

**Wildland Fire Use**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**  
 Compilation of Questions from Geographic Area Briefings

NO.	FPA SUBJECT AREA	ANSWER BY	QUESTION / COMMENT ANSWERS
1.	Wildland Fire Use	Core	<p>Can WFU in and of itself be a constraint?  <b>It is not clear what is being asked.</b>            How does this relate to fire policy?  <b>The system is designed to be consistent with federal fire policy.</b>            Also trying to portray organization needed to manage WFU.  <b>We are developing a system that will analyze the initial response needs of the federal fire protection agencies. We use the term initial response to include traditional initial attack and the response organization needed to implement Wildland Fire Use.</b></p>
2.	Wildland Fire Use	Core	<p>Fire behavior simulation works great for suppression fires: final fire size for suppression; fire containment assumptions, etc. How will wildland fire use be addressed? Explain this more specifically, please.  <b>The modeling of WFU is still being developed. The processes to model WFU will be as rigorous as the fire containment portion of the model.</b></p>
3.	Wildland Fire Use	Core	<p>Is WFU preparedness still being worked on? In some small wilderness and parks, WFU would need much more IA resources for more aggressive management such as herding and burning out. The level "IA" can be vastly different depending on tactics needed on each WFU. WFU could have as little as two monitors or monitoring from the air, up to aggressive holding using multiple resources. How will FPA handle the different tactics?  <b>The development team has significant experience with Wildland Fire Use, and is aware of these program differences and complexities. We are confident your concerns will be adequately addressed and available by the deadline.</b></p>

4.	Wildland Fire Use	Core	<p>Will we model modified suppression events (generally in wilderness areas) the same as a WFU event?</p> <p><b>The Steering Committee has instructed the development team to provide modeling capability for WFU and other Appropriate Management Response fire events. This capability may be similar to WFU, but may not be ready for deployment until after Oct 1, 2004.</b></p>
5.	Wildland Fire Use	Core	<p>The example (N. Washington FMU) described suppression and WFU. FPA and the example did not/does not clarify the appropriate management resource principles where the interface would be protected and the “suppression” fire confined on other flanks. Confine means low team planning and management. How does FPA address low team planning with the AMR?</p> <p><b>We are not familiar with the term “low team”. Be assured the FPA-PM system will be robust and can analyze the full spectrum of fire management responses.</b></p>
6.	Wildland Fire Use	Core	<p>Will this process truly incorporate the needs of WFU fires? They are each unique in terms of what kind of resource drawdown they create.</p> <p><b>The current formulation will include WFU event characteristics complexity, duration, and size in hopes of capturing the variability.</b></p> <p>And historical methods of quantifying production would not apply, i.e. They may required a larger number of aerial resources for monitoring, still require an IMT, etc. but not building handline.</p> <p><b>Developing the “production function” for wildland fire use will be a challenge. We anticipate the range of WFU events outcomes will need to be acknowledged (successful and unsuccessful) and alternate modeling pathways provided.</b></p>