Washington Wildfire Protection

Strategic Plan

Project & Process Overview
Project Purpose

**Obtain** input, identify new approaches and solutions, seek broad based support

**Define** a vision, high level strategies, and near term implementation actions

**Create** a shared understanding of conditions on the ground; challenges faced in the future

**Promote** strategic and programmatic alignment among wildfire management agencies and jurisdictions
The desired future: Better Fire Outcomes by...

- Coming together to craft a shared vision
- Looking forward —opportunities, solutions, how to get things done
- Identifying best practices
- Achieving alignment
  - agencies
  - levels
  - interests
Approach

- Identify solutions, opportunities, areas of agreement, disagreement

- Formulate draft vision and strategies

- Solicit broad based feedback
  Wildland Fire Advisory Committee, Agency leads, community groups, local governments, tribal nations, others

- Refine vision and strategies; define next steps

- Prepare plan document

- Anchored in the national cohesive strategy

- Builds on past efforts

- Extensive engagement and outreach with diverse interests
Anchored in The National Strategy

HIGH LEVEL GOALS
• Restoring and maintaining landscapes
• Creating fire adapted communities
• Responding to wildfire

KEY CHALLENGES
• Managing fuels and vegetation
• Reducing human caused ignition
• Protecting homes & community values
• Safely, effectively, & efficiently responding to wildfire
Builds on Complementary Efforts

- Washington Forest Health Strategic Plan*
- Wildland Fire Advisory Committee
- Governor’s listening sessions
- Lessons learned and best practices from other states
Plan Elements

✓ Vision
✓ Situation analysis /assessment
  • Trends
  • Needed changes
✓ High-level strategies
✓ Systems solutions
✓ Near-term implementation actions
  • Resources
  • Roles
  • Responsibilities
  • Timeframes
All Hands – All Lands

- Local Governments
  - Cities, Counties, Fire Districts
- Tribal Nations
- Federal Agencies
  - BLM, FEMA, USFS, USDFW, BIA, USDA, NRC
- Electors Officials
- Underserved Communities
- FireWise
  - Timber, Cattlemen, Other Resource Interests
- State Agencies
- Environmental NGOs
- Forest Collaboratives
- Landowners

[Image of a map with different groups connected, indicating collaboration and resource management.]
Statewide Outreach & Engagement

- Work Groups
- Interviews
- Workshops
- Online Surveys
- Convenings

✓ Washington Wildland Fire Advisory Committee
✓ State Legislative Wildfire Caucus
Engagement & plan development timeline

- **JANUARY**: Summit
- **MARCH/APRIL**: Engagement
- **MAY/JUNE**: Plan Development & Review
- **JULY**: Final
How you can be engaged

- Let us know your area of interest
- Link to plan website (www.dnr.wa.gov/StrategicFireProtection)
- Sign up for the listserv
- Respond to survey
- Attend workshops
- Sign up for working groups
- Provide feedback along the way
- Attend future convenings
Thank you!

Questions?