

**Table 1****State Parks Provided Some Evidence of Its Wildfire Resilience Activities in Chino Hills State Park**

| WILDFIRE RESILIENCE ACTIVITIES AND POLICIES IN STATE PARKS' GUIDANCE                                        | EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                                                                                              | EVIDENCE PROVIDED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | AUDITOR DETERMINATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Within defensible space zones,* modify vegetation to meet specific standards. <sup>†</sup>                  | The hazards should generally be mitigated as they exist, besides grass-dominated vegetation types, which should be mitigated annually. Other vegetation types should be mitigated at varying frequencies, depending on growth. <sup>‡</sup> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>2024, 2025, and 2026:</b> Email communication regarding defensible space activities and wildfire resilience activities.</li> <li>2. <b>2025:</b> Two defensible space assessment logs and internal meeting notes regarding wildfire resilience activities.</li> <li>3. <b>Unspecified timeframe:</b> The park's internal road and fire guidance, which includes information relevant to wildfire resilience activities.</li> </ol> | Defensible space activities were performed in 2025, though the extent of the work is not specified in documentation. Our team observed vegetation changes at the park that indicated that these activities occurred between January 2026 and May 2026.                                   |
| Inspect the park's campground and clear annual weeds to an appropriate level.                               | Annually.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>2024:</b> A report of herbicide to maintain vegetation around the campground.</li> <li>2. <b>2025:</b> A defensible space log for campground work.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Vegetation management was performed in the campground in 2024 and 2025, though the extent of that work is not specified in documentation. Our team observed vegetation changes at the park that indicated that these activities occurred between January 2026 and May 2026. <sup>§</sup> |
| Maintain service roads in the park as best as possible according to the park's roads and trails guidelines. | As needed to meet the park's roads and trails guidelines.                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>2021 through 2024:</b> Sporadic reports of herbicide used to manage vegetation along park roads.<sup>  </sup></li> <li>2. <b>2026:</b> Maps of mowing along park roads.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Road and trail maintenance occurred in 2024 and 2026, though the extent of the work is not specified in documentation. Our team observed that the roads were maintained at the park between January 2026 and May 2026.                                                                   |

Source: State Parks documentation and auditor analysis.

\* Defensible Space Zones use vegetation management techniques necessary to enhance the survivability of an existing structure by eliminating all flammable materials touching the structure and eliminating most flammable materials close to the structure. Defensible Space Zones begin at all exposed building surfaces and extend into the surrounding area for as many as, but usually fewer than, 130 feet. The exact distance may vary depending on vegetation type and the slope from the structure.

<sup>†</sup> For example, activities in these defensible space zones may include felling dead trees or live trees with poor vigor or flush-cutting tree stumps that come into contact with a structure.

<sup>‡</sup> For example, tree-dominated vegetation types should be mitigated when tree crown cover exceeds half of the treatment area.

<sup>§</sup> During our May 2026 site visit to Chino Hills State Park, our team viewed every habitable structure that would require defensible space activities, every campsite, the only paved road, and most other roads that require vegetation maintenance for wildfire resilience. Our team determined that State Parks generally conducted wildfire resilience activities in accordance with the requirements in the park's Wildfire Management Plan between January 2026 and May 2026.

<sup>||</sup> According to the district's senior environmental scientist, there are no herbicide logs from the middle of 2024 through early 2026 because of personnel turnover during that time. Specifically, there was a vacancy for the position responsible for this activity.