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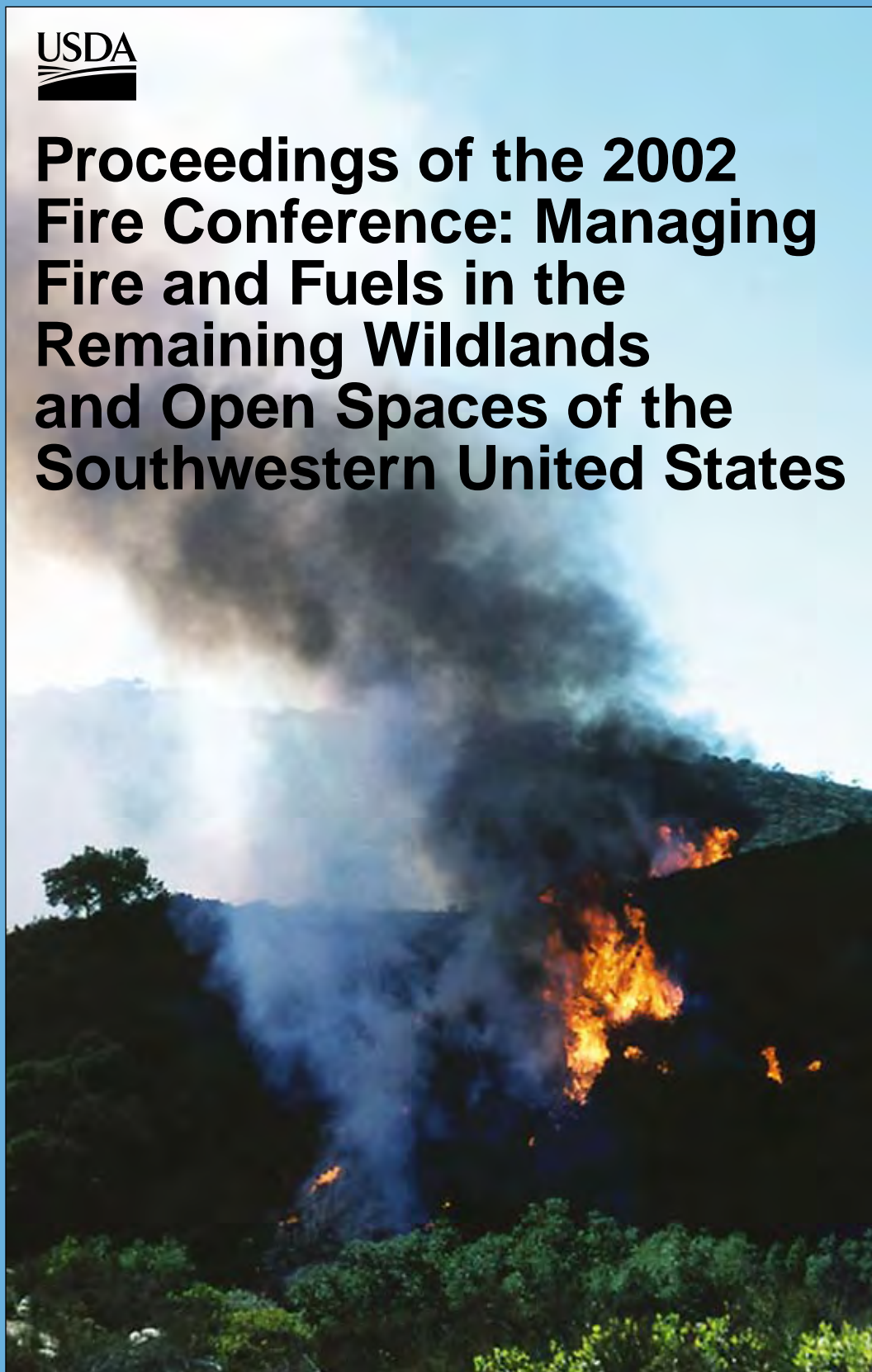
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Many issues confront scientists, land managers, policymakers, and the public who deal with or are affected by management of fire and fuels across the southwestern United States (Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and California). The 2002 Fire Conference was convened to tackle these concerns. It began with a plenary session addressing the central problems of fire and fuels management in the Southwest. Concurrent sessions with over 100 oral presentations covered a wide range of topics, including fire ecology, fire behavior, fire history, fire prevention, fire education, restoration and rehabilitation, air quality, wildlife-fire interactions, fire planning, watershed responses to fire, invasive species responses to fire, National Environmental Policy Act and other regulations, and vegetation-fire interactions. More than 50 posters displayed in an afternoon session rounded out the program. The 39 papers and 17 extended abstracts included in this volume serve as a reference for the management of fire and fuels concerns in the southwestern United States.

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