

National Fire Plan Ops Reporting Systems (NFPORs) STATUS REPORT **May, 2009**

The National Fire Plan Operations Reporting Systems task group has been working on collaboratively completing Goal 2, Task 1 in the 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan.

This task group has been meeting since September, 2007 under previous WGA Forest Health Advisory Committee lead, Jonathan Oppenheimer. Changes have occurred within the WGA Forest Health Advisory Committee and until a new Lead has been determined, WGA will provide the necessary coordination of the task force. The committee consists of representation as shown below.

- Larry Lesko, USFS Lead; Rich Lasko, Robin Lilly,
- Russ Barry, DOI Lead; Nancy Guerrero
- Ryan Yates, NACO Lead
- Glen Buettner, NASF Lead
- Ann Walker, WGA Lead; Sandy Shaffer, Mark Gray, Maia Enzer
- Tom Fry, Wilderness Society
- Wendy Gerlitz, Sustainable Northwest
- Jim Erickson, Intertribal Timber Council

Background and Previous Task Force decisions:

- Task Force determined there were three tasks within Task 2-1.
- Task 2-1(1)-LANDFIRE data – Public access to www.landfire.gov is available and in a level of detail and information usable by communities and agencies involved in fire/fuels management. A brief description of what LANDFIRE can provide is explained at the end of this document. *Task 2-1(1)Completed December, 2007
- Task 2-1(2)-NFPORs data – Task Force developed listing of data elements in May, 2008, which they felt would meet the needs of communities and organizations for planning of projects, developing of collaborative partnerships across ownership, and which would meet the 10 Year Strategy Task requirements. Federal agencies and data base manager have been working with a contractor to put together reports displaying these data elements. Task Force members have been involved in this process through email and access to NFPORs.
- Task 2-1(3)-NFPORs States data input – Task Force determined it necessary to further evaluate the recommendation to report fuel reduction treatments/accomplishments from states and other partners(such as Non-governmental organizations and Community Wildfire Protection Planning groups) in a national database like NFPORs. Better coordination of efforts and more strategic treatment locations could result.

Current developments:

- Change in Task Force Lead member – WGA is currently contacting task force members for status and accomplishments.
- WGA is continuing communications with federal agency representatives on the task force, NFPORs database manager, and www.forestsandrangelands.gov managers to develop posting of static report data for public use. Discussions between DOI/USFS and NASF are continuing in regards to the state/other partners reporting into NFPORs.
- WGA will develop a status report, distribute to task force, and task force will determine next steps.
- Status Report presentation at next scheduled WFLC meeting.

Information on Completed Task 2-1(1)**www.landfire.gov**

LANDFIRE, also known as the Landscape Fire and Resource Management Planning Tools Project, is a five-year, multi-partner project producing consistent and comprehensive maps and data describing vegetation, wildland fuel, and fire regimes across the United States. It is a shared project between the wildland fire management programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and U.S. Department of the Interior. The project has four components: the LANDFIRE Prototype, LANDFIRE Rapid Assessment, LANDFIRE National, and Training/Technology Transfer.

LANDFIRE data products include layers of vegetation composition and structure, surface and canopy fuel characteristics, and historical fire regimes. LANDFIRE National methodologies are science-based and include extensive field-referenced data. LANDFIRE data products are designed to facilitate national- and regional-level strategic planning and reporting of wildland fire management activities. Data products are created at a 30-meter grid spatial resolution raster data set.

LANDFIRE National data products are produced at scales that may be useful for prioritizing and planning hazardous fuel reduction and ecosystem restoration projects; however, the applicability of data products varies by location and specific use, and products may need to be adjusted by local users. LANDFIRE meets agency and partner needs for data to support large landscape fire management planning and prioritization.