



# Fire Program Analysis System

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## Talking Points – Volume I

### **What is FPA**

The FPA system is an interagency fire planning and budget application system. The system provides managers with trade-off analysis tools for strategic planning and budgeting to support comprehensive, interagency fire management programs.

- Incorporates land and resource management objectives
- Cost-effectiveness trade-off analysis
- Strategic model, not tactical

### **Effectiveness & Efficiency Performance Measures**

The FPA system will enable local and national planners to evaluate the effectiveness fire management strategies for meeting fire and land management goals. Effectiveness will be assessed by these five effectiveness, efficiency and performance measures:

1. Reducing the probability of occurrence of costly fires
2. Reducing the probability of occurrence of costly fires within the Wildland Urban Interface
3. Increasing the proportion of land meeting or trending toward the attainment of fire and fuels management objectives
4. Protecting highly valued resources areas from unwanted fire
5. Maintaining a high initial attack success rate

The FPA system will comply with direction from the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior, Congress, and OMB to identify cost-effective collaborative fire programs at the local level and to improve the formulation of wildland fire budget requests.

Line officer involvement and support is critical because there will be fundamental changes in the budget and planning processes - the FPA system will replace three planning models used to analyze staffing and budget required for wildland fire programs: NFMAS, FirePro, FireBase.

The system will allow voluntary participation in the analysis by State and local governments and the consideration of their resources to provide a comprehensive approach to fire planning at the landscape level.

### **Project Timeline**

Spring 2008	Prototype Fire Planning Units test end-to-end analysis
April - June 2008	Orientation to the FPA system
June 30, 2008	Implement FPA system
July 2008	Hands-on training for FPA system available
Sept 2008-Feb 2009	All FPU's run the FPA analysis
Feb 2009	FPU's select FY 2011 investment alternatives to submit to national offices
March-May 2009	National level analysis for FY2011 (Goal Programming)

### **For More Information:**

Visit the FPA project Web site for more information: [www.fpa.nifc.gov](http://www.fpa.nifc.gov)

The Desk Guide and the past newsletters are good places to start. Register for the ListServ to be notified of project updates.