

Appendix G. Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR Evaluation Plan

The following table will be reviewed and updated annually by refuge staff.

Year 1					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Visitor Services Goal					
Objective 4 <i>Is there an established Friends Group, and are volunteers actively being recruited?</i>					
Facilities Management Goal					
Objective 7 <i>Was an archaeological survey conducted before groundbreaking activities?</i>					

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Objective 8 <i>Did the Refuge work closely with companies who oversee oil and gas development and exploration?</i>					
Year 2					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Year 3					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					

Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Year 4					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Year 5					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					

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Objective 4 <i>Were invasive flora species reduced by 50%?</i>					
Objective 7 <i>Was coordination with Lower Colorado River Authority and neighboring landowners initiated?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Objective 4 <i>Were invasive fauna species reduced by 40%?</i>					
Visitor Services Goal					
Objective 5 <i>Do 40% of visitors have the opportunity to view Attwater's prairie-chicken?</i>					
Facilities Management Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was headquarters replaced with new administrative complex?</i>					
Objective 2 <i>Were public use roads reconfigured?</i>					

Year 6					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Year 7					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					

Year 8					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Facilities Management Goal					
Objective 4 <i>Was infrastructure associated with grazing program repaired and replaced?</i>					
Objective 5 <i>Was Phase I of fence removal project completed?</i>					

Year 9					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Year 10					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Objective 2 <i>Were man-made impoundments restored?</i>					

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Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Objective 5 <i>Was a survey conducted to determine distribution and abundance of key species?</i>					
Year 11					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					

Year 12					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Year 13					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					

Year 14					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Year 15					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Habitat Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Was approximately 7,000 acres of prairie maintained at 75% grassland and not more than 10% woody cover?</i>					
Objective 3 <i>Were restoration activities on previously cultivated areas completed?</i>					

Objective 5 <i>Were all acres in approved acquisition boundary acquired?</i>					
Objective 6 <i>Were prairie habitats and conditions monitored to determine effects of climate change?</i>					
Wildlife Goal					
Objective 1 <i>Does the Refuge support a population of 500 breeding Attwater's prairie-chickens?</i>					
Objective 2 <i>Were at least 3 wildlife food plots provided?</i>					
Objective 3 <i>Were partnerships strengthened and new ones developed?</i>					
Facilities Management Goal					
Objective 3 <i>Were 15 miles of service roads removed?</i>					
Objective 3 <i>Were 37 miles of service roads maintained?</i>					

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Objective 6 <i>Was Phase II of fence removal project needed? If so, was it completed?</i>					
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The following are dependent on hiring a visitor services specialist.

Year 2					
Plan Component	Objective met?	Detail	Link to Refuge I & M Step Down Plan	Plan Revision/Amendment Needed?	Plan Revision/Amendment Explanation
Visitor Services Goal					
Objective 2 <i>Is there an established EE program supporting 1,000 students annually?</i>					
Objective 3 <i>Do 50% of Refuge visitors understand the purpose of the Refuge?</i>					