











**Table 2 Comparison of Fire Management Categories (H-1601-1 Land Use Planning Handbook and IM no. 2002-034)**

<b>Category A: Fire is not desired at all (8,000s)</b>	<b>Category B: Unplanned fire is likely to cause negative effects (81 million acres)</b>	<b>Category C: Fire is desired to manage ecosystems, but current vegetative condition creates constraints on use (2.5 million acres)</b>	<b>Category D: Fire is desired;no constraints on its use (20 acres)</b>
<i>Fire Management Activities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitigation and suppression required</li> <li>• Fire should not be used to manage fuels</li> </ul>	<i>Fire Management Activities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suppression required</li> <li>• Fire and non-fire fuels treatments may be used</li> </ul>	<i>Fire Management Activities:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suppression may be required</li> <li>• Fire and non-fire fuels treatments may be used</li> </ul>	<i>Fire Management Activities:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suppression may not be necessary</li> <li>• Both fire and non-fire treatments could be used</li> </ul>
<i>Rationale for Categorization:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct threats to life or property</li> <li>• Ecosystems not fire dependant</li> <li>• Long fire return intervals</li> </ul>	<i>Rationale for Categorization:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unplanned ignitions would have negative effects on ecosystems unless mitigated</li> </ul>	<i>Rationale for Categorization:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant ecological, social, or political constraints</li> </ul>	<i>Rationale for Categorization:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Few ecological, social, or political constraints</li> <li>• Less need for fuels treatment</li> </ul>
<i>Fire Suppression Considerations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on prevention, detection, and rapid suppression response and techniques</li> </ul>	<i>Fire Suppression Considerations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on prevention/education and suppression</li> </ul>	<i>Fire Suppression/Use Considerations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on reducing unwanted ignitions, resource threats, and fuels accumulations</li> </ul>	<i>Fire Suppression/Use Considerations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on using planned and unplanned wildfire to achieve resource objectives</li> </ul>
<i>Multiple Fire Priority:</i> <sup>1</sup> Highest	<i>Multiple Fire Priority:</i> <sup>1</sup> High	<i>Multiple Fire Priority:</i> <sup>1</sup> Medium	<i>Multiple Fire Priority:</i> <sup>1</sup> Lowest
<i>Anticipated type and level of fire/fuels treatments:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;1,000 acres mechanical</li> </ul>	<i>Anticipated type and level of fire/fuels treatments, including treating areas that were previously treated:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 105,000 acres prescribed fire</li> <li>• 74,000 acres mechanical</li> <li>• 37,000 acres chemical weed treatment</li> </ul>	<i>Anticipated type and level of fire/fuels treatments, including treating areas that were previously treated:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 192,000 acres prescribed fire</li> <li>• 84,000 acres mechanical</li> <li>• 149,000 acres chemical weed treatment</li> </ul>	<i>Anticipated type and level of fire/fuels treatments:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,000 acres fire use or prescribed fire</li> </ul>

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<sup>1</sup> If multiple fires were burning, Categories A and B would generally receive priority for fire management resources.













