

WILDFIRE RESILIENCE COALITION (WRC) CHARTER

SECTION I: Purpose of this Charter

This Charter is a statement of the values, goals, structure, and operation of the Wildfire Resilience Coalition (WRC).

SECTION II: Wildfire Resilience Coalition Mission

The mission of the WRC is to help create the enabling conditions for systemic change to achieve landscape and community wildfire resilience in the United States. In pursuing this mission, we seek to:

- help leverage change through the extraordinary investments made in wildfire resilience by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) as well as other budgetary and programmatic offerings at the federal and state levels,
- provide a venue for non-federal partners to establish and communicate expectations with respect to wildfire resilience broadly, and IIJA and IRA investments in particular, and in turn, provide agency and administration leadership a venue to engage with leading partners,
- evaluate both the letter and spirit of agency and administration strategies and actions with respect to those shared expectations and provide transparent feedback,
- identify targeted interventions, including through policy, that facilitate a transformative shift in how wildfire resilience is achieved.

SECTION III: Coalition Core Values

- A paradigm shift that is bold and transformative is needed to change the trajectory of wildland fire.
- Wildfire resilience restoration should be informed by a whole-of-society approach which requires partnering with local communities, states, tribal governments, and the private sector to increase the scale of on-the-ground work necessary to achieve resilience outcomes.
- Land and fire management focused on building wildfire resilience is based on science and includes both thinning and burning at a landscape scale.
- Wildfire resilience requires concentrated investment over time to achieve meaningful results across landscapes and communities.

SECTION IV: Coalition Membership and Participation

The WRC encourages membership of organizations and individuals interested in fostering the Mission of the coalition by actively engaging in the planning and work of the Coalition. Coalition members who agree to the Core Values may participate freely in WRC meetings and activities.

SECTION V: Steering Committee

The WRC is led by a group of organizations and individuals invested in the Coalition's success. The Steering Committee will include a subset of up to 11 but not less than 7 coalition members and is structured to ensure diversity of expertise and perspectives. The Steering Committee will consist of representation from community-based, conservation/environmental, Tribal, and industry organizations. Governmental representatives may participate as ex officio members. Participation on the Steering Committee is for a one-year term with the opportunity to renew based on Coalition consensus. Committee members are selected based on both the organization they represent, as well as commitment to the Coalition Mission and Core Values. The commitment of Steering Committee members is expected to be up to one hour per week on average.

The primary purpose of the Committee is to develop coalition consensus around strategic priorities and activities. Additionally, the Committee will inform Coalition meeting agendas, provide direction and support to Coalition staff, and update this Charter as necessary submitting for Coalition approval.

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Section VI: Decision Making

The Coalition broadly and Steering Committee in particular will utilize the principles of modified consensus whereby members express a position of 1) strongly support, 2) support, 3) can live with it, 4) don't like but won't block, or 5) cannot support. If modified consensus fails, voting on the business of the Coalition may be conducted by those in attendance at a meeting in person or by teleconference, and electronically if necessary where a quorum is 75% of members is present and/or polled and a super majority of 70% of those in attendance with a quorum prevails.

Section VII: Meetings

A recurring meeting schedule for the Coalition as a whole as well as the Steering Committee will be established. Members are expected to make a good faith effort to attend regularly, however may appoint one alternate to serve as a proxy in the primary member's absence. Alternates must be a member of the same organization, understand and support the Coalition's principles, are expected to be up to date on Coalition issues, and need to be able to make decisions in the primary member's stead.

Section VIII: Representing Coalition Positions

There will be occasions when it is desirable and strategic to represent Coalition positions to external audiences. The Coalition will operate under a strict OPT IN rule whereby no member or individual is represented as affiliated with Coalition positions without their express approval.

Section IX: Accountability

We collectively are accountable to advancing the Mission and Core Values of the Coalition. We work together to hold ourselves accountable to these principles.

Section X: Charter Term

As the Coalition matures, and based on lessons learned, it is expected that the needs of this Charter will evolve. Changes to, and enactment of, a new Charter will be led by the Steering Committee and approved by membership.