Prairie Management Decisions Policy

The Missouri Prairie Foundation (MPF) will manage MPF prairies in accordance with the following:

1. Management decisions are to draw from established, written management plans for properties, which must be written within 12 months of acquisition of land. The required elements for management plans include:
   - Identification of conservation values
   - Management goals
   - Activities to achieve management goals

Management plans are to be updated when:
   - A new parcel is added to an existing prairie (must be updated within 12 months)
   - When there are significant changes to the conservation values or natural features resulting from a natural event or human-caused damage.

Plans are written by the Vice President of Science & Management and the Director of Prairie Management (or their designees) and approved by the Science and Management Committee and by the MPF board of directors.

2. Any proposed major management action (not in the approved management plan)—including grazing, fence building, row cropping, woodland thinning or harvest—will need a written proposal stating the justification for the management action for review by the Science & Management Committee, the Vice President of Science & Management, the Executive Committee, and Director of Prairie Management. No action will be taken until approval of proposal is given by the Science & Management Committee.

Proposal is to include the following:
   a. An explanation of how the proposed activity is contributing to a management goal.
   b. Timeline for completing action.
   c. Cost estimates for implementing and completing action.

3. Management decisions shall be made in accordance with established MPF budgets and grantor guidelines.

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