




# National Fire Plan

## WILDLAND FIRE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Chief, USDA Forest Service  
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service  
Director, National Park Service

From: James E. Cason   
Chair, Wildland Fire Leadership Council

Subject: Modification of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy Guidance

On March 24, 2008, the Wildland Fire Leadership Council agreed on modifying the guidance to the "Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy (2004)," contingent upon favorable counsel review. The proposed modifications or "revised direction" will be tested in a limited number of field units this summer and then incorporated into revised "Guidance for Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Policy" that will be issued in November 2008.

The existing Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy will continue to be applied this calendar year to units not selected to test the proposed modifications. Experience gained with the proposed Implementation Guide modifications will be used to draft effective guidance for national application in 2009.

Current Direction: "Only one management objective will be applied to a wildland fire. Wildland fires will either be managed for resource benefits or suppressed. A wildland fire cannot be managed for both objectives concurrently. If two wildland fires converge, they will be managed as a single wildland fire."

Revised Direction: "Wildland fires can be managed for one or more objective(s) based on the Land/Resource Management Plan direction."