

Implementation Tracker

EO 14308: Empowering Commonsense Wildfire Prevention and Response

Note: All dates resulting from <u>DOI Secretarial Order No. 3443</u> and <u>USDA Secretarial Memo 1078-017</u> (both implementing <u>EO 14308</u>: <u>Empowering Commonsense Wildfire Prevention and Response</u>) have been calculated from Sept. 10, 2025. While both the DOI and USDA documents contain the same timelines for coordinated action, the DOI Order is dated Sept. 10, 2025 and the USDA Memo is dated Sept. 15, 2025. To simplify the table, the earlier of the two dates (Sept. 10) has been used as a baseline.

Date	Action	Non- Federal Input	DOI	USDA	Other Federal Agencies	Notes
Sept. 10, 2025	Consolidate federal wildland fire programs "to the maximum degree practicable and consistent with applicable law," including offices, budgets, procurement, research, etc.		X	Х		Directed by Executive Order. Implemented by <u>DOI Secretarial Order No. 3443</u> and <u>USDA Secretarial Memo 1078-017</u> .
Sept. 10, 2025	Expand partnerships between federal, state, local, tribal collaboration. Develop other incentives for wildfire and land management at the state and local level.		X	X	DHS	Directed by Executive Order. Implemented (in part) by <u>DOI Secretarial</u> Order No. 3443 and <u>USDA Secretarial Memo</u> 1078-017. As of Sept. 17, 2025, no public statements or guidance from DHS.
Sept. 10, 2025	Review and revise policies on prescribed burns, fire retardant, woody biomass, grid ignition risk, and utility litigation.		Х	X	EPA, DOE, FERC, DOJ	Directed by Executive Order. Implemented (in part) by DOI Secretarial Order No. 3443 and USDA Secretarial Memo 1078-017. As of Sept. 17, 2025, no public statements or guidance from other agencies.

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Unspecified	USDA's General Counsel will coordinate with the DOI Solicitor's Office regarding post-fire litigation activities, as appropriate, to effectuate the goals identified in the EO 14308.		X	X		
Unspecified	Ensure that the Department's Solicitor's Office confirms the Department's positions and proposed resolutions in wildfire litigation matters advance the wildfire prevention and mitigation efforts identified in the EO. As consistent with applicable law, settlements shall mandate and permit the settlors to engage in best practices to reduce the risk of wildfire ignition from the bulk-power system.		X			
Promptly	Remedy any wildfire-related backlog of reimbursement to non-federal partners.	X	X			Non-Federal Input: The DOI—in coordination with USDA—is directed to employ "a broad, formal process for soliciting input from key stakeholders such as State, Tribal and local government(s)" when implementing this directive.
Promptly	Establish a USWFS Fire Chief with relevant experience in wildland fire.		X			
Promptly	The newly appointed USWFS Fire Chief will as soon as practicable review the distribution of DOI fire response units and assets and protection responsibilities.		Х			

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Oct. 10, 2025	Declassify and release historical satellite data to aid fire prediction and response				DOD, OSTP, NSA	Directed by Executive Order.
Oct. 10, 2025	Propose a timeline for implementation of unified aircraft and pilot [policies], including inspection, carding, procurement, contracting, standards, and acceptance processes.		X	Х		
Oct. 10, 2025	Propose a timeline to initiate the modernization, consolidation, and simplification processes for grants, agreements, and assistance to increase accessibility, accelerate reimbursement, and eliminate administrative delays.	X	X	X		Non-Federal Input: The DOI & USDA are directed to employ "a broad, formal process for soliciting input from key stakeholders such as State, Tribal and local government(s)" when implementing this directive.
Oct. 10, 2025	Propose a timeline to initiate the consolidation and modernization of wildland fire Predictive Services at the national and regional levels into a centralized Fire Intelligence function.		X	Х		
Oct. 10, 2025	Propose a timeline to utilize a unified wildfire risk mapping tool to plan mitigation activities and demonstrate wildfire risk reduction accomplishments across Federal, Tribal, State, local, and private lands.		X	X		

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Oct. 31, 2025	Plan in place for unification of BIA, BLM, FWS, NPS, OWF, and OAS.	X	X			Non-Federal Input: "In developing the plan, the Deputy Secretary, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, shall consider outside input when formulating the best and most effective strategy for unification, including from State, Tribal, and local partners with relevant wildfire experience."
Nov. 9, 2025	Establish a joint governance structure to coordinate wildfire-related research, technology deployment, including new solutions in early fire detection, and IT modernization and integration across the Federal wildfire community.		X	X		Actions pre-date the wildfire technology roadmap (directed by the Executive Order) which is scheduled to be released by Dec. 9, 2025.
Nov. 9, 2025	Propose a timeline for implementation to initiate design of a unified Wildfire Enterprise IT architecture with secure, interoperable systems accessible to Federal, Tribal, State, and academic partners.		X	X		Actions pre-date the wildfire technology roadmap (directed by the Executive Order) which is scheduled to be released by Dec. 9, 2025.
Dec. 9, 2025	Develop a wildfire technology roadmap through AI, modeling, detection, weather forecasting, etc.		X	Х	DOC, NIFC, OSTP	Directed by Executive Order.
Dec. 9, 2025	Promote risk-informed wildfire policies and forest health/timber readiness.		Х	X	DOC, NIFC	Directed by Executive Order.

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Dec. 9, 2025	Identify burdensome wildfire-related rules for elimination or revision		X	X	DOC, NIFC	Directed by Executive Order.
Dec. 9, 2025	Create performance metrics for wildfire response time, fuels treatments, safety and cost effectiveness.		X	X	DOC, NIFC	Directed by Executive Order.
Dec. 9, 2025	Propose a timeline to begin establishment of joint USDA and DOI procurement, contracting, and payment centers to consolidate payment and auditing systems and accelerate reimbursement procedures); propose a timeline for implementation.		X	X		
Jan. 8, 2026	Evaluate and restructure existing coordination and governance bodies to eliminate redundancy and misalignment, and to consolidate or establish new governance structures with clear authority, accountability, and annual performance standards.		X	Х		
Jan. 8, 2026	Revise the Master Interagency Agreement for Wildland Fire Management to ensure consistent alignment in policy and program delivery across DOI and USFS.		X	X		

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Jan. 8, 2026	Revise the Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement template to simplify structure, streamline billing and reimbursement, and expedite review of new wildfire coordinating agreements.	X	X	X		Non-Federal Input: The DOI and USDA are directed to employ "a broad, formal process for soliciting input from key stakeholders such as State, Tribal and local government(s)" when implementing this directive.
Jan. 8, 2026	Evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the current Geographic Area boundaries and pursue necessary modifications.	X	X	X		Non-Federal Input: The DOI & USDA are directed to "[w]ork with interagency partners at the national and regional levels."
Jan. 8, 2026	Conduct a joint review of wildfire research portfolios to identify duplication [of research] and ensure alignment to support operational priorities, and firefighter and public safety.		X	X		
Jan. 9, 2026	Evaluate sale of excess aircraft and parts to support wildfire mitigation and response.				DOD	Directed by Executive Order.
Jan. 12, 2026	Begin implementation of unification of BIA, BLM, FWS, NPS, OWF, and OAS.	X	X			Non-Federal Input: The DOI wildland fire agencies will finalize a plan "under the direction of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary and in consultation with senior Departmental leadership and key stakeholders."

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Mar. 9, 2026	Qualification and training standardization, and skills crosswalks with the Department of Homeland Security, Tribes, states, and local governments.	X	X	Х		Other Input: Tribes, States, and local governments
Mar. 9, 2026	Standardize wildland fire position descriptions and establish a joint Administratively Determined hiring program and pay plan.		X	X		Actions pre-date the USDA internal wildland fire organization restructuring proposal scheduled to be released by Apr. 1, 2026.
Apr. 1st, 2026	Develop proposal for a restructuring of the internal wildland fire organization, consolidating fire leadership that reports directly to, and is accountable to a Forest Service Deputy Chief.			X		
Apr. 1st, 2026	Assess wildland fire staffing, organization, position descriptions, and job classifications to ensure consistency and begin implementation of recommendations for standardization across the agency.			Х		Actions come after the standardization of wildland fire position descriptions developed jointly by DOI and USDA and due Mar. 9, 2026.
June 7, 2026	Assess and make recommendations to modernize standards for Personal Protective Equipment to ensure the long-term health and safety of wildland firefighters.		X	Х		

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June 7, 2026	Establish a 5-year emergency stabilization and rehabilitation framework including recommended consistent appropriations language and shared authorities.		X	X		
June 7, 2026	Update standards, processes, and policies to streamline permitting for bulk-power operations and maintenance on Federal rights-of-way and associated lands.		X	X		
June 7, 2026	Work with USFS and the Environmental Protection Agency to eliminate regulatory barriers for prescribed fire and the use of fire retardant, including revising the exceptional events rule, and permitting requirements.		Х	Х		