

# Washington Wildland Fire Protection Strategic Plan

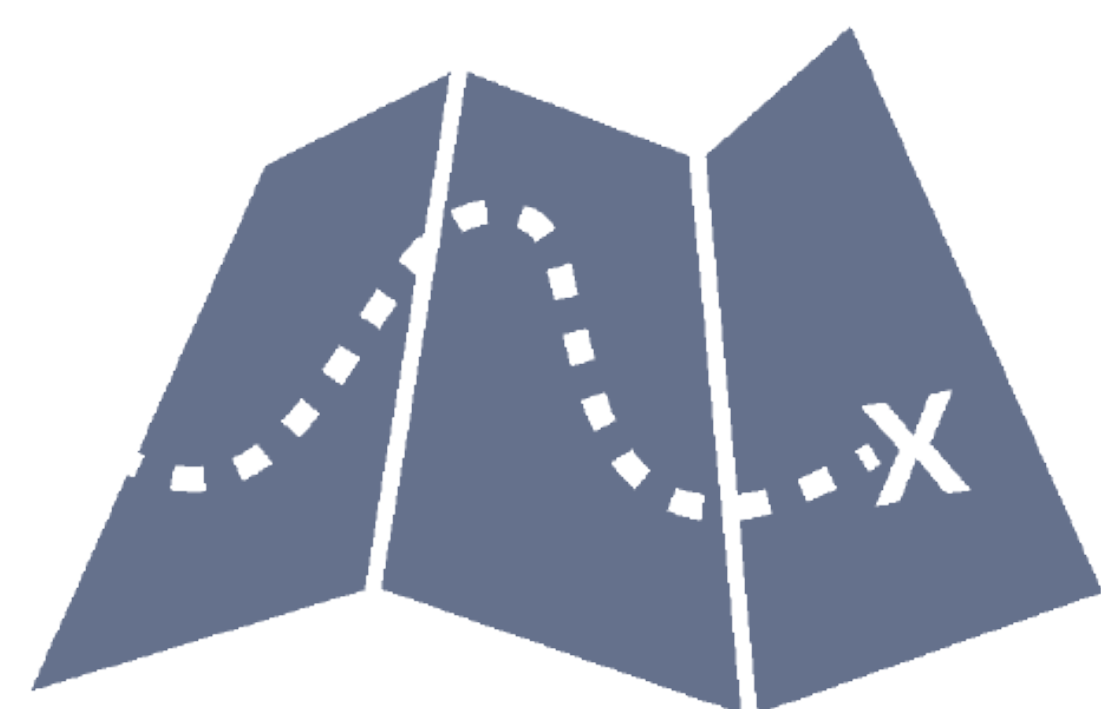
## STATION 1



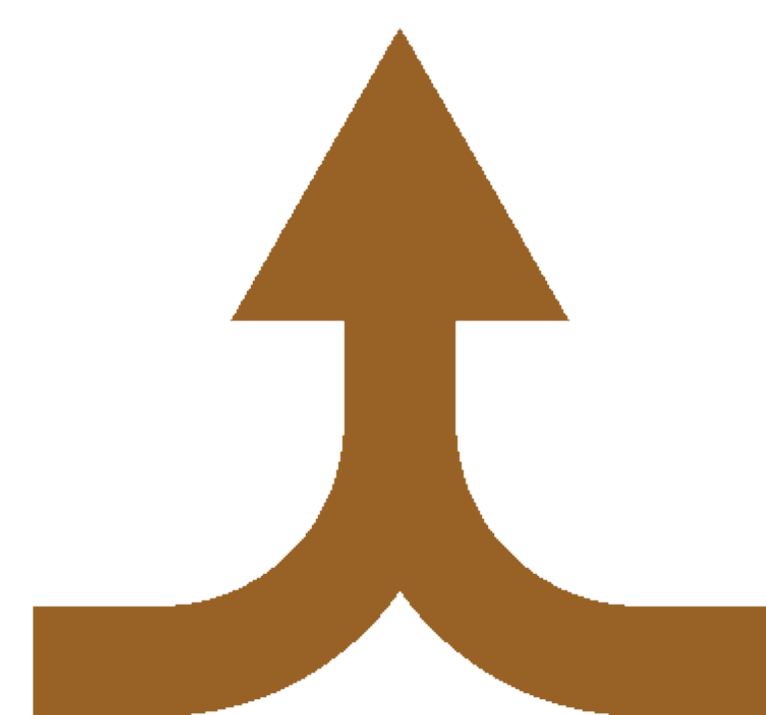
Fundamental change is needed to reduce wildfire risks to people, communities, and our environment and maintain our high quality of life in Washington.

Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz and Washington Department of Natural Resources are bringing together the leaders, partners, and stakeholders in wildland fire prevention, response, and community resilience to envision a new future for effective wildland fire management in Washington.

### What We Plan to Do



Identify a common vision and roadmap for improved wildland fire outcomes.



Promote strategic and programmatic alignment among agencies and jurisdictions.



Foster communication and collaborative engagement.



Photo by Kari Greer

### A Comprehensive Approach

The plan will cut across various aspects of wildfire management:



WILDFIRE PREVENTION

SAFE, EFFECTIVE RESPONSE



RESILIENT LANDSCAPES



POST-FIRE RECOVERY



FIRE-ADAPTED COMMUNITIES

### What's at Stake

Our recent wildfire seasons have been devastating, and today's uncharacteristic wildfires may become the norm as summers grow hotter and drier.

- ♥ Communities threatened and lives lost
- 🏠 Hundreds of homes and structures lost
- ☁️ More days with unhealthy air quality
- 💰 Less revenue to local economies
- 🔥 Millions spent to suppress wildfires, and millions more spent to recover from wildfires

Action is needed now to prepare our communities and landscapes.

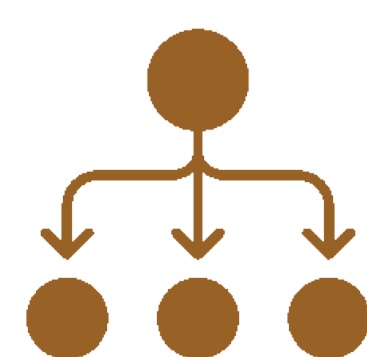
### Plan Components



Outline needed changes



Set realistic timeframes



Identify resources, roles, and responsibilities

# STATION 2



# The idea of “living with wildfire” means...

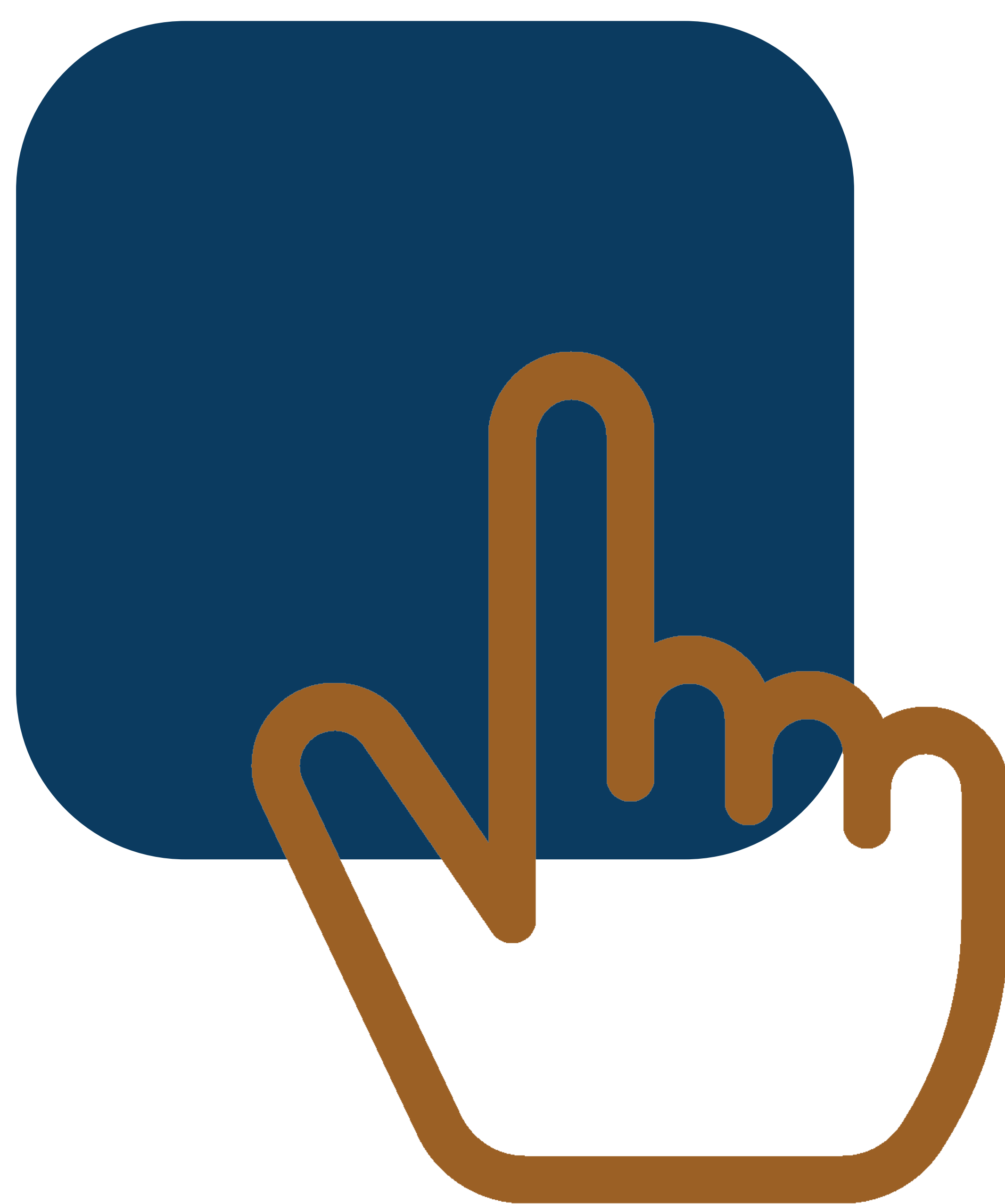
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# What do you most need to feel better prepared for wildfire?

Use the iPads on the table to answer some questions about your preparedness for wildfire.

To get started, touch the **"Preparing for Wildfire"** icon on the home screen.





# What is your vision for how we prepare for, respond to, and recover from wildland fire in Washington?

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Use the dry-erase board to complete the sentence with your future vision for wildland fire in Washington. "In 10 years..."
2. Have your picture taken with your vision statement.
3. If you prefer, you can complete the sentence on a post-it note and stick it to this board.

**In 10 years...**

# STATION 5



If you had **\$50,000** to improve your community's efforts to prepare for, respond to, and recover from wildfire,

## how would you spend it?

*Choose where to place your five dots (each worth \$10,000) among the actions listed here. You can place them all on the same action or divide them up.*

Implement activities to reduce fire danger and improve forest health (prescribed fire, thinning, mechanical removal, etc.)

Help Fire-Adapted Communities, Firewise USA, and other programs prepare their communities (cost-share assistance, evacuation planning, education, training, etc.)

Increase fire prevention education and behavior change in areas with high ignition potential

Support more efficient, effective fire response (well-trained firefighters, equipment, communication tools, etc.)

Help communities recover from fires (relocation assistance, flood response, etc.)

# Washington Wildland Fire Protection Strategic Plan PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE



## How you can stay involved:



Today, you can:

- ✓ Provide input at the stations.
- ✓ Write us a note here.
- ✓ Sign up to receive email updates about the process.



In the coming months, there will be an opportunity to provide feedback on the plan.



Any time, you can visit the plan webpage online at:  
[dnr.wa.gov/StrategicFireProtection](http://dnr.wa.gov/StrategicFireProtection)

## 2018 Strategic Planning Process Timeline

