



Fire Program Analysis

January 2010

New FPA System Security Requirements

On January 25, the federally mandated FPA system security enhancements were implemented. After five unsuccessful attempts to login, the account will be locked. An automated email reminds users who have not accessed the system for 85 days that their account will be disabled at 90 days. The same type notification is sent when the system is not accessed for 265 days. Help with logins is available by calling the Helpdesk at 1-800-253-5559. Finally, an inactive account will be deleted after 270 days. To re-activate your account, you will have to submit a new request for access through the helpdesk.

Current Topics:

- System Security
- Understanding the FPA Interagency Guidance
- IRS Ignitions have been Updated
- Security Training Direction
- Federal Budget Process Overview now available
- Tip of the Month

Fire Program Analysis

Fire Program Analysis (FPA) system is a common interagency decision support tool for wildland fire planning and budgeting.

This tool will enable wildland fire managers in the five federal land management agencies to plan jointly.

The FPA System:

- Encourages tribal, state, and local agency participation
- Incorporates geospatial data which provide the means to map effects of wildland fire on lands across the country
- Generates outcomes from fire planning units that provide information to the national budget planning process

■ Understanding the *FPA Interagency Guidance for the FY 2010 Analysis*

Several tools and documents are now available on the FPA website to assist you in understanding and implementing the new guidance.

- One major change to the guidance states that plus/minus option funding level changes must be made only using the costs associated with resources that are “producers”. Leadership and support staffing and costs should remain at the *.Current* option level for all plus/minus options. To assist you in incorporating the interagency guidance when you develop the various options, a new white paper [Developing Options That Reflect Funding Changes to Production Resources](#) describes the parameters that must be considered in building options.
- In conjunction with the funding level changes described above, the *FPA FY 2010 Interagency Guidance* required a change in the calculations for determining available budget for the option levels (except for the *.Current* option). As of January 25th, the FPA system was updated to accommodate the changes. The previously released interim “Budget Options Calculator” is no longer needed to help build your options.
- Upcoming Live Meetings are intended to provide practical advice on how to implement the new guidance. To view the updated schedule, click [here](#).
- On January 20th, the FPA Executive Oversight Group (EOG) sponsored a teleconference to provide insight and answer questions about the Interagency Guidance. This call was open to all FPU participants. Present for the call was the FPA EOG co-chairs, Kirk Rowdabaugh, OWFC and John Phipps, USFS. Other EOG representatives and acting that were present included Jim Douglas, BLM; Bill Kaage, NPS, and Andy Loranger, FWS. Questions from FPUs were accepted prior to and during the call. The teleconference was recorded and is now available. Click [here](#) to access this recording.
- More information on the FPA Interagency Guidance for the FY 2010 Analysis, as well as individual Agency/Bureau Memos is available [here](#).

- Provides a way for land managers to compare trade-offs between wildland fire program components
- A tool to ensure wildland fire management actions help meet performance measures outlined in the 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy

For more information visit
<http://fpa.nifc.gov>
or call
208-947-3757

FPA System Reference

Links: FPA system helpdesk at fire_help@fs.fed.us or at: 1-800-253-5559.

Review the [FPA White Papers](#). These papers will describe how the model uses different resources, fuel treatments, or data.

FPA [User Guide](#) is available on the FPA web site. It walks the user through the system step by step.

- **To see the Upcoming Live Meeting Topics and Dates**, click [here](#).
- **The Updated Milestone Document** showing the extended submission deadline Of April 15, 2010 is now available on the web. Click [here](#).

- **The updated IRS Fire Event Scenario (FES) Ignitions are incorporated** into the FPA system as of January 4th. An earlier labeling error in the fire data source caused some ignitions to be excluded during the FPA integration from the fire data source systems. A new set of FES ignitions were successfully loaded into the system. No actions will need to be taken by the FPU's to use this data.
- **IT Security Training Direction is now required for all FPA users.** As per Federal IT security requirements, all FPA users with login accounts must complete their annual IT Security Awareness training by March 15 of each year. This training is required of both federal and non-federal FPA users. For more information, click [here](#).

Tips of the Month

When building the various options, remember:

- ✓ **The amount of funding used when building preparedness options can only be spent on preparedness resources and the prevention program.**
- ✓ **Remember to complete the prevention model for your FPU. To see how the prevention model works you must build a .Current and other options (-20, +20) to compare the effectiveness.**
- ✓ **Based on the number of human-caused fires in your FPU, you will get a calculated number of prevented fires in your .Current, as long as you have at least one hour of activity in the Specific Hours.**
- ✓ **The amount of funding used when building fuels options can only be spent on fuel treatments.**
- ✓ **Years to Long Term ("Years to LT") in the fuels options must be calculated and entered to get full benefit of fuels treatments.**
- ✓ **Leadership and support costs should remain constant across all the options for both fuels and preparedness.**