



## Northeast Regional Strategy Committee Charter

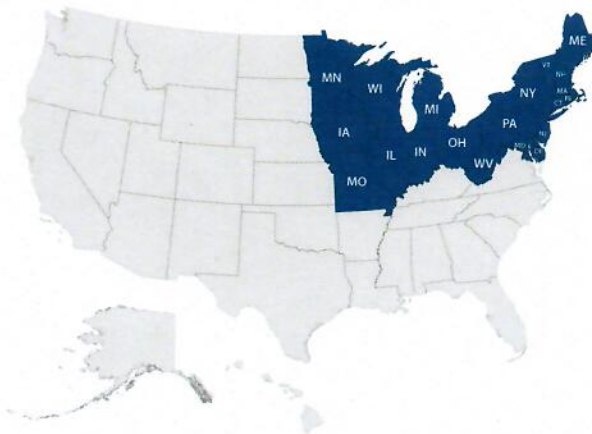
### Introduction

The Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) is an intergovernmental committee of federal, state, Tribal, county and municipal government officials convened by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Homeland Security, and Defense dedicated to promoting consistent wildland fire policies, goals and management activities. The WFLC provides strategic recommendations to help ensure policy coordination, accountability and effective implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and related long-term strategies through a collaborative environment to help ensure effective and efficient wildfire management, promote fire-adapted communities and create resilient landscapes to achieve long-range benefits for society and nature.

The mission of WFLC is to work strategically to review, monitor and influence the development and implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy; The Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009; National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy; and other policies, procedures and program management activities to protect communities and natural resources from wildfires, reduce hazardous fuels, restore fire-adapted ecosystems, and assist communities in their efforts to reduce loss from wildfire.

### Purpose

The Northeast Regional Strategy Committee (NE RSC) is established to coordinate and support WFLC's mission and priorities across the 20 Northeast and Midwest states in the Northeast region and facilitate understanding of wildland fire policies and the intersection of wildfire management and land management through policies and frameworks such as the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, and how they can be applied to make meaningful progress towards landscape resiliency, fire adapted communities and a safe, effective wildfire response.



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## Function/Activities

As a network for strategic engagement, the NE RSC provides leadership, expertise and connections to stakeholders with values and interests in the outcomes of wildland fire. The NE RSC acts a forum for the exchange of views, information and advice relating to regional wildland fire issues.

Through strategic engagement with local, state, Tribal, regional, federal and non-governmental organizations, the NE RSC promotes:

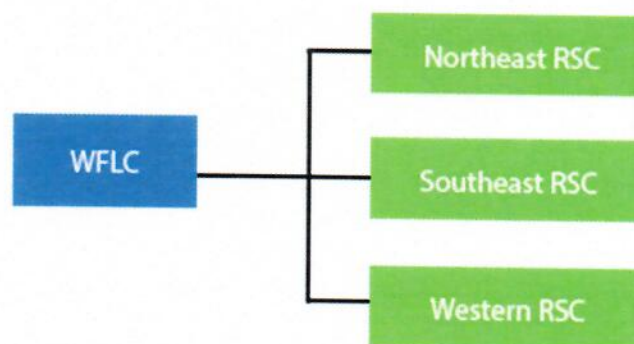
- improvement and innovation in wildland fire management,
- identification and remediation of barriers to successful wildland fire and land management,
- collaborative identification and prioritization of risk across landscapes and communities,
- the co-management of risk across boundaries and jurisdictions,
- acceptance of short-term predictable and manageable risk to reduce long-term less predictable and more severe risk.

The NE RSC, in coordination with the Southeastern Regional Strategy Committee and the Western Regional Strategy Committee elevates issues with national significance to the WFLC for further discussion and remediation, as well as provides regular updates to the WFLC about progress towards the above objectives.

## Governance and Structure

The NE RSC is a formal subcommittee of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC). As such, the NE RSC is not subject to FACA charter regulations. The NE RSC is not a decision-making body. All recommendations intended to result in advice to the Secretaries of Agriculture, the Interior, Homeland Security and Defense must be presented to the WFLC for consideration.

The following graphic illustrates the NE RSC and its operational relationship to the WFLC.



The NE RSC is led by a Chair, representing diverse interests in the Northeast Region. The Chair is approved by the NE RSC membership through consensus. The Chair is responsible for supervising the Regional Coordinator, approving an annual budget and approving expenditures. The Chair serves a term of two years and can serve multiple terms.

The NE RSC is comprised of the Membership and Regional Coordinator. The Membership acts as a communications network and provides key leadership and strategic engagement in support of



implementation activities with agencies, organizations and communities across the Northeast Region. The Membership includes, but is not limited to, representatives from federal, state, Tribal, local, non-governmental organizations, private industry and other agencies, organizations and individuals as approved by the NE RSC.

The Regional Coordinator provides strategic connection, coordination and facilitation to support the NE RSC and its activities across the Northeast.

The NE RSC approves a yearly Program of Work that includes an action plan specific to the function and purpose outlined above. The Membership is responsible for meeting the objectives of the approved Program of Work.

**Approval:** This charter takes effect upon the signature of the current Chair of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council and shall remain in effect for five years from the date of execution.

This charter may be amended by concurrence of the WFLC and the NE RSC. This charter can be terminated by the WFLC with a 60-day written notice.

The undersigned approve this charter:

David Celino Date 5/19/20

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Fire Supervisor  
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NE RSC Chair

James E Hubbard Date 5/13/2020

Jim Hubbard  
Under Secretary, Department of Agriculture  
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