



A Simple Overview of Guidance for Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy

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Response to wildland fire will be coordinated across levels of government regardless of the jurisdiction at the ignition source.

Wildland fire is a general term. It describes a non-structure fire that occurs in the wildland. There are two distinct categories:

- Wildfires – unplanned ignitions or prescribed fires that are declared wildfires
- Prescribed fires – planned ignitions

A wildland fire may be concurrently managed for one or more objectives. Objectives can change as the fire spreads.

- Objectives are affected by changes in fuels, weather, and topography; public understanding and tolerance; and involvement of governmental jurisdictions that may have different missions and objectives.

Management response to a wildland fire on federal land is based on objectives established in the applicable land, resource and/or fire plan.

Managers will use a decision support process to guide and document wildfire management decisions.

- The process will provide situational assessment, analyze hazards and risk, define implementation actions, and document decisions and rationale for those decisions.

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