



## Fire Program Analysis – Preparedness Module Terminology – Budget Submission Analysis

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**Topic: Clarification of terminology – unconstrained run vs. management objective constraint**

**Issue:** To avoid confusion with the user community the term “unconstrained run” should not be used to describe the budget submission analysis.

**Background:** Early in the development of FPA PM the term “unconstrained run” was coined to describe the analysis that would be forwarded for out-year budget submission. FPA PM uses the term constraint in the optimization formulation as well as applying to FMU constraints. An unconstrained run that has constraints included in the analysis becomes confusing to the end user.

**Key Points: Recommend that FPA PM discontinue the use of “unconstrained run” to describe the analysis that will be used for budget submission. The recommended term is “Budget Submission Analysis”.**