

## Errata Sheet - Chapter I – Purpose and Need

### Yosemite Fire Management Plan – Environmental Impact Statement 2004 Amendment to Incorporate Guidance for Implementing the 2009 Federal Wildland Fire Policy

The following errata and clarifications to the final Yosemite Fire Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (FMP/EIS) are presented below.

<p><b>Chapter 1</b> <b>Goals and Objectives</b> Page 8</p>	<p><b><u>Original Text:</u></b> Goal: Ensure firefighter and public safety Management Objectives Establish a Suppression Unit comprised of areas where wildland fire would have a high potential to compromise firefighter and public safety, threaten property, or violate air quality laws or regulations and where prescribed fire and other fuel reduction treatments could be used to reduce risks and accomplish resource management goals.</p> <p>Establish a Fire Use Unit to include areas where wildland fire could be managed to accomplish resource management goals in a way that did not compromise firefighter and public safety, threaten property, or violate air quality laws or regulations.</p> <p><b><u>2017 Amendment</u></b> Establish a <del>Suppression Unit</del> <b>Community and Infrastructure Protection Strategy</b> comprised of areas where wildland fire would have a high potential to compromise firefighter and public safety, threaten property, or violate air quality laws or regulations and where prescribed fire and other fuel reduction treatments could be used to reduce risks and accomplish resource management goals.</p> <p>Establish a <del>Fire Use</del> <b>Wildland Fire Management</b> Unit to include areas where wildland fire could be managed to accomplish resource management goals in a way that did not compromise firefighter and public safety, threaten property, or violate air quality laws or regulations.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 1</b> <b>Goals and Objectives</b> Page 12</p>	<p><b><u>Original Text:</u></b> Goal: Use the adaptive management process to effectively incorporate scientific knowledge and monitoring and evaluation results.</p> <p>Management Objectives: Monitor and evaluate fire management activities (managed wildland fires, prescribed burns, and fuel reduction treatments), to assess their effects on natural and cultural resources and Special Management Areas.</p> <p><b><u>2017 Amendment to the 2004 Fire Management Plan EIS</u></b> Goal: Use the adaptive management process to effectively incorporate scientific knowledge and monitoring and evaluation results.</p>

Management Objectives:  
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Management Objectives:  
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**2017 Amendment**  
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**Emergency Suppression Activities**  
All unplanned ignitions in the Suppression Unit in the Project Area will be suppressed using an emergency suppression response that is appropriate for the circumstances. The response procedures applied are listed in Appendix 3, Wildland Fire Response, Planning, and Implementation Procedures. The development of the response should include representatives from not only the Branch of Fire Management, but also from other disciplines in the park as well.

**2017 Amendment**  
All unplanned ignitions in the ~~Suppression~~ **Community and Infrastructure Protection** Unit in the Project Area will be suppressed using an ~~emergency suppression~~ **initial** response that is appropriate for the circumstances. The response procedures applied are listed in Appendix 3, Wildland Fire Response, Planning, and Implementation Procedures. The development of the response should include representatives from not only the Branch of Fire Management, but also from other disciplines in the park as well.

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*Units and their boundaries.*  
Units are based on the values at risk and the potential for managing those risks through fire management activity (e.g., prescribed fire, wildland fire, and fuel treatment and thinning). Where the risks associated with wildland fire cannot be adequately managed or are unacceptable because of the

risk/threat to life, health, property, and/or natural and cultural resource values, the areas are zoned as the Suppression Unit (17% of the park would be in this zone under the action alternatives). Where the risks associated with wildland fire can be managed, such that it can be utilized to accomplish resource management objectives, the park is zoned as the Fire Use Unit (83% of the park would be within this zone under the action alternatives). Even in the Fire Use Unit, under some conditions and because of risks, the appropriate management response might be to suppress a fire or to take control actions along edges; this is within scope and is assessed.

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*The effects of fire management treatments used to reduce risks and/or restore ecosystems.* Prescribed fire, managed wildland fires (i.e., natural fires allowed to burn for resource benefits), and fuel reduction treatments are applied according to a previously evaluated and pre-determined window of opportunity, which allows these treatments to be utilized to accomplish resource management objectives (there is no suitable window for managed wildland fires in the Suppression Unit because of the risks).

**2017 Amendment**

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*Standard mitigation.* Mitigation identified in this document for use when applying fire management treatments to species of concern (prescribed fire, managed wildland fire, and mechanical fuel reduction) would also be used, as appropriate, to mitigate effects and help in decision making during emergency fire suppression actions.

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