

COURSE: Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation

TOPIC: Contingency Planning (Unit 7)

SUGGESTED TIME: 2.0 Hours

TRAINING AIDS NEEDED: Overhead projector and view graphs (optional), flip chart, laptop computer with BEHAVE PLUS, video projection system for powerpoint presentation

**INSTRUCTOR NOTES:**

This is another difficult unit to teach in a short period of time. This unit was updated December 2003. New material has been added to the end of this lesson that discusses the cumulative effects of weather and drought on fire behavior. More explanation has also been added regarding when to declare an escaped prescribed fire a wildland fire.

As in Unit 4, this unit should be taught using a computer with BEHAVE PLUS and a projection system. This is the best way to present the material, with the students working along with the instructor.

The FWS Lowden Fire Task Group made some findings and recommendations, and they have been included in this lesson. These areas include assuring the fire severity (drought) is adequately addressed in prescribed fire plans, and assuring the availability of contingency forces.