



After the Flames

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After the Flames is a comprehensive suite of services, tools & resources aimed at providing direct support to communities after a wildfire.

Over the last 38 years, wildfires have burned an average of 5.2 million acres annually in the United States. Many remain inconsequential, but some exceed 300,000 acres, accompanied by the need to rebuild homes, businesses & infrastructure. The long-term costs to communities & ecosystems include flooding, debris flows & long-term impacts incurring costs well beyond the year of the burn. Loss of homes & infrastructure due to flooding are examples of post-wildfire's profound impacts on people, communities & economies. These events can cause major shifts in ecosystem composition & structure, often permanently changing the landscape. Much of the recovery & restoration cost is borne by state & local entities, & by residents & businesses in & around the fire scar.

Drawing on over 20 years of experience in post-wildfire recovery, Coalitions & Collaboratives (COCO) established After the Flames (ATF) in 2019. This initiative offers a range of programs designed to enhance national capacity for wildfire recovery, ultimately aiming to mitigate the impact on communities and ecosystems.

GOALS

Provide Direct Non-Federal Post Fire Support

Build a Skilled Post Wildfire Workforce

Increase leadership capacity to help communities respond to & recover from wildfires.

Expand Post Wildfire Support Systems

Strengthen post-fire response to reduce impacts on communities & ecosystems.

Raise Awareness & Share Resources

Convene non-federal post-fire experts & practitioners to share resources, collaborate, & learn.

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IN
PERSON

BIANNUAL CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP



This ATF event is the nation's leading conference & workshop devoted to post-fire recovery. Started in 2019, this multi-day, in-person event brings together individuals, organizations & agencies impacted by wildfire. Attendees represent those responding to post-fire impacts & experts in the post-fire recovery field.

FIELD DAYS



Field events focus on on-the-ground post-fire recovery strategies & tactics in small groups onsite in areas impacted by wildfire. Topics vary across the spectrum of wildfire recovery, with a laser focus on increasing participants' skills in post-wildfire strategies & tactics. COCO will begin hosting field events in 2025, alternating biannually with the years of the Conference & Workshop.

training
on-site

WEBINARS



Webinars (viewed live & rewatched nationwide by the thousands) provide virtual learning opportunities throughout the year. Past webinars have covered a range of topics & in 2024, COCO will host a series of tangible training & sharing webinars.



PARTNERING & SPONSORING OPPORTUNITIES

By partnering you will play a crucial role in enhancing post-wildfire recovery efforts & supporting communities as they rebuild & recover. We welcome your involvement & look forward to collaborating with you to make meaningful impact!

Your involvement can make a significant difference in the effectiveness of post-fire recovery efforts. Here are some ways you can contribute:

Scholarships (Conference & Workshop, Field Days)

- Fund scholarships for individuals from underserved communities, ensuring diverse participation
- Support professional development opportunities for emerging leaders in the field of wildfire recovery

Agenda Development (Conference & Workshop)

- Partner with us in shaping the agenda ensuring it addresses the most pressing post-fire recovery issues
- Suggest & coordinate keynote speakers, panelists & session topics to enhance the value of the event

Staffing (Conference & Workshop)

- Volunteer or staff to assist with event management, registration & participant coordination
- Offer expertise & manpower for Field Days to ensure hands-on training is impactful & well-organized

Donation Support (Conference & Workshop, Field Days, Webinars)

- Establish partnerships with local organizations, individuals & businesses

Funding (Conference & Workshop, Field Days, Webinars)

- Provide financial support for various aspects of the program
- Sponsor specific sessions or events to gain visibility & demonstrate your commitment to community resilience

Technical Assistance (Conference & Workshop, Field Days)

- Offer expertise & technical support in areas such as post-fire recovery strategies, risk assessment & mitigation planning
- Collaborate with our team to develop & deliver training modules & resources.

Logistics (Conference & Workshop, Field Days)

- Assist with logistical planning & execution of events, including venue selection, transportation, & accommodation arrangements
- Provide in-kind donations of equipment or services to facilitate smooth operations.