



August 2007

■ **Rolling out the MAT . . . Management Advisory Team members named!**



The MAT will provide the critical link between the FPA project and line officers. We are happy to announce the following people were selected for the team:

Cecilia Seesholtz	FS Region 6	Forest Supervisor, Deschutes NF
Dave Henderson	BLM	District Manager, Vale District, Oregon
Jim Leach	FWS	Refuge Supervisor - Minnesota & Wisconsin
Jim Pena	FS Region 5	Deputy Regional Forester
Jose Castro	FS Region 1	District Ranger, Gallatin NF
Kathy Davis	NPS	Superintendent, Montezuma Castle & Tuzigoot National Monuments
Marsha Kearney	FS Region 8	Forest Supervisor, NF of Florida
Scott Bradshaw	BIA	NIFC, National Fire Planner
Bonnie Wood	FPA	FS Business Lead, Co-Chair
Jaymee Fojtik	FPA	DOI Business Lead - Co-Chair

Current Topics:

- Spatial Data Survey
- ListServ Glitch!
- Prototype to Development
- Calibration Workshop
- FAQs

For more information visit
<http://fpa.nifc.gov>
 or call Venetia Gempler
 208-947-3786

■ **Spatial Data survey Responses Due by August 29, 2007**

An email containing a link to the online Spatial Data Survey went out in early August through the Geographic Area leads. Results from the information call will be evaluated to see where data gaps exist and estimate the workload needed to prepare boundary data layers for the FPA runs. Only one coordinated response is required from each FPU.

In case you have not seen the survey, here is the link; it will take about 20 minutes to complete:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=976Xil7gSZQJ9xT2z_2bqNpQ_3d_3d

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

■ **Oops, Sorry! ListServ Glitch**

Subscription renewal system fixed. The FPA ListServ was set up with a default annual renewal setting which automatically sent a message to subscribers to renew. With so many people gone on fires, the timing of the renewal message could not have been worse! To solve the problem, we automatically re-subscribed all subscribers and changed the setting so there

land management agencies to plan jointly.

will be no need to renew in the future. If you no longer want to receive updates, you will have to unsubscribe.

The Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC)

is a cooperative interagency organization dedicated to achieving consistent implementation of the goals, actions, and policies in the National Fire Plan and the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy. The Council provides leadership and oversight to ensure policy coordination, accountability, and effective implementation of the National Fire Plan and the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy.

The FPA System:

- will be designed to encourage state, local, and tribal agency participation.
- incorporates geospatial data which provide the means to map levels of wildland fire risk on lands across the country.
- generates outcomes from fire planning units that provide information to the national budget planning process.
- will provide a way for land managers to compare trade-offs between wildland fire program components.
- is a tool to ensure wildland fire management actions help meet performance measures outlined in the 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy.

■ From Prototype to Development

The seven Fire Planning Units (FPU) that participated in the prototype phase of the project will continue to help develop and test the FPA system. Their feedback, suggestions, and work are critical to developing a stable FPA system for delivery by June 2008.

The prototyping FPUs are Alaska, Central Oregon, New Jersey, Northwest Montana, Southern Florida, Southern Sierra, and Utah 's Color Country. These FPUs represent a mix of different unit complexities like multiple federal and non-federal partners, geographic areas, and diverse fire regimes. Thank you to the seven FPUs – ***we could not have done it without you!***

■ Upcoming LANDFIRE Calibration Workshops

FPU planners in New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and Kansas are encouraged to participate in the upcoming LANDFIRE Calibration Workshops scheduled to be held in Albuquerque on the following dates:

Map Zone	Date
z25	Monday, Oct. 15, 2007
z27	Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007
z26	Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007
z34	Thursday, Oct 18, 2007 (8am - noon)
z33	Thursday, Oct 18, 2007 (1:15pm - 5:30pm)

For further information, or to register, please contact Matt Reeves at (406) 829-7337 (mreeves@fs.fed.us) or Becky Brooks at (208) 387-5345 (Becky_Brooks@fws.gov).

■ FAQs

We updated the Frequently Asked Questions on the FPA Web site. Questions were categorized and headings added with a new keyword search feature.