



Southwest Strategy and Partnerships



Southwestern Region Partnership Newsletter

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What's new with Southwest Strategy (SWS)?

SWS Task Teams have been convened to develop strategies for the three focus areas:

1. **Water**
2. **Ecological Health/Fire**
3. **U.S./Mexico Border**

The Forest Service is the lead for the Ecological Health/Fire teams. Teams will identify actions to:

1. *Develop interagency fire management strategies that enable us to make greater use of wildfire and prescribed burns to restore the health of fire adapted ecosystems.*
2. *Use collective authorities and resources to accelerate removal of small diameter materials, including development of industrial infrastructure to utilize the material.*
3. *Collaborate to build partnerships with communities to assist them in reducing threats to their communities from wildfire.*
4. *Implementing selected recommendations from the "Lessons Learned Report for 2002 Fire Season."¹ including developing an interagency "Southwest Wildland Fire Agency Administrator Guide and finalizing and adopting an interagency Restrictions and Closures Procedures Plan.*

What types of committees or groups are **NOT** covered by FACA? ²

"Any committee composed wholly of full-time or permanent part-time officers or employees of the Federal Government and elected officers of State, local and tribal governments (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf), acting in their official capacities. However, the purpose of such a committee must be solely to exchange views, information, or advice relating to the management or implementation of Federal programs..."

Committees may not actually be managed or controlled by the executive branch. Any committee or group created by non-Federal entities (such as a contractor or private organization) provided that these committees or groups are not controlled by the executive branch."

¹This document can be found at http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/swamgmt/admin/swcg/swcg_documents/swcg_reports_documents.htm

² 41 CFR Parts 101-6 and 102-3 Federal Advisory Committee Management; Final Rule, Sec. 102-3.40

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 Agreement PowerPoint Presentation
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Did you know we have Forest Service-wide agreements and MOU's with:

- American Forests
- Backcountry Horsemen
- Ducks Unlimited
- Hawkwatch International
- U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- The Nature Conservancy
- Wal-Mart
- Wildlife Management Institute
- Girl Scouts
- International Mountain Bicycling Association

You can find these agreements at:

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