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65A-8-103.5 Wildland fire policy -- Report.

- (1) The director shall:
 - (a) coordinate the development of a comprehensive, state-wide wildland fire prevention, preparedness, and suppression policy;
 - (b) coordinate with applicable state agencies to identify critical wildlife habitat areas as the policy described in Subsection (1)(a) is developed; and
 - (c) report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by November 30, 2015, on the director's recommendation for the policy described in Subsection (1)(a).
- (2) The goals of the state-wide catastrophic wildfire reduction policy described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be to:
 - (a) restore and maintain landscapes, ensuring landscapes across the state are resilient to wildfire-related disturbances in accordance with fire management objectives;
 - (b) create fire-adapted communities, ensuring that human populations and infrastructure can withstand a wildfire without loss of life or property;
 - (c) improve wildfire response, ensuring that all political subdivisions can participate in making and implementing safe, effective, and efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions; and
 - (d) reduce risks to wildlife, such as the greater sage grouse, which can be devastated by wildfire.
- (3) In developing the wildland fire policy described in Subsection (1)(a), the director shall coordinate with representatives of counties, cities, and towns in the state, along with any other stakeholders the director considers necessary and relevant, including the Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy Statewide Steering Committee and six regional work groups.