



### Improving management of UK wildfire risi through knowledge exchange

#### **Benefits for members**

#### For end-users

- Access to NERC-funded science and expertise;
- Opportunities to work with researchers and influence the research agenda;
- Add value to Incident Recording System (IRS) and other user data.

#### For researchers

- Benefit from end-users' expertise and data;
- Increase the impact of your research;
- Find out what new research end-users really want.

#### For both

- Links into other networks;
- Build partnerships for funding applications;
- Improve the evidence base for management, policy making and funding applications.





#### About us

NERC is funding a Knowledge Exchange (KE) fellowship and Knowledge for Wildfire (KfWf) project, based at the University of Manchester.

#### **Aims**

- To maximise the use of existing NERC-funded research and promote mutually beneficial new research and KE projects on wildfire;
- To assist the management of wildfire risk in the UK at all stages from prevention to response and recovery.

### KE Fellow's role

A central point of contact and knowledge broker between NERC researchers and wildfire management practitioners and policymakers.

NERC researchers

| KE | Wildfire | management | practitioners | & policy | makers |

# **Our objectives**

- To join up emerging cross-sector and crossdisciplinary interests in UK wildfire;
- To apply and adapt NERC fire-related research to improve the evidence base for managing wildfire risk;
- To facilitate new partnership research and KE projects which address knowledge gaps.

## Key stakeholder groups

The project is supported by 26 letters of support, 18 from wildfire management practitioners and policy-makers, and eight from researchers.

We work closely with the England and Wales Wildfire Forum, other national fire forums and researchers.

## **England and Wales Wildfire Forum (EWWF)**

Chief Fire Officers Association, Fire Brigades Union, regional Fire & Rescue Services

Met Office, Forestry Commission, Cabinet Office, Natural England, Highways Agency, MOD, etc. Moorland Association, The Heather Trust, etc.

Land management & business agencies

Fire

sector

Government agencies

agencies

Fire

sector

Fire Forums

Moorland ecosystem services

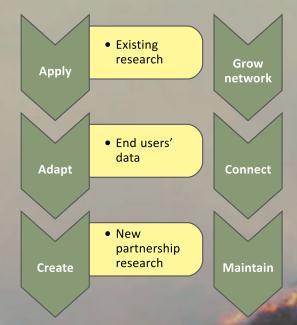
Earth

observation

NERC research communities

Wildfire

# **Approach**



### **Our activities**

## Networking events

wildfire@manchester seminars and workshops; KE sessions at conferences, e.g. Wildfire 2013 and IFE's RE13.

#### Resources

Website (www.kfwf.org.uk); briefing papers; reports; useful links.

## Awareness-raising

Attending national forums and conferences to raise awareness amongst researchers, practitioners, government agencies and other end-users.

## • Advice & facilitation

Facilitating partnerships to develop new spin-off research and KE projects which address knowledge gaps.