develop protocol and guidance to complete quantitative analysis in Phase III (National Tradeoff Analysis)
  - Conceptual models, analytical models
  - Local and national data



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## **Phase II CSSC Actions**

- Public Outreach and Communications
  - Established a Communications Team
  - Constituent Outreach by CSSC members
  - Forests and Rangelands.gov
  - Podcasts
- Developed RSC charters, standardized Regional Assessment templates, National Report template
- Drafted the National Report from the three Regional Assessments (writer/editor team)





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- To be continued after the RSC presentations...



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## **Phase II Successes**

- Outreach
- Strengthening and building new relationships
- Science support and diversity
- Tools to share information across groups
- Standardizing using templates



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## **Phase II**

- Phase II National Report – developed from the three Regional Assessments
- Common themes among the regions
- Unique factors among the regions



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- **A path forward to complete Phase II**

**Oct 11 – 13** - WFEC meets

**Oct 14 – 21** - CSSC and RSCs, and NSAT modify report

**Oct 21 – 25** – Report goes back to WFEC for final review

**Oct 26** - WFEC sends final draft and briefing package to WFLC  
**Nov 9 – 10** - WFLC meets in Denver

**Nov14 - ?** - DOI and USFS begin Department and OMB review process of final version to be signed by the Secretaries.



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## ***Phase III***

- **CSSC thoughts on Phase III**
  - **Design**
  - **Barriers or changes from Phase I commitments**
  - **Outreach/Communications**
  - **RSCs/WG involvement and expectations**
  - **Timeline for completion**
  - **Developing an Implementation plan**
  - **Iterative process**



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***QUESTIONS?***