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Megafire Action Releases Report on Federal Wildland Fire Management Unification Under the Department of the Interior

[Report](#) Offers In-Depth Analysis With Recommendations For One Of The Most Consequential Structural Reforms In Federal Wildfire Management History

Washington, D.C. — Megafire Action, the nation's leading advocacy organization dedicated to solving the megafire crisis, today released a [comprehensive report](#) analyzing the Trump Administration's proposal to unify the Federal wildland fire management mission within the Department of the Interior.

"Our goal is to approach unification with the seriousness and care it deserves," said **Matt Weiner, founder and CEO of Megafire Action**. "And while this is not a new idea—federal fire management reform has been discussed for more than a century—this Administration is clearly taking it seriously. If unification is going to happen, it should be done thoughtfully, based on analysis and engagement, and not impulse. That's what this report represents—a deliberate, informed roadmap for doing it right."

The [new analysis](#), titled "Defining the Path Forward: Restructuring Federal Wildfire Management" builds on Megafire Action's [February report](#), which examined the potential benefits and tradeoffs of relocating Forest Service wildland fire management and land management functions from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to DOI. This latest report provides a detailed comparison of the status quo, the Administration's proposal, and several alternative approaches for unifying federal functions.

Based on extensive analysis and engagement with fire and land management experts, Megafire Action concludes that any successful consolidation should adhere to four overarching principles:

1. Unify Federal WFM personnel and assets, policymaking, and appropriations under DOI.
2. Integrate hazardous fuels management and WFM functions to improve performance and increase return on investment (ROI).
3. Strengthen capacity for land management activities that directly and indirectly support WFM, ensuring suppression does not crowd out long-term risk reduction work.
4. Ensure meaningful engagement with the Federal WFM workforce and a full range of external stakeholders.

The full report is available [HERE](#).

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