

ServCat Tools: Abstract Templates for Management Plans

The following templates are designed to help create ServCat abstracts for common management plans. Supplementary information can be added to these templates as needed.

Cropland Management Plan

The [INSERT REFUGE NAME] Cropland Management Plan focuses to the production of supplemental grain and browse foods to maintain wildlife populations at approved objective levels. In addition, emphasis is given on the prevention of undesirable brush or trees. Division and management strategies are discussed.

Disease Contingency Plan

The DVE Contingency Plan for [INSERT REFUGE NAME] is intended to serve as a ready reference for background information; an inventory of Refuge personnel, equipment, and resources; and the outline of a general plan for resolving a potentially hazardous situation.

Fire Management Plan

This plan considers fire on [INSERT REFUGE NAME] both from the standpoint as a tool for management and as a potential problem to be dealt with. This document discusses environmental impacts and alternatives covering implementation of fire management on the Refuge. The use of prescribed burning for manipulating vegetation to benefit wildlife or to maintain desirable plant forms is also presented. Included are burn unit charts and miscellaneous management forms.

Fishing Plan

This is the Fishing Plan for [INSERT REFUGE NAME]. The Plan provides an introduction to the Refuge, information about conformance with statutory authorities, a statement of objectives, an assessment of fish populations on the Refuge, a description of the fishing program, a list of measures taken to avoid conflicts with other management objectives, and specific fishing regulations.

Forest Management Plan

The [INSERT REFUGE NAME] Forest Management Plan is a general plan which outlines the Refuge management objectives, forest description, forest management objectives, silvicultural techniques, and problem areas relating to forest management on the Refuge.

Furbearer Management Plan

The [INSERT REFUGE NAME] Furbearer Management Plan directs the management and regulation of trapping. The furbearer management program directly supports the environmental health, wildlife and habitat, and other recreational use goals of the Refuge. Furbearers included in this plan are [INSERT FURBEARERS].

Habitat Management Plan

The [INSERT REFUGE NAME] Habitat Management Plan (HMP) provides a long-term vision and specific guidance on managing habitats for the resources of concern at Great River NWR, to facilitate continuity in management programs. Refuge background, resources of concern, and habitat management goals and objectives are discussed. Management strategies and prescriptions then identify how and the specific means by which management and monitoring strategies will be implemented. Appendices follow.

Hunting Plan

This plan provides guidelines for administration of hunting activity and for development, maintenance, and enforcement of regulations and guidelines on [INSERT REFUGE NAME]. It specifically addresses the areas of information, access, use patterns, regulations, area restrictions, permits, and enforcement. Target species include [INSERT SPECIES].

Inventory and Monitoring Plan

This Inventory and Monitoring Plan for [ENTER REFUGE] is a step-down from the Habitat Management Plan (HMP) and documents the inventory and monitoring surveys that will be conducted from [START DATE] through [END DATE], or until the refuge's Comprehensive Conservation Plan and HMP are revised. The majority of surveys considered in this plan address resource management objectives identified in the HMP ([DATE]) for this refuge. Other surveys are a continuation of past monitoring conducted for the purpose of understanding long-term trends in specific resources or are part of regional and national survey efforts.

Law Enforcement Plan

The [INSERT REFUGE NAME] Law Enforcement Plan clarifies Fish and Wildlife enforcement policies as they apply to the Refuge. It provides information about problems, responsibilities, procedures, and situations. Specific topics include: [INSERT TOPICS].

Refuge Master Plan

The [INSERT REFUGE NAME] Master Plan guides the long-range development of the Refuge by identifying and integrating appropriate habitats, management strategies, program elements, and facilities which support the goals and objectives for which the Refuge was established. This plan is divided into the following chapters: [INSERT CHAPTERS].

Safety Plan

The [INSERT REFUGE NAME] Safety Plan discusses policies for the safety of the station employees, volunteers, and public. This plan seeks to identify and correct unsafe conditions and preclude unsafe acts through education and on-the-job training. Contained in this plan are Refuge safety objectives, an emergency contact listing, details on equipment and training, and a list of general hazardous conditions.

Sign Plan

The [INSERT REFUGE NAME] Sign Plan explains how signs are used on the Refuge to help guide and educate visitors. An inventory of current signs is given as well as a list of sign needs. The following types of signs are discussed: [INSERT TOPICS]. Photographs, sign diagrams, and maps are included.

Species Recovery Plan

The recovery plan for [INSERT SPECIES NAME] on [INSERT REFUGE NAME] discusses the current status of the species, habitat requirements and limiting factors, recovery objectives and criteria, actions required for species recovery, the cost of recovery, and the expected date for recovery objectives to be met.

Trapping Plan

The [INSERT REFUGE NAME] trapping plan outlines trapping areas, species, regulations, equipment, and seasons. This plan will allow harvest of a renewable natural resource without adverse impacts on furbearer populations or other Refuge resources. Trapping operations will not interfere with non-target species.

Water Management Plan

The [INSERT REFUGE NAME] Water Management Plan has been developed to meet the station objectives set forth in the Master Plan. The purpose of this plan is to establish a schedule of operations for the manipulation of managed waters.