

Table B**Policies and Procedures in Chino Hills State Park's Wildfire Management Plan Compared to Guidance From State Parks Headquarters and the National Park Service**

SOURCE	GUIDANCE	PARK'S WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN
State Parks Headquarters	Include a fire management objectives section describing the specific wildfire management objectives of the park that also identifies whether the park is fire adapted and may benefit from managed wildfire, or whether the park has burned too frequently and the primary objective is preventing wildfire.	- The park's plan provides land management objectives related to wildfire, which are equivalent to example fire management objectives provided by the template. - The park's plan identifies the park as burning too frequently due to human-caused fires.
	Include a park unit description section that provides an overview of the park unit. This section can include: - Average response times for each fire response agency. - Maps of known hazards, gas lines, and power lines in the park. - A description of the topography with consideration of features likely to impact fire behavior. - A description of the climate, noting large regional patterns and any specific climatic pattern that impact fuels and fire behavior. - A description of wildland-urban interfaces along park boundaries. - A description of the natural resources of the park, including descriptions of vegetative communities, special status and protected species, and plant species of special fire hazard concern. - A description of cultural resources like historical structures. - A description of park facilities, highlighting critical park infrastructure. - A description of public safety concerns, describing any factors that are relevant to wildfire response.	The park's plan includes a section overviewing the park unit. - This section and the rest of the plan do not include the average response time for each fire response agency. - Although not present in this section, the plan does include a map of gas and power lines in the park. - This section and the rest of the plan do not include a description of the park's topography. - This section does include a section on the park's climate and does note specific climate patterns that impact fuels and fire behavior. - This section and the rest of the plan do not include a map or description of any wildland-urban interfaces. - This section does include a description of the natural resources and vegetation types within the park. - This section and the rest of the plan do not include a description of the cultural resources at the park. - Although not present in this section, the plan discusses park facilities and infrastructure in the compartments section, which is analyzed below. - Although not present in this section, the plan discusses safety concerns as they related to buildings and infrastructure located within the compartments, which is analyzed below.
	- Include a utilities and powerline clearance section identifying the location and constraints for all utilities, including underground features such as gas lines and water mains, as well as powerline voltages, locations, and vegetation clearance requirements. - This section may include a table showing the minimum clearance standards at different power line voltages.	- The park's plan includes a map of the gas, water, and power lines that cross through the park and sections discussing power line clearance and natural gas lines. - The park's plan does not include a description or table of power line voltages or vegetation clearance requirements at different voltages.

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	Include a wildfire compartments section describing the different wildfire compartments of the park, which should be identified by topography, major vegetation types, rivers, roads, trails, and other features that naturally break up the landscape. The compartment descriptions should include: • The specific fuel, topography, and special weather considerations that may impact fire behavior. • Any ingress/egress routes, gates, and critical access points. • Critical road features. • The location of all water sources. • The location and size of all pre-determined dozer lines, safety zones, and temporary refuge areas. • Critical park infrastructure/facilities along with wildland-urban interfaces. • Known hazards. • A description in detail of all sensitive natural and cultural resources and any required avoidance or mitigation measures that may impact fire suppression tactics.	The park's plan provides descriptions and a map of five compartments. • The compartment descriptions do not identify fuel, topography, or special weather considerations that may impact fire behavior. • The compartment descriptions do identify ingress/egress routes when relevant to the compartment. • The compartment descriptions do identify critical road features, such as one-way roads, when relevant to the compartment. • The compartment descriptions do identify one water source. • The compartment descriptions identify the location, but not the size, of predetermined dozer lines, safety zones, and temporary refuge areas, when relevant to the compartment. • The compartment descriptions do identify the location of park infrastructure and facilities, such as the park's Discovery Center, when relevant to the compartment, but the compartment descriptions do not include wildland-urban interfaces. • The compartment descriptions do identify known hazards, such as utility gas and power lines, when relevant to the compartment. • The compartment descriptions do identify sensitive natural resources with any required avoidance or mitigation measures that may impact fire suppression tactics, when relevant to the compartment.
	• Include a wildfire planning section describing relevant emergency response plans. • This section may include a planning schedule and timelines and/or conditions for reviewing and updating these plans. • This section may include recommendations that staff participate in a number of different meetings with staff, responding agencies, and local Fire Safe Councils.	• The park's plan does not describe relevant emergency response plans. • The plan does not include planning schedules or timelines for reviewing and updating such plans. • The plan does require that the park superintendent or manager meet with fire suppression agencies and appropriate staff to review and update the plan and to provide opportunities for new employees from any agency to become acquainted with the plan.
	• Include a wildfire preparedness section describing the wildfire preparedness goals and objectives for the park. • This section can introduce measures taken to address wildfire preparedness, the approximate number of fire-trained staff, and fire equipment available.	• The park's plan does not include a section describing wildfire preparedness goals and objectives for the park. • The plan also does not describe measures taken to address wildfire preparedness, nor does it include the approximate number of fire-trained staff or fire equipment available.
	Include a wildfire prevention section describing the wildfire prevention measures undertaken for the park unit including the following: • Public information techniques. • Structure hardening. • Defensible space efforts. • Wildland fuel reduction techniques.	• The park's plan mentions the use of public information techniques to prevent wildfires, including the use of educational materials and talks to notify the public of the potential of accidental wildfires, park smoking restrictions, park open fire restrictions, and fireworks. • The plan mentions a structure hardening measure. The plan recommends that park structures sited adjacent to wildlands be constructed to Urban Wildland Interface Building Code standards. • The plan mentions two defensible space measures. It also mentions that annual inspections and cleanups of debris will be conducted around buildings. It states that all buildings will adhere to defensible space requirements. • The plan does not mention any wildland fuel reduction techniques.

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	Include a Facility Ignition Prevention Program section describing all work completed under the Facility Ignition Prevention Program, and any vulnerable structures and measures taken to decrease the likelihood of their ignition. • Include a wildland-urban interface and non-State Parks structures section describing wildland fire mitigations that apply to the Wildland-Urban Interface and non-State Parks habitable buildings adjacent to park property. • This section should also include a description of the vegetation types and fuel loading along park boundaries. • This section should also note specific hazards as they relate to the wildland-urban interface and include them on internal park maps.	The park's plan does not mention the Facility Ignition Prevention Program; however, the plan does mention that the park's historic buildings made of wood shall meet or exceed the state defensible space requirements.
	• Include a fuels management section describing the district's efforts to manage or reduce fuels in the park, which includes objectives, the vegetation types targeted, acreage treated, and methods used. • This section may also include a fuel reduction/treatment map to illustrate treated areas, especially along access routes and the WUI, and representative photo of the fuel reduction work.	• The park's plan does not describe wildland fire mitigations that apply to the wildland-urban interface and non-State Parks habitable buildings adjacent to park property beyond noting that State Parks' position is that each landowner is responsible for the protection of their own structures through mitigation principally on their own land and that the permit program is available only if mitigations on the owner's property have proven inadequate. • The park's plan does not describe vegetation types or fuel loading along park boundaries. • The park's plan does not note specific hazards as they relate to the WUI and does not include them on internal park maps. • The park's plan does include a fuels management section that, along with defensible space requirements, notes that fuel loading is not a problem anywhere at the park and that there are no fuel management projects being implemented or planned. • The park's plan does not include a map of fuel reduction or treatment work, nor representative photos of fuel reduction work.
National Park Service	Fire management plans must be regionally reviewed and signed by regional and park managers on an annual basis to ensure the plan aligns with current standards, terminology, policy, contacts, and required appendices.	The park's plan is revised and re-signed only when: 1) the park acquires new land, 2) a change of policy occurs, 3) a change in land use adjacent to the park occurs, 4) a change of physical conditions occurs, or 5) a major wildfire event exposes the shortcomings in the current plan.
	Step-up plans, or staffing plans, are included in fire management plans that describe incremental preparedness actions that must be taken as fire danger increases or decreases, which includes a full range of preparedness actions including wildfire prevention, detection, staffing, initial response, and related needs.	The park's plan contains a step-up plan. • During days classified as fire weather watch days, which are days when the National Weather Service predicts a high potential of weather developing into a red flag event, no additional staff is normally required, but there should be increased patrols and extra efforts to enforce fire-related rules and regulations. • During days classified as red flag warning days—days when critical weather and fuel moisture conditions lead to dramatic increases in fire activity—the park fully closes.

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	Park units with more than 26 human-caused fires per 10-year period must conduct a wildfire prevention analysis and prepare a wildfire prevention plan, which should be included as an appendix to the unit's fire management plan. The wildfire prevention analysis should determine and map: • Values, which are areas where losses from wildfire would be unacceptable, such as cultural resources, developments, or sensitive habitats. • Risks, which are factors that can produce a threat to urban interface or habitat, such as drought conditions, ignition sources, or human activity that can cause ignition . • Hazards, which are fuels and topography on which a wildland fire will spread. The wildfire prevention plan should address the risks, hazards, and values identified in the wildfire prevention analysis. The plan should identify prevention actions and programs, as well as who is responsible for each activity and when each activity will be accomplished.	• The park's plan reports values like utility infrastructure, communities, and park structures. The plan does not visualize these values together on a map. • The plan reports risks for a minority of these values but does not analyze or report risk for the entire park. The plan does not map these risks. • The plan does not report or map hazards in the park. • The plan does not identify prevention actions and programs or responsible staff and dates for addressing particular risks, hazards, and values as in a wildfire prevention plan.
	All treatments must be covered by a park's fire management plan.	The park's plan does not report treatments; however, district staff complete treatment without documenting that they are completed in accordance with the plan.

Source: State Parks and National Park Service documentation.