

Council of Western State Foresters
Seattle, Washington
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CWSF Resolution No. 2000-1

Federal Reports Relating to Strategic Planning

WHEREAS, The USDA Forest Service has produced Policy Implications of Large Fire Management: A Strategic Assessment of Factors Influencing Costs; An Agency Strategy for Fire Management; and Protecting People and Sustaining Resources in Fire-Adapted Ecosystems, A Cohesive Strategy; and

WHEREAS, The USDI Bureau of Land Management is currently developing a national strategy that parallels the USDA Forest Service's Protecting People and Sustaining Resources in Fire-Adapted Ecosystems, A Cohesive Strategy; and

WHEREAS, These reports have the objective of changing the way the USFS and BLM respectively do business in fire management; and

WHEREAS, The federal wildland fire agencies conducted a national federal fire policy review in 1995, and a new national fire program strategic vision and action plan as developed, and these federal reviews should be considered in the context of the 1995 effort; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of State Foresters has chartered a current process to develop a National Wildland Fire Policy, and the need exist to consider the recent federal review as the National Association of State Foresters National Policy is created; and

WHEREAS, Changes in the way the USFS and BLM do business in fire management will significantly impact western states both individually and collectively in the prevention, preparedness, mitigation, protection, response, and suppression components of fire management,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Council of Western State Foresters will be active and equal participants in all future discussions and implementation of the above mentioned reports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Council of Western State Foresters strongly recommend that the USDA Forest Service, the USDI agencies, and the states - all who are important partners in the west- be part of the implementation process to ensure the western states have the opportunity to influence the future of wildland fire management.

Passed by unanimous vote of the CWSF members present:

Toby Martinez, Chairman
Council of Western State Foresters
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