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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



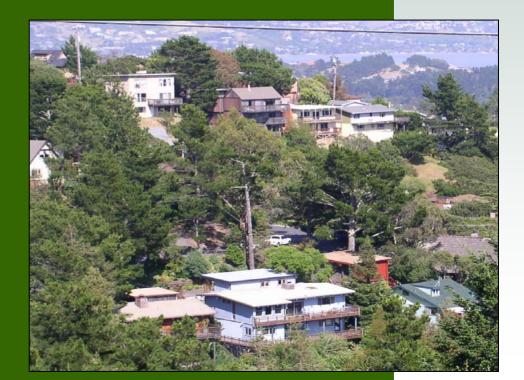
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 Address the fire hazard on GGNRA lands in San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo Counties, including many miles of Wildland-Urban Interface.

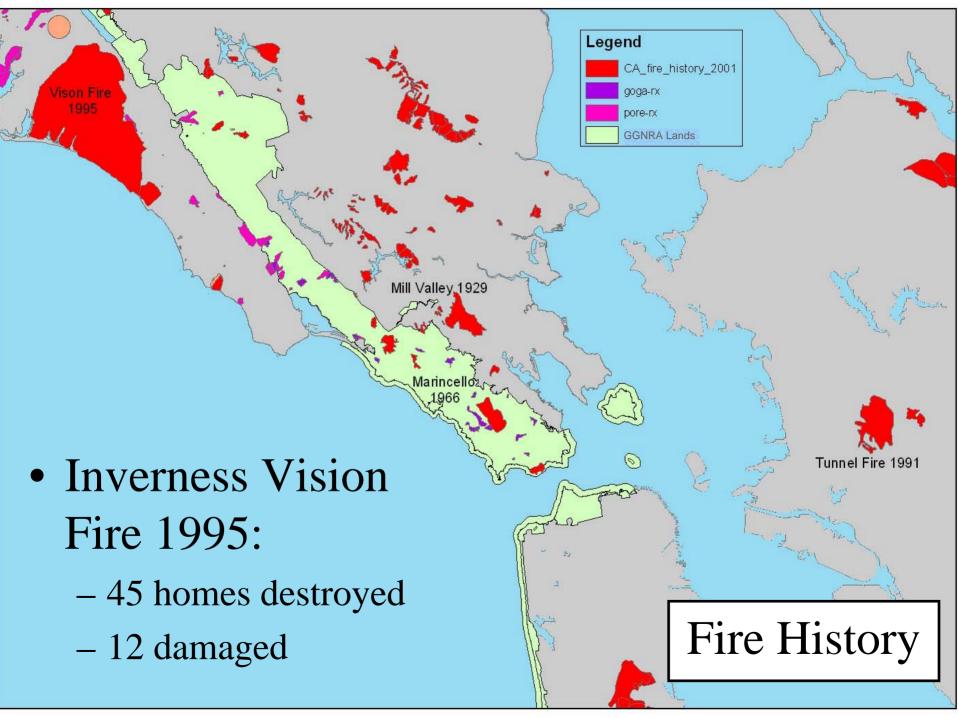


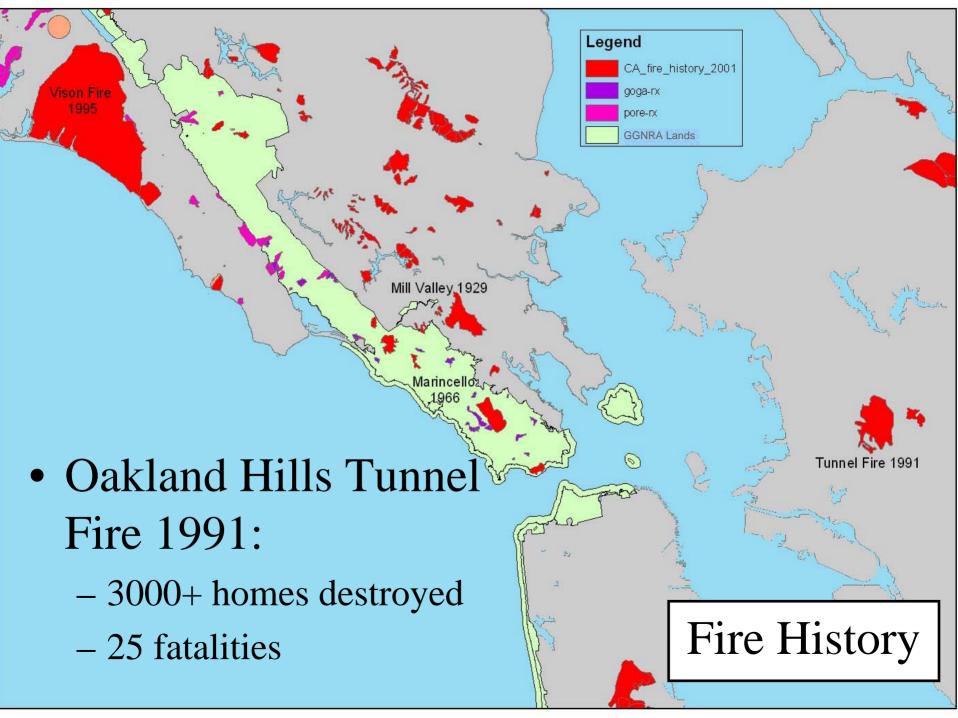
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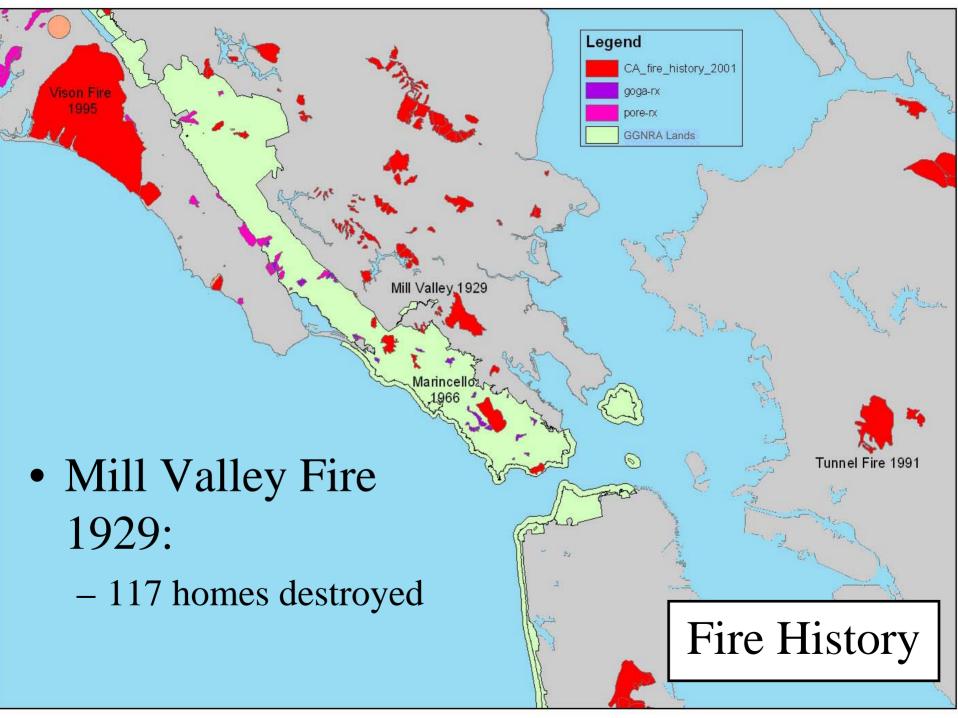
- Where homes/businesses and wildlands meet.
- Heavy vegetation near structures.
- Wildland fire could threaten structures.
- Fire originating in structures may spread to wildland areas.











**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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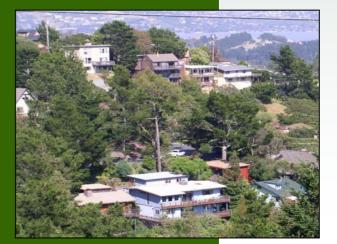
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- 6. Parting Comments





### **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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