

## SW AREA FPA CONFERENCE CALL NOTES

April 8, 2008, 1400 MDT

### SW Area Fire Planning Committee Members Attending:

John Selkirk	Helen Graham
Linda Kerr	Marlena Hovorka
Cameron Tongier	Jennifer Adams
Steve Larrabee	

### SW Area Fire Planning Units Represented:

White Mountains	Arizona Strip
Colorado Plateau	Central Arizona
SE Arizona	Pecos
Central New Mexico	Southern Great Plains
Southwest Texas	

### WORKSHOPS

We have scheduled FPA workshops in the SW Area:

Albuquerque/Fire Use Training Academy	Phoenix/BLM National Training Center
Starting: May 5 at 1300	Starting: May 7 at 1300
Ending: May 6 at 1700	Ending: May 8 at 1700

The workshops will target people who will actively work with the FPA models, as opposed to those who only need an overview of FPA. The workshops will have presentations and demonstrations of the various computer modules, but will not have “hands-on” data entry or other work by the participants. We anticipate 2-3 people from each FPU to attend, who will in turn be able to brief the rest of their FPU members. We plan to have remote access to the workshops via speaker phone, with “live meeting” internet access to the computer portions of the presentations. The workshops are not mandatory, but highly recommended.

FPU Chairs are asked to give John Selkirk an estimate of how many people from their FPU will attend each session, and how many plan to attend remotely via speaker phone/live meeting.

### FMU/FWA WORKLOAD

The next deadline for FPA is to have our Fire Management Units and Fire Workload Areas identified by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The FPA web site has papers covering these topics. The coordination needed may result in this becoming a time-consuming exercise, so FPUs are encouraged to get started on it.

## TIME LINE

The time line for completion of FPA this year was discussed. The roll-out of the completed FPA product is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>, but there is potential for delay. Computer based training for the new process should be available in July. FPU's will need to have their work completed in early December, since there will be technical reviews of the products in December, programmatic reviews of the analyses in January, and final submission to the national-level in February. Presuming that fire season will keep most of us occupied until early fall, we should anticipate most of the workload occurring September through November.

## TRAINING

Training/technology transfer will be accomplished through several methods, including:

- The stream of papers available on the FPA web site
- Geo Area workshops, including our spring workshops, and probably additional workshops in the fall
- Self-paced internet training, available beginning in July
- Webinars hosted by the national FPA, using Live Meeting and telephone bridges
- FPA help desk will also be available

## SUPPORT

The SW Area fire planning committee will be available to attend FPU meetings and provide assistance as needed. FPU chairs should rely on their liaisons to the committee when help or support is needed.

## VOLUNTEER FPU's FOR TESTING

The National FPA group is looking for FPU's to beta test the new phase of FPA in June and July. This would entail getting all data together to be able to run the system end-to-end. We perceive this to be a significant workload in the middle of our fire season. If the national FPA people ask for volunteers, John Selkirk will coordinate our response. If any FPU wants to volunteer, they should contact Selkirk.

## FPA REPORTS/OUTPUTS

Since FPA is still evolving, there are occasional opportunities to influence where we are going. The national FPA group is asking what outputs we want to see. Specifically, they want to know what types of reports will be useful to us. Were there reports from the previous generation of FPA that you want to see produced in the next phase?