

# *USFWS*

The Wilson Lake, KS., NRM staff has steadily grown the project's prescribed fire program since 2004. They recognize that prescribed fire utilization must continue to expand but understand the capability limits of their downsized staff. In order to grow the program project staff turned to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Quivira National Wildlife near Stafford, KS. Working with the USFWS Fire Management Officer, the Wilson staff was able to transfer overtime and equipment funding to the USFWS through the MIPR process. A 157 acre prescribed fire treatment was planned, coordinated and completed in Minooka Park during the Spring of 2007. The MIPR process was made possible by utilizing an existing MOU with the USFWS providing for fish and wildlife enhancements. The Wilson Project staff coordinated fire guard preparation and provided USFWS fire plan review. Assistance, while not required, was also extended during the burn. Total fire implementation costs were approximately \$23/acre. This effort expanded our "partnership" efforts with a fellow federal land management agency, increased project fire management training knowledge and proved to be an economically effective method for managing our mixed grass prairies.

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