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To: NAFSR Members

From: Darrel L. Kenops CEO/Executive Director

Subject: 3/28/2011 Release of the Wildfire Cohesive Strategy

See the following note from U.S. Forest Service staff concerning yesterday's release of the interagency, intergovernmental "Wildfire Cohesive Strategy" which has been sent to Congress, Agency officials and participants in the 2010 forums held. We participated in the Cody, Wyoming forum.

In the attached message you can see the internet address where you should be able to access the strategy documents and decisions.

Since this is a phased approach our NAFSR Fire Management Committee and leaders will review what has now been produced to see how our and other forum comments were handled. We will stay involved as appropriate in the Wildfire Cohesive Strategy initiative, process.

Best regards! Darrel

Last year you participated in one of the Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy forum sessions. A joint press release was issued yesterday by Secretary Vilsack and Secretary Salazar and we are pleased to let you know that the final reports have been approved and are posted on the web at forestsandrangelands.gov. In addition, copies of the report were transmitted to specific Congressional Members - you will find those transmittal letters on the web site as well as letters of support from some of our partners.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts during Phase I. We are in the process of planning the work on Phase II - conducting regional assessments - and will be reaching out to stakeholders and other interested parties to everyone know how they can participate. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call or send me an email.

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