



Fire Management Board

## Federal Wildland Fire Policy Terms and Definitions

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### Updated Federal Wildland Fire Policy Terms and Definitions for the NWCG Glossary:

- **Fire Management Plan** - A compilation of goals, objectives, and requirements from the land/resource management planning process necessary to implement wildland fire management decisions.
- **Initial Action** - See Initial Response
- **Initial Attack** - An aggressive action to put the fire out by the first resources to arrive, consistent with firefighter and public safety and values to be protected.
- **Initial Response** – The initial decisions and actions taken in reaction to a reported incident.
- **Land/ Resource Management Plan (L/RMP)** - A document prepared with public participation and approved by an agency administrator that provides general guidance and direction for land and resource management activities for an administrative area. The L/RMP identifies the need for fire's role in a particular area and for a specific benefit. The objectives in the L/RMP provide the basis for the development of fire management objectives and the fire management program in the designated area.
- **Planned Ignition** - See Prescribed Fire.
- **Prescribed Fire** - A wildland fire originating from a planned ignition in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and regulations to meet specific objectives. See also: Wildland Fire
- **Suppression** - All the work to extinguish or limit wildland fire spread.
- **Unplanned Ignition** - See Wildfire
- **Use of Wildland Fire** - Management of wildfire or prescribed fire to meet resource objectives specified in land/resource management plans.
- **Wildfire** - A wildland fire originating from an unplanned ignition, such as lightning, volcanos, unauthorized and accidental human caused fires, and prescribed fires that are declared wildfires.
- **Wildland Fire** - Any non-structure fire that occurs in vegetation or natural fuels. Includes Wildfires and Prescribed Fires
- **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)** - The line, area, or zone where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetation fuels.

### Terms to be removed:

- **Controlled Burn**
- **Escaped Prescribed Fire**
- **Protection**
- **Response to Wildland Fire**