

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Utilization of the new BLM FMP Template:

1. What do you need to think about before you update your FMP?

- Do you have the information you need?
 - RMP and subsequent level NEPA polygons
 - Values Data
- Do you have GIS Capability?
- Fire related resource and protection objectives associated with the relevant polygons?
- Can your specialists commit the time to tying information to the polygons?
- How will I complete necessary records management tasks associated with the data utilized?

2. Who is the FMP audience?

The level of detail presented in the FMP via text, by reference, or spatially should vary based on the intended audience. Work with your agency administrator to get their perspective and consider utilizing an interdisciplinary workshop to help define the audience.

Considerations:

- Is your FMP going to be the Line Officer's guide to fire management for their unit?
- Is it intended to be the FMO's guide to fire management for their unit?
- Will it (or portions of it) be used to orient incoming resources?
- Will it (or portions of it) be used in the field, by local IA Resources and Resource Advisors?

3. What is the landscape of interest?

Again, consider utilizing an interdisciplinary workshop to help define the landscape(s) of interest.

- Identify RMP Objectives related to Fire Management (these may or may not explicitly mention fire and should include vegetation objectives or wildlife objectives that would inform Fuels treatment and Wildfire Incident objectives.)
 - Some "landscapes" to consider:
 - Field Office, Fire Zone, Fire Response Zone, Habitat Management Areas...

4. Why would I want to "go spatial"?

- Reduce redundancy
- Clear tie to RMP/subsequent NEPA direction
- Makes updating simpler

5. What if I keep my FMUs?

Make sure they're truly consistent with your RMP(s) direction – that means you need find a way to display the areas where fire is or isn't desirable, what the resource and protection objectives are, and any operational constraints (based on RMP direction or subsequent NEPA) within each FMU.

6. Can I develop new FMUs?

Yes, they need to be integrated with resource objectives and consistent with your RMP(s) direction.

7. How do I use FMUs in the new Template?

For FMU based planning complete Section 2 of the template as follows:

Common To All FMUs

2.1 Goals

2.2 Objectives

2.2.1 Wildland Fire Related Resource and Protection Objectives

2.2.2 Wildland Fire Related Operational Constraints

FMU 1

2.1 Goals

2.2 Objectives

2.2.1 Wildland Fire Related Resource and Protection Objectives

2.2.2 Wildland Fire Related Operational Constraints

FMU 2

2.1 Goals

2.2 Objectives

2.2.1 Wildland Fire Related Resource and Protection Objectives

2.2.2 Wildland Fire Related Operational Constraints

8. What's required for an Interagency FMP?

BLM & Other DOI Bureaus

While the DOI framework for Fire Management Plans is consistent across the DOI Bureaus, each bureau may require completion of different sections of the framework. For plans that include BLM lands the BLM required elements must be addressed for those lands. For Interagency plans, BLM "suggested" text should be edited as necessary to meet inter-agency needs.

BLM & Forest Service

By the 2016 Fire Season, Forest Service FMPs will be replaced with a combination of enhanced Spatial Planning contained in the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) and the Fire Management Reference System (FMRS), a collection of plans required for fire program management, such as aviation, operations, dispatch, and fire danger operating plan products. As such, mapsheets or other products that display LRMP direction for Forest Service and other lands could be included in interagency FMPs but would be for display purposes only and would not be considered part of the FMP itself.