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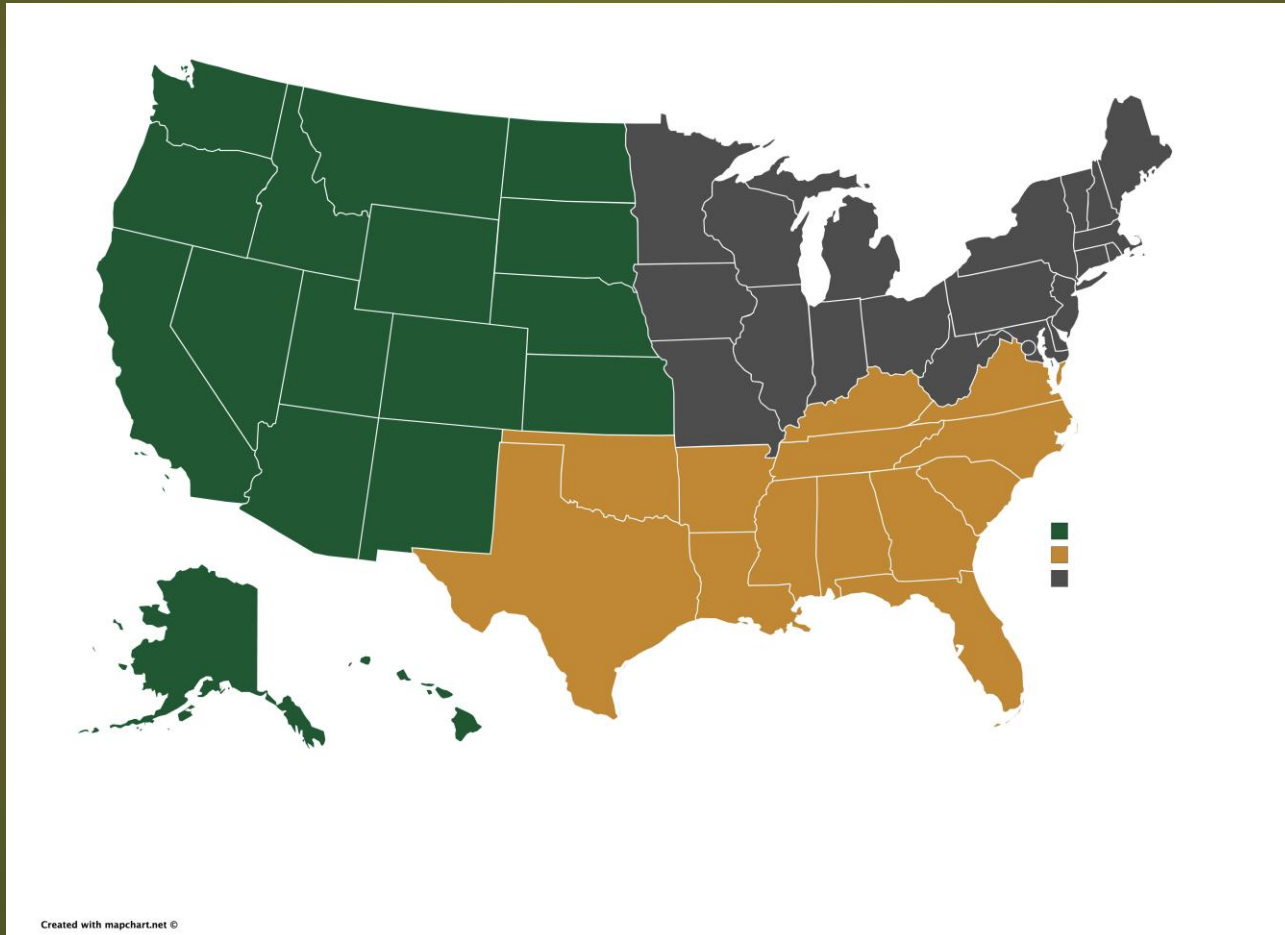
Environmental Services, Utilization & Marketing (SUM) Committee

GIS Committee

Urban & Community Forestry Committee

Water Resources Committee

NASF Regions



FIRE IN THE SOUTH

			Acres
February 1898	Series of SC/NC fires	NC/SC	3,000,000
1955 Fire season	Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington Counties	NC	600,000
April 4, 1963	127 Fires in NC, Black Thursday	NC	185,000
1971	Air Force Bomb Range Fire	Dare County	30,000
1985	High Peak Fire	Burke County	4,770
1985	Allen Road Fire	Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington Counties	94,650
1986	Topsail Fire	Onslow, Pender	73,000
February 10, 2008	302 fires in NC, Black Sunday	NC	9,400
2008	Evans Road Fire	Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington Counties	41,534
2011	Lumber Plant Fire	Surry County	737
2011	Judes Gap Fire	Polk, Rutherford Counties	1,477
2011	SR8 Fire	Onslow County	9,566
2011	Pains Bay Fire	Dare County	45,000
2011	Juniper Road Fire	Pender County	31,000+
2011	Simmons Road Fire	Bladen , Cumberland Counties	5,400+

FIRE IN THE SOUTH

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Historically the southern area averages approx. 50% of total fires nationally

For the past 3 years, SGSF states have averaged approx. 30,000 fires annually with an average area burned of over 1.4 million acres. 95% of these fires are State jurisdiction fires



Wildfires by Cause in North Carolina, 1970-2018



Year	Fires	Acres	Lightning	Camping	Smoking	Debris Burning	Incendaiary	Machine Use	Railroad	Children	MISC.
2018	3,597	10,994	43	29	35	1,601	191	364	22	140	1,172
2017	5,153	20,479	60	40	79	2,413	322	485	36	159	1,559
2016	4,195	77,741	48	65	78	1,566	402	438	18	175	1,405
2015	3,886	10,588	77	32	82	1,671	444	416	4	223	937
2014	4,593	13,327	53	41	90	2,237	706	460	30	210	766
2013	3,374	9,451	20	37	102	1,492	580	344	14	200	583
2012	3,550	11,992	129	46	91	1,221	715	384	36	228	668
2011	5,265	63,547	200	28	216	2,102	1,012	522	40	298	803
2010	4,053	14,703	71	36	166	1,642	801	435	24	268	602
2009	3,291	12,328	56	38	186	1,309	618	283	26	246	528
2008	4,378	49,929	197	36	246	1,565	758	384	58	332	802
2007	7,260	36,850	215	105	503	2,461	1,476	614	98	614	1,174
2006	5,767	23,364	98	60	360	2,414	1,031	489	53	452	810
2005	4,078	14,981	49	47	278	1,697	764	347	45	311	540
2004	4,406	14,221	29	49	255	2,046	693	337	36	335	626
2003	2,041	31,843	10	21	121	864	355	187	15	154	314
2002	5,655	27,678	261	73	369	2,250	975	397	65	501	764
2001	8,240	28,576	82	110	708	3,227	1,593	635	121	749	1,015
2000	5,039	24,660	57	60	358	2,049	956	372	118	443	626
1999	6,341	27,389	110	75	439	2,629	1,195	412	107	598	776
1998	4,377	15,083	80	40	297	1,753	943	322	63	387	492
1997	4,663	16,037	127	50	273	1,890	929	350	86	477	481
1996	4,312	15,338	49	35	300	1,838	807	262	81	428	512
1995	5,296	21,253	48	58	457	2,165	1,134	277	49	559	549
1994	5,810	26,659	100	73	474	2,472	1,188	302	61	525	615
1993	4,793	25,334	204	59	397	1,690	1,086	303	56	430	568
1992	5,721	23,952	54	52	622	2,322	1,237	340	57	444	593
1991	5,051	24,336	49	60	483	1,945	1,178	282	51	394	609

COOPERATION AND COORDINATION ARE CRUCIAL

At the National, Regional, State and Local levels

**SGSF assists at the National and Regional levels
via**

**The National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) which over sees all of the
Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACC). SGSF helps to operate the
Southern Area Coordination Center (SACC) located in Atlanta.**

An Interagency Incident Support Website

NICC

National Interagency Coordination Center

Mobilizing Incident Resources Throughout the United States

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INCIDENT INFORMATION

- Incident Management
- Situation Report
- National Fire News
- All Hazard Incidents

PREDICTIVE SERVICES

- Intelligence
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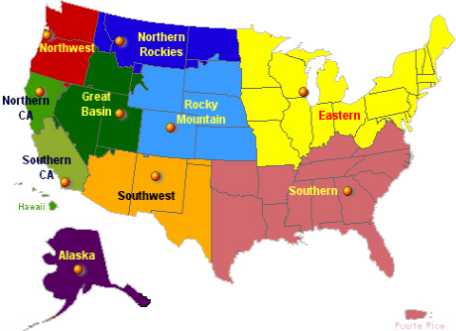
LOGISTICS/DISPATCH

- Aviation
- Crews
- Equipment/Supplies
- Overhead
- Reference Materials

ADMINISTRATIVE

- National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group
- Policy and Reports
- Incident Business Management
- Safety Management
- Training
- National Wildfire Coordinating Group
- Participating Agencies

Welcome to the National Interagency Coordination Center



Click on the map above to visit the Geographic Area Coordination Center web sites.

The National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) is the focal point for coordinating the mobilization of resources for wildland fire and other incidents throughout the United States. Located in Boise, Idaho, the NICC also provides Intelligence and Predictive Services related-products designed to be used by the internal wildland fire community for wildland fire and incident management decision-making.

There are five primary components to the NICC website. The [Incident Information](#) page is designed to provide the general public with daily updates on large fires throughout the United States. The [Predictive Services](#) component provides the operational products produced by the NICC and links to outside operational activities. The [Logistics/Dispatch](#) component provides operational and administrative links to the mobilization sections located in the Center. The [Administrative](#) component is designed to provide the tools, background information, and links that make Fire and Incident Operations work. And, the [Related Links](#) components provides Area and National links to other related websites.

To learn more about the National Interagency Coordination Center, click on [ABOUT US](#).

National Excellence in Dispatching Award

This award has been created to acknowledge an individual's contributions to dispatching and coordination. This individual is recognized as exemplifying a high standard of excellence in professional dispatch and coordination procedures. Their personal bearing and conduct establishes a high benchmark for interpersonal and general office relationships. This interagency national award is presented annually and nominees may be from any level of the dispatch or coordination system.

[National "Excellence in Dispatching" Recipients](#)



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SA-Interagency Coordination Centers

Southern Area

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Preparedness Levels

SA 1 National 3

- Emergency Medical Evacuation

SA IMT on Rotation

- Beard's Type 2 IMT (Gold Team)

What's New

2019 Southern Area Mobilization Guide
03/25/2019

2019 Southern Area Mobilization Guide
03/25/2019

Incidents Southern Area ERC Relative Humidity Drought Monitor Red Flag Resource Map



WEATHER

SACC 2-day
Tropical Report

INTELLIGENCE

Morning Report

AVIATION

Daily Aircraft Summary
(PW Required)

FIRE DANGER

ERC Map

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Disaster Assistance

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The Alliance of Forest Fire Compacts (AFFC) which pulls together all of the regional compacts. SGSF has States in the Southeastern and Southcentral Compacts.

National and State Compact laws allow States to share resources in fighting wildfires.

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Compacts were enacted by Congress in the 1950s. It gives the states the ability to share resources for the control and prevention of forest fires. In addition to being able to share within these compacts, they are also able to access resources from six other states in the Mid-Atlantic Compact.

There is current legislation that will be introduced to allow the exchange of resources with all eight compacts in the nation.

In the past three years, 100 engines, 65 dozers and 4 IMTS have been dispatched through the compacts totaling 556 personnel.

**SGSF assists at the National and Regional levels
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The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy
and the
Southeastern Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy**

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Related Links

National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy



...is a collaborative process to seek national, all-lands solutions to wildland fire management issues, focusing on three goals:

Cohesive Strategy News

[Cohesive Strategy Crosswalk and Strategic Alignment](#)

The Cohesive Strategy Crosswalk and Strategic Alignment report represents a deeper evaluation undertaken to ascertain national progress made in

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Wildland Fire Leadership Council Meeting

June 13, 2018, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Hotel Eleganté, Centennial Room

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Council Members or alternates: Jim Cason (DOI), Dan Jiron (USDA), Vicki Christiansen (USFS), Louis Rowe (NPS), Erik Litzenberg (IAFC), Vern Stearns (ITC), Grant Beebe (BLM), Paul Steblein (USGS), Jim Kurth (FWS), Patti Blankenship (FEMA/USFA), Kim Van Hemelryck (BIA), George Geissler (NASF), John Suthers (NLC), Mike Zupko (Executive Director)

Partners and Support Staff: Harry Humbert, Jeff Rupert, Gary Wood, Brett Lacey, Shawna Legarza, Jim Durglo, Ann Walker, Bob Eaton, Erin Hornsworth, Kelsey Delaney, Laura Schweitzer, Troy Timmons, Chelsea Nagley, Matt Struzziero, Ed Kleiman, Jaelith Hall-Rivera, Tom Welle, Shawn Stokes, Katie Lighthall, Dave Celino, Brian Cottam, Lowell Ballard, Jason Kean, Jonathan Bruno, Larry Mastic

On Phone: Meg Nakahara, Gary Schiff, Eva Karau

MEETING SUMMARY:

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jim Cason (DOI), Dan Jiron (USDA)

- Announcement that the character of the meeting will change, effective next meeting. Rather than brief snippets, the group will focus on 3 – 5 topics with time for robust discussion. This will allow the opportunity to talk about issues, understand perspectives and identify collective actions.
- Participants made comments about the previous day's tour including: being impressed with the ability to get insurance companies, builders, HOAs, and homeowners all involved in the solution of preventing fire and realizing the opportunities to address and share long-term risks. Shows how we can bring stakeholders together and reiterates the doctrine of the Cohesive Strategy being played out on the ground.

National Cohesive Strategy Goals

**Restore and Maintain Resilient Landscapes
Create Fire Adapted Communities
and
Safe and Effective Wildfire Response**

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Regional Strategy Committees

To coordinate the regional assessments, the [Wildland Fire Executive Council \(WFEC\)](#) chartered three Regional Strategy Committees (RSC), one for each region delineated in the Cohesive Strategy.

- [Northeast Regional Strategy Committee](#)
- [Wildland Fire in the South \(Southeast Regional Strategy Committee\)](#)
- [Wildfire in the West \(West Regional Strategy Committee\)](#)




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DO YOU KNOW YOUR WILDFIRE RISK?

Click below to evaluate your wildfire risk using the Southern Wildfire Risk Assessment online mapping tool (SouthWRAP). This tool can be used to prioritize tactical efforts and mitigation treatments, plan community activities, and much more.

SouthWRAP


Welcome to the Southeastern Cohesive Fire Strategy Website




Fire plays an essential role in the southeastern landscape. Managed carefully, wildland fire increases the health of fire-dependent habitats such as longleaf and shortleaf pine ecosystems, is required for some plants to reproduce, and may decrease wildfire severity. Fire, however, can also be a destructive force on the landscape, threatening lives, property, and the natural environment. The Southeastern U.S. is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. This growth, notably along the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), can create complex wildland fire management challenges. Addressing these challenges requires broad collaboration and innovative solutions from diverse stakeholders. The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy (Cohesive Fire Strategy) seeks to address these complex challenges.

The goal of this website site is to provide an online resource for southeastern Cohesive Fire Strategy information and news and to provide tools and resources to professionals and the public that can increase landscape resiliency, protect communities and ensure a safe, effective and risk-based fire response.



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Southeastern Regional Strategic Committee (SERSC)

The Southeastern Regional Strategy Committee was established to coordinate and support the implementation of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy in the Southeastern Region. The function of the Southeastern Regional Strategy Committee is to implement the Cohesive Strategy components: The National Vision, Strategy, and Action Plan; and lead and manage regionally specific issues and opportunities through implementation of the Southeastern Regional Action Plan.

Southeastern Regional Work Groups

The Southeastern Regional Strategy Committee Work Groups report directly to the SERSC and assist with outreach and communication activities to promote the Regional Action Plan. They support the implementation of Regional recommendations, tasks, and action items from the Southeastern Regional Action Plan. This group assists with special projects assigned or identified by the SERSC.

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Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
(ADCNR)
<http://www.outdooralabama.com>

The Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF)
<http://www.acf-foresters.org>

Auburn University (AU)
<http://www.auburn.edu>

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SEARCH RESULTS: North Carolina

- Creating a Fire Resilient Landscape in the Pisgah National Forest
- Fires in the Pines Festival: Introducing the Public to Good Fire
- Growing Season Prescribed Burn Proves Successful in Uwharrie National Forest
- Increasing Prescribed Fire Capacity through Community-led Prescribed Burn Association
- Media, Partnership, and Prescribed Fire Restore Wildlife Habitat near Lake James, North Carolina
- Multi-Partner Controlled Burn Conducted on Skull Knob
- Mutually Beneficial Partnership Provides Wildfire and Prescribed Fire Assistance and Firefighter Training
- North Carolina Air Force Base Trains Structural Firefighters in Wildland Fire
- Partnership Success with the Southern Blue Ridge Fire Learning Network
- Private Land Receives Prescribed Burn After History of Fire Exclusion
- Student Conservation Association Crews Act as Catalysts for Urban Forest Health
- The Fire Learning Trail

- smoke concerns
- technology / innovation
- wildfire mitigation / prevention
- wildfire/response
- wildlife

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The NASF Fire Committee and the SGSF Forest Protection and Fire Committee



Priority #1: Completion of Ongoing Projects

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SouthWRAP

- Since the release in 2014, 1,439 users have registered for the professional viewer
- New version of SouthWRAP was released in Sept. 2018
- The Community Assessor Application for the South (CAFTS) is now out and being used by several states.
- FL & GA exploring options to update layers to show increased risk in Hurricane Michael impact area



One Message, Many Voices

- Working w/Communications Committee to enhance & update content
- SGSF Website is now landing page for both GoodFires.org & VisitmyForest.org



Priority #2: Outreach and Education to professionals, landowners, policy makers etc.



Tour of GR Manufacturing's Production Facility

- Our Winter Meeting was held February 5-7, 2019 in Trussville, Alabama
- The following issues were addressed:
 - Smoke Management
 - **Research & Technology Transfer**
 - Fire Adapted Communities
 - Technology Updates
 - Cohesive Strategy
 - SFA/VFA Grant Funding
 - LSR Grant Work Session
 - OMMV Websites Work Session
 - Rates Guide Work Session
 - SA IMT Work Session



fiResponse™ is an enterprise wide decision support system that provides capabilities for monitoring wildland fire incidents and all associated operational activities related to incident response, dispatch and resource tracking.





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- Smokey's 75th Birthday
 - Events w/State Legislatures
 - Smokey Bear License Plate
 - Birthday Card goes National
 - Smokey & Major Sporting Events
- Increasing use of social media to push timely messages
- CWPPs continuing to increase
- Incorporation of CWPP into LMS & comprehensive plans increasing
- communities at reduced risk shows success of fuels management efforts
- Effective use of Ready, Set, Go! Program increasing



Priority #3: Prescribed Fire

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- **SE Prescribed Fire & Air Quality Summit IV** took place February 25-27 in South Georgia
- Quarterly conference calls are being held with State Forestry and Air Quality Agencies + other partners
- Work continues on having reliable Rx burning/fire reporting data regionwide
- Assisting in development of more detailed prescribed fire training for air quality personnel
- Several states developing/utilizing drones (UAS) for aerial ignition





Priority #4: Training

IMTs and Priority Trainees

- Through the Priority Trainee List, 112 state employees were dispatched last year. Currently there are 147 on this year's list and 3 have already been dispatched this Spring
- A multi-state Florida-based Type 2 IMT (Red) was dispatched to Oregon and assigned to the Garner Complex.
- NC deployed 2 IMTs to assist with Hurricane Florence
- SC deployed IMT2 to Hurricane Florence
- GA deployed their IMT2 to SW Georgia for Hurricane Michael
- TX IMT3 deployed to FL under EMAC for Hurricane Michael
- FL deployed 2 IMT1s, 3 IMT2s, and 3 IMT3s for Hurricane Michael
- Several states developing Type 2 & Type 3 IMTs
- Continuing to enhance the Southern States IMT mobilization process



Priority #4: Training

Wildland Fire Training for State Firefighters, Cooperators, and Structural Firefighters

- All agencies continue to provide training and assistance to Volunteer Fire Departments in their states either through formal Fire Academies or individual courses
- Skills crosswalk being utilized in several states to facilitate qualifying cooperators
- Florida has completed development and is operational with the Blue Ribbon Staff Ride



Volunteer Fire Department Funds (VFA)

VFA funds are used for wildland fire training and outfitting of volunteer fire departments. The VFA funding has gradually increased the past five years and the southern states received approx. 4.5 million dollars in 2019.

There has been an emphasis by the states to capture VFD fires as it is a component in the formula for allocation of VFA funds. Some states have made progress but there is still work to be done. Incorporating the VFD fires that have been reported bumps the SGSF state fire numbers up to approx. 73,000 fires annually.



Priority #5 Collaborate and develop partnerships with federal and regional stakeholders to promote efficient, effect and safe SGSF fire management programs

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Collaboration to Promote Safe & Effective SGSF Fire Management Programs

- States are fully engaged on NWCG committees, sub-committees as well as Cohesive Strategy and SERPPAS
- Currently using Cohesive Strategy Models for Success to expand successful programs
- Fire Committee receives regular updates on Cohesive Strategy and provides accomplishment information

