



- FPA has been developing the Fire Program Analysis (FPA) system on a compressed development schedule since July 25, 2007.
- Seven FPU prototypes have been testing internal releases of the FPA system and have been identifying enhancements and corrections needed in the system before the June 30 release.
- Since January, delays in software delivery prevented the project from testing the full functionality of the system prior to the June 30 system release.
- The June 30 release will include:
  - User instructions and guides
  - Interagency Guidance for FPA for use by FPUs in developing investment alternatives
  - Edit capabilities for data imported from FPA-PM
- The full system nationwide release will be in phases that allow all FPUs to begin data entry and develop their investment alternatives immediately after release, while early-adopters “pressure test” the available functionality of the FPA system.
- Early-adopters will:
  - Reduce the need for modifying the system during the first year through early detection of system errors
  - Suggest improvements to performance before all the FPUs begin to use the system
  - Increase understanding and acceptance of the FPA system
- The FPA Project has developed a list of characteristics for potential early-adopter FPUs. The Geographic Area Leads will use these characteristics to invite FPUs to become early-adopters.
- All FPUs will be able to complete data entry prior to the mid-August release of version 2.01. Tasks that can be completed include:
  - Setting up the FPU Team and system access
  - Editing initial response resource data imported from FPA-PM
  - Entering dispatch logic for the FPU
  - Defining attributes associated with Fire Workload Areas (FWAs)
  - Forming Initial Response Organizations for the Preparedness Option
  - Developing Fuel Treatment Options

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