

### 3.3. Appendix

#### 3.3.1. **Appendix A: Operational Procedures For Response to Wildland Within The Southwest Oregon Fire Planning Unit**

##### **ESCAPE FIRES AND THE WILDLAND FIRE DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM**

The Fire Staff, Resource Advisors, Initial Attack IC's and Federal Agency Administrators will prepare a Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) document in the event of a wildfire escaped wildfire on federal land.

- A. The format to be used for the WFDSS process is available [here](#):
- B. The Agency Administrator is required to review the WFDSS following a pre-determined schedule to verify that the document is still valid. If the WFDSS is not valid, a revision of the existing document is to be completed. All completed WFDSS documents become part of the final incident package.
- C. The US Forest Service is required to prepare a WFDSS for all fires, regardless of size or cause.

The WFDSS system assists fire managers and analysts in making strategic and tactical decisions for fire incidents. It has replaced the WFSA (Wildland Fire Situation Analysis), Wildland Fire Implementation Plan (WFIP), and Long-Term Implementation Plan (LTIP) processes with a single process that is easier to use, more intuitive, linear, scalable, and progressively responsive to changing fire complexity.

WFDSS integrates the various applications used to manage incidents into a single system, which streamlines the analysis and reporting processes.

WFDSS provides the following advantages over previous systems:

- Combines desktop applications for fire modeling into a web-based system for easier data acquisition.
- Provides an easy way for fire managers and analysts to accurately document their decision-making process by allowing results of analyses to be attached to the decision point and included in the final incident report.
- Provides one decision process and documentation system for all types of wildland fires.
- Is a web-based application for easier sharing of analyses and reports across all levels of the federal wildland fire organization.
- Introduces economic principles into the fire decision process.