



Proposal

Date: November 9, 2011

Group/Person Submitting Proposal:

Roy Johnson, WFEC DFO on behalf of the Wildland Fire Executive Council

Description of Proposal:

Initiation of Phase III of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy.

After receiving a presentation by the National Science and Analysis Team (NSAT) highlighting accomplishments in Phase II, and seeing the presentation by the NSAT on the expected outcomes of Phase III, as well as dialogue with the WFEC, the WFLC will consider whether to approve the WFEC's proposal for initiating Phase III activities as outlined.

Discussion of Proposed Recommendation(s):

Phase III will be a science-based national trade-off analysis that will guide efforts to meet national goals and reduce risk. Phase III will leverage regional values and investments and articulate trade-offs among alternatives proposed by the regions.

In addition, 13 expectations for Phase III are described in the Phase II National Report [refer to pages 37-38].

Two timelines are proposed for accomplishing the work and milestones in Phase III. One of these timelines, or an alternative timeline developed and approved by WFLC, is necessary for Phase III.

Considerations:

Phase I of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy proposed a purpose for Phase III, the CSSC identified activities and a timeline for Phase III in their final report, the NSAT reported their progress on the conceptual models developed in Phase II, and the NSAT proposed expectations of Phase III.

The Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC) and its members have been involved in regular discussions with the NSAT and the CSSC to identify the purpose and outcomes of Phase III. The WFEC also engaged in dialogue with the NSAT team leaders, RSC chairs and CSSC members to understand the assumptions and rationale behind the national trade-off analysis and other activities proposed in Phase III.

Rationale for Recommendation(s):

WFLC members must have the opportunity to review, comment, and provide a recommendation to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture on the Phase III expectations, deliverables, and timeline. Therefore, WFEC is making the following recommendation.

Recommendation(s):

WFEC recommends the following process to finalize the Cohesive Strategy Phase II report:

1. WFLC review Phase III deliverables and timeline and provide comments to Roy Johnson by COB Monday, November 21, 2011
2. The WFLC comments will be compiled and reviewed by WFEC at their December 2, 2011 meeting.
3. WFEC will task the CSSC and NSAT to incorporate any changes to the Phase III deliverables or timeline by COB Monday, December 12, 2011
4. WFEC will review the final draft Phase III deliverables and timeline and provide a recommended document to the WFLC members by December 30, 2011

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WFLC Decision:

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

WFLC Chair

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Notes regarding decision: