

2011 Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation Procedures Guide Review Questions

Agency Administrators Pre-Ignition Check List and Prescribed Fire Go/No Go Checklist (Element 2)

Is the current guidance on the intent and use of the Agency Administrators Pre-Ignition Approval Checklist understandable or does it need clarification?

If not what are your suggestions for improvement?

Does the use of the “expiration date” on the Agency Administrators Pre-Ignition Approval Checklist need to be clarified?

If yes what are your suggestions for improvement?

Are the questions currently contained in the Agency Administrators Pre-Ignition Approval Checklist and Prescribed Fire Go/No go Checklists the right questions given the intent and timing of the two checklists?

If Not what are your suggestions for improvement? Which questions would you remove or revise? What new Questions would you recommend be added?

Complexity (Element 3)

There appears to be confusion over how to handle multiple complexity analyses for projects that are landscape scale/long duration prescribed fire or where prescribed fire plans deal with multiple implementation phases or sequences or the complexity of implementation changes over the life of the projects

Is it clear when you need to do multiple complexity analyses?

If not what are your suggestions for improvement?

Is it clear that you can combine multiple element complexity ratings in the same complexity analysis, as long as the differences are explained in the rationale?

If not what are your suggestions for improvement?

Project Boundary (Element 4a)

Is the concept of project boundary clear?

If not, would you like to see different terminology used to describe where a prescribed fire maybe allowed to burn, such as maximum manageable area (MMA) or contingency area?

Other suggested terms?

Contingency Element 17

Is the guidance in the Contingency element (17) adequate for you to prepare and implement prescribed fire projects?

If not what are your suggestions for improvement?

Landscape Scale/Long Duration Prescribed Fires (Multiple Elements)

Recent escape fire reviews (Red Rock, 2009; The Jungle, 2007 and Sanford, 2003) indicate that interagency prescribed fire guide direction related to managing landscape scale/long duration prescribed fires could be improved.

Which of the Interagency Prescribed Fire elements do you feel need to be strengthened to improve the management of landscape scale/long duration prescribed fire? For example: Element 4 (Description of the Prescribed Fire Area) and the fact that fuel conditions may change during treatment.

What suggestions or recommendations do you have for the improvement of these elements regarding landscape scale/long duration prescribed fires?

Declared Wildfire Reviews (p31 of RX fire guide)

Are the objectives of a declared wildfire review written to facilitate a learning opportunity?

If not, how should the objectives be changed?

Are the 7 elements that should be addressed adequate? If not, what would you change? Should additional elements be added?

Adding Examples and Hints to the Guide

Would you like to see examples and hints located in the appendix that could provide assistance in prescribed fire plan preparation?

What examples or hints would be beneficial?