

Washington Wildland Fire Protection Strategic Plan

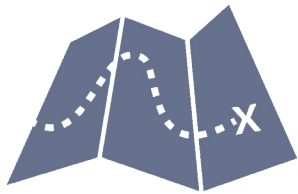
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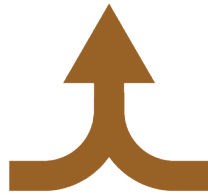
Fundamental change is needed to reduce wildfire risks to people, communities, and our environment and maintain our high quality of life in Washington.

Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz and Washington Department of Natural Resources are bringing together the leaders, partners, and stakeholders in wildland fire prevention, response, and community resilience to envision a new future for effective wildland fire management in Washington.

What We Plan to Do



Identify a shared vision and roadmap for improved wildland fire outcomes.



Promote strategic and programmatic alignment among agencies and jurisdictions.



Foster communication and collaborative engagement.



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A Comprehensive Approach

The plan will cut across various aspects of wildfire management:



What's at Stake

Our recent wildfire seasons have been devastating, with an estimated 4.1 million acres burned from 2000 to 2017. The impacts were felt across the state:

- ♥ Communities threatened and lives lost
- 🏠 Hundreds of homes and structures lost
- ☁ More days with unhealthy air quality
- 💰 Less revenue to local economies
- 🔥 Millions spent to suppress wildfires, and millions more spent to recover from wildfires

Today's uncharacteristic wildfires may become the norm as summers grow hotter and drier. **Action is needed now to prepare our communities and landscapes.**

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Plan Components



Building on Complementary Efforts

Wildland fire challenges governments, communities, and businesses across the country, and much work has already been done at the national and state levels to improve wildland fire outcomes. The Washington Wildland Fire Protection Strategic Plan will complement and leverage existing strategies such as the *National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy* and the *Washington 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan*, and will build on past stakeholder engagement efforts such as the *Washington Wildland Fire Council: 2016 Governor's Listening Sessions*.

Statewide Stakeholder Engagement

The complexity and urgency of improving wildfire outcomes before, during, and after wildfire requires rapid, comprehensive engagement of those who care about, are affected by, and are responsible for addressing wildland fire in Washington. Representatives from federal, tribal, state, and local governments; affected communities; fire service, emergency response, forest management, and conservation organizations; and private industry are all needed to take on this challenge and chart a bold new path to improved wildland fire outcomes.

To gather input and recommendations before the fire season begins, outreach and engagement is planned for early 2018, with the plan scheduled to be completed by the early summer.

