

*Cadastral Subcommittee -  
Wildland Fire Working Group  
Charter*

The Wildland Fire Working Group is a team working under the auspice of the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee. The authorizations, operations, and guidance from the Cadastral Subcommittee Charter is implied for all subcommittee working groups.

**SCOPE**

Cadastral data are defined as the past, current and future rights and interests in real property including the spatial information necessary to depict geographic extents. Rights and interests are benefits or enjoyment in real property that can be conveyed, transferred, or otherwise allocated to another for economic remuneration. Rights, authorizations, and restrictions are recorded in land record documents. The spatial information necessary to depict geographic extents can be based on the survey and legal description frameworks such as the Public Land Survey System, or parcel-by-parcel surveys and with land descriptions.

The FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee involvement with the wildland fire community began in 2005 with a workshop in Denver that brought wildland fire managers and the cadastral community together to discuss the benefits of working together. This multi-disciplinary group had a wide range of experiences and expertise with the business operations of wildland fire planning, response, and recovery as well as knowledge of cadastral information and its potential uses in emergencies.

The Wildland Working Group is focused on describing the attributes, domains of values, features, and representation parcel data, structure locations related to parcel data, and other cadastral information that can be applied to all phases of wildland fire management.

Ideally the information from various local, county, state, federal and tribal agencies could be combined into standardized format that could be consumed by the wildland fire community. Additionally procedures for providing at least annual updates would be institutionalized at the state level to provide updates for the wildland fire community.

**PURPOSE**

Coordinate the provisioning of standardized parcel level information to support.

- Wildland fire (Wild Fire) community use of parcel data to support all phases of wildland fire management.
- Document the use of parcel and cadastral data in the wildland fire community including the data element needs, currency, and data sources.
- Support sustained provisioning of data by coordinating the development of tools for data standardization and model agreements for data sharing.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The Working Group membership shall consist of representatives of the wildland fire community, local, county, and state data producers and data providers, and other subject matter resources that will support the working group objectives and decisions.

## **GOAL AND OBJECTIVES**

The Goal and Objectives for the US Rights, Authorizations, and Restrictions Working Group include the following.

Goal:

Describe the data standards including attributes, currency requirements, and data sources for parcel level data to support wildland fire and to facilitate the accumulation of this data in a sustainable manner for wildland fire.

Objectives:

1. Support the coordination of parcel level data collection and ongoing sustainable data provisioning across the western states including an annual report on the progress of data collection, standardization, and updates.
2. Support the coordination of parcel level data collection and ongoing sustainable data provisioning in the eastern states on an as needed basis dictated by fire and emergency event occurrences including an annual report on the progress of data collection, standardization, and updates.
3. Provide guidance and support for data providers, often a data aggregator at the state level, to achieve sustainable delivery of current parcel level information for the wildland fire community.

## **WORKING GROUP PRIORITIES**

Documenting the data requirements and pathways to sustainable data acquisition is a top priority for this working group. Because of the large and complex nature of this data, the data coordination efforts will be performed for data sets in accordance with the priorities as follows:

- Western States in areas with federal lands
- Forested areas in the eastern US with Federal interests
- Other Storm or fire affected areas as defined by the wildland fire community

## **GOVERNANCE AND REPORTS**

The Working Group meetings shall be held at the call of the Working Group Chairperson(s), and shall be held at least annually. Notification of meetings and an agenda will be made available to members of the Working Group and to the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee in advance of the meeting. Meeting minutes will be completed and made available the Cadastral Subcommittee publication website <http://www.nationalcad.org>.

All decisions shall be made on the basis of consensus. For the purpose of formal votes seventy-five (75) percent of the membership present will be considered a passing vote.

The Working Group Chairperson(s) shall consult with the Chairperson of the Cadastral Subcommittee to determine the need for further coordination prior to implementing decisions that impact agencies, other subcommittees, and working groups.

The Working Group may establish additional rules and procedures for conducting business.

The Working Group shall report to the Cadastral Subcommittee annually describing the accomplishments updates to the operating plan of activities planned for the upcoming year, reports, findings, recommendations, and other materials that may be of value to the Cadastral Subcommittee, and a brief discussion any problems encountered, solutions reached, and other matters of interest.

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