



Wildland Fire and Military Readiness

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Mission Relevance

“Fire for Effect” - Use of prescribed fire and controlled burns can be a mission benefit

- Reduces fuel loads and fire risk
- Efficient and effective tool to maintain land conditions for mission purposes
- Efficient and effective tool to managing natural resources and wildlife habitats

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Florida Air Force Range Prescribed Fire Program Reduces Wildfire Severity

The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy is a national collaborative effort to bring a broad cross-section of stakeholders together to address

Project Overview
On February 16, 2018, the 630 Fire burned onto Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) property in Polk County, Florida from an adjacent private property, River Ranch Acres. The wildfire's 20-20

and a helicopter. Though the 630 Fire burned over 5,500 acres in total (with all but 75 acres burned on River Ranch Acres property), the wildfire could have consumed many more acres if not for the aggressive prescribed fire program



Mission Relevance

“Effects of Fire” - Wildland fire can reduce mission capabilities and pose a threat to personnel, property and public safety

- “Red Flag” days or active fires can shut down ranges and training areas
- Potential for fire risks can limit range use or munition types
- Active wildfires can threaten personnel safety and damage facilities or other assets
- Fires escaping installations can pose a threat to neighboring communities and result in claims against the DoD

Live-fire training ignited blaze at Fort Carson, officials say

By: Charlsy Panzino  March 26



Smoke billows from blaze ignited by live-fire training March 16 at Fort Carson, Colorado, burning 400 acres on post before spreading off post and destroying three houses and forcing evacuation of about 250 homes. (Dougal Brownlie/The Gazette via AP)

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2018/03/26/live-fire-training-ignited-blaze-at-fort-carson-officials-say/>



DoD Policies and Instructions

- **DoD Instruction 6055.06 – DoD Fire & Emergency Services Program (2006; under revision)**
 - Establishes policies for the overall Fire & Emergency Service
 - Establishes requirements for installation Integrated Wildland Fire Management Plans and requires considering wildland fire protection and prevention in the scope of services
 - Authorizes other publications such as guides, handbooks, and manuals to provide specific information
 - DoD Wildland Fire Management Program (authorized but not developed)

- **DoD Instruction 4715.03 – Natural Resource Conservation (2011; under revision)**
 - Addresses controlling invasive plant species and other potential fire fuels through active management



National Collaboration

- **The Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) is an intergovernmental committee supporting the implementation and coordination for Federal wildland fire management.**

- **DoD joined the WFLC in 2016 (Memorandum of Understanding, Sec Def Signature 21 Dec 2016) and is represented by:**
 - Assistant Secretary for Energy, Installations and Environment
 - Deputy Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support of Civil Authorities

- **WFLC works strategically to review, monitor, and influence the development and implementation of:**
 - Federal wildland fire management policy
 - Federal Land Assistance, Management, and Enhancement Act of 2009 (FLAME Act);
 - National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy; and
 - other policies, procedures, and program management activities to protect communities and natural resources from wildfire; reduce hazardous fuel; restore fire-adapted ecosystems; and assist communities in their efforts to reduce loss from wildfires.



Regional Collaboration



**Military Readiness,
Homeland Security,
Disaster Preparedness and
Aviation Committee**