FPA Project Chronology

September – December 2001	- The Departments of Agriculture and Interior reviewed the federal agencies' wildland fire budget models. - Review findings published in the report "*Developing an Interagency, Landscape-scale Fire Planning Analysis and Budget Tool.*" - Congress directed the Departments to develop and implement a coordinated and common system for calculating fire preparedness.
July 2002 – April 2003	- The House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations directed the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to design and develop an automated system for preparedness resource planning. - The Fire Program Analysis (FPA) Project chartered.
October 2004 – December 2004	- Officially released FPA-Preparedness Module v1.0.0. - Initiated FPA-Preparedness Module training across western states.
January 2005 – December 2005	- Training continues for using the Preparedness Module. - Fire Planning Units use Preparedness Module for program analyses. - FPA project reviewed: Technical Review of Preparedness Module.
January 2006- August 2006	- Mid-course review. (Final report on both reviews issued June 2006) - 135 of 138 Fire Planning Units completed their first analysis. - FPA project rechartered.
September – December 2006	- Interagency Science Team formed to work with FPA team on model development and provide scientific review of the FPA system. - The Wildland Fire Leadership Council approved proceeding with developing and testing a prototype decision-support tool for fire planning and budgeting.
January – July 2007	- FPA team developed system prototype. - Updated the Wildland Fire Leadership Council on FPA prototype. - Prototype tested by 7 interagency Fire Planning Units from across the nation. - Conducted 2 workshops with the Fire Planning Units testing the prototype. - Reported to Wildland Fire Leadership Council on prototype success.
July 25, 2007	- The Council approved full development of the FPA system for release in June 2008