

Federal Wildland Fire Policy & Management

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Wildland Fire Management



Federal Fire Management in U.S.



Complexity

- Over 500 million acres of DOI Lands
- State, private, and county lands
- 567 Tribes
- Rural and Volunteer Fire Departments
- State, local and municipal governments





Fire Management and Use

Cooperation

**Prevention and
Suppression**

Risk Management

**Wildland Fire
Management**

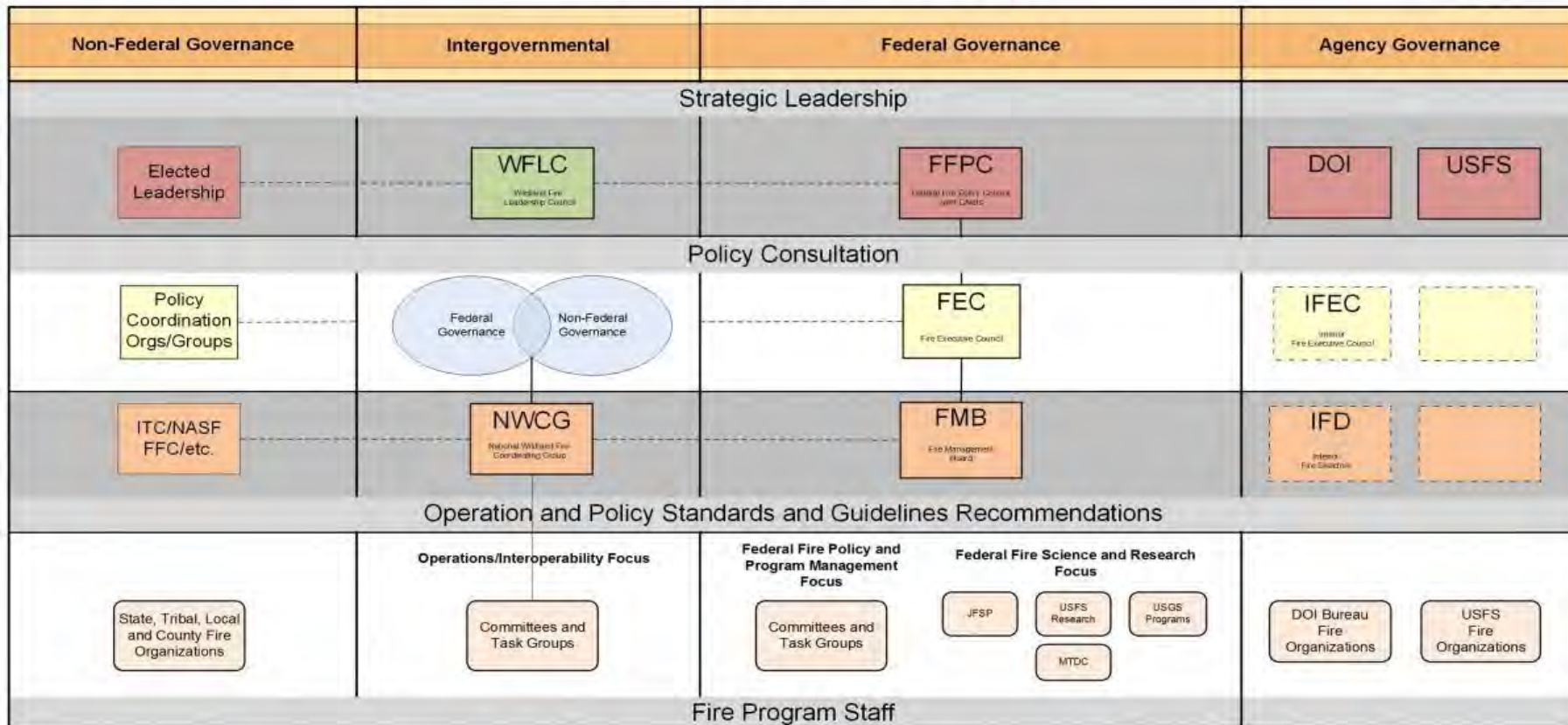
Science

**Fuels
Management**

Technology

Wildland Fire Governance Structure

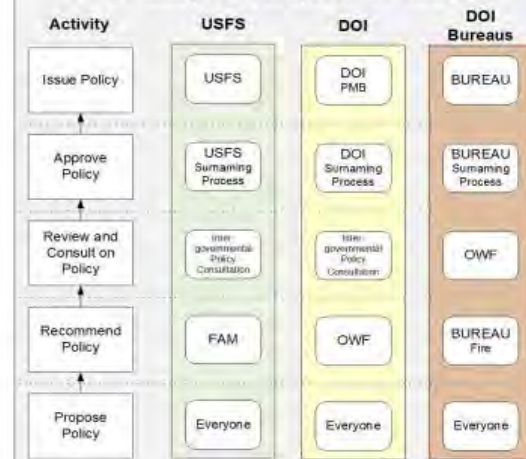
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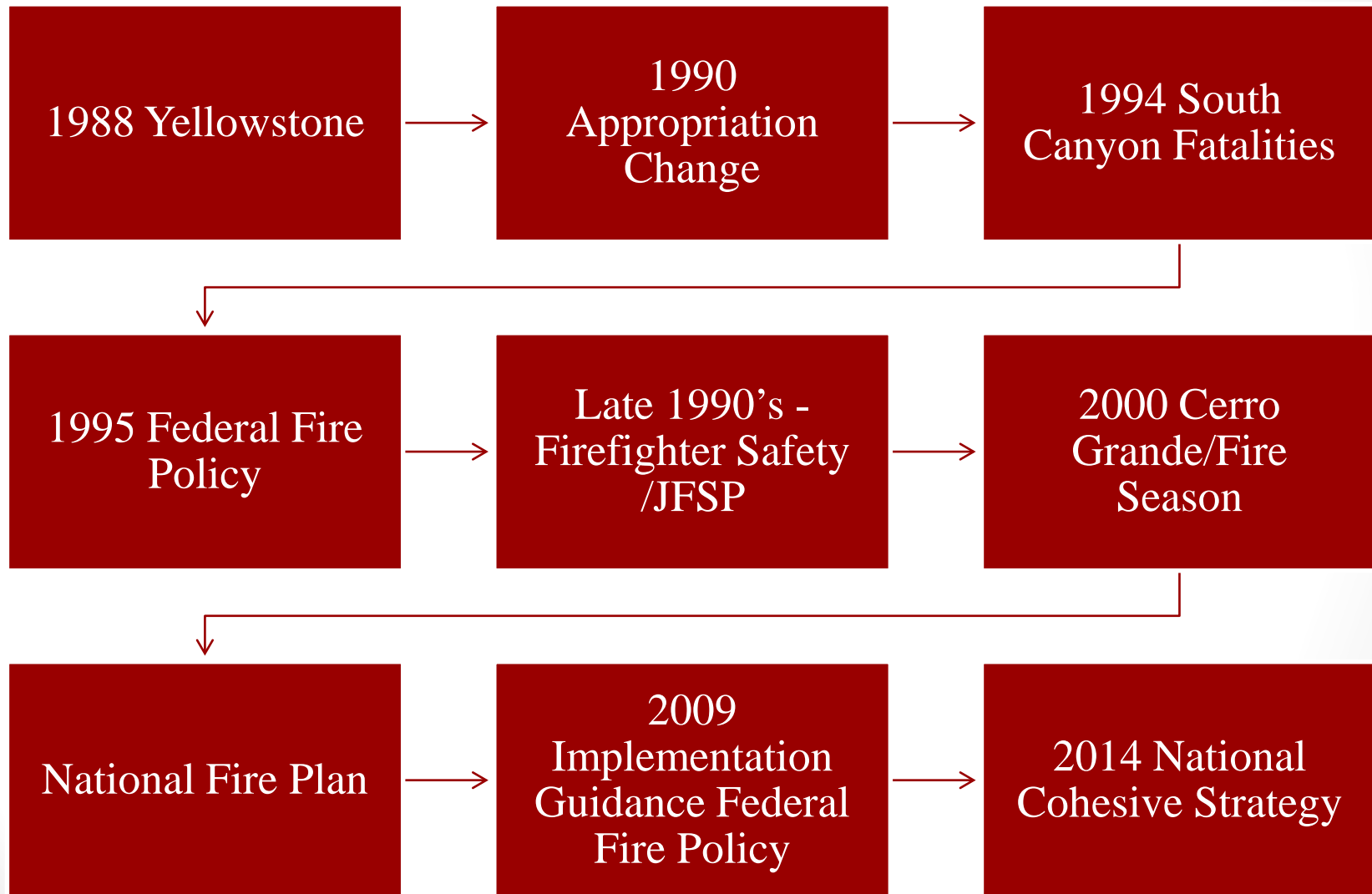
Guiding Principles

- Governance Structure will promote an effective and efficient Wildland Fire Management Program.
- Clear authorities with defined roles and responsibilities.
- Limit overlap where we can; where overlap is inevitable, establish collaboration protocols.
- Risk accountability determines appropriate decision maker.
- Decisions made at the lowest appropriate and accountable level.
- Timely decisions based on need and risk.
- Closed loop governance, no loose ends.
- Participation at the right level. Participation means active engagement.
- FACA Compliant Governance
- Enable well informed, sustainable, and timely decisions

Federal Fire Policy Development Process



Federal Fire Policy



2009 Guidance Federal Fire Policy



Guidance for Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy



- Affirms the 1995 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy
- Affirms 2008 Policy changes from Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC)
- Determined Federal wildfire analysis and decision process
- Confirms that the Interagency Strategy from 2003 will be replaced in 2009
- Provides nine Guidelines that all Federal fire agencies will follow.

February 13, 2009

The National Cohesive Strategy

The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy is a strategic push to work collaboratively among all stakeholders and across all landscapes, using best science, to make meaningful progress towards the three goals:

1. Resilient Landscapes
2. Fire Adapted Communities
3. Effective Wildfire Response



Quadrennial Fire Review

- Informs and validates fire policies
- Examines trends and factors that shape and influence solutions
- Identifies emerging issues and future threats
- Project future scenarios



Fire Policy & Spotted Owls

- Reliance on the Cohesive Strategy
- Resilient landscapes and long-term stability
- Fire adapted communities and social tolerance
- Safe and effective wildfire response
- Guided by the regulation environment
- Recent DOI Directive for Wildland Fire



Questions?

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