Guiding Principles of Fire Policy

- Firefighter and public safety is the first priority in every fire management activity.

- The role of wildland fire as an essential ecological process and natural change agent will be incorporated into the planning process.

- Fire management plans, programs, and activities support land and resource management plans and their implementation.

- Sound risk management is a foundation for all fire management activities.

- Fire management programs and activities are economically viable, based upon values to be protected, costs, and land and resource management objectives.

- Fire management plans and activities are based upon the best available science.

- Fire management plans and activities incorporate public health and environmental quality considerations.

- Federal, State, Tribal, and local interagency coordination and cooperation are essential.

- Standardization of policies and procedures among Federal agencies is an ongoing objective.