



A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR MANAGERS AND SCIENTISTS WORKING IN ANY ASPECT OF WILDLAND FIRE

What is the Southwest Fire Science Consortium? The consortium will be a way for managers, scientists, and policy makers to interact and share science in ways that can effectively move new information to management practices. The Southwest is one of the most fire-dominated regions of the US, but limited in terms of regional organizations focused on fire research and information dissemination. In the Southwest there are many localized efforts to develop scientific information and to disseminate that to practitioners on the ground, but these initiatives are often not well coordinated or aware of all the information and resources that are available. The real need for a consortium is to help bring these parallel efforts together to be more efficient and inclusive. We also seek to link the academic community and the management community in educating future fire professionals with up-to-date science as well as practical experience.

Our regional Southwest Fire Science Consortium is built around FOUR key questions:

- What do people need to know? Information needs can be assessed through workshops, surveys, and organization of a community of practice of wildland fire professionals.
- What information is already known? Synthesis of existing science.
- What are the key information gaps between what we need to know and what is already known? This question leads to the identification of critical areas for new research and management experiments.
- How can information be communicated (web, publications, workshops, courses)?

Who are the Southwest Consortium partners?

- Land management agencies: US DOI Bureau of Land management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs; USDA Forest Service; Arizona and New Mexico State Forestry
- Research agencies/institutes: Ecological Restoration Institute and the Rocky Mountain Research Station Flagstaff
- Land grant universities: Northern Arizona University and University of Arizona
- Regional collaborative organizations: The Forest Guild, Developing Future Fire Professionals in the Southwest Taskforce, Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center

Register for information, webinars, and local workshops in your area at <http://swfireconsortium.org>.

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