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**To:** Forest Service Forest Supervisors and Bureau of Land Management District Managers

**Subject:** Fire Program Analysis

Attached is an Information Bulletin from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Director of Fire and Aviation Management, reiterating Fire Program Analysis (FPA) due dates. A similar letter from the Forest Service is expected at any time. Accompanying the BLM correspondence is a newsletter developed by the FPA Implementation Coordination Group that provides additional information. A generalized map of the current Fire Planning Unit (FPU) configurations is also attached.

The FPA process is interagency in scope which requires investing time in coordination. It is therefore important that you work together with your partners to facilitate freeing up needed personnel in a timely manner. For example, resource specialists are needed as participants in the weighting session. Fire management personnel are needed to provide input, attend interagency meetings, and run the model. Geographical Information System time is needed for developing shape files. Line Officers should also confer with their counterparts in their FPU to determine a process for dispute resolution.

At this time, some direction is still unclear. Be patient, but surface these types of issues through the fire planning channels. If no resolution is forthcoming, use your common sense, professional judgment, and document your decisions. One example is the Line Officer certification requirements described in the white paper "FPA PM Approval of Analysis Results." At courses and workshops this fall, Line Officer certification was described as "acknowledgement that all partners in the FPU were fairly represented in the process." The white paper describes two additional steps. This discrepancy has been elevated to the Steering Committee, and clarification will be shared as soon it is received.

A DVD entitled "Orientation for Line Officers" should be arriving soon. In addition, your fire management people can provide additional information on the planning process. For in-depth coverage of the topic visit the FPA website at <http://www.fpa.nifc.gov>.

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3 Attachment(s)

- 1 - [Information Bulletin-FA IB-2006-002](#) (3 pp)
- 2 - [September 2005 FPA Newsletter](#) (3 pp)
- 3 - [FPU map, PDF](#) (1 p)

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