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Cohesive Strategy Update:

Regional Wildland Fire Risk Analysis Reports Now Available

Next Steps Call for Action Planning and Facilitating Science-Based Decisions in Wildland Fire Management

As part of the commitment to facilitate a National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, Regional Risk Analysis Reports addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing wildland fire management are now complete. Regional Strategy Committees, comprised of a wide network of governmental agencies and stakeholders, including local communities, industry, and conservation groups, drafted the reports and have received concurrence by the Wildland Fire Executive Council. Stakeholders and the public have the opportunity to [view Full reports and Executive Summaries](#).

Regional Risk Analysis Reports recognize the importance of comprehensive wildland fire management approach, rather than decisions made by an issue-by-issue or project-by project basis. Completion of these reports builds on the foundation for a full dialogue in how best to develop and apply fire management decisions on the ground.

To sustain efforts, Regional Strategy Committees have already begun the process of developing their own Action Plans. The three plans will be collectively designed to advance the vision of the Cohesive Strategy and uphold its principles of resilient landscapes, fire-adapted communities, and response to wildfire. Stakeholders and the public have the opportunity to inform the development of Action Plans. Public comments will help form full Action Plan development. Input will be received until early February 2013. [Regional information is available on our website](#).

Nationally, a [Science and Analysis Team](#) (NSAT), has initiated work to establish a centralized hub of scientific data to help inform decision-makers and the public. Consistent with the Cohesive Strategy approach, the Science Team will partner with other members of the scientific community – with special consideration to ensuring that cultural and traditional knowledge are fully integrated. The national trade-off analysis will be completed in early summer 2013, and a national risk analysis report will be released by early fall. The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy will continue to build on efforts by the Regional Strategy Committees and the National Science Team to enhance collaboration regarding wildland fire issues.

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The Cohesive Strategy is a collaborative process with active involvement of all levels of government and non-governmental organizations, as well as the public, to seek national, all-lands solutions to wildland fire management issues.