



What is?

THE NATIONAL COHESIVE STRATEGY

The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy is a collaborative effort involving federal and state agencies, local governments, tribes, and interested stakeholders throughout the nation to improve coordination across the various jurisdictions for managing wildfire.

The overall vision of the strategy is to safely and effectively extinguish fire, when needed; use fire where allowable; manage natural resources; and as a Nation, live with wildland fire.

The vision has three main components:

1. Resilient landscapes: Restore and maintain adaptive forest landscapes, using the best available science, to reduce and control the potential fuels of wildfires so that wildfire severity is reduced.
2. Fire-adapted communities: Encourage communities, localities, and property owners to take meaningful action to prevent wildfires and limit their destructive potential.
3. Safe and effective wildfire response: Use the smartest on-the-ground strategies to maximize the effectiveness of agency responses to wildfires.



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History

The Cohesive Strategy emerged from the Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement Act of 2009 (the “FLAME Act”), wherein Congress directed federal entities to develop a cohesive framework for dealing with wildfires. It was developed in three stages between March 2011 and April 2014. The urgency of this effort is clear: the decade of the 2000s saw wildfires across the United States steadily increase in frequency and severity, with growing proportions of federal agencies’ budgets absorbed by fire response activities. As experts and policymakers looked for solutions outside a “pure suppression” vision of fire policy, greater attention was paid to local and regional strategies for reducing or preventing wildfires, for example Community Wildfire Protection Plans and recognizing fire-adapted communities. The Cohesive Strategy seeks to recognize these trends as cornerstones of a new national fire policy that moves away from a “one size fits all” philosophy about wildfire response while leveraging community and private stakeholder interest in protecting assets against wildfires.

For more information:

To learn more, link to The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy:
<https://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/strategy/thestrategy.shtml>

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