



## Get Ready...Get Set...Get GARP!

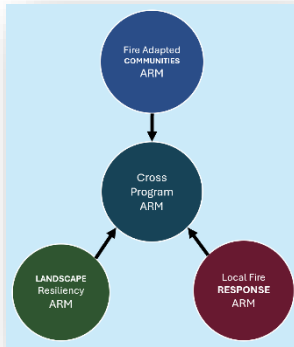
*Accomplishments Reporting Data Preparedness Guide for State Fire & Volunteer Fire Program Grants*

### Overview

The nation's wildfire crisis has become increasingly complex, creating mounting pressure to showcase the collective investments in the National Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy (NCS). In response, NASF, USFS, and DOI's Office of Wildland Fire have prioritized improving how accomplishments are tracked, **ensuring that the "story" of your efforts is clear to everyone, from local communities to decision-makers in Congress and the White House.**



The **Grant Accomplishment Reporting Portal (GARP)** will be the gateway to demonstrate the nationwide impact of federal, state, tribal, and local investments in on-the-ground actions that implement the NCS by aggregating and quantifying data that shows the cumulative progress toward achieving the 3 NCS goals of landscape fire-resiliency, community fire-adaptation, and effective local fire response.



### Accomplishments Reporting – Looking Back and Ahead

To date, what has been reported for 'actual' accomplishments for USFS State Fire and Volunteer Fire Programs has never been standardized. Often accomplishments are only described in narrative form, and there is no way to say anything quantitative, or on a map, nationwide. To move toward consistent, quantitative, and geospatial tracking, **State Forestry agencies will be part of a shift in how grant accomplishments are reported** for these grants.

**Starting in Spring 2025**, each State Forestry Agency will report key activities and grant spending using the **Accomplishments Reporting Modules (ARMs) in GARP**. Modules are aligned to the 3 Core Goals of NCS and all are 'powered' by geospatial data so that NASF and USFS can be more effective at showing where investments are happening.

### How Do I Get Ready?

The GARP Team wants to help you understand how reporting in GARP will work and what accomplishments data will be reported in each of the modules. Please download and review the chapter-based **Accomplishments Reporting Data Preparedness Guide**, now available from the GARP website, and **ensure that all State Forestry staff who oversee the use of State Fire and Volunteer Fire Program funds review the sections pertinent to them.** The guide includes a background section, followed by details *per module* (ARM) describing:

- Module purpose
- Grants supported
- Types of Users
- High level workflows
- Reporting element business rules to understand which details need to be tracked; details may evolve over time
- A draft of the Screen Designs to preview the user experience



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