



Welcome!

Land Management Plan Stakeholder Engagement Meeting
Willow Creek Wildlife Area

Please sign-in using the link in the chat

Recording and Documentation

- Purpose of today is open dialogue; we want you to feel comfortable sharing honest feedback
- We are not recording
- We are not creating a transcript
- During discussion, screenshare will be utilized so you can see how your comments are captured
- Presentation will be posted on the property webpage
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Willow-Creek-WA>



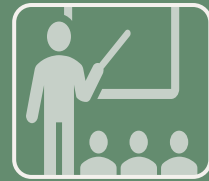
Introductions

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Agenda



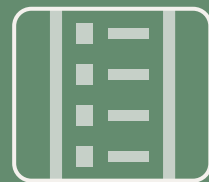
Etiquette and Reminders



“What is a Land Management Plan” Presentation



Discussion



Wrap Up and Next Steps

Etiquette and Reminders

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LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING

What is it?

What to expect?

How to engage?



What is a Land Management Plan?



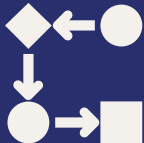
Long term planning document

- Intended lifespan 30-40 years



Multi-year planning process

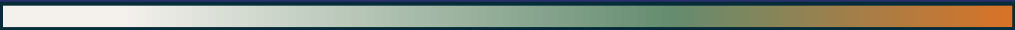
- Interdisciplinary and collaborative
- Bring together diverse internal and external perspectives



Comprehensive Approach

- Infrastructure and Public Use
- Cultural Resources
- Physical and Natural Resources





A Land Management Plan:

- A guidance document
- Defines a property's primary purpose(s)
- Outlines the management issues and opportunities
- Identifies goals and strategies for comprehensively managing the property.



What are CDFW Lands?

Our Mission

To manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and their use and enjoyment by the public.



Type of Lands

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- Wildlife Area
 - Ecological Reserve
 - Fish Hatchery
 - Public Access
 - Undesignated
 - Conservation Easements



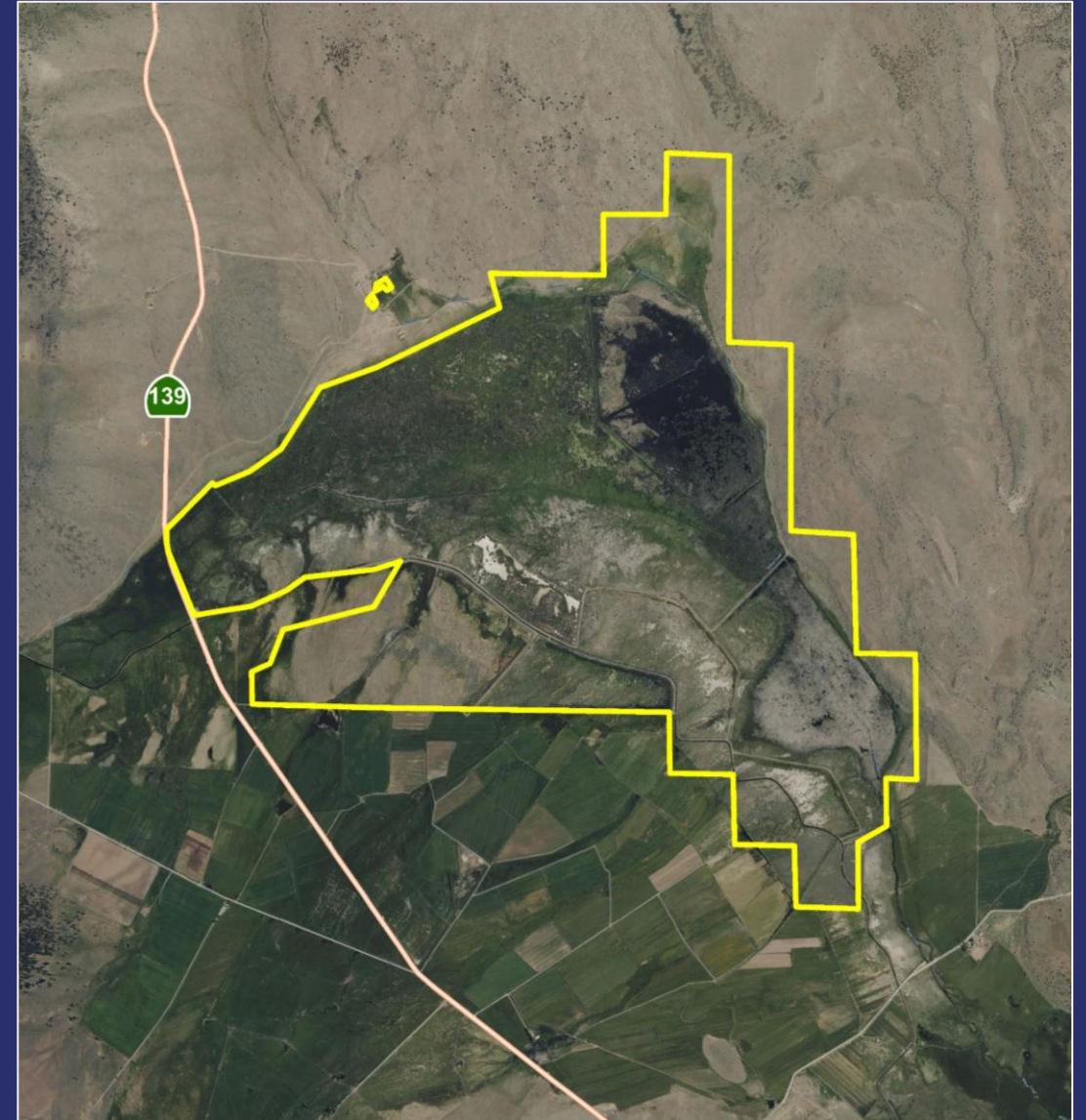
What is a Wildlife Area?

- Designated by the California Fish and Game Commission
- Described in Title 14 FGC 551
 - All wildlife areas are maintained for the primary purposes of developing a statewide program of ecological conservation, restoration, preservation, development and management of wildlife, wildlife habitat, and hunting.
 - Generally open for public use (may have closed areas, seasonal restrictions, etc.)

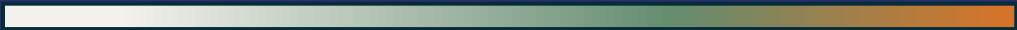


Willow Creek Wildlife Area

- Lassen County
- 2,722 +/- acres
- Acquired to provide wetland habitat for migratory waterfowl and other wetland birds
- Annual grassland and sagebrush scrub habitats present as well
- Hunting and wildlife viewing primary uses



What is the LMP Process?



There are three components:



Resource
Inventory

1 – 1.5 years



The Land
Management Plan
Document

1 – 2 years



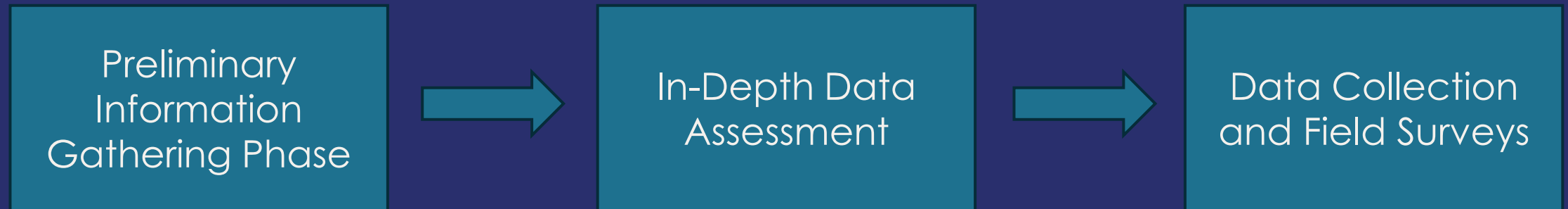
California
Environmental
Quality Act (CEQA)

0.5 – 1+ years



Resource Inventory

- Internal process that creates an inventory of resources present on, or in the vicinity of, the property.
 - Includes the physical, cultural, infrastructure, and public use resources in addition to the biological resources
- Highlights data gaps that need to be filled to better inform the management needs of the property.



Contents of a Land Management Plan

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Environmental Setting
and Management Considerations

Chapter 3: Management Plan



Chapter 1: Introduction

Provides an overview of the property and the planning process

- Where is this property located?
- Why was this property acquired?
- What is the purpose of the Management Plan?
- Are there any relationships to other existing plans?
- Who did we consult with during the planning process?



Chapter 2: Environmental Setting and Management Considerations

Provides an overview of resources present on the property followed by management issues and opportunities

- How do factors such as topography and hydrology affect management?
- What sensitive species exist on the property?
- How was the area used in the past? Currently?



Chapter 3: Management Plan

Builds upon the background information from Chapter 1 and the analysis in Chapter 2 to create Goals and Strategies

- What are some challenges with the property?
- What are some management opportunities to solve those?





Example: Wildlife Species Management

DRAFT Goal

- Maintain infrastructure supporting safe and sustainable wildlife dependent recreation, such as hunting and wildlife viewing

DRAFT Strategies

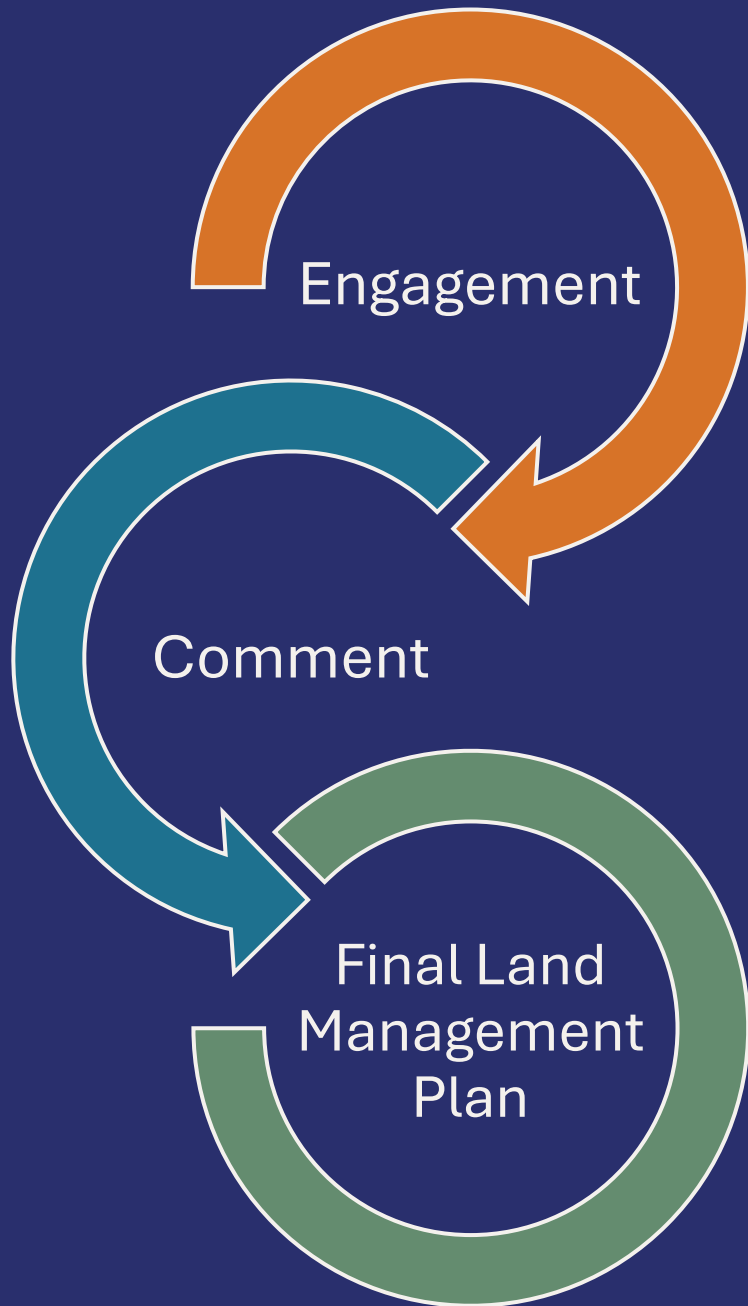
- Evaluate hunter compliance with submission of annual harvest cards
- Improve hunting opportunities through careful habitat, infrastructure, and water management
- Conduct targeted research to determine sage grouse utilization patterns
- Expand monitoring of sensitive species such as sandhill cranes, pronghorn antelope, and pollinators
- Assess and replace fencing as necessary to ensure wildlife friendly and intact
- Maintain use diversity to preserve both recreation and wildlife area zones
- Ensure staffing levels and equipment (e.g., tractors) are adequate to support long-term maintenance needs

California Environmental Quality Act

- The LMP is a project under CEQA
- CEQA requires public entities to:
 - Disclose and evaluate the potential significant environmental impacts
 - Adopt all feasible mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate those impacts
- Specific document yet to be determined
- If you want to learn more, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation:
<https://lci.ca.gov/ceqa/getting-started/>



How Can I Get Involved?



Plan Development

- Join the email notification list
- Actively participate in our discussion
- Submit ideas

Draft Document

- Review the Draft Document
- Participate in a meeting
- Submit written comments

Final Document

- Available on the Property Webpage
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Willow-Creek-WA>
- Enjoy Willow Creek Wildlife Area!

Discussion

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