



## Tribal Consultation regarding Secretarial Order 3336

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### Summary

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On January 5, 2015, Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell signed the Secretarial Order 3336 on Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration. The Order sets in motion actions to enhance the protection, conservation, and restoration of a healthy sagebrush-steppe ecosystem, and to address important public safety, economic, cultural, and social concerns. This effort builds upon the experience and success of addressing rangeland fire and the broader wildland fire prevention, suppression and restoration efforts to date.

The Order established a Rangeland Fire Task Force (Task Force), led by the Department of the Interior (DOI) Deputy Secretary to review existing policies and programs; seek input from tribes; seek input from partners; and develop a science-based strategy to reduce the threat of large-scale rangeland fire.

A [Tribal Consultation Invitation Letter](#) was issued on January 16, 2015, from Michael L. Connor, Deputy Secretary, U. S. Department of the Interior, announcing government-to-government consultations during the process of developing the Initial and Final Reports mandated by the Order to gain feedback and input from Federally recognized Tribes.

The Task Force submitted to the Secretary two reports: an Initial Report, identifying short-term actions to be taken prior to the onset of the 2015 western wildfire season and a Final Report of longer-term actions to be taken for 2016 and beyond. The Department received valuable input from tribes during face-to-face consultations and through letters sent to the Department, changes were made to both the Initial Report and Final Report based on tribal input. The Final report specifically mentions on-going tribal involvement as the DOI implements the actions listed.

### Current Status

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#### Secretarial Order 3336

Policies and strategies for protecting, conserving, and restoring the health of sagebrush-steppe ecosystems impacted by fire.

#### [Implementation Plan](#)

- Roadmap for preparing Initial and Final Reports.

#### [Initial Report](#) – *A Strategic Plan for Addressing Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management, and Restoration in 2015*

- Short-term actions to be taken prior to the onset of the 2015 Western Wildfire Season.

#### [Final Report](#) – *An Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy*

- Longer-term actions to be taken prior to the onset of the 2016 Western Wildfire Season and beyond.

### Next Steps

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#### Actions for the 2015 Fire Season

- Strengthen Planning and Preparedness
  - Increase capabilities of rural/volunteer departments; utilize veteran crews
  - Ensure fire management organizations are prepared and functional
  - Increase initial attack and extended attack capability

- Provide National Direction and Expectations
  - Direction to Leaders Memo from Secretaries
  - Meetings with national and regional fire leadership
  - Meetings with partners (Forest Service, states, and Tribes)
  - Communication with field by each bureau

*An Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy*

- Principles for Success
  - Work on Landscape-scale
  - Promote “All Hands, All Lands”
  - Employ a Risk-Based Approach
  - Improve the Application of Science and Technology
  - Monitor and Adapt for Success
- Fire Prevention, Suppression, and Restoration
  - Improve Fire Prevention: Manage Vegetation to Reduce Fire Risk
  - Target Suppression: Protect Remaining Priority Habitat
  - Improve Restoration Success
- Establish a Coordinated Science Action Plan
- Improve Management Efficiencies and Effectiveness
  - Implementation, Coordination, and Accountability
  - Geospatial Management Strategies
  - Environmental Review and Compliance
  - Resources and Funding

**Questions to Consider**

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Questions to consider regarding SO 3336 might include:

- What issues and concerns do tribes have regarding the Final Report, An Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy?
- How can tribal interests be addressed in implementation?

**How-To Comment**

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- Submit written comments directly via email at [consultation\\_owf@ios.doi.gov](mailto: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**

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For a complete history of the Order, including SO 3336, Final Report, Maps & GIS, firefighter and science information, we recommend tribes visit [The Next Steppe webpage](#). More information on the Department tribal consultations, including the Dear Tribal Leader Letter, is also available on the [Rangeland Management webpage](#).