

National Fire Plan Strategy for the Pacific Northwest

OUTLINE OF ELEMENTS OF THE STRATEGY FOR:

Expectations of Local Leaders

1. Coordinate and facilitate among Federal, State, and local officials the processes for determining:
 - a. Project locations,
 - b. Interrelated projects on multiple jurisdictions,
 - c. Scope of potential projects and overall plans,
 - d. Priorities for treatment and other actions.
2. Assist communities with the process of obtaining grants for non-Federal projects:
 - a. Wildland-urban interface hazardous fuels reduction,
 - b. Community fire planning,
 - c. Public education and information (fire) programs,
 - d. Stewardship Programs,
 - e. Programs and demonstration projects to utilize small diameter materials and other fuels reduction by-products,
 - f. Volunteer/rural fire department assistance.
3. Help ensure that projects intended to enhance community well-being are successful.
4. Coordinate project execution to:
 - a. Take advantage of opportunities for efficiency by working together,
 - b. To provide expertise that might not otherwise be available.
5. Build community capacity (ability of contractors and local labor forces to perform fuels reduction and other ecosystem restoration work):
 - a. Provide contracting opportunities,
 - b. Provide contracting information,
 - c. Provide education on how to become a contractor.
 - i. Scope of work,
 - ii. How to qualify, apply, and bid.
6. Provide information to the public:
 - a. About progress on implementing the National Fire Plan,
 - b. About the benefits being provided to the public and the environment,
 - c. (To help them recognize that projects are being accomplished that are helping their communities through the National Fire Plan.).
7. Coordinate distribution in the field, of firefighting resources among agencies:
 - a. Engines,
 - b. Aircraft,
 - c. Other equipment and facilities.
8. Coordinate hiring and sharing of human resources:
 - a. Firefighters,
 - b. Resource specialists and other key personnel.

9. Coordinate consideration for:
 - a. Consultation,
 - b. Cumulative impacts, and
 - c. NEPA and other environmental compliance.
10. Consider coordination with:
 - a. Information from the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project,
 - b. Requirements of Land Management Plan updates and amendments.
11. Expand opportunities through:
 - a. Use of “Wyden Amendment” type authorities (to spend federal money on private lands when there is a federal benefit),
 - b. USFS and BLM Payments to Counties Programs.