



National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy

Ready, Set, Go! – Feb. 4, 2015

Resilient Landscapes - Fire Adapted Communities – Wildland Fire
Response

The Wildland Fire Problem...

- Is not just a federal issue
- Is not just a state issue
- Is not just a local issue
- Is not just a fire service issue



Three Biggest Challenges



ONE

Landscapes affected by overgrowth, fire, insects & disease



TWO

Increasing population in the wildland urban interface



THREE

Increasing risks to firefighters

A sunset over a mountain range with a large evergreen tree in the foreground. The sun is a bright white circle in a deep orange sky, casting a glow over the silhouetted mountains and trees.

The FLAME Act

2009 Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act directs Departments of Agriculture and the Interior to develop a Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy

Why is it Important?



- Wildland fire management is complex and involves a wide range of stakeholders
- Risks to communities and firefighters are increasing
- Effectively addressing these issues requires a united, comprehensive effort

What is the Cohesive Strategy?

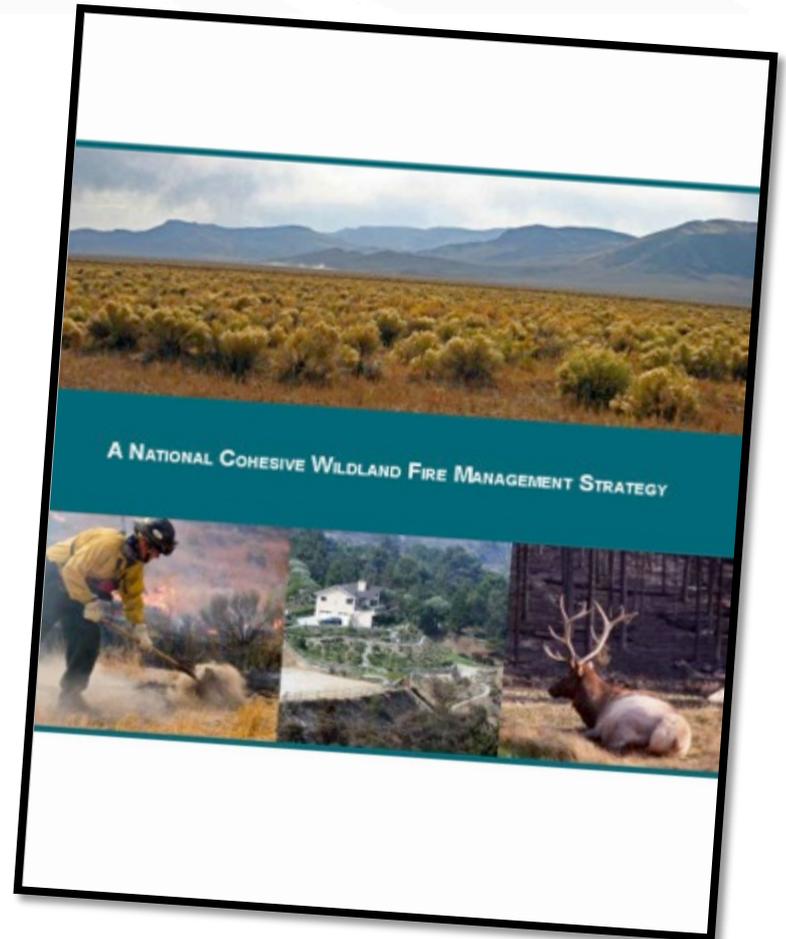
- A **national, collaborative** approach to addressing wildland fire **across all lands and jurisdictions**
- **Broad** stakeholder involvement and input

Why a Cohesive Strategy?

- In this nation, 95% of all wildfires are contained within 10 acres or less.
- The remaining 5% of fires are the costly & destructive wind driven, dynamic, untamed events, like hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters that cannot be stopped, only mitigated immediately after the event subsides.
- We can make a difference in 95% + of these wildland fires, but we need to work at it, cross-jurisdictional lines and collaborate at all levels!

A Unique Effort

- Evolution of past efforts
 - National Fire Plan
 - The 10 Year Strategy
- A strategy, not a program



Vision

Safely and effectively extinguish fire when needed; use fire where allowable; manage our natural resources; and, as a Nation, live with wildland fire.

National Goals

- **Restore and Maintain Landscapes:** Landscapes across all jurisdictions are resilient to fire-related disturbances in accordance with management objectives
- **Fire-adapted Communities:** Human populations and infrastructure can withstand a wildfire without loss of life and property
- **Wildfire Response:** All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective, efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions

Elements of the Cohesive Strategy





How do we...

Restore and Maintain Landscapes?

Create and Maintain Fire Adapted Communities?

Ensure Safe & Effective Wildfire Response?

- **Collaboration**
- **Work across jurisdictional lines**
- **Focus on goals**
- **Change behaviors**

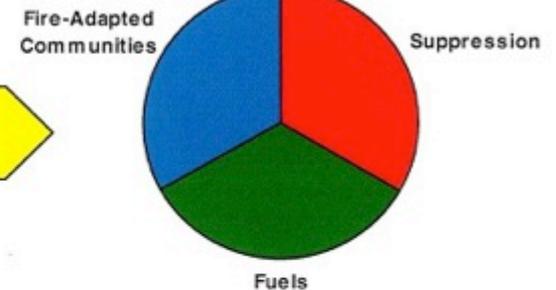
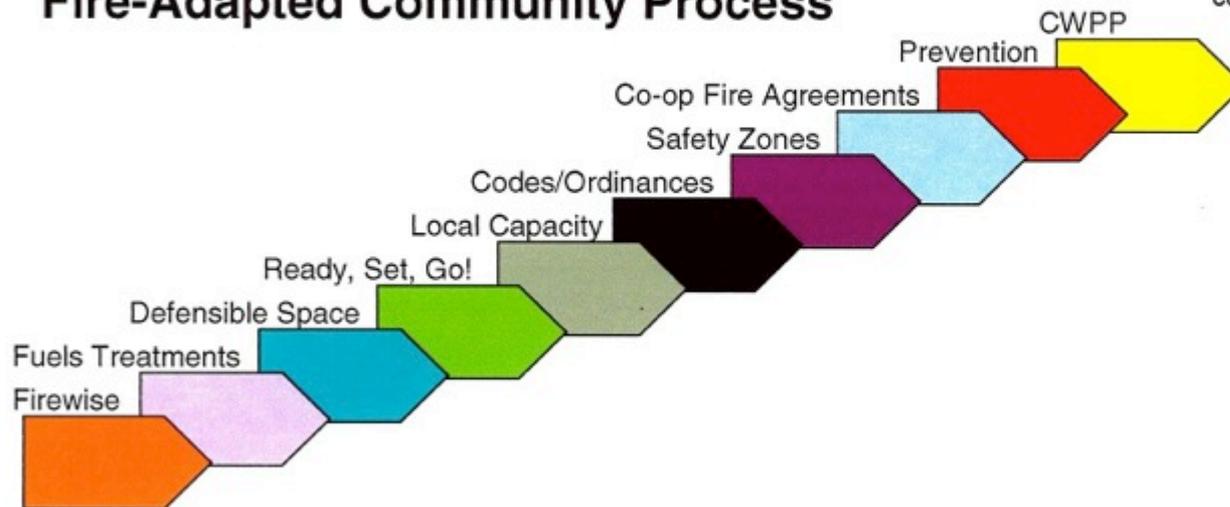
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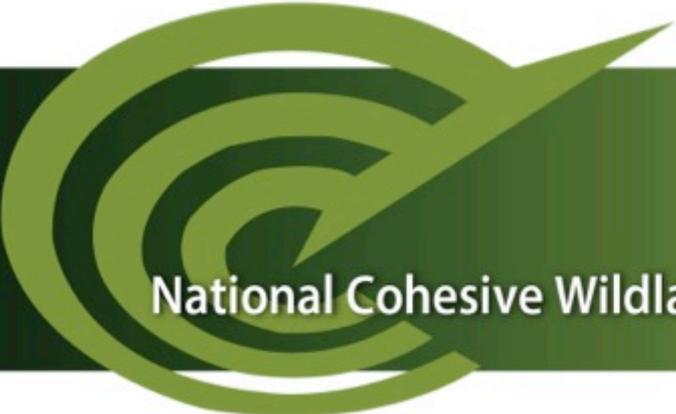
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Embrace the Goals

Cohesive Strategy

Fire-Adapted Community Process



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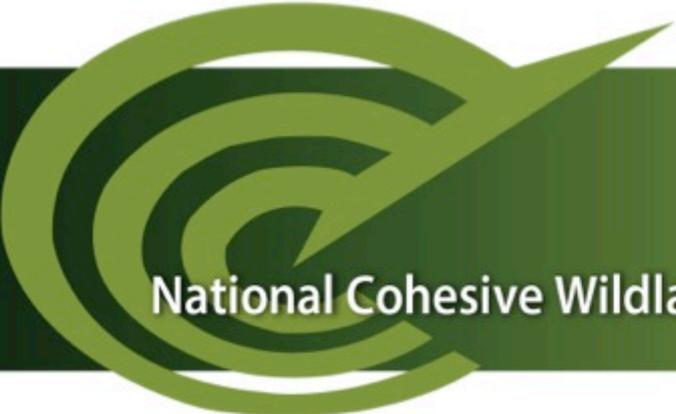
What Can Success Look Like?

Structure loss by County 1999-2009



Questions



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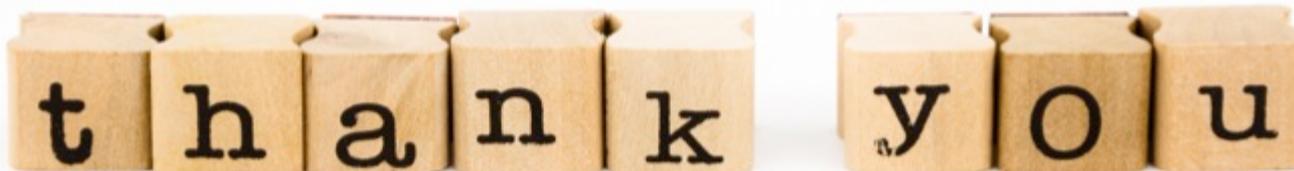
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A photograph of wooden blocks arranged to spell out the words 'thank you'. The blocks are light-colored wood with black letters. The word 'thank' is on the left and 'you' is on the right, with a small gap between them.

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