



Tribal Consultation regarding the Quadrennial Fire Review

Summary

The 2014 Quadrennial Fire Review (QFR) was released in May 2015. Developed with the engagement of more than 2,000 participants, including tribes, it is a strategic evaluation designed to help identify influences, trends, needs, and circumstances that will affect wildland fire management 10-20 years in the future, and to help inform long-term program direction.

The QFR report has three main components: 1) a Baseline Assessment of key factors (changing climatic conditions, workforce, risk management, and operations capabilities); 2) a Futures Assessment, describing four possible futures for wildland fire management that are representative of key long-term trends and illustrative of possible variations in future circumstances; and 3) Conclusions and Actions for Consideration that encompass performance measures, data analytics, and operational capability assessment; fuels management; active forest management; public engagement; technology and innovation; workforce; strategic planning; and Federal wildland fire agency organization.

The QFR report is accompanied by a Managers' Assessment provided by Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service wildland fire program directors. In the context of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy (Cohesive Strategy), this document provides the perspectives and intentions of the Federal fire programs on the following QFR-related themes:

- Data, Metrics, and Key Performance Indicators
- Resilient Landscapes
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Wildland Fire Management Workforce
- Innovation and Technology
- Future Oriented Strategic Planning
- Federal Wildland Fire Agency Organization
- Risk Management
- Fire Science

Background

The QFR is a strategic assessment process, planned every four years, to evaluate current wildland fire management strategies and capabilities against best estimates of the future environment. The 2014 QFR is the third such review accomplished to date. It is not a formal policy or decision document but rather a strategic evaluation of the long-range direction of wildland fire management. The 2014 QFR also included an evaluation of status of and progress on the findings of past reviews. In contrast with the past QFRs, along with more traditional workshops and expert interviews, the 2014 review took advantage of web-based crowdsourcing to maximize efficiently the amount and diversity of stakeholder participation.

Next Steps

Federal wildland fire management bureaus will be considering 2014 QFR results in their Cohesive Strategy implementation efforts and long-range planning. State, tribal, local, and other wildland fire managers and stakeholders may wish to consider relevant elements of the QFR and Managers' Assessment in their planning as well.

Questions to Consider

Questions to consider regarding the QFR and Managers' Assessment might include:

- Among the findings of the QFR, which are most relevant and applicable from tribal perspectives?
- How well do the themes and intentions expressed in the Managers' Assessment align with long-term tribal issues, trends, and concerns? Were any key points overlooked?
- What actions would be relevant and helpful the direction expressed in the Managers' Assessment with long-term tribal wildland fire management and planning?

- What findings and themes offer potential for effective collaboration?

How-To Comment

- Submit written comments directly via email at consultation_owf@ios.doi.gov, fax at (202)606-3150 or by mail to: DOI Office of Wildland Fire 1849 C Street NW MS-2660, Washington DC 20240. Comments are requested by August 20, 2015.
- Attend a tribal consultation session on July 21, 2015, in Albuquerque, NM, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (MDT), at the DOI University/National Indian Programs Training Center, located at 1011 Indian School Road NW, Suite 254, Classroom 234, Albuquerque, NM 87104.
- Attend a tribal consultation session on July 23, 2015, in Spokane, WA, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PDT), at the Double Tree by Hilton Spokane City Center, located at 322 N Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, WA 99201.
- Attend a web-based consultation from your computer, tablet, or smartphone on August 13, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (MDT).
 - Link to the [GoTo Meeting](#) or dial-in using your phone 1(408)650-3131. Access Code: 486-060-965

Reference Material

We recommend tribes read the [Quadrennial Fire Review and Managers' Assessment](#).