



Spatial Fire Management Unit Definitions

APU-Asset Protection Unit- Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)

Primary Objective: Protection of life/property, infrastructure, and high value resources without compromising firefighter safety. Wildland fire may be undesirable. Emphasize fuel treatments to create fire-adapted communities.

Primary Strategic/Operational Considerations:

- Place highest priority on the allocation of available suppression forces to fires threatening sites in the APU over fires in RMU or WMU.
- Full perimeter control will receive highest priority for suppression resources. Confinement and fire use will be limited, maybe utilized in rare occasions, based on site-specific circumstances with documented direction from line officer. Examples include confining fire to a designated area to treat fuels once structures are secure or if fire is burning away from structures towards RMU.
- Place highest priority on fuels treatments over RMU or WMU to create defensible space and increase landscape resiliency.

RMU-Resource Management Unit (Non-WUI)

Primary Objective: Protection of life/property, infrastructure, and high value resources without compromising firefighter safety. Promote the use of fire as a desirable component of the ecosystem. Coordinate fuels treatments with proposed strategies for unplanned ignitions to protect values at risk and promote landscape resiliency.

Primary Strategic/Operational Considerations:

- Prioritize response to wildland fire over WMU but secondary to APU.
- Emphasis will be perimeter control where needed, and confinement/point protection elsewhere (based on operational thresholds).
- Use of Wildland Fire to protect, maintain, and enhance natural and cultural resources is available within defined weather and fuel moisture conditions with documented decision analysis and support process.
- Prioritize fuels treatments within the RMU to increase opportunities to use confinement and point protection as strategies near values at risk and promote landscape resiliency. Areas with high hazard and or strategic location will be identified for fuels projects to reduce or moderate fire behavior, especially at preplanned strategically located management action points.
- Interagency Cooperator agreements must be in place to determine the management of wildfire threat occurring on or off trust lands.

WMU-Wildland Management Unit

Primary Objective: With emphasis on firefighter and public safety, use wildland fire to protect, maintain, and enhance natural and cultural resources. Enable fire to function in its ecological role and maintain the natural fire regime. Weigh the costs and associated environmental impacts of suppression actions against the values to be protected while considering benefits/resource objectives and firefighter and public safety.

Primary Strategic/Operational Considerations:

- Utilize all strategies as needed (based on operational thresholds) with primary consideration for resource values and objectives.
- Use of Wildland Fire is routinely available with documented decision analysis and support process.
- Minimize adverse effects of fire suppression efforts
- Realize short and long term cost effectiveness and efficiencies.
- Prioritize fuels treatments within the WMU to increase opportunities to use point protection as a strategy near values at risk and promote landscape resiliency.
- Interagency Cooperator agreements must be in place to determine the management of wildfire threat occurring on or off trust lands.