

# Washington Prescribed Fire Council

## Strategic Plan

2019 - 2022



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# Working Together, Working with Fire

## Council Mission

*Protect, conserve, and expand the safe and responsible use of prescribed fire on the Washington landscape to meet both public and private management objectives.*

## The 2019-2022 Strategic Plan

- Developed at meeting of Steering Committee and other stakeholders in Cle Elum, WA on June 19, 2019
- Builds off the previous Strategic Plan (2013-2017)
- Outcome of facilitated discussion of Council achievements and priorities

# Strategic Priority Areas

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**Policy Influence and Issues Resolution**

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**Training, Certification, Expertise, and Learning Exchange**

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**Outreach, Advocacy, Engagement, and Communications**

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**Partnering, Collaboration, and Funding**

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**Council Operations**

# Policy Influence & Issues Resolution

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## Measures of Success

- **Barriers reduced**
- **Public officials asking for more prescribed fire**
- **Capacity increased**
- **State laws and regulations reflection and supporting prescribed fire use**

## Measurable Goals

### Target Date

Smoke Management Plan (SMP) Completed

Jun. 2020

Change in PE Rules to allow plastic covers for pile burns

Jun. 2020

SMP exempts prescribed burns >1 mile from cities

Sep. 2020

Letters of support for Washington Prescribed Fire Council

Jun. 2021

Governor/Legislature pronounce Prescribed Fire Week

Jun. 2021

Legislature and Public Lands Commissioner will consult with WPFC on prescribed fire needs

Jun. 2022

## Policy Influence & Issues Resolution:

Lead:

# 12 Month Actions

	Target Date	Lead	Status
Meeting with State Forester	Aug. 2019		In Progress
One Pager on PE (polyethelyne) Rule - for pile burning [Link]	Aug. 2019	Janice Peterson	Completed
Draft letter to organizations and agencies for letters of support	Aug. 2019	Chris Martin	In Progress

# Training, Certification, Expertise, & Learning Exchange

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## Measures of Success

- **Successful Certification Program**
- **Increased number of qualified prescribed fire personnel**
- **Use of training and learning exchange models**
- **Use of expertise applied**

## Measurable Goals

### Target Date

Have certified burner program

Jun. 2021

Prescribed fire training program for private land managers and contractors based on new Smoke Management Plan (SMP)

Jun. 2021

Improved reporting system for prescribed fire and smoke for tracking SMP requests

Jun. 2021

300% increase in private land burns

Jun. 2022

Council will be clearinghouse for prescribed fire trainee positions

Jun. 2022

6 TRES events implemented

Dec. 2022

Work through NWCG prescribed fire classes bottleneck



## Training, Certification, Expertise, & Learning Exchange:

**Priority Lead:** Mike Norris; **Support:** Sami Schinnell

# 12 Month Actions

	Target Date	Lead	Status
DNR improved reporting system	Jul. 2019	WA DNR	Completed
TREX planning and coordination/implementation	Ongoing	Kara Karboski	In Progress
Certified Burner Program Development	Ongoing to 2021	Mike Norris	In Progress
SMP Plan Update - Draft to Council	Summer 2019	WA DNR	Completed
Reach out to DNR regarding tracking Rx fire training for unaffiliated individuals	Fall 2019	Mike Norris	In Progress

# Outreach, Advocacy, Engagement and Communications

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## Measures of Success

- **Council fields request for prescribed fire assistance**
- **New entities engaged in Council and Steering Committee**
- **Letters of support to decision makers**
- **People supporting prescribed fire**
- **Increased social media metrics**
- **Attendance at events and activities**
- **Requests for information**

## Measurable Goals

### Target Date

Have assistance system in place for private landowners wanting to use prescribed fire.

Jun. 2021

Develop outreach materials for new seasonal and permanent residents of potential prescribed fire smoke impacts.

Jan. 2022

WPFC clearinghouse for fire effects (examples and case studies from wildfires and forest health) from prescribed fire

Jun. 2022

Communities near prescribed burns better understand and support prescribed fire activities.

Dec. 2022

## Outreach, Advocacy, Engagement, and Communications:

**Lead:** No Lead IDed ; **Support:** Sean Hopkins & Carolyn Kelly

# 12 Month Actions

	Target Date	Lead	Status
Outreach for partners to design Prescribed Burn Associations (PBAs)	Jun. 2020		
Find resources and equipment for PBAs	Jun. 2020		
Develop outreach toolkit <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Funding coordination with partners willing present</li><li>- Agenda for field tour</li><li>- Geographical needs</li></ul>	Jan. 2021	Lee Hemmer	

# Partnering, Collaboration, and Funding

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## Measures of Success

- **Diversity of partnerships**
- **Funding level for Council**
- **Funding levels in organizations supporting prescribed fire**
- **Trained personnel to handle workload**
- **Cooperative agreements**
- **Unrestricted funding level for Council activities**

## Measurable Goals

### Target Date

Participation in Clean Air Advocacy groups

Jan. 2020

Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) Program established or tested

Jun. 2020

Reliable funding for two staff (1 for TREX, 1 for WPFC)

Jun. 2020

Pacific Northwest Prescribed Fire Councils meeting

Jun. 2022

Have an All-Lands prescribed fire team

Dec. 2022

Rural Fire Department outreach program

Dec. 2022

Programs and agreements for co-management of prescribed fire

Jun. 2023

Establish NRCS cost-share for prescribed fire *[Added by WPFC Officers May 2020]*

## Partnering, Collaboration, and Funding:

Lead:

# 12 Month Actions

	Target Date	Lead	Status
Collaborate and invite County Fire Dept. and WA State prior to Annual Meetings to discuss training and policy	Spring 2020		
Coordinate with local clean air advocacy	Dec. 2019		
Create or modify master agreements to allow non-federal fire personnel to assist in prescribed fire on federal lands	Dec. 2020		
Work with NRCS to create cost-share for burn plans <i>[Added by WPFC Officers May 2020]</i>			In Progress

# Council Operations

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## Measures of Success

- **Following By-Laws**
- **Annual Meetings**
- **Staffing positions**
- **Number of members engaged**
- **Goals/actions accomplished**

**Priority Lead:** Jon Culp



## Council Operations:

# Measurable Goals

## Target Date

Increase membership by 20%

Dec. 2022

Quarterly Steering Committee meetings

Ongoing

Monthly Officer meetings

Ongoing

Regular strategic thinking, planning, doing, and evaluating

Ongoing

## Council Operations:

**Lead: Jon Culp**

# 12 Month Actions

	Target Date	Lead	Status
Officers develop procedures for managing staff - review and adopt at Fall Steering Committee Meeting	Fall 2019		In Progress
Regularly review Strategic Plan	Ongoing	Officers	In Progress
Develop procedures for nominating and electing new Steering Committee and Officers to add to By-Laws	Fall 2019	Officers	In Progress

# Accomplishments

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In addition to the goals and actions identified in the Strategic Plan, the Council has accomplished the following:

## **Policy Influence and Issue Resolution**

**Training, Certification, Expertise, and Learning Exchange**

**Outreach, Advocacy, Engagement, and Communications**

## Partnering, Collaboration, and Funding

## Council Operations

Elected new Steering Committee and Officers