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In the administration of CDF programs and activities, the principal objective is the most effective management and protection of the forest, range, and watershed resources of the state. This objective mandates consideration of all environmental factors.

Often certain activities directed toward the long-term protection of these resources will cause temporary or permanent degradation of environmental quality. In these cases, it is the policy of CDF to consider alternatives and methods to reduce environmental damage. In emergency fire situations involving great potential losses in resources, life, or property, these considerations cannot be of overriding concern. Under less demanding situations, the guiding principle shall be to ensure that, in pursuing our primary objectives, every reasonable effort will be made to protect all resources involved. Through this balanced approach, effective protection of the forest, range, and watershed environments, as well as other environmental components, will be achieved.

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