

IMR Wildland Fire Module Request

Sum _____

Park _____ Project Name _____ Scheduled Work _____

Days Needed: _____ Module Headcount Needed: _____ with Fire Job Skills:

Planned Accomplishments: _____ Acres Burned, _____ Acres Cut, _____ Acres Prepped,
 _____ Acres Assessed/Planned, _____ Plots Installed/Read, _____ Burn Plans Written

Evaluation Elements	Weight	X	Rating Value	=	Points
Ecological value of project					
Size of Project					
Burn Complexity					
Prescription Window Duration					
Consequence of No Action					
Boundary Protection					
Critical FUM Need					
Assignment Length					
Interagency Project					

Assessment Approved by FMO _____ Signature _____ **Sum** _____ (put at top)

Evaluation Element	Rating Value 1	Rating Value 3	Rating Value 5
Ecological value	Little change in frequency or distribution of endemics or habitat improvement, maintenance burn.	2 nd or 3 rd restoration entry, or increases endemic plant frequency and distribution & ecological diversity.	Initiates fire restoration, or greatly increases frequency and distribution of endemics and ecological diversity.
Project Size	<250 acres	500-750 acres	>1000 acres
Complexity	Pile burn or no burn	Type 2 Burn Boss	Type 1 Burn Boss
Prescription Window Duration	Broad burn window available for the project.	Somewhat limited window, such as in-season burns.	Tight window based on fuels, weather, smoke or project objectives.
Consequences of no action	Little effect of missed treatment or fuels in condition Class 3	Missed treatment results in measurable change or fuels in Condition Class 2.	Missed treatment results in shift in species frequency and distribution or fuels in Condition Class 1.
Boundary Protection	Project has no boundary protection objective.	Project is not on boundary, but is area with moderate fire risk, will protect boundary or WFU zone.	Project critical to boundary protection in a high fire occurrence area.
Critical Module Need	Module use is convenient. Project can be implemented with local resources.	Module needed for project overhead that are hard to get from other sources.	Module critical to project implementation. Use in all phases of firing/holding.
Assignment Length	> 10 days	5 - 10 days	< 5 days
Interagency Project	Single Agency.	Project supports multi-agency goals, but limited interagency participation.	Total Interagency Project – target area and participation in planning and action.

This form helps set priorities for IMR Fire Module use on prescribed fire and fuels projects, a secondary priority. (Modules are funded in E12.) Value criteria are intended to be repeatable, with a sum of 150 possible. Parks requestors self-assess project value for each evaluation element, multiply values to attain points, and sum points. FMO reviews and approves assessment. Module commitment is dependent on module availability at the time of resource order. FMOs must update Pam Jolly regarding module needs early and often.

Header

Park: four letter ID. For local cooperators, add agency ID to sponsor; i.e., ZION-DIF or SAGU-BAR. Module use to support host park cooperators is more likely to happen if identified up-front.

Project Name: Individual project for which module requested, and assessed in table.

Scheduled Work: Write Month(s)-- when prescribed fire ignition will likely occur. *If you need planning or preparation in another season, complete an additional request.*

#Days Needed: Write number of days requested module will be needed on site.

Module Headcount Needed/with Fire Job Skills: Per National Mobe Guide (22.9.4 and 69.8), module is 4 – 8 personnel. Write the headcount and fire job skills needed, to assist in staffing project and in scheduling others at same time. If no fire skills wanted, is there a module need?

Planned Accomplishments: Enter numbers of acres, plots, or plans in appropriate blanks

Evaluation Table

Assess project for each evaluation element, and assign appropriate values (interpolate 2 and 4 as needed). Do this honestly, so project ratings can pass a “red face test” upon review.

- **Ecological Value.** Assess the overall positive effects as stated in burn or project plan objectives --wildlife habitat, water quality, FWS recovery plans, ecological diversity, etc.
- **Project Size.** Select or interpolate the value for range of acres of target area.
- **Complexity.** Use the project’s complexity rating (RM-18 Chapter 10).
- **Prescription Window Duration.** Based on the planned prescription window, assess and rate the projects in terms of a broad, limited, or tight range of dates to implement a burn.
- **Consequence of No Action.** Assess negative change in vegetative structure that will occur on the project site in 1-3 growing seasons if treatment is not made in the current year. Include examples listed in the project statement, such as invasion of grasslands by brush, shade-tolerant species dominating an over-story, Gambel oak dominance or similar. Effects of fuel loads and flammability, and increased adverse effects on cultural resources may be valued. Alternative method uses the Condition Class concept, where the table values maintaining Condition Class 1 or 2 more than attempting to convert Condition Class 3.
- **Boundary Protection.** Assess the project’s value in protecting park boundaries, or wildland fire use zones or units, such as wilderness boundaries.
- **Assignment Length.** Select from ranges of intended days of module commitment on site.
- **Critical Module Need.** Assess the module significance in relation to project resources needed. Modules can’t assist all projects, so a mix of resources must be considered. The table awards points when modules are essential.
- **Interagency Project.** Since modules are considered an interagency resource, the table rewards project(s) designed across agency boundaries, with full interagency participation.
- **Sum** will reflect the overall project ranking. The project with the highest score becomes the number one regional priority. The sum value may not be unique to a single project. Tie-breaks will be made by the Regional Office as needed, based on acres or other criteria.