

## SWFSC and its Role in Science and Management Partnerships in the Southwest

The Southwest Fire Science Consortium (SWFSC) gets emerging science on the ground by connecting scientists, land managers, and the public. The consortium focuses on developing strong science and management partnerships that make science easier to find and understand and to help develop new research that is needed by managers. The hope is that we continue towards a model of co-development of science. To do this successfully, we need an interdisciplinary approach where we better communicate not only between scientists and managers but between our different disciplines and niches. By facilitating these connections, the SWFSC helps to assure that scientists are addressing the most pressing questions and managers are applying the most recent science in their efforts to protect communities and critical natural resources.

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