



CWSF Western State Fire Managers Committee 2021 – 2022 Report

LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW

COMMITTEE / NETWORK LEADERSHIP

The Western State Fire Managers leadership team for 2021 includes:

- Chuck Turley (Washington), Chair
- Norm McDonald, Vice Chair (Alaska)
- Anthony Schultz (Wyoming), Past Chair
- Michael Walker (Hawaii), Secretary
- George Geissler (Washington), State Forester Advisor
- Laura Wagner, CWSF/WFLC Staff Liaison

The Western State Fire Managers leadership team for 2022 includes:

- Norm McDonald, Chair (Alaska)
- Vaughn Jones, Vice Chair (Colorado)
- Anthony Schultz, Past Chair
- Secretary - TBA
- George Geissler (Washington), State Forester Advisor
- Laura Wagner, CWSF/WFLC Staff Liaison

Committee/Network Mission Statement and Purpose:

Mission: To unify the perspective of 17 Western States and 6 Pacific islands on wildfire management; to promote effective rural fire protection; and to stimulate and improve efficiency in the fire protection and management of State and private wildlands in the western United States. To this end, the Council of Western State Foresters established a working group known as the Western State Fire Managers' Committee.

Purpose:

- 1. To serve as a specialist staff group for the CWSF to collect information, to provide detailed analysis, and to make recommendations on fire issues.*
- 2. To aid in merging regional viewpoints, focusing attention, and reaching consensus on recommending a Western approach on fire management issues to the CWSF.*
- 3. To serve as a sounding board for the CWSF on fire-related issues concerning the National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG), National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Committees, Federal agencies and cooperators.*
- 4. To provide a western state perspective on issues such as: needs for fire management, fire equipment development, policy development, fire research, use of inmate crews, training and qualifications, and aviation resources.*
- 5. To provide opportunity for increased interaction and effectiveness among Western Fire*

Managers, the Southern Fire Chiefs, and the Northeast Fire Supervisors.

6. Assign western state representatives to NWCG working teams in coordination with the CWSF.

7. Provide a forum for other fire-related organizations to disseminate fire information and ideas to the Western state fire organizations.

8. Conduct Western State Fire Assistance Wildland Urban Interface Competitive Grant funding recommendation process.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2021

- Coordination of Representation on NWCG committees.
- Identification of issues on the horizon:
 - Type II contracting issues this past spring
- Completion and Solicitation of WUI Grants