

Effectiveness Monitoring Group

Problem Statement

National need to develop an interagency monitoring framework with standardized reporting and benchmarks of success that can answer the following questions:

1. Are the fundamental project and resource management objectives being accomplished?
2. Are the risks being reduced?

Characteristics of a successful an interagency monitoring program:

1. Consistent Funding

- Specific funding allocated to monitoring that is stable over time.
- Future allocation of monitoring funds will be incorporated into Fire Planning Analysis (FPA) at the fire planning unit level.

2. Standard Data Reporting

- Multi- scaled and tiered
- Local project unit level to National level
 - Accomplishment of resource objectives
 - Risk Reduction

Quantitative

Qualitative

Methods

Relative Measure of Success

(i.e., 0-20%, 21-40, 41-60, 61-80, 81-100%)

Comments Section

3. Efficiency

- Utilize existing fire monitoring programs as “Seeds” for Interagency Monitoring Crews (i.e., GT/BT) where appropriate.
- Integrate with other resource monitoring activities.
- Use an interdisciplinary approach to fire regime and condition class (FRCC) model to ensure quality control, training, and data management and analysis.
- Standardized attributes to facilitate data sharing
- Identify critical software to meet monitoring needs
- Identify critical positions for data stewardship and analysis

4. Adaptive Management

- Actually use monitoring data in feedback loop to improve or modify resource management practices

5. Utilize current resources, programs, tools (i.e., FRCC)