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CRITICAL - These are the highest priority areas/sites for suppression actions and assignment of available firefighting resources. Lands in wildland urban interface and other populated areas where there is an immediate threat to human life, primary residences, inhabited property, community-dependent infrastructure, and structural resources designated as National Historic Landmarks qualify to be considered for this designation. This classification is applicable to an entire village or town as well as a single inhabited structure.

FULL - This option provides for protection of cultural and paleontological sites, developed recreational facilities, physical developments, administrative sites and cabins, uninhabited structures, high-value natural resources, and other high-value areas that do not involve the protection of human life and inhabited property. Structures on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and non-structural sites on the National Register are placed within this category. Either broad areas or specific sites qualify to be designated as Full.

MODIFIED - This option provides a management level between Full and Limited. The intent is to balance acres burned with suppression costs and to accomplish land and resource management objectives when conditions are favorable. Site-specific actions are taken as warranted.

LIMITED - Designated for broad, landscape-scale areas where the low density and wide distribution of values to be protected best allows for fire to function in its ecological role. Sites that warrant higher levels of protection may occur within the boundaries of Limited areas and actions to protect these sites will be taken when warranted without compromising the intent of this management option.