

Glossary of Terms

Term	Definitions
Agency	An administrative division of a government with a specific function, or a non-governmental organization (e.g., private contractor, business, etc.) that offers a particular kind of assistance. A federal, tribal, state or local agency that has direct fire management or land management responsibilities or that has programs and activities that support fire management activities.
Agency Administrator	The official responsible for the management of a geographic unit or functional area. The managing officer of an agency, division thereof, or jurisdiction having statutory responsibility for incident mitigation and management. Examples: NPS Park Superintendent, BIA Agency Superintendent, USFS Forest Supervisor, BLM District Manager, FWS Refuge Manager, State Forest Officer, Tribal Chairperson, Fire Chief, Police Chief.
Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)	An area of public lands where special management attention is required to protect and prevent irreparable damage to important historic, cultural, or scenic values, fish, and wildlife resources, or other natural system or processes, or to protect life or provide safety from natural hazards.
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation
County and local fire service Entities	County Fire Organizations, City Fire Organizations, Joint Powers Boards, or Fire Protection Districts.
Entities (Entity)	All Federal agencies, Wyoming State Forestry Division, counties, fire districts and local fire service organizations having jurisdictional responsibility for land and resource management and protection.
Escaped Prescribed Fire	Prescribed fire that has exceeded or is expected to exceed prescription parameters or otherwise meets the criteria for conversion to wildfire. Criteria for conversion are specified in, “Interagency Prescribed Fire-Planning and Implementation Procedures Reference Guide.”

Extended Attack	Actions taken on a wildfire that has exceeded the initial response.
Initial Attack (IA)	A preplanned response to a wildfire given the wildfire's potential. Initial attack may include size up, patrolling, monitoring, holding action or suppression.
Jurisdictional Entity	The Entity which has overall land and resource management, and/or protection responsibility as provided by Federal, State, or local law.
Line Officer	Managing officer, or designee, of the agency, division thereof, or jurisdiction having statutory responsibility for incident mitigation and management.
Prescribed Fire	Any fire intentionally ignited by management actions in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and regulations to meet specific objectives.
Protecting Entity	An entity responsible for providing direct incident management within a specific geographical area pursuant to its jurisdictional responsibility or as specified and provided by contract, cooperative agreement, etc.
Protection Area Maps	Official maps of the annual operating plans. Example: Maps showing protection area responsibilities.
Reciprocal Fire Protection	A Supporting Entity will take initial attack in support of the Protecting Entity. The Protecting Entity will not be required to reimburse the Supporting Entity for costs incurred following the initial dispatch of any ground resources to the fire for the duration of the reciprocal period as defined in this plan, not to exceed 24 hours.
Reimbursable Fire Protection	Fire suppression resources will be paid for by the requesting Protecting Entity per the conditions in the Wyoming Interagency Fire Management Agreement, Wyoming Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement and this Annual Operating Plan.
Research Natural Area (RNA)	A physical or biological unit in which current natural conditions are maintained insofar as possible. These conditions are ordinarily achieved by allowing natural physical and biological processes to prevail without human intervention. However, under unusual circumstances, deliberate manipulation may be utilized to maintain the unique feature that the Research Natural Area was established to protect.

State Lands	All lands under the jurisdiction of the Board of Land Commissioners.
State Park Lands	All lands under the jurisdiction of Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails.
Supporting Entity	An entity providing suppression or other support and resource assistance to a Protecting Entity.
Suppression	A wildfire response strategy to "put the fire out", as efficiently and effectively as possible, while providing for firefighter and public safety.
Unit Administrator Group	A group consisting of all Jurisdictional Entities, consisting of two or more individuals assigned administrative responsibilities, to make coordinating decisions and recommendations within the framework of the Annual Operating Plan.
Wildfire	An unplanned, unwanted wildland fire including unauthorized human-caused fires, escaped wildland fire use events, escaped prescribed fire projects, and all other wildland fires where the objective is to put the fire out.
Wildland Fire	Any non-structure fire that occurs in vegetation or natural fuels. Wildland fire includes prescribed fire and wildfire.
Wildland Fire (Unplanned Ignition)	Any non-structure fire, other than prescribed fire, that occurs in the wildland.
Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS)	The Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) is a web-based decision support system that provides a single dynamic documentation system for use beginning at the time of discovery and concluding when the fire is declared out. WFDSS is the decision support documentation platform for all federal wildfires. WFDSS allows the Agency Administrator to describe and assess the fire Situation, develop Incident Objectives and Requirements, develop a Course of Action, evaluate Relative Risk, complete an Organization Assessment, document the Rationale and publish a Decision.
<u>Wildland Fire Situation Analysis (WFSA)</u>	A decision making process that evaluates alternative management strategies against selected safety, environmental, social, economical, political, and resource management objectives as selection criteria.

<p><u>Wilderness Study Area (WSA)</u></p>	<p>An area under study for possible inclusion as a Wilderness Area in the National Wilderness Preservation System. These areas are roadless, undeveloped, federal lands that retain their primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, and are managed to preserve their natural conditions.</p>
<p><u>Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)</u></p>	<p>The line, area, or zone where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels. Describes an area within or adjacent to private and public property where mitigation actions can prevent damage or loss from wildfire.</p>
<p>Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse (GRSG) <i>*These terms and definitions were pulled directly out of the:</i> Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse RMP/LRMP Amendments</p>	<p><i>Core Habitat:</i> Sage-grouse core habitat (as defined in the WY EO 2015-4) is one of two components of Sage-grouse Priority Habitat Management Areas. Core habitats are state-designated areas identified as the most important for GRSG (Greater Sage-Grouse) and include breeding, late brood-rearing, winter concentration areas. It does not include known, migration or connectivity corridors. Sage-grouse core habitat plus connectivity habitat together make up Sage-grouse Priority Habitat Management Areas.</p> <p><i>General Habitat Management Areas:</i> Occupied (seasonal or year-round) habitat outside of priority habitat. These areas have been identified by the BLM in coordination with respective state wildlife agencies.</p> <p><i>Priority Habitat Management Area:</i> Sage-grouse priority habitats are areas that have the highest conservation value to maintaining or increasing Sage-grouse populations. These areas would include breeding, late brood-rearing, winter concentration areas, and where known, migration or connectivity corridors. Sage-grouse Priority Habitat Management Area includes core plus connectivity habitat.</p>