



**March 2008**

**Peeking Behind the Curtain, Spring Orientation Workshops!**

FPA team members will be conducting workshops in each geographic area to give overviews of current FPA system development and answer your questions. This will be a great forum for fire planners to re-form your Fire Planning Unit (FPU) groups and become familiar with the FPA system as a team.

These workshops are a face-to-face opportunity to preview the new FPA system, and learn about data being used by the system. You will also learn what type of data you can begin preparing for use in building your investment alternatives when FPA "goes live" in July.

Don't miss this opportunity! Fire planners and fire management officers - take advantage of this time to meet with your FPU partners. Some of you are already responding to wildland fire incidents and others are preparing to go out. These orientation workshops are your opportunity to begin preparing your FPU for FPA implementation. Don't wait!

**Current Topics:**

- Peeking Behind the Curtain
- Spring Workshop Schedule
- Executive Oversight Group
- New White Papers
- What's Next?

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

■ **Spring Workshop Schedules** - Contact [FPA Geographic Area Leads](#) for specific location information.

Northwest Geographic Area	April 2 - 4	Portland
Rocky Mountain Geographic Area	April 22 - 23	Lakewood
Great Basin Geographic Area	April 29 - May 1	Reno
Southern Area Geographic Area	April 30 - May 1	Atlanta
California Geographic Area	May 6 - 8	Sacramento
Southwest Geographic Area	May 5 - 6	Albuquerque
Southwest Geographic Area	May 7 - 8	Phoenix
Northern Rockies Geographic Area	May 13 - 15	Bozeman
Eastern Area	June 17 - 19	Minneapolis

■ **FPA's Executive Oversight Group (EOG)** - Members are interagency executives who will be providing direction and oversight for the FPA project. They represent their agencies on the EOG and will provide a valuable link between the FPA project and their respective agency. The Executive Oversight Group is scheduled to meet with the FPA project management monthly. **Executive Oversight Group Participants** include:

**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.

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| Kent Connaughton        | US Forest Service           |
| John Phipps             | US Forest Service           |
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| Ken Stansell            | US Fish & Wildlife Service  |
| Vicki Forrest           | Bureau of Indian Affairs    |

## Highlighted EOG Meeting Outcomes:

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### 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.

- Agency-specific memos will be sent in April describing what the agency expectations for the field are regarding their participation in the Fire Program Analysis.
- Interagency FPA guidance to be used by the FPU's in developing their FY 2011 investment alternatives between July and December 2008.

■ **New White and Technical Papers:** [White and technical papers](#) are being added to the FPA web site regularly. Based on the models, these papers explain the "why" and the "how" the FPA system is using or applying fire behavior modeling concepts and business processes.

Generally, when new information is posted to the web a listserv message is sent out announcing the update. As promised, our intent is not to fill up your in-box, so we will typically send out one message with several links.

### ■ What's Next?

- April 2 - 4: Northwest Geographic Area FPA Orientation Workshop
- April 22 - 23: Rocky Mountain Geographic Area FPA Orientation Workshop
- April 25: Executive Oversight Group teleconference
- April 29 - May 1: Great Basin and Southwest Geographic Area FPA Orientation Workshop

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### 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.