SECTION 9
PLAN IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

9.1   OVERVIEW

This section presents estimated staffing and funding requirements for implementation of the CSSA INRMP, as well as the implementation schedule. CSSA intends to implement the overall management approach and the project-specific goals contained in this INRMP based on authorized funding, resource availability, and time constraints. CSSA recognizes the need for an adaptive management approach to address changing land use conditions, natural resources conditions, and other unforeseen events. Consequently, unforeseen events might preclude some project-specific goals in accordance with the implementation schedule. In addition, the implementation of project-specific goals is contingent upon the availability of funding and other project funding priorities within the DA or CSSA. As discussed in Section 3, the INRMP will be routinely reviewed and updated to address changing conditions.

9.2   STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

Planning natural resource projects requires the cooperation of CSSA staff, contractors, subcontractors, and cooperative agencies. In addition, schedule changes may be necessary due to weather. Scheduling of project performance periods must be coordinated with CSSA mission associated training schedules, and the CSSA Installation Manager, the EPM, and security personnel.

9.2.1   CSSA Staff

The EPM is responsible for administration of natural resource management programs. Since the EPM administers environmental programs not associated with the CSSA INRMP, only a small percentage (5-10%) of the EPM's time is allocated to natural resources management at CSSA. CSSA grounds maintenance staff will be required to provide logistical and on-site support of project components.

In addition to the EPM, the Wildlife Management Committee is also a labor source for INRMP-associated projects. Committee members have been the most active participants in past CSSA natural resource related projects.

9.2.2   Contractors

A CSSA contractor will be the primary labor source for coordination of INRMP associated projects. The functional title of this position is "Natural Resources Program Coordinator." A total of 1,300 hours will be funded for contractor support of coordination activities for 2006. The contractor will work independently or direct field crews on natural resource projects. On prescribed fire operations, the contractor will provide field and administrative support to the licensed prescribed burn boss.

In addition to the contractor coordinator position, subcontracts will be issued in accordance with DoD criteria for support of natural resource projects. The subcontracts may include pond treatments and seed supply through standard procurement procedures.

9.2.3   Cooperative Agencies

The USFWS will be a primary source of support for natural resource projects. Support may be in the form of providing information and consultation on specific natural resource management practices, as well as providing expertise and labor for prescribed burn operations.

In addition to USFWS, TPWD has provided expertise on deer harvest calculations and fish stocking permits in the past. This support will continue, and enhancements to data collection methods will be reviewed by TPWD.

9.3   INRMP IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Figure 9.1 is a preliminary schedule of all proposed projects supporting the INRMP. Projects are subject to funding, and some projects are contingent on approval or cancellation for other projects.   The schedule timeline covers a two-year period (January 2006 – December 2007). Monthly status reports will be submitted to CSSA on project implementation, identifying constraints and successful implementation.

9.4   PERFORMANCE MEASURES

9.4.1   Monthly Reports

Monthly reports containing progress updates on scheduled projects. Included in the monthly reports will be an identification of restraining factors that limit performance, as well as corrective actions needed to fulfill project objectives. Project evaluation reports will be submitted to the EPM for projects completed during the monthly period of performance.

9.4.2   Project Evaluation

After the successful completion of a project, a project evaluation report will be submitted to the EPM, and also appended to monthly project reports. The project evaluation will include budget information and a description of completed work.