

***Appendix E. Sacramento River National  
Wildlife Refuge Fire Management Plan***



The Department of the Interior (DOI) fire management policy requires that all refuges with vegetation that can sustain fire must have a Fire Management Plan that details fire management guidelines for operational procedures and values to be protected/enhanced. The Fire Management Plan (FMP) for the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) provides guidance on preparedness, prescribed fire, wildland fire, and prevention. Values to be considered in the FMP include protection of Refuge resources and neighboring private properties, effects of burning on refuge habitats/biota, and firefighter safety. Refuge resources include properties, structures, cultural resources, trust species including Endangered, Threatened, and species of special concern, and their associated habitats. The FMP will be reviewed periodically to ensure that the fire program is conducted in accordance and evolves with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) mission and the Refuge's goals and objectives.

The FMP is written to provide guidelines for appropriate suppression and prescribed fire programs at Sacramento River NWR. Prescribed fires may be used to reduce hazard fuels, restore the natural processes and vitality of ecosystems, improve wildlife habitat, remove or reduce non-native species, and/or conduct research.

This plan will help achieve resource management objectives by enabling the Refuge to utilize prescribed fire, as one of several tools, to control non-native vegetation and reduce fire hazards in grassland and riparian habitats. It will be used in conjunction with other management tools that are currently applied on Refuge properties (i.e., grazing, mowing and herbicide applications) to meet resource objectives.

It is the intent of the USFWS to conduct wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire operations within the Sacramento River NWR.

Copies of the plan are available for review at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 752 County Road 99W, Willows, California 95988. (530) 934-2801.

Copies are also available via the internet at the following address  
<http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov>

