

Budget Allocation FAQs

NO.	FPA SUBJECT AREA	ANSWER BY	QUESTION / COMMENT ANSWERS
1.	Allocation	ICG	<p>When doing FPA interagency how will the budget come back down specific to agencies?</p> <p>As currently envisioned, the model will roll up the costs on the frontier curve. These costs represent a continuum of total costs based on the analysis of the FPU. When appropriations are approved and a specific point on the curve is chosen for allocation, the reverse process would occur, with budget elements separated out for each of the FPU partner agencies.</p>
2.	Allocation	ICG	<p>Will we be expected to apply the “results” from the runs literally or can we apply them with common sense adjustments if warranted?</p> <p>Once the funding is allocated to the field unit, there is an expectation that the target is implemented. Where large or significant program adjustments are indicated transition plans would need to be developed.</p>
3.	Allocation	ICG	<p>Show me the money! If FPUs are the basic unit for funding justifications how can all the budgeting allocations get spread down and out to all the federal players through the various agency hoops and distribution types?</p> <p>See the answer to Question #1.</p>
4.	Allocation	ICG	<p>After ringing all the bells and blowing all the whistles in this wonderful process, how do we protect the end results from political hatchet processes? MEL = preparedness budget. Reality = political priorities = preparedness budget.</p> <p>There is no guarantee that politics will not play a part in this process. FPA-PM is the analysis tool to provide decision makers with information.</p>
5.	Allocation	ICG	<p>Congress funds at a certain frontier level, will it be possible that one agency will be funded at a different level from the other?</p> <p>It is possible for that to happen. The Steering Committee is working hard to ensure processes are in place for equitable allocation.</p> <p>If so, what will be the effect of meeting IA requirements if you’re depending on another agency’s resource?</p> <p>See above.</p>
6.	Allocation	ICG	<p>If you have 8 refuges inside an FPU, how will your budget be allocated?</p> <p>See the answer to Question #1 and #5.</p>
7.	Allocation	ICG	<p>How will allocation process respond to changes in “partners” capability?</p> <p>We are unclear as to the intent of the question. What specific changes in partner capabilities were anticipated?</p>



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8.	Allocation	Agency	<p>You discuss NEPA implications with regard to the planning process, but the biggest problems may arise with the budget allocations based on FPA. That is, if the allocation decisions made by the DC level folks result in programs that – while optimized according to FPA – allow more burned acres than allowed by the FMP objectives, doesn't this suggest the selection of a new management alternative, thus requiring additional steps to ensure compliance with NEPA?</p> <p>This isn't the first time that you haven't been given sufficient funds to fully meet the objectives in your Land Management Plan. This is a fiscal decision that has no NEPA implications. The FPA-PM is a strategic analysis tool. Budget planning activities are categorically excluded from NEPA analysis. The question posed here may need to be forwarded to the agency leads.</p>
9.	Allocation	ICG	<p>Once an optimized organization, for an FPU is determined, how is it determined which agency will fund and manage the different resources? How is the budget pie and resource pie split and divided?</p> <p>After the optimized solution has been determined, resources will be assigned an owner by dispatch location. FPU participants have the option to reassign resources based on additional operational, political, and social considerations.</p>