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It appears our project was evaluated using the "BPA Work elements and definitions (Wed. Dec 15, 2004)" instead of the "Revised Work Category Mapping for Dec 2006 Wildlife Project Cost Analysis provided with the spread sheet received, therefore the categories don't match the work elements in the 06 contract. We had no intention of any habitat enhancements during the 06 contract period, yet \$98,545 were allocated toward this category; this item should have been under maintenance. Also, The data was extracted prior to the contract end, therefore it does not reflect our actual expenditures for FY 06'.

We have issues with some the work categories in respect to the work elements, specifically " Plant Veg" and Conduct Controlled Burns". These two WE are grouped under the habitat enhancement category, however we consider these elements could be either/or (enhance or maintain) depending on the use. For example, we will plant vegetation in areas after, or during, weed control efforts to prevent re-infestation of noxious weeds. Controlled burns may be used as a maintenance tool to maintain certain habitat features at a desired state or function, and may also be used to remove undesirable vegetation. With more investigation we will probably have more to add.

Currently we have 54,600 (as of 10/31/06) acres enrolled in the program, and not the reported 44,000. This will make a difference in the cost per acre. At this time we are not doing enhancements, we are concentrating on acquisitions and O&M.

Another issue we have is acquired properties are not ready for O&M. There needs to be analysis on fence conditions, or if are fences even there. Are the fences on legal boundaries? Weed surveys to prioritize for future activities. Cultural surveys. Etc... These costs are in addition to O&M costs and are currently under funded or are not funded I'm not sure if this is the kind of info your looking for but I thought I'd include it anyway.

If you need anything else or want me to expound further on anything just get in touch with me.

Thank you,

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