**CWS GLOSSARY**

**Abiotic** – In biology, abiotic components are non-living chemical and physical factors in the environment.

**Barriers** – Policy or administrative impediments that must be removed for the Cohesive Strategy to be successful.

**Biotic** – Of, relating to, or resulting from living things, especially in their ecological relations

**~~Collaboration~~** ~~- 1. Groups working together; 2. Groups working together to resolve difficult environmental issues through mediation, negotiation, and the building of agreements.~~

**Critical success factors** – Policies, programs, agreements, partnerships, resources, and other factors that must be present for the Cohesive Strategy to be successful.

**~~Fire-adapted community~~** ~~– Human communities consisting of informed and prepared citizens collaboratively planning and taking action to safely co-exist with wildland fire.~~

**Fire-adapted ecosystem** – An ecosystem is “an interacting natural system, including all the component organisms, together with the abiotic environment and processes affecting them” (NWCG Glossary). A fire-adapted ecosystem is one that collectively has the ability to survive or regenerate (including natural successional processes) in an environment in which fire is a natural process.

**Fire community** – A term that collectively refers to all those who are engaged in any aspect of wildland fire-related activities.

**Fire exclusion** – The land management activity of keeping vegetation or ecosystems from burning in a wildland fire.

**Fire management community** – A subset of the fire community that has a role in and responsibility for managing wildland fires and their effects on the environment.

**Fire science community** – A subset of the fire community consisting of those who study, analyze, communicate, or educate others on the components of fire management that can be measured, such as fire behavior, fire effects, fire economics, and other related fire science disciplines.

**~~Resilient~~** ~~– Generally referred to in this document as “resilient ecosystems,” which are those that resist damage and recover quickly from disturbances (such as wildland fires) and human activities.~~

**Regime** – A fire regime is the pattern, frequency, and intensity of wildland fire that prevails in an area.

**Risk** – A situation involving exposure to danger; the possibility that something unpleasant or unwelcome will happen.

**Stakeholder** – A person or group of people who has an interest and involvement in the process and outcome of a land management, fire management, or policy decision.

**WUI Zone -** An area strategically identified that provide effective wildfire defense for communities, infrastructure, and other values at risk that meet or intermingle with wildland fuels and offer opportunities for broadened mitigation measures designed to interrupt wildfire spread and modify wildfire behavior in order to protect social, economic, and environmental interests.

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| **APPENDIX E: ACRONYMS** BAER  | Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation  |
| BAR  | Burned Area Rehabilitation  |
| BIA  | Bureau of Indian Affairs  |
| BLM  | Bureau of Land Management  |
| CWPP  | Community Wildfire Protection Plan  |
| CWS  | Cohesive Wildfire Strategy |
| DOD  | Department of Defense  |
| DOI  | Department of the Interior  |
| EACG  | Eastern Area Coordinating Group  |
| FEMA  | Federal Emergency Mangement Agency  |
| FEPP  | Federal Excess Personal Property  |
| FFP  | Fire Fighter Property  |
| FFT2  | Firefighter 2  |
| FLAME  | Federal Land Assistance and Enhancement Act  |
| FLN  | Fire Learning Network  |
| FRG  | Fire Regime Group  |
| FWS  | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  |
| FOC  | Fires of Concern  |
| GACC  | Geographic Area Coordination Center  |
| GAO  | Government Accountability Office  |
| IAFC  | International Association of Fire Chiefs  |
| IMT  | Incident Management Team  |
| ITC  | Intertribal Timber Council  |
| JFSP  | Joint Fire Science Program  |
| MAC  | Multi‐Agency Coordination  |
| MNICS  | Minnesota Incident Command System  |
| MOA  | Memorandum of Agreement  |
| MOU  | Memorandum of Understanding |