Overview:
The Northeast has started a grassroots fire science consortium to provide a forum for managers and scientists to share information needs, knowledge, and field experience in fire science and management.

Our Mission:
- Provide a forum for networking researchers and managers on subject relating to fire management and science.
- Accomplish focused tasks to facilitate the flow and dissemination of fire science information between researchers and managers. Increase communications in both directions so that researchers know what managers need and managers understand the research and resources that are available.
- Create a focal exchange for key points in fire science by connecting fire science managers and scientists.
- Be a resource in generating and structuring ideas. Offer a direct line to seek opportunities by connecting managers and researchers into a strong relationship that will help us become more competitive for grant funding.

Unique Fire Issues in the Northeast:
- This part of the country has an extremely diverse selection of land management agencies working in fire management.
- The high populations across the landscape interplay with our fire management to create a great impact on people. The wildland urban interface and the interaction of fire and urbanized landscapes is a widespread concern.
- There is a lack of academics and researchers focused on the Northeastern fire issues. We struggle to compete for grants and funding for fire research in this part of the country.
- In addition to a relative scarcity of fire research, there are few central focal points for framing and maintaining collections of resources — such as websites and databases.
- The Northeast is often overlooked in the consideration of fire management. We are different from western counterparts, but still need attention to our issues. Looking toward the future, we see changes involving fragmented landscapes, climate, fire regimes and the use of prescribed fire as a tool in relation to resilient ecosystems.

Action Items:
In order to succeed at our grassroots level, we plan to drive actions with specific tasks.

1. We are collecting ideas for fire research in the Northeast. These will be collected and examined for priority, then distributed to potential researchers. Contact information for submitting ideas is below.

2. Our second task will be to organize resources into a database of current research that is being done and who is doing it.

Contact:
We are currently working toward developing a structure and charter with our vision, mission and goals. If you are interested in becoming involved as a member of the core leadership team, advisory committee, or as an interested participant in the consortium, please contact Erin Lane at edlane@fs.fed.us, 603.393.0372

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