



Fire Program Analysis Briefing Paper #3

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Topic: Fire Program Analysis (FPA) timeline

Purpose: This third FPA briefing describes the FPA system implementation timeline

Introduction:

FPA will provide input to the federal fire program budget development. To use FPA results from FY2009 for the FY2011 budget request development, specific FPA activities must be accomplished. The dates and activity sequence for implementation is outlined below.

Background:

On June 30, 2008, FPA delivered core application functions to twenty-seven Fire Planning Units (FPUs) to test. These FPUs volunteered to pilot the FPA system between July and September to ensure it was stable and fully functional before national implementation. FPA will be released nationally in three sequential phases, or “waves”, beginning October 1.

FPUs in each wave will have five months to input data and develop, analyze and submit investment alternatives for consideration in the federal fire management budget formulation process. Technical review and programmatic reviews are also conducted within this time span. Technical reviews at the FPU level check the technical results of a single FPU. Programmatic reviews at the regional or state level will look at the collective results of a geographic area.

General Activity Timeline

June 30, 2008. Limited release of core functions of the FPA system to 27 Fire Planning Unit (FPU) volunteered to test the application. .

October 1, 2008 – March 1, 2009. Wave 1 FPUs develop and analyze investment alternatives, conduct technical and programmatic reviews and submit alternatives by March 1, 2009 to the national offices.

November 1 – April 1, 2009. Wave 2 FPUs develop and analyze investment alternatives, conduct technical and programmatic reviews and submit alternatives by April 1, 2009 to the national offices.

November 2009. Four online self-paced training modules available.

December 1 – May 1, 2009. Wave 3 FPUs develop and analyze investment alternatives, conduct technical and programmatic reviews and submit alternatives by April 1, 2009 to the national offices.

May 2009. Conduct national-level analysis. This analysis provides fire budget information for the preparedness and fuels components of the fire program for the FY2011 budget request.

Conclusion:

The first year of FPA implementation will be a “learning” year. The first year analyses will help the agencies fine tune FPA for calendar year 2009 when planning the FY 2012 budget.

The fourth briefing will address leadership involvement.

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