



Exercise 1.4

Using Case Studies



A variety of case studies can be used with this module to help participants apply concepts to real situations. You can use them in several different ways during a workshop – as background reading, to launch small group discussions, to compare themes, or to analyze various scenarios. You can pick one for everyone to work on, or you can assign groups to review different cases. Regardless of the method, you will probably want to focus participant discussion on key aspects of the case. Following are discussion questions that you may wish to use for each of the case studies that emphasize wildland-urban interface issues.

Objectives: Participants will be able to do the following:

1. Analyze other successes and situations to understand the interconnections among wildland-urban interface issues.
2. Discuss how these cases apply to their own situation.

Materials:

Copies of case studies
Presentation 5

Time: 60 minutes

1. Introduce the main purpose of the exercise to the participants:

The purpose of this exercise is to help you apply concepts learned in this module to real situations.

2. Choose the cases you wish to use for your training program and duplicate enough for everyone. You could ask everyone to read the same case and facilitate a large group discussion, or ask small groups to discuss the same questions. Another strategy would be to ask small groups to read different cases and share their insights with others.
3. Following are sample questions that will help you promote discussion. You can use these or modify them to suit your needs. **Presentation 5** contains photos related to the case studies and these questions.

Case Study 4: Deer Debate in Hilton Head, South Carolina

- As this case study demonstrates, resource professionals must now be more involved with the public than ever before and must know how to work with various groups that hold very different opinions about how resources should be managed. Have you faced any similar situations in

your work? What steps did you take to resolve this issue?

- Discuss some of the ways your job has changed as a result of increased public involvement in WUI management issues.
- What are some of the interrelated interface issues in this case study?
- Give an example of how solutions to any one interface issue could help resolve another.

Case Study 5: The Domain: Managing Interface Forests in Tennessee

- What are the key interface issues for the Domain?
- Discuss several connections between the Domain's interface issues.
- How are the Domain's natural resource managers resolving these issues?
- Do you face similar issues in your work? What steps have you taken to resolve these issues?

Case Study 7: Interface Issues in the Georgia Mountains

- Discuss the connections between various interface issues in White County.
- Do you have similar issues in areas that you work in? What are some unique issues that you have encountered?
- What are some of the new skills that natural resource professionals need to resolve interface issues in White County?
- What are some of the ways the natural resource professionals in this case study have become involved in interface issues?

Case Study 8: Island Interface Issues: Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

- What is unique about interface issues on islands?
- What are some of the pressures that national forests and other public lands face as a result of encroaching urbanization?

Case Study 11: Life on the Edge: Interface Issues in Bastrop, Texas

- How is fire connected to the other wildland-urban interface issues discussed in this case study?
- Give an example of how two other interface issues are connected (e.g., private property rights and endangered species, land-use planning and recreation).
- Give an example of how solutions to one interface issue might help resolve another.
- Who are the actors in Bastrop's WUI issues?
- Who might the audiences be if you design an educational program in Bastrop? How might a program for residents differ from a program for park campers?
- What are some of the positive steps that the community has taken to address interface issues?
- What are some of the issues that are still left unresolved? How might some of these issues be resolved?

Case Study 16: Restoring Coastal Wetlands in Louisiana

- What interface issues deserve special attention in coastal areas?
- How can planning mitigate coastal problems?