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Welcome to the GGNRA Fire Management Plan public scoping meeting.

Agenda:

- Presentation
- Work Stations
- Wrap up/Next steps

What is a Fire Management Plan?

- Plan that guides actions related to wildland fire within the park.
- Long range plan:
 - reduce risk to people and property
 - protect and improve park resources
- Required by Federal Regulations.



Why have a Fire Management Plan?

- Dept. of Interior: Director's Order #18
 "Each park with vegetation capable of burning will prepare a fire management plan to guide a fire management program..."
- 2. Update the 1993 Plan to conform to new regulations and advances in management techniques.





Why have a Fire Management Plan?

3. Help achieve park objectives

- Natural resource protection
- Cultural resource protection
- Visitor protection
- Property protection

4. Reduce the risk of catastrophic fires in the San Francisco Bay Area



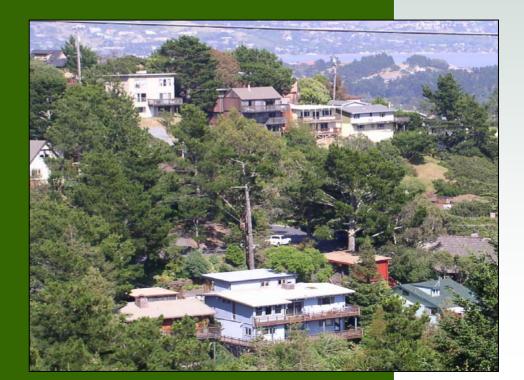
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 Address the fire hazard on GGNRA lands in San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo Counties, including many miles of Wildland-Urban Interface.

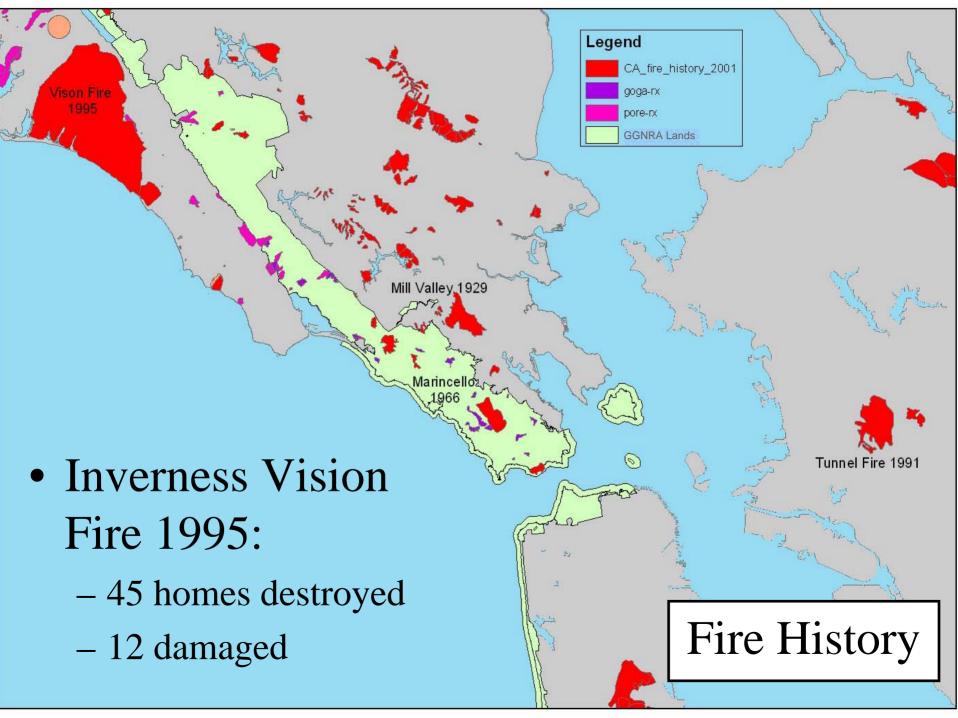


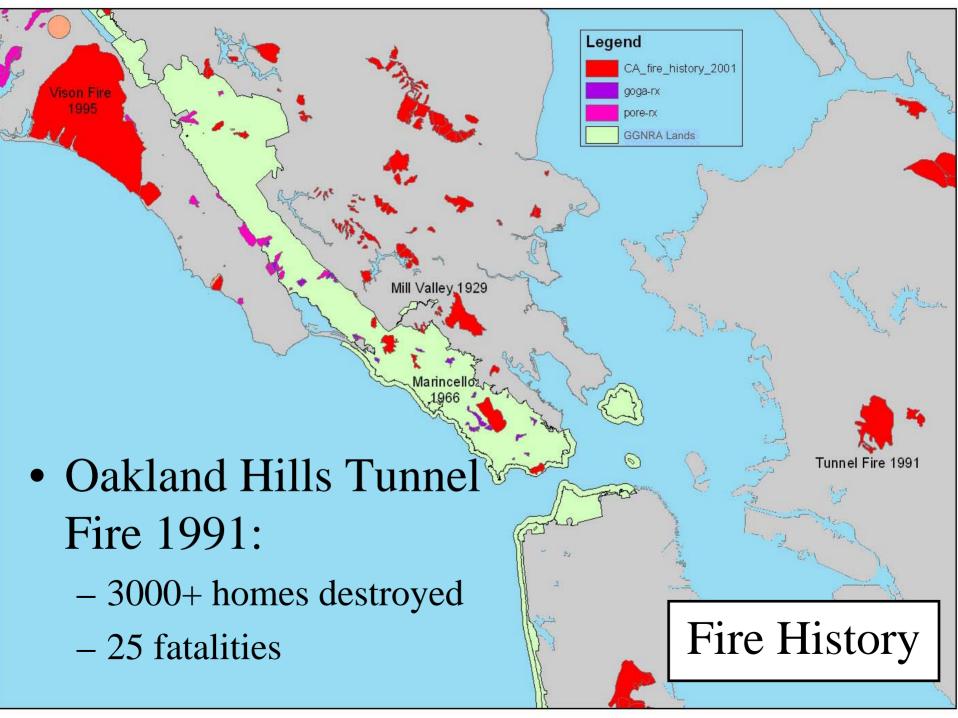
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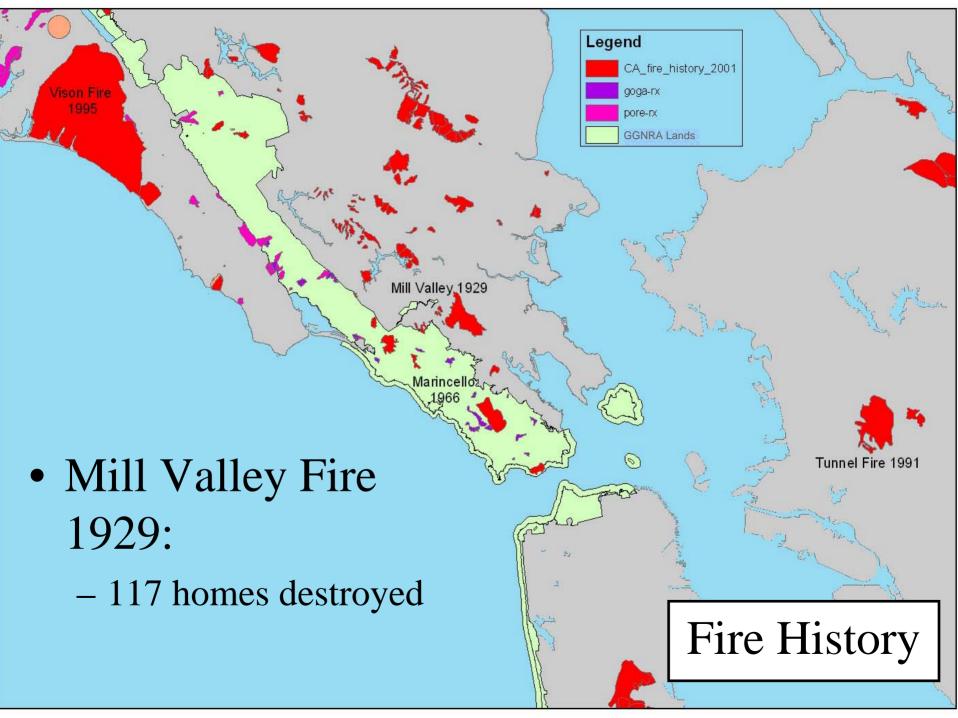
- Where homes/businesses and wildlands meet.
- Heavy vegetation near structures.
- Wildland fire could threaten structures.
- Fire originating in structures may spread to wildland areas.











Fire Management Plan Process

National Environmental Policy Act Process:

- Public and Agency Scoping 8/6/03 to 12/05/03
- Draft EIS 07/04
- Public Review Period 07/04 through 10/04
- Final EIS and Response to Comments 12/04
- Record of Decision -- 02/05



Fire Management Plan Scoping

- Scoping will identify key issues to be addressed in the Fire Management Plan
- Draft goals for the Plan have been developed



Goal 1: Life Safety

• Ensure that firefighter and public safety is the highest priority for all fire management activities.





Goal 2: Property Safety

 Reduce wildland fire risk to private and public property.





Goal 3: Natural Resources

Use fire management, wherever appropriate, to sustain and restore natural resources and protect natural resources from adverse effects of fire and fire management activities.





Goal 4: Cultural Resources

Preserve historic structures, landscapes and archeological resources from adverse effects of fire and fire management activities, and use fire management, wherever appropriate, to rehabilitate or restore these cultural resources.





Goal 5: Management Techniques

 Refine management practices by improving knowledge and understanding of fire through research and monitoring.





Goal 6: Ensure staff expertise

• Develop and maintain staff expertise in all aspects of fire management.





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Goal 7: Internal Coordination

• Effectively integrate the fire management program into all park activities and operations.







Goal 8: Ongoing Public Involvement

• Foster informed public participation in fire management activities.





Goal 9: Working Together

• Foster and maintain interagency fire management partnerships and contribute to the firefighting effort at the local, state, and national level.













Questions:

- What would you like to see the Fire Management Plan accomplish?
- What topics and issues should be addressed in the Fire Management Plan?
- What methods should be used to accomplish your desired results?
- What other concerns do you have regarding the Fire Management Plan?



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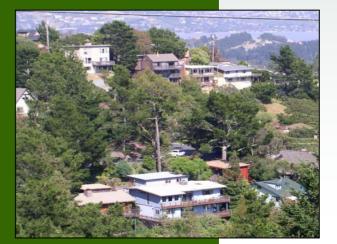
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- 6. Parting Comments





Further Input

- Scoping Comments
 - mail, email, input at today's workshop
- Review the Draft EIS and Comment
 - to be available online, on CD and printed copies
- Sign up for the postal mailing list
- Sign up for email list
- Explore the website

www.nps.gov/goga/fire



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Contact Information for Comments

Mail to: Superintendent Golden Gate National Recreation Area Fort Mason, Building 201 San Francisco, CA 94123 Attn: Fire Management Plan.

E-mail comments to: GOGA_Public_Affairs@nps.gov Please type "Fire Management Plan Scoping" in the subject line.

Comments must be received by December 5, 2003

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