



Canadian Wildland Fire Preparedness and Response Plan



Wildland Fire Management
Working Group



CONTEXT

Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy:

“develop an improved preparedness and response capacity...”

This Plan is Part 1:

Focused on Improving Response

- decision-making, priority-setting;
- sharing and utilization of suppression resources
- resources traditionally used, external to wildland fire agencies, and international

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Principles for Improvement

- Common language and standards
- Transparency of information
- Consensus decision-making
- Commitment outside critical wildland fire situations
- Simplicity
- Innovation





PART 1

Improved Response in Critical Situations

(at NPL 3 or higher)





CONSENSUS DECISION-MAKING

Shift in CIFFC from **filling orders** to
medium range planning:

- Improving the CIFFC strategic planning system
- CIFFC Strategic Planning Unit
- Canadian Multi-Agency Coordination Group

Prototyped in 2015

In place 2016



CONSENSUS DECISION-MAKING

CIFFC Fire Situation Report to become:

- Fire Situation Report – to previous day
- Situation Forecast over the next 10 days
- Connect Situation Forecast to Resource Forecast



INFORMATION TO SUPPORT BETTER DECISIONS

More efficient response depends on progress of new IM/IT Committee:

- standardized information, data-sharing, data-integration
- recommendation to add capacity

IM/IT Committee making progress



DECISION-SUPPORT TOOLS

Move to forecasting and sharing available inventory and resource demand

- Transition Canadian Fire Resource Demand System to small task team
- Develop a national *Situation Forecast* for resource-sharing decisions
- Tracking resource availability from external sources



FACILITATING CAPACITY

Internal To Wildland Fire Agencies

- Internally, reduce barriers:
 - Type 2 Crews and aircraft
- Reduce attrition of key overhead positions
- Fire Equipment:
 - analyze factors that contribute to equipment stuck in warehouses or retrieval
 - identify means to share or expand recycling capacity



FACILITATING CAPACITY External To Agencies

- Integrate non-agency staff into Type 2 standard
- WFMWG and CIFFC engage with:
 - INAC and Fire Commissioners/Marshals
 - Target: increasing Type 2 by 400 firefighters
- Continue to work with DND on train-as-needed delivery
- Develop a “marketplace” for specialized skills and equipment



FACILITATING CAPACITY International

Continue work ongoing:

- USA including Alliance of Forest Fire Compacts
- Mexico
- Australia
- New Zealand
- South Africa

Progress 2015 and 2016

International Interagency Resource Reps and
prepared exchange checklists





PART 2

Improved Preparedness

Target: end of 2017



