



Regional Fire Learning Network Four-Step Process

These are goals that each project site in the network will move through. Some landscape projects will be further along than others; therefore, it is essential to evaluate where each project is in this four-step process and begin with the appropriate step.

Regional Network workshops will provide a forum for discussing the progress of each project site as they move through these goals. These goals provide a level of measuring success that can be tracked throughout the network process.

- Goal #1
 - With partners, collaboratively develop the scientific basis for landscape-scale fire management, in the form of conceptual ecological models for one or more fire-adapted ecosystems.
 - Develop landscape-scale fire management goals (collaborative goal statement) that encompass diverse partner objectives, identify barriers to effective collaboration, and develop commitments to improve collaborative processes.

- Goal #2
 - Collaboratively assess current and desired future landscape-scale conditions using existing data.
 - Identify community values—economic, cultural, social, and recreational—that will influence desired future conditions, and integrate these values into the process.
 - Develop alternative fire regime restoration and management strategies.
 - Evaluate ecological and social outcomes of alternative strategies.
 - Identify short term (2- to 3-year) priorities for taking action.
 - Refine the scientific basis for fire management by incorporating peer input from workshop/assignment one.

- Goal #3
 - Collaboratively draft a three-year implementation plan.
 - Identify/refine primary barriers to short-term (within 3 years) implementation.
 - Identify solutions to primary barriers.
 - Make tangible progress in implementing at least one solution to a barrier.
 - Create a context for learning about how to improve collaboration and partnerships.

- Goal #4
 - Collaboratively begin drafting a monitoring plan.
 - Identify strategies the team will use to be adaptive.