

FPA Executive Oversight Group (EOG)
Meeting Decision Summary
August 28, 2008

On August 28, 2008 a meeting convened of the EOG for Fire Program Analysis (FPA) in Washington, DC and Boise via videoconference. Present were the EOG members, FPA Project leadership, bureau subject matter experts, and invited guests. EOG co-chairs Nina Rose Hatfield, DOI and John Phipps, USFS, led the meeting.

DECISION 1: EOG has decided to move forward with phased deployments of the FPA system, with results expected to be used in the development of the agencies' FY2011 budgets. All FPU's will be analyzed between now and May 2009. A revised deployment schedule will be developed by the Project, which will sequence FPU's access to the system starting in early October 2008. The first FPU's to enter the system will complete their analysis by the end of February 2009. The remaining FPU's will complete their analysis in sequence similar to their starting date with all FPU's done by early May 2009. The final FPA system functionality release will be in early December 2008 and will include long-term fuels treatment analysis capability. The FPA system will include the Initial Response Simulator, Large Fire Module, and National Goal Programming components with the first year being a learning year for all involved in the process.

DECISION 2: Accept the Highly Valued Resource (HVR) sub-committee's recommendation to include HVR in the initial year – with two primary data layers – federally designated critical habitat that are negatively impacted by fire, including nationally significant sage grouse habitat, and municipal watershed data (represented by areas at the sixth level Hydrologic Unit Code where water intakes or wells exist).

DECISION 3: Agreed to issue an executive level memo to agency leadership to convey the revised deployment schedule, and analysis due dates, and the message that FPA is committed to delivering a credible product for use in the agencies' fire planning and budgeting processes.

Next Scheduled EOG Meeting:

Fall 2008 – Date TBD

August 28, 2008 EOG Meeting Participants:

EOG Members

Nina Rose Hatfield, DOI, Co-Chair
John Phipps, USFS, Co-Chair
Rick Prausa, USFS
Dave Cleaves, USFS
Tom Nichols, NPS (representing Dan Wenk)
Jim Douglas, BLM (representing Henri Bisson)
Mark Musaus, USFWS (representing Ken Stansell)
Gabe Morgan, BIA (representing Vick Forrest)

FPA-Project

Donna Scholz, Executive Project Manager
Jaymee Fojtik, DOI Business Lead
Bonnie Wood, FS Business Lead
Alexis Collins, Communications Team

Kevin Knauth, User Focused Team Lead & Fuels SME
Howard Roose, Model Focus Team Lead, Initial Response Simulator SME
Sue Weber, ICG Group Lead
Andy Kirsch, Goal Programming Group Lead
Jim Hutton, Large Fire Group Lead

Subject Matter Experts and Invited Guests

Bill Downes, BIA
Kathy Davis, FPA Management Advisory Team
Ron Dunton, OWFC, DOI
Barb Loving, OWFC, DOI
Bill Breedlove, USFS, WO
Shelly Gardner, USFS External Affairs, WO
Fred Wetzel, USFWS
Jack Waide, USGS, FPA IST Co-Lead
Danny C. Lee, USFS, FPA IST Co-Lead
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