

# Emergency Consultations

## Definition

“Situations involving acts of God, disasters, casualties, national defense or security emergencies, etc.”

## Scope of Consultation

Focus on agency's response, not the emergency itself



Piru Fire, 2003

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## Pre-planning

- 🌐 identify contacts and process
- 🌐 develop species maps
- 🌐 establish protective measures
- 🌐 minimize need to make decisions during the emergency

# Emergency Consultation (Wildfire)

## Initial Agency Responsibilities

- ① do not delay fire suppression
- ① contact us as soon as initial details are known
- ① We need details like: when fire started, where, which species & critical habitats in area, nature of suppression effort, etc.
- ① implement, to degree possible, Service's initial recommendations to minimize incidental take

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## Initial Service responsibilities:

- 🌐 we do not impede response efforts
- 🌐 offer recommendations to minimize the effects of the emergency action on the listed species
- 🌐 notify the Federal agency if jeopardy or adverse modification are likely
- 🌐 follow verbal recommendations with written document as soon as possible

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## Post-emergency

- 🌐 action agency should inform Services of emergency response actions taken (i.e. fire suppression, emergency stabilization)
- 🌐 assess effects of fire suppression on listed spp.
- 🌐 assess (separately) effects of fire on listed spp.
- 🌐 document how Service's initial recommendations were implemented
- 🌐 formal consultation should be initiated if there were adverse effects from response to fire

# Questions?

