

NFPORS Conference Call Notes:
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I missed a few items, but here is most of what we talked about...

1. How do we fill out the 10 year Implementation Plan report?
A Report will be added to NFPORS to help answer the questions. Currently, under the Unit lever (Forest) under treatment unit detail there is a report that can help.
2. Ken Cushing from the WO was on the Conference call to try to help. Ken said to use your best guess for now for what is not in NFPORS. Peter will pull a list of the performance measures and numbers that he can get out of NFPORS, and send it out.
3. Changes made in NFPORS will be reflected in the NFPORS Dashboard the following day. Updates are made at 0200. The NFPORS Dashboard can be viewed at nfpors.xservices.com user name is webuser, password is rpts4you.
4. There will be a portlet developed that lists potential errors. It will be at the Forest level. It should help us clean up the Treatment Units. Once that portlet is in place, we will be given a deadline for cleaning up the data.
5. The portlets for Treatments and Activities are filtered by the FY you have selected. When you go to the projects list and hit the more key, you get all years
6. Unfunded projects. With the next release of the program (end of April), there will be an additional entry. It will ask for the FY Obligated. This will help know what projects have planning completed; no operations started, but could be funded. Also, it will show the projects funded with carryover.
7. Congressional districts update? USGS does the updates to the GEO MAC program which is where the lat/longs find the congressional districts, etc. Peter will check on when USGS will update this so the correct Congressional districts and names show up. In the mean time, there will probably be a mass update to correct the Congressional districts stuff.
8. Copy button? The ability to copy a treatment is being developed., so you can copy the treatment to the next year if it was not completed the first year.
9. We need an additional category of Inventory under Activities for acrchy clearances, etc. If you have suggestions for new activities, treatments, etc, send this info to the helpdesk at nfpors.bah.com. They are very helpful and receptive to changes (within reason!)

10. We will be able to identify projects by District (subunit) soon if we choose to enter the info. Then there will be a way at the Forest level to filter out by district.
11. Lats and Longs- at the project level they are not mandatory, at the Treatment Unit level they are, because they tie back to Congressional district, state, county etc. If you are starting out with a new project, it would be a good idea to put in the lat/long. So..for the new projects enter a lat/long, if you are cleaning up FY 03 stuff, don't worry about the lat/longs at the project level.
12. Cooperators...we are inferring FS is involved, including other Forests who might be assisting. Enter other agencies or other cooperators.
13. The manual was updated in January. It is being updated again. It will be in electronic form. There will be a help link eventually in NFPORS. Peter will let us know when the manual is available, and what the FRP site will be. The current manual and other training material is at <ftp://na.fs.fed.us>. There are two folders there in the outgoing folder. Look for National Fire Plan, Training, Users guides and manuals.
14. Treatments. Thinning is one treatment (say 500 acres), the piling of the slash (same 500 acres) is another treatment, and the burning of the piles (same 500 acres) is an additional treatment. The "total workload" of the treatments is 1500 acres. The total workload adds all of the treatments acreage together. The "footprint" of the treatments however is 500 acres, all in the same treatment unit.
15. There are key fields that are not starred that are important. All of the fields identified in the database have a reason for collecting the info. So..if you can fill in the blanks for your project....do it! Condition Class observations are critical.
16. Cost pools. Indirect costs are what should be entered in the cost per acres calculations. It is not intended for the database and your budget allocation to align.
17. We will have another conference call on the third Thursday in May. We will keep them going for awhile (third Thursdays of the month) to work out the bugs.