

Creating the WFSA Prep file

The Prep file is created by importing data from the National Fire Management Analysis (NFMAS) IIAA file, which was created for fire preparedness planning and budgeting. This IIAA file includes FMZs, average acre suppression costs, and NVC costs. However, these costs may be in a previous dollar year. Further, the suppression costs can be in a different dollar year than the NVC costs. After import of the FMZs and suppression and NVC costs, the costs must be inflated to 2006 dollars and updated in the WFSA Prep file.

The IIAA import file does not include Land Management Plan objectives (called Resource Management Area objectives in the software). These objectives or goals must be summarized *in terms relevant to the formulation of fire suppression objectives* and entered into the WFSA Prep file. Entry of these resource objectives helps ensure suppression objectives, written during the formulation of a WFSA, are consistent with them. Inclusion of Resource Management Area objectives in the software is increasingly important because they must be reflected in the suppression objectives to support the rationale for the selected alternative.

Optionally, the list of Suppression Resource costs, imbedded in the software, could be updated to reflect current costs, *if the Suppression Resource costing method might be used for WFSA development* (as opposed to the Suppression Cost per acre method).

After the Forest/Unit WFSA Prep file has been imported and/or edited, it must be distributed to all sub-units and properly filed in the WFSA Plus software for timely and efficient use to prepare a WFSA. Specifically, the Prep file must be filed in the “Costs” folder under the WFSA Plus directory.