

ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WFCA WILDLAND FIRE POLICY COMMITTEE BRANCH

EVENT

*Based on the priorities established from the
WFCA Wildfire Summit*

Wildland fire is arguably the greatest threat to quality of life in the West, impacting the environment we live and recreate in, our economy, our neighborhoods and communities, and even our lives. Unacceptable levels of property and life loss in the WUI are partially due to failure to promptly and effectively evacuate citizens threatened by wildfires, coordinate the immediate and appropriate response of Federal, State and Local firefighters, and manage the fuels and built environment in and around the WUI.

Action planning for the this branch will organize around three primary groups: Community Alerts and Evacuation, Coordination and Deployment of multiple jurisdictions and authorities to Initial Attack and Extended Incidents, and Fuels Management. Two Event areas identified at the Wildfire Policy Summit, Smoke Management and FirstNet Cows & Colts, are not included in our top 3 issues, but will remain on our to-do list.

- The Community Alerts and Evacuation group will focus on the establishment of methodologies for enhancing the situational awareness of the public in regards to wildfire, common terminology and process for notifications to prepare for and execute an evacuation (Ready, Set, Go), and improving communication and coordination of evacuations between Fire, Law Enforcement, Public Works and Politicals.
- The Response group will focus on the Interagency Agreements that provide for coordinated deployment of firefighting resources to initial attack and extended incidents, including the provisions for ordering and reimbursing.
- The Fuels Management group will focus on the reduction of hazards fuels in and around communities, development of Defensible Space around business and residents, and strengthening the resistance and resilience of the built environment.

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Protection District would serve as Event Branch Director and simultaneously guide and manage the deliverables for the three groups. Each group would establish a kick-off meeting, have access to an online meeting platform for ongoing in-group work, and then a plenary session meeting to link the evacuation, response and fuels policy recommendations. Once the three-part policy analysis and recommendations are completed, they will be presented to the WFCA WFPC Chair.

The following are our present recommendations for involved persons based on professional experience and stakeholder awareness:

Community Alerts and Evacuation Policy

1. Member TBD, IAFC Ready, Set, Go.
2. Member TBD, Western Law Enforcement
3. Member TBD, Western Fire Chiefs Association

Response Policy

1. Member TBD, Rocky Basin Incident Business Management Committee
2. Member TBD, NASF
3. Member TBD, Western Fire Chiefs

Fuels Management Policy

1. Member TBD, WUI Code Expert, possibly a State Fire Marshall
2. Member TBD, NEPA Expert
3. Member TBD, WFCA, possibly Justice Jones from Austin Texas.