



Accomplishment Report

April 1, 2011 – November 10, 2011

The Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC) charter was signed by the Secretary of Agriculture on February 7, 2011 and the Secretary of the Interior on February 3, 2011. The formal establishment of the WFEC as a FACA Committee was published in the Federal Register on February 15, 2011.

WFEC Purpose:

The WFEC provides advice on the coordinated national level wildland fire policy leadership, direction, and program oversight in support to the Wildland Fire Leadership Council.

The duties of the WFEC are solely advisory, and include:

- Providing coordinating recommendations and advice to the Wildland Fire Leadership Council;
- Facilitating development and implementation of a National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy;
- Providing advice on wildland fire policy and program direction to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group;

WFEC Membership:

Members of the WFEC is composed of representatives from the Federal Government, and from among, but not limited to, the following interest groups.

- Director, Department of the Interior, Office of Wildland Fire Coordination (DOIOWFC)
- Director, United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Fire and Aviation Management (USDA FS FAM)
- Assistant Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration (USFA)
- Representative, National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
- Representative, National Association of State Foresters (NASF)
- Representative, International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
- Representative, Intertribal Timber Council (ITC)
- Representative, National Association of Counties (NACO)
- Representative, National League of Cities (NLC)
- Representative, National Governors' Association (NGA)

WFEC Meetings:

The first WFEC meeting was convened on April 1, 2011. Each meeting has time set aside for public comment.



WFEC meetings were held as follows:

- April 1 via teleconference (2 hours)
- May 6 via teleconference (2 hours)
- June 3 and 17 via teleconference (2 hours)
- July 1 and 15 via teleconference (2 hours)
- August 5 and 19 via teleconference (2 hours)
- September 2 and 16 via teleconference (2 hours)
- October 11-13 face to face meeting in Washington DC (3 days)
- October 28 via teleconference (2 hours)
- November 4 via teleconference (2 hours)

WFEC Subgroups:

The following Subcommittees and Working Groups have been established to support WFEC in the continued development of the Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy:

- Regional Strategy Committees
 - West
 - Northeast
 - Southeast
- National Science and Analysis Team
- Cohesive Strategy Communications Group

WFEC Topics Addressed:

Cohesive Strategy – The focus of the majority of the work that the WFEC has done to date is related to providing guidance and oversight for the development of the Cohesive Strategy Phase 2 Report and identifying a way forward for Phase 3. Accomplishments include:

- Appointing membership to the above referenced WFEC Subgroups
- Established clear roles and responsibilities for subgroups and issuing document outline
- Established timelines for Phase 2 activities and products
- Approved templates for Phase 2 deliverables
- Approved development of the cohesive strategy communication framework
- Established expectations and general timeline for Phase 3
- Reviewed and approved the Cohesive Strategy Phase 2 Report
- Developed recommendations to present to WFLC and the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior

Large Air Tankers

- Received briefing from USFS on current status and activities



Serious Accident Investigation

- Received presentation on Serious Accident Investigation Guidance that was developed by the National Wildland Fire Coordinating Group
- Reviewed a draft MOU related to SAI
- USFS has a new DASHO and Occupational Health and Safety Official who needs to weigh in on any further decisions related to SAI. Decisions are tabled until the new positions are filled and are able to participate.

Incident Management Organization Succession Planning

- Received briefing from NWCG on progress toward development of the succession planning report
- NWCG will hold a special meeting in December for finalizing the report
- Will return to WFEC after that and determine how to handle within the Wildland Fire Governance Structure

Governance

- Received request from WFLC to evaluate the membership of NWCG to ensure representation is consistent with WFLC
- Follow-up action include review and update of NWCG charter and the relationship to WFEC

WFEC Website:

All WFEC meeting agendas, notes and handouts are posted on www.forestsandrangelands.gov

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