

2015 Current Fiscal Year Report: Wildland Fire Executive Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2015

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Wildland Fire Executive Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

76829

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No 03/04/2013 03/04/2015

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Agency

8c. Actual Term Date

03/04/2015

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Agency

13. Effective Date

03/03/2011

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

WFEC will provide advice on the coordinated national level wildland fire policy leadership, direction, and program oversight in accordance with the provisions of the FACA. It will report to the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture through the Wildland Fire Leadership Council.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members of the WFEC are composed of representatives from the Federal Government, and from among, but not limited to, the following interest groups. • Director, Department of the Interior, Office of Wildland Fire(DOI OWF) • Director, United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Fire and Aviation Management

(USDA FS F&AM)• Assistant Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration (USFA)• Representative, National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)• Representative, National Association of State Foresters (NASF)• Representative, International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)• Representative, Intertribal Timber Council (ITC)• Representative, National Association of Counties (NACO)• Representative, National League of Cities (NLC)• Representative, National Governors' Association (NGA)

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The WFEC will meet approximately two times a year, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture determined that the WFEC is necessary and is in the public interest to provide discretionary advice on national wildland fire issues.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The Council has fulfilled its duties as stated in the Charter and will not be renewed.

Designated Federal Officer

Shari Eckhoff Senior Advisor, Office of Wildland Fire

Narrative Description

The Committee has fulfilled its duties as stated in the Charter and will not be renewed. WFECC provides discretionary advice regarding national wildland fire policy leadership, direction, and program oversight including the development, implementation and continuation of a National Wildland Fire Management Cohesive Strategy to address growing wildland fire problems in the United States.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>



Cost Savings Comments

We are unable to determine the actual cost savings, but anticipate that they would be substantial savings by selecting common goals and objectives for intergovernmental wildland fire management agencies. This results in effective wildland fire management accross all landscapes and all jurisdictions

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

25

Number of Recommendations Comments

Recommended the establishment of the Cohesive Strategy Sub-committee to provide technical information and advice to WFEC for proposed processes and tasks necessary to complete Phases II and III and implement the Cohesive Strategy. Recommended the establishment of the Western Regional Strategy Subcommittee to complete a regional assessment through the defined planning and analysis process, including the articulation of regional goals, objectives and portfolios of activities and actions that support the goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy. Recommended the establishment of the Northeast Regional Strategy Subcommittee to complete a regional assessment through the defined planning and analysis process, including the articulation of regional goals, objectives and portfolios of activities and actions that support the goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy. Recommended the establishment of the Southeast Regional Strategy Subcommittee to complete a regional assessment through the defined planning and analysis process, including the articulation of regional goals, objectives and portfolios of activities and actions that support the goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy. Recommended the establishment of the National Science and Analysis Team to support the development and implementation of the Cohesive Strategy through the application of proven scientific processes and analysis. Issued Guidance and Recommendations to identify and develop specific regional alternatives. Provided Direction and Recommendations to complete a Regional and National Science-base Risk Analysis Report. Recommendations to develop regional and national action plans. Recommendation to the Secretaries to accept the Regional Assessments and Strategies as documented in the Phase II Cohesive Strategy Report. Recommendations to use the National Science and Analysis Team to develop models to inform the identification and selection of detailed alternatives and potential actions to implement those alternatives. Recommendations on the project planning to complete Phase III of the Cohesive Strategy. Recommendation on priority areas to be

addressed by WFEC in 2013. Recommendations improved effectiveness and efficiencies in management of the Wildland Fire Executive Council in 2013. Issued guidance and recommendations for addressing the Barriers and Critical Success Factors identified for the successful completion and implementation of the Cohesive Strategy. Recommended Intergovernmental wildland fire governance which addressed the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC), the Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC) and the National Wildland Fire Coordinating Group. Issued guidance and recommendations for the completion of the National Cohesive Strategy Phase III report. Reviewed and accepted the three Regional Work Plans. Recommended the use of the approach to comparative risks and trade-off analysis as presented by the National Science Analysis Team. Recommended new guidance to Regional Strategy Committees for the completion of the Regional Trade-Off Analysis and development of the Regional Action Plans. Issued guidance and recommendations for the identification of performance measures to be included in the National Action Plan. Issued guidance and recommendations for the development of the Cohesive Strategy National Action Plan. Recommended priority areas to be addressed by WFEC in 2014. Recommended actions to improve effectiveness and efficiencies in management of the Wildland Fire Executive Council in 2014. Recommended the approval and implementation of the Cohesive Strategy. Recommended that governance of the implementation activities be established.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

All of the above recommendations were accepted and implemented and are engaged in the completion of Phase 3 of the Cohesive Strategy and its implementation

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

Not Applicable

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Additional recommendations will be developed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture through the Wildland Fire Leadership Council when the Phase 3 Cohesive Strategy reports and action plans are completed.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

DFO may be contacted for additional information.