



## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

HEF members' fuel reduction projects have been on-going in the East Bay hills for decades. These projects include many best management practices (BMPs) to reduce the potential of environmental impacts and comply with various laws and regulations. HEF members have varying policies and agreements that have led to these best management practices. Most have been formalized in documents in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act.

This past year the HEF developed a compendium that provides an overview of the various BMPs used in the region. These BMPs are drawn from published environmental documents and current practices. Each of the members continues to refine their practices as new equipment or innovative techniques become available and are shown to be effective. This working paper will be updated periodically as new adaptive management strategies are available and adopted by Hills Emergency Forum Members. The Best Management Practices paper is available on the HEF web site [www.hillsemergencyforum.org](http://www.hillsemergencyforum.org).

The compendium is divided into four sections:

- Project actions: Identifies the project actions and techniques often used for vegetation management.
- Potential impacts: Provides an overview and quick look-up matrix that identifies the potential environmental impacts that may be associated with various project actions
- Best Management Practice: Each impact includes a range of BMPs or Mitigations to reduce potential environmental impact, as well as timing considerations and comments
- Appendices: Provides more detailed support information.



*The Hills Emergency Forum facilitates a cooperative approach among eight governing organizations addressing urban wildland interface fire issues in the Oakland-Berkeley hills.*