

Fire Air Coordination Team (FACT)



Background: The Fire Air Coordination Team (FACT) has been established by the Fire and Air Directors of wildland management agencies to provide interagency leadership, coordination and integration of air resource and fire management objectives to support overall land management goals. Air quality is critical to human health and important for public welfare. Fire is critical in perpetuating most wildland ecosystems. It is important to successfully manage and utilize wildland fire while appropriately addressing smoke impacts for public health, welfare and safety.

Objectives: Improve the understanding of rules and regulations pertinent to smoke management including:
Support compliance with all relevant air quality regulations and provide a forum for joint actions including development of recommendations for consistent national interagency standards and guidelines;

Further the application of appropriate smoke management practices across wildlands;

Coordinate and foster partnerships concerning smoke management between wildland fire management agencies and stakeholders;

Support the advancement of smoke management as a practice by advocating for new science and technology, training and outreach efforts.

Membership: Members are from the Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and US Forest Service as well as the National Association of State Foresters (eastern and western representatives). The Natural Resources Conservation Service is an associate member and other subject matter experts and stakeholders contribute as interests and needs dictate.

Activities: Smoke management distance learning tools are being developed by FACT to help meet Team objectives. FACT is promoting the development and support of state-by-state cadres to address smoke management, air quality regulatory and wildland fire coordination needs. FACT will use the internet for information dissemination with www.nifc.gov/smoke and the Air Quality and Fire Issues Neighborhood on www.myfirecommunity.net as well as internal agency networks. FACT membership and contact information is also posted at these sites.

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