

## Reclamation Manual

### Directives and Standards

#### Wildland Fire Management (WFM) Project Reimbursement by Project Beneficiary

Reimbursability occurs when Reclamation provides services and support to others. “Yes” means the cost is reimbursable, “No” means the cost is not reimbursable by project beneficiaries. Please note that the table may be influenced by individual repayment and operations and maintenance contracts.

Reclamation Activity Description	Reimbursable	Comments/Discussion
<b>Pre-Fire Event Activities</b>		
Fire Management Plans (FMP)	No	Similar to development of standard operating procedures and resource management plans.
Hazard fuels reduction activities periodically done as normal facilities maintenance.	Yes	Tree-thinning, shrub/grass removal.
Landscape scale hazard fuels reduction activities done as part of a Reclamation or joint-agency effort.	No	Examples: (1) Interagency tree-thinning project on a large area that includes Reclamation lands; (2) Isolated projects on Reclamation lands needing hazard fuels reduction.
WFM coordination with other fire management entities and agencies.	No	A necessary part of FMP development.
WFM training and certification of Reclamation employees.	No	
<b>Fire Event Activities</b>		
Prescribed burns – to facilitate project operations.	Yes	Examples: (1) Pre-irrigation season clearing of vegetation from canals; (2) Burning of piled slash from routine vegetation clearing efforts.
Prescribed burns – other types.	No	Examples: (1) Cooperative or agency efforts to reduce hazard fuels on Reclamation or adjoining lands; (2) Marsh burns to improve wildlife habitat and/or reduce hazard fuels.
Wildland fire suppression on non-Federal lands.	Yes (1)  No (2)	(1) Fire caused by nature or managing partner personnel or operations, private entities, or the public. (2) Fire caused by Reclamation personnel and/or activities.

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<b>Post-Fire Event Activities</b>		
Facility scale emergency non-Federal land and structure repair and rehabilitation (e.g., building reconstruction, contouring, and erosion control).	Yes (1)	(1) Fire caused by nature or managing partner personnel or operations, private entities, or the public.
	No (2)	(2) Fire caused by Reclamation personnel and/or activities.
Facility scale emergency Reclamation land and structure repair and rehabilitation (e.g., building reconstruction, contouring, and erosion control).	Yes (1)	(1) Fire caused by managing partner personnel or operations, private entities, or the public.
	No (2)	(2) Fire caused by nature or Reclamation personnel.
Post-fire analysis and/or investigation and administration of funding and coordination of agreements.	No	
Landscape scale short-term emergency stabilization of burned areas for the purpose of preventing erosion, sedimentation, and/or pollution of project water facilities and/or sources.	Yes (1)	(1) Fire caused by managing partner personnel or operations, private entities, or the public.
	No (2)	(2) Fire caused by nature or Reclamation personnel.
Landscape scale long-term rehabilitation activities – planting trees and grasses, re-contouring, soil treatment, etc.	Yes (1)	(1) Fire caused by managing partner personnel or operations, private entities, or the public.
	No (2)	(2) Fire caused by nature or Reclamation personnel.
Fire Reporting. Required fire occurrence information will be provided by fire-fighting agency to Reclamation contact for reporting into Wildland Fire Management Information System-Fire Reporting Module and National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System.	No	All wildland or prescribed fires on Reclamation land, or wildland fires that occur on adjacent lands that require Reclamation support.