

3.3.9. Appendix I: Monitoring and Evaluation

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a) FMP Monitoring

All members of the FPU will be involved, along with resource specialist from their jurisdiction, in annual reviews of this FMP. Certain pages within this document are designed to be changed on a yearly basis.

The Fire Managers and Agency Administrators of the Primary Jurisdictions will designate who is responsible for these updates, and assign it in the annual Program of Work.

b) Program Monitoring

Locally each jurisdiction has protocols in place to evaluate the effectiveness of their programs. Other program elements such as fuels management have routines to evaluate whether a project best fits the purpose it was designed to implement.

The Federal Agencies follow the monitoring protocol for goal and annual trend analysis as described in the RMP and LRMPs. These are detailed in an annual monitoring report for each of the federal agencies in this FPU.

Monitoring is an integral part of the Federal Land Management Plans. Projects and programs are monitored for consistency with the plans and to test the validity of the plans themselves. The 3 types of monitoring used by land use or resource management plans are:

- Implementation – used to determine if the standards and guides were followed.
- Effectiveness – evaluating if the application of the management plan achieved the desired goals.
- Validation – are the underlying resource management assumptions correct.

There is provision for amendment or revision of the Federal Land Management Plans where monitoring shows a need for change or when changes in laws and regulations occur.

Three critical areas to be monitored by the primary jurisdictions of this FPU for compliance with land and resource management plans are:

- Air Quality
- Rural Interface Areas (WUI)
- Fire/Fuels Management