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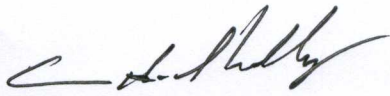
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Memorandum

To: Regional Directors
Attention: Park Superintendents

From: Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection 

Subject: Fiscal Year 2013 Direction for Fire Program Analysis

Attached is the *Fiscal Year 2013 Fire Program Analysis Status, Direction and Timeline* signed by the Department of Interior and the USDA Forest Service. The document outlines the direction for Fire Program Analysis in coming years, and describes the process and timeline for updating and running the analysis in 2013.

During FY13, the Support Working Team (SWT) will work with all 133 Fire Planning Units (FPU) to assess and process the information to be included in the current cycle of the analysis. The SWT will work with local FPU teams to ensure an accurate analysis is submitted. Field involvement will be needed to update to certain inputs.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the NPS Budget & Planning Lead, Jeff Scott at 208-387-5210 or Deputy for Budget and Planning, Jeff Manley at 208-387-5221.

Attachment

cc: Chief, Fire and Aviation Management, FMPC
Branch Chief, Wildland Fire, FMPC
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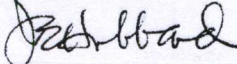


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To: Regional Foresters, USDA Forest Service
 Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management
 Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 Director, National Park Service
 Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

From: Kim Thorsen 
 Deputy Assistant Secretary – Public Safety, Resource Protection, and Emergency
 Services, Department of the Interior

James E. Hubbard 
 Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service

Subject: Fiscal Year 2013 Fire Program Analysis Status, Direction, and Timeline

Last month we met with the Fire Program Analysis (FPA) Oversight Group to discuss the status, capabilities, and next steps of FPA. At that meeting we agreed on four basic points:

- In the near future we will migrate the management and oversight of FPA into the new interagency wildland fire management framework, which will clarify the relationships between the technical project team, agency users (national level budget and planning staffs), and oversight of all wildland fire information technology investment activities.
- FPA is a set of analytical tools that are used to help develop and defend the wildland fire preparedness budgets of the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior at the national level. Within the capabilities and limitations of FPA we will use it to assist both agencies in jointly developing budgets. In its current state FPA is not suitable for field-level use.
- Continued research will occur into new tools and capabilities to improve the functionality of FPA and make the system easier to use. Investment decisions for any new tools or capabilities, once the research phase is completed in the summer of 2013, will take place through the interagency wildland fire investment process.
- The current set of FPA tools and capabilities will be refined and stabilized, including developing and refining data standards that will allow cross-jurisdictional comparisons and analyses.

During Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) we will undertake a number of activities to refine and improve the FPA tools in support of wildland fire budget analysis and decision making:

- The Support Working Team (SWT) will update and process all required information with assistance from the Fire Planning Units (FPUs). The SWT representative responsible for

