

Wildland Fire Policy



1910-1940 Fire Control



Increasing Suppression Capability



- hand tool development



- detection



- crew organization

1940's



1950's



Increasing Suppression Capability



1960's - 1970's Voice of Science



1980's Testing Science

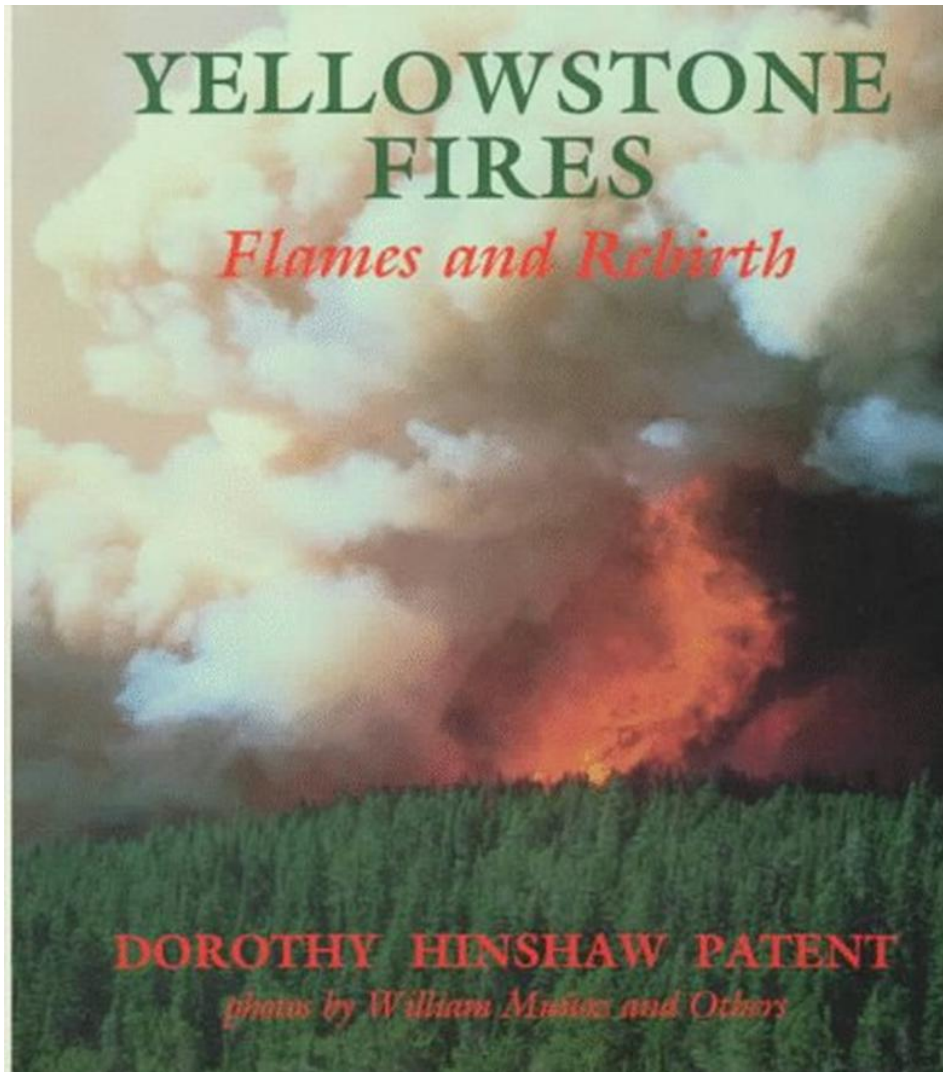


Meanwhile...



1989

Policy Review



1994

STORM KING 14



MIKE BIRD



WANDA BIRD



CHRISTOPHER



CHRISTOPHER



TOM BIRD



WANDA BIRD



WILSON



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1995

Unified Federal Fire Policy

- Safety
- Reinforced Role of Fire
- Role of non-federal agencies
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Renamed PNF Wildland Fire Use and promoted it's application

2000



2001

Policy Review & Update

- 1995 Federal Policy sound but needs more specifics
- Key Themes in the 2001 Review & Update
 - Consistency
 - Coordination
 - Integration



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Subject: Three Kinds of Wildland Fire

The Interagency Strategy for Implementation of the Federal Wildland Fire Policy has established that there are three kinds of Wildland Fire. The definitions are as follows:

Wildland Fire. Any non-structure fire, that occurs in the wildland. Three distinct types of wildland fire have been defined and include **wildfire**, **wildland fire use** and **prescribed fire**.

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 Use. The application of the appropriate management response to naturally ignited wildland fires to accomplish specific resource management objectives in predefined designated areas outlined in Fire Management Plans.

Prescribed Fire. Any fire ignited by management actions to meet specific objectives. A written, approved prescribed fire plan must exist, and NEPA requirements (where applicable) must be met, prior to ignition.

The following diagram depicts the relationship between these terms:



“Use of Wildland Fire” or “Fire Use” are terms that are used to describe the two types of wildland fire that provide for resource benefits; Prescribed Fire and Wildland Fire Use.

2008

Wildland fires are categorized into two distinct types:

- **a. Wildfires** – Unplanned ignitions or prescribed fires that are declared wildfires
- **b. Prescribed Fires** - Planned ignitions.

Operational Clarification

- A wildland fire may be concurrently managed for one or more objectives and objectives can change as the fire spreads across the landscape.

Where are we now?...

