



Joint Fire Science Program

Research Supporting Sound Decisions

We Heard You!

In 2006, the JFSP sought out managers, field experts, and policy makers to determine future fire science research and priorities for synthesis. We heard you and are now prepared to deliver on what we heard.

Without a Doubt

We solicited input using letters and meetings throughout the nation with fire managers. Two suggestions were universally heard from the fire community:

1. Synthesize the existing volume of information.
2. Conduct an independent examination of all key fire and fuels software and provide management recommendations.

Why JFSP?

Interagency Partners – we work across all landscapes and ownerships

Nimble – we are able to respond to emerging issues through our annual proposal process

Competitive – our peer reviewed process involves line officers, field experts, and scientists to ensure only the best proposals receive funding

Focused – customer needs and applied information for managers are our primary concerns

2007 Lines of Research

Synthesis

In response to what we heard from listening sessions, we are adding significant funding to synthesize the wealth and volume of existing science information into a context that is useful to decision makers. Included in the synthesis line of work is the independent examination of key fire and fuels software.

Manager – Scientist Roundtables

It is important that we focus on what managers need, follow the format they desire, and deliver products in a timely manner. We will continue asking our customers and partners about their priorities in a series of manager – scientist roundtables across the nation that will help us define issues, needs, and useful products.

Competitive Research

We will continue the competitive award process that delivers the highest quality research findings to support sound decisions.

Next Steps

We want to confirm what we have heard with our partner's before the 2007 competitive research questions are advertised.

An Interagency Research Partnership

