

FLN Networker No. 331: April 6, 2022

The FLN Networker is a publication of the Fire Learning Network—a partnership of the USDA Forest Service, agencies of the Department of the Interior and The Nature Conservancy—intended to foster communication within the network and among its friends. Submit comments, information to share, and subscription requests to Liz Rank.

For more about the FLN, visit www.conservationgateway.org/fln.

News from the Field

California: Lenya Quinn-Davidson, Don Hankins and Sasha Berleman were part of the conversation on the PBS News Hour Weekend [piece](#) “Communities Are Embracing ‘Controlled Burns’ to Protect Themselves” a couple weeks ago. They—along with the burning they are facilitating—were also featured in the *Bay Nature* magazine [article](#) “Learn to Burn” (which has some lovely photos by Sashwa Burrous).

Georgia: “Why We Burn” is an [article](#) in this month’s *Georgia Magazine*. Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains landscape co-lead Phil Delestrez, with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Parks and Historic Sites Division, is quoted on [prescribed fire use in state parks](#), including Tallulah Gorge. The magazine is delivered to 560,000 Georgia residents and has an estimated readership of one million.

Minnesota: The [article](#) “How Indigenous Burning Practices Could Revitalize a Northern Minnesota Forest” talks about how the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe are working to bring fire back to the forest, and how the IPBN and TREX play a part.

Minnesota: A bit further north, FAC Net partners in Ely hosted a successful [hands-on chainsaw safety](#) and pile building class for residents. Read more in the [article](#) “Hands-on Lessons in Chainsaw Safety,” or contact Gloria Erickson (gloria@dovetailinc.org).

Missouri: The Nature Conservancy in Missouri recently developed and led a [diversity, equity and inclusion prescribed fire workshop](#) to increase opportunities for women and others who have traditionally been underrepresented in the field to further their fire leadership knowledge and qualifications. Kelly Martin, a burn boss for the North America Fire program, helped guide and mentor workshop participants, and [spoke with CNN](#) about her experiences in fire.

Oregon: The Rogue Valley Prescribed Burn Association—the first PBA in the state—now has a [website](#): <https://www.roquevalleypba.com/>.

WTREX: The Women-in-Fire TREX is underway near Wakefield, Virginia, with more than 30 people from 14 states and four countries taking part. [Photos and updates](#) are being posted on the [TREX Facebook](#) page, and public radio station [WHRO](#) spoke with some participants as they conducted a [burn at TNC’s Piney Grove Preserve](#) last week.

Funding: CFLRP

CFLRP: The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program is [requesting proposals](#) for projects for potential funding in **FY2023**. In addition to the material on the CFLRP website, see the [summary memo](#); there will also be a [webinar](#) for interested applicants on April 11 at 11:30 Eastern ([calendar invite](#)).

Feedback Requested: TREX Resources

TREX Resources: The **Ember Alliance** is seeking feedback on three resources they are producing to support Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges and cooperative burning and training events:

- The **TREX Medical Risk Management Guide** improves medical safety planning of training events and the **Pocket Medical Risk Management Guide** improves medical safety in the field—[read the planning guide](#) and [the pocket guide](#) and take the [improvement survey](#) about them.
- The **TREX Activity Workbook** provides useful training activities in a “plug and play” format—[read the workbook](#) and [take the improvement survey](#) about it.

Resources: Fire Shelters / Evacuation / Getting Qualified / Programming Delivery / IFTDSS / Grasses

Fire Shelters: According to **NWCG**, “recent analysis of fire shelter deployments confirms that **design improvements** implemented in **2006** provide an **increased margin of safety** for firefighters.” See the [equipment advisory](#) released last month for details.

Evacuation: The **Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network** recently hosted a **peer-learning group**, in which 100 practitioners addressed evacuation planning. Highlights from their work together can be found in the FAC Net [blog post](#) “Evacuation: A **Resource Round-Up**.”

Getting Qualified: The **Nature Conservancy** has just published the [brief guide](#), “Wildland Firefighting Online Training.” It briefly outlines the **requirements for FFT2 qualification**, with links to **online** coursework and detailed instructions for setting up an account with FEMA to access the courses.

Programming Delivery: **Southern Regional Extension Forestry** has released “Extension, Education and Outreach Forestry and/or Natural Resource **Programming Delivery Mode & Fees** Survey Report.” The [report](#), based on a **November 2020 survey** of extension and other outreach professionals, includes changes made because of COVID.

IFTDSS: The **Northern Rockies Fire Science Network** collaborated with team members of the **Interagency Fuels Treatment Decision Support System** to create an introduction to this planning program in [Story Map form](#), with plenty of links to learn more.

Grasses: The **Invasive Annual Grass Spatial Data Compilation** and Synthesis Project has developed an [online database](#) of invasive annual grass spatial products. Supporting documents include a brief [user guide](#) and a [compendium](#) of brief overviews of a couple dozen data sets.

Articles & Reports: Indigenous Burning / Non-Forest Fires / Fire & Birds / Extreme Rainfall / Fire Ecology

Indigenous Burning: The *ScienceDaily* [post](#) “How Indigenous Burning **Shaped the Klamath's Forests** for a Millennia” summarizes the [article](#) “Land Management Explains Major Trends in Forest Structure and Composition Over the Last Millennium in California’s Klamath Mountains,” a study that combined **Western scientific methods** and **oral histories** from the **Karuk** and **Yurok** tribes.

Non-Forest Fires: Much of the political and scientific discussion of devastating wildfires revolves around forest management, which oversimplifies the problem. The **California Fire Science Consortium** has released the [research brief](#) “**California Wildland Fires Burning Mostly in Non-Forests**,” which summarizes the [article](#) “Spatial Overlap of Wildfire and Biodiversity in California Highlights Gap in Non-Conifer Fire Research and Management.”

Fire & Birds: The *Fire Ecology* [article](#) “**Prescribed Fire** Limits Wildfire Severity Without Altering Ecological Importance for Birds” is based on research on the Payette National Forest in Idaho.

Extreme Rainfall: A recent *ScienceDaily* [post](#) summarizes the [article](#) “Climate Change Increases Risk of **Extreme Rainfall Following Wildfire** in the Western United States.” The effects—including debris flows, mudslides and flash floods—are expected to be **most notable in the Pacific Northwest**.

Fire Ecology: The **comprehensive book** “Fire Ecology and Management: Past, Present and Future of U.S. Forested Ecosystems” was published last year. Nine of its 12 chapters have authors from the U.S. Forest Service, and so are [available in pdf form](#).

In the News: Combustion / Indigenous Fire / Record Rx / DOI Plan

Combustion: A recent [essay](#) in *The New Yorker*, “In a **World on Fire, Stop Burning Things**,” offers a **hopeful view** of addressing climate change through available technology that doesn’t rely on combustion. It closes by noting **one “sublime exception”** to our need to be dousing fires—burning for land management, as it has been used over millennia (with **Frank Lake** and the **IPBN** mentioned as rekindling this relationship).

Indigenous Fire: Over the weekend, CNN [reported](#) “California Once Prohibited Native American Fire Practices. Now, It’s Asking Tribes to Use Them to **Help Prevent Wildfires**.”

Record Rx: There’s good news in an [article](#) in *Greenwire*, “**Prescribed Burns Hit a Record in 2021, Forest Service Says**.” Most of the article is behind a paywall, but the lead image is visible—and shows participants conducting a burn during the fall 2021 **Yurok Cultural Burn Training Exchange**.

DOI Plan: The **U.S. Department of the Interior** has just released its “**Wildfire Risk Five-Year Monitoring, Maintenance, and Treatment Plan**.” The [plan](#) is in response to the **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**, and complements the Forest Service’s “Confronting the Wildfire Crisis” [plan](#).

Jobs: Burn Crew / Firewise / Program Manager / Program Director / Collaboration

Burn Crew: The **North Carolina** chapter of **The Nature Conservancy** is seeking several **short-term burn crew members**. For details, see the Conservancy’s careers page (job IDs [51260](#), [51261](#) and [51262](#)). Applications are due by **April 6** for all positions.

Firewise: The **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources** is hiring a **natural resources forestry regional specialist–Firewise communities specialist** for the Minnesota Firewise and Fire Prevention Program. For details, see the state careers page ([job ID 54206](#)); applications are due by **April 7**.

Program Manager: The **Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project** is seeking a **contract program manager** as it expands its reach to encompass the entire 1.6-million-acre Deschutes NF. See the attached request for qualifications for details; responses are due by **April 11**.

Program Director: **The Ember Alliance** is hiring a **resilient communities and forests program director**; wildland fire operational experience is not required, but a desire to participate in prescribed fire is supported. See the [job listing](#) on SmartRecruiters for details; applications are due by **April 15**. You can visit the [TEA website](#) to learn about other employment opportunities.

Collaboration: **New Mexico Highlands University** is seeking a **collaboration program manager** for its **New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute**. For more, see the position details ([posting number AS566P](#)) on the school’s website.

Webinars

April 7
new listing

Assessing the Role of Short-Term Weather Forecasts in Fire Manager Tactical Decision-Making

10:00 Pacific / 11:00 Mountain / noon Central / 1:00 p.m. Eastern

Claire Rapp will be the presenter on this webinar from AFE and the Northern Rockies Fire Science Network. It is recommended that you listen to the related [episode](#) of the AFE Fire Ecology Chats podcast before the webinar.

Details & registration: <https://www.nrfirescience.org/event/assessing-role-short-term-weather-forecasts-fire-manager-tactical-decision-making>

April 7-28

Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit: Connecting the Future of Our Forests & Communities

3:30 Pacific / 4:30 Mountain / 5:30 Central / 6:30 p.m. Eastern (1.5 hrs)

Sessions each Thursday in April will lay the groundwork for the summit this fall.

Details & registration: <https://www.nnrq.org/nifs2022/>

April 19
new listing

Community Wildfire Protection Planning for Colorado

noon Pacific / 1:00 Mountain / 2:00 Central / 3:00 Eastern (1.5 hrs)

Daniel Beveridge will speak about Colorado's new standards and guidance for CWPP development and updates, and Mark Hamilton and Jonathan Salerno will share insights from the [CoNIFER project](#) on how collaborative planning processes are formed, play out over time, and ultimately contribute to risk mitigation. Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAVc-iuqj8oGdaTXfGCQtB0548iCHyeMcUH>

April 20
new listing

Effective Communication About Wildfire Management: Observations From 20 Years of Fire Social Science Research

9:00 Pacific / 10:00 Mountain / 11:00 Central / noon Eastern

Sarah McCaffrey will be the presenter in the final webinar of the RMRS Science You Can Use Spring 2022 series. Details & registration: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/rmrs/events/science-you-can-use-spring-2022-webinar-series>

April 20
new listing

The Road Less Traveled: How Women in Forestry Can Save the World

3:30 Pacific / 4:30 Mountain / 5:30 Central / 6:30 p.m. Eastern (1.5 hrs)

Edie Sonne Hall will be the speaker for this webinar in the Oregon State University College of Forestry Starker Lecture Series.

Details & registration: <https://www.nrfirescience.org/event/road-less-traveled-how-women-forestry-can-save-world>

May 24
new listing

Climate-Focused Strategies and Opportunities for All-Lands Practitioners

11:00 Pacific / noon Mountain / 1:00 Central / 2:00 Eastern (1.5 hrs)

This webinar is one of the virtual sessions of the Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition's annual meeting. Details & registration:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pmOXDJAMR8i8F5DbjUMs5Q

May 26
new listing

Accelerating the Use of Prescribed Fire Through Policy and Partnerships

10:00 Pacific / 11:00 Mountain / noon Central / 1:00 Eastern (1.5 hrs)

This webinar is one of the virtual sessions of the Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition's annual meeting. Details & registration:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ArpfRnPFQ2eedDGiyTM2aq

Network Workshops & Field Tours

- April 25-29** **Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network / Austin, TX**
FAC Net leads and key partners will gather at this national workshop.
- May 3-4** **Yurok Fire Planning Workshop / Weitchpec, CA**
Hosted by the Cultural Fire Management Council, Hewlett Foundation and Yurok Fire Department, this will be the third in a series of workshops to create a plan for the Yurok Reservation that integrates cultural burning, wildfire prevention, forest management, food security and emergency services.
- May 24-27** **Southern Blue Ridge FLN / Dillard, GA**
The SBR FLN and CAFMS will hold a joint workshop that looks back over the five years since the fires of 2016.
- June 6-10** **Fire Learning Network / Wintergreen, VA**
FLN leads and key partners will gather at this national workshop.

Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges (TREX) & Cooperative Burning

- March 26-27 +++** **Plumas Cal-TREX / Plumas County, CA**
This training, hosted by the [Plumas Underburn Cooperative](#), will continue with on-call opportunities for burning throughout the spring.
- March 28-April 8** **Women-in-Fire Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (WTREX) / Wakefield, VA**
This TREX is in progress.
- April–May**
new listing **Rogue Basin Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Rogue Valley, OR**
Local participants will be part of an on-call, all hands-all lands crew. Applications are being accepted through April.
Details: see the [announcement](#) and complete the online [application](#)
- April 4-8** **Loess Hills Cooperative Burn Week / Waubonsie State Park, IA**
This event is in progress.
- April 16-24** **Northeast Washington Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Spokane, WA**
The application deadline for this TREX has passed.
- April 23 +++** **On-Call Cascadia Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Roslyn, WA**
Beginning in mid-April, participants will be notified when units come into prescription to take advantage of burning and training opportunities. Burns are expected to be mainly in the Roslyn and Cle Elem areas. A prescribed fire field day will be held on April 23 ([see flyer](#)).
Details and sign-up form: <https://waprescribedfire.org/trex>
- May 2-15** **Minnesota Northwoods Prescribed Fire Training Exchange**
The deadline for this TREX has passed.
- September 19-30** **Maine Prescribed Fire Training Exchange**
The Maine Prescribed Fire Council will be hosting the first TREX in the state. Applications will be accepted April 1–June 15
Details: see the [save-the-date announcement](#) or the [event website](#)

Trainings, Conferences, Workshops, Etc.

- gauging interest**
new listing **S290 and S131 / online**
The University of Idaho is considering offering these courses in an online format.
Details: <https://sparkedresources.weebly.com/s290-and-s131.html>
- April 21**
new listing **Telegraph Fire Field Trip / Superior, AZ**
Join the Southwest Fire Science Consortium on their first in-person event since the pandemic began. Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/telegraph-fire-field-trip-registration-305816674907>
- April 27** **LANDFIRE Informal Office Hours / online**
Office hours take place the last Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm Eastern. Bring your questions and talk to LANDFIRE experts. Register: <https://tnc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlocumupzMpEtN63X--Or1r6CJej683Bp5E>
- May 1-31** **Wildland Fire Resource Advisor (N-9042) / online**
This NWCG course is offered as about 25 hours of online self-study (to be completed May 1-30), plus a live webinar session (May 24, 25 or 31). It is open to anyone affiliated with federal, state and local agencies, tribal and non-governmental organizations. Applications are due by May 7; enrollment is limited.
Information: see the flyer attached to [Networker #330](#)
- May 7** **Wildfire Community Preparedness Day / Everytown, USA**
Information: <https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/National-Wildfire-Community-Preparedness-Day>
- May 10-12**
new listing **National Traditional Ecological Knowledge Summit / online**
Hosted by the Oregon State University TEK Club, the summit will create space for a large audience of Indigenous peoples, representatives from various Tribal nations, Indigenous and allied scholars, and more.
Information: <https://tekatosu.wordpress.com/home/2022-national-traditional-ecological-knowledge-summit/>
- May 16-18**
new listing **Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit / Pala, CA**
Information: <https://www.climatesciencealliance.org/2022-tribal-summit>
- May 16-19**
new listing **45th Annual National Indian Timber Symposium / Fairbanks, AK**
Registration for this event, hosted by the Intertribal Timber Council, closes May 11.
Information: <https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?id=15815>
- May 19-20** **Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) Training / online**
CMAT team members will be selected based on experience, ability to participate in assignments, completion of prerequisites, answers to the application questions and when the completed [application](#) is received. Applications are due by April 29.
Information: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/cmata>
- May 23-27** **Fire & Climate: Impacts, Issues and Futures / Pasadena, CA**
This conference hosted by IAWF will also be held in Melbourne June 6-10.
Information: <https://fireandclimateconference.com/pasadena/>
- June 6-10** **Fire & Climate: Impacts, Issues and Futures / Melbourne, Australia**
This conference hosted by IAWF will also be held in Pasadena, CA, May 23-27.
Information: <https://fireandclimateconference.com/melbourne/>

- June 9** **Georgia Prescribed Fire Council Meeting for North Georgia / Jasper, GA**
Information: <http://www.garxfire.com/index.php/events>
- June 27-30** **USFS Wildland Firefighter Readiness Camp / Augusta Springs, VA**
This 40-hour paid training is available for prospective entry-level wildland firefighters (U.S. citizens, age 18+). [Applications](#) are due by May 1.
- October 4-7** **Fire Ecology Across Boundaries: Connecting Science and Management / Florence, Italy & online**
Information: <https://fireacrossboundaries.org/>

Send News, Links & Comments

- Emily Hohman** – emily.hohman@tnc.org – Emily is in the Central Appalachians April 18-22.
- James Miller** – james.miller@tnc.org – James is in the office.
- Jeremy Bailey** – jeremy_bailey@tnc.org – Jeremy is in Baxley, GA April 5-8.
- Laurel Kays** – laurel.kays@tnc.org – Laurel is in the Central Appalachians April 18-21.
- Marek Smith** – marek_smith@tnc.org – Marek is in Wakefield, VA April 6.
- Mary Huffman** – mhuffman@tnc.org – Mary is in the office.
- Miranda Flora** – miranda.flora@tnc.org – Miranda is in the office.
- Liz Rank** (editor) – lrnk@tnc.org – Liz is out April 7, 14, 21.

Full Links

- News from the Field—CA—PBS: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/communities-are-embracing-controlled-burns-to-protect-themselves>
Bay Nature: <https://baynature.org/article/learn-to-burn/>
- News from the Field—GA: https://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/gemc/georgia_202203/index.php#p/20
- News from the Field—MN—Indigenous burning: <https://mspmag.com/arts-and-culture/how-restoring-indigenous-burning-practices-could-revitalize/>
- News from the Field—MN—Chainsaw class: <http://www.timberjay.com/stories/hands-on-lessons-in-chainsaw-safety.18784>
- News from the Field—WTREX—Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TREXprescribedfiretrainingexchange>
WHRO story: <https://whro.org/news/local-news/27661-women-in-fire-forest-outside-wakefield-home-to-international-wildfire-training>
- Funding—CFLRP: <https://www.fs.fed.us/restoration/CFLRP/overview.shtml>
- Feedback Requested—TREX resources—Medical risk guide:
<http://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/HabitatProtectionandRestoration/Training/TrainingExchanges/Documents/TREX-Toolkit/TREX-Medical-Risk-Management-Guide.pdf>
- Medical pocket guide:
<http://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/HabitatProtectionandRestoration/Training/TrainingExchanges/Documents/TREX-Toolkit/TREX-Medical-Risk-Management-Pocket-Guide.pdf>
- Survey about medical guides: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ty-8LE47nkKo_Y2iRCxRuhkjH8QpQ_BGohxXOHZZVKBURTVINVMzODJEMVVPskpFS1NRWUwyQzRHQyQIQCN0PWcu
- Activity workbook:
<http://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/HabitatProtectionandRestoration/Training/TrainingExchanges/Documents/TREX-Toolkit/TREX-Activity-Workbook.pdf>
- Survey about workbook. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ty-8LE47nkKo_Y2iRCxRuhkjH8QpQ_BGohxXOHZZVKBUN1g5QjFNR09ZRUFVUU5UVVpNTNVWkVZVSQIQCN0PWcu
- Resources—Fire shelters: <https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/committee/docs/etc-ea-22-03.pdf>
- Resources—Evacuation: <https://fireadaptednetwork.org/evacuation-a-resource-round-up/>
- Resources—Getting qualified: <https://www.nature.org/content/dam/tnc/nature/en/documents/2022-Wildland-Firefighter-Online-Training.pdf>

Resources—Program delivery: https://sref.info/articles/extension-education-and-outreach-forestry-and-or-natural-resource-programming-delivery-mode-fees-survey-report/FNR_program_online_fees_survey%20report_011222.pdf

Resources—IFTDSS:

<https://umontana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=cfe902cde6f24d69a240b976b50afe87>

Resources—Grasses: <https://www.sciencebase.gov/catalog/item/6108b1bad34ef8d70565fa8c>

Articles & Reports—Indigenous burning—*ScienceDaily*: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/03/220315141837.htm>
PNAS article: <https://www.pnas.org/doi/full/10.1073/pnas.2116264119>

Articles & Reports—Fire & Birds: <https://fireecology.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s42408-021-00123-2>

Articles & Reports—Non-forest fires—Brief:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/545a90ede4b026480c02c5c7/t/61f20089315ea1010c6424fb/1643249802520/Calhoun_CFSC_RB_F.pdf

Article:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/545a90ede4b026480c02c5c7/t/61f1fff0962a8f0bd2f2ce22/1643249650264/Diversity+and+Distributions+-+2021+-+Calhoun+-+Spatial+overlap+of+wildfire+and+biodiversity+in+California+highlights+gap+in.pdf>

Articles & Reports—Extreme rainfall—*ScienceDaily*: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/04/220401141335.htm>

Article: <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.abm0320>

Articles & Reports—Fire ecology: <https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/2022/01/13/new-book-on-fire-ecology-and-management-across-the-u-s/>

In the News—Combustion: <https://www.newyorker.com/news/essay/in-a-world-on-fire-stop-burning-things>

In the News—Indigenous fire: <https://www.cnn.com/2022/04/03/us/california-native-american-fire-practitioners-wildfires-climate/index.html>

In the News—Record Rx: <https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/eenews/2022/03/29/prescribed-burns-hit-a-record-in-2021-forest-service-says-00021247>

In the News—DOI plan: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/bil-5-year-wildfire-risk-mmt-plan.04.2022.owf_final.pdf

USFS plan: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/wildfire-crisis>

FLN Webinars—Information about upcoming FLN webinars and recordings of previous ones is at:

<http://conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/FireLearningNetwork/NetworkProducts/Pages/webinars.aspx>

TREX—The latest application information for upcoming TREX is always listed at:

<http://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/HabitatProtectionandRestoration/Training/TrainingExchanges/Pages/Upcoming-Training-Exchanges.aspx>

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Request for Qualifications March 2022

Restoring the health and resiliency of the Deschutes National Forest is our urgent mission. Our 12 year old organization has a proven collaborative model but requires strong staff support and leadership to continue to advance our work and goals. We seek a highly organized facilitator and manager with excellent communication skills to help catalyze a new phase in our critical work.

Contract Program Manager

Location: Bend, Oregon

Type: 1 year contract - 100 hours per month

Potential: To move to a long term, full time salaried position with benefits - dependent on additional funding.

Our Forest, Our Collaborative, and Our Work

The Deschutes National Forest is an extremely important wildlife habitat, an economic engine for our region, a source of clean and abundant water, and a world-class recreational playground. The Forest is the backdrop of our lives, a core piece of our identity as Central Oregonians. But community help is needed to preserve these values and to improve the health and resiliency of the forest. Restoration also reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire to our community and provides green jobs in our local economy.

The Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project (DCFP) is guided by a 19-member Steering Committee made up of diverse interested community members. We are wildlife biologists, fire fighters, forestry contractors, environmentalists, outdoor recreationists, tribal representatives, foresters, research scientists, local government leaders and more.

We bring our diverse perspectives and expertise to a common table, review on-the-ground conditions and needs on the Forest, honor all values and experiences, and develop community-level agreements on how we want the Forest to be managed and restored. We ask the Forest Service to implement these agreements and we strive to explain to the community why our vision of active restoration is the right one for our local forests.

Between 2009 and today, the DCFP has helped to overcome past gridlock to improve forest health, fish and wildlife habitat, and resiliency to fire, insects, disease and climate change across a 250,000 acre landscape within the Deschutes National Forest stretching between Black Butte Ranch and Sunriver, wrapping around Sisters and Bend. Now we are expanding that work across the entire 1.6 million acre Deschutes National Forest.

Key Responsibilities

- Facilitating regular meetings of the DCFP Steering Committee and Sub-Committees focused on Restoration Planning, Outreach and Communications, Prescribed Fire, Monitoring, and Administration. (2-4 meetings per month)
- Supporting Steering and Sub-Committee chairs in determining desired outcomes for meetings, building agendas, facilitation, and ensuring action items are implemented



- Organizing and coordinating field trips, science workshops, monitoring activities, research activities, and community presentations necessary to advance the DCFP's work
- Ensuring consistent communication between and among the DCFP and all Steering Committee and Sub-Committee members - through email and Google Workspace docs on meeting invites, agendas, minutes, project updates, and other relevant information
- Act as the primary liaison between the DCFP and the Forest Service - ensuring the DCFP is receiving essential information for deliberations and supporting the agency in implementing restoration consistent with DCFP agreements and recommendations
- Lead a review and update of the DCFP Strategic Plan and help the DCFP reorganize to implement the resulting priorities.
- Oversight and support of Outreach, Monitoring, Administrative or other contracted staff to the DCFP to ensure Steering and Sub-Committee goals are being accomplished
- Management of the DCFP budget and grants with the support of a bookkeeper and other staff at our fiscal sponsor, the Central Oregon Forest Stewardship Foundation.
- Ideally, the Program Manager will also be able to build relationships with funders and assist with proposal development.

Desired Qualifications

- Passion for the mission of the DCFP and ability to exemplify our mission and values
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate dialog with diverse people representing a broad spectrum of interests – leading stakeholders through complex, respectful, and proactive deliberation to agreements and decisions
- Exceptional organizational and prioritization skills; detail and solution oriented.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills at both the organizational and community levels
- Proven ability to foster consensus among diverse interests to solve problems and deliver outcomes.
- Knowledge of federal forest management, ecological restoration principles and processes, and collaborative problem solving in the public sector.
- Self-motivated and innovative
- Experience with grant writing, major donor fundraising, and financial management is a plus.

Submitting Qualifications

Interested candidates should email a resume and cover letter outlining their interest in the position, qualifications to serve as the Program Manager, and contract hourly rates by or before April 11, 2022 to: staff@cofsf.org.



For more information on the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project please visit our [website](#). If you have further questions please email them to staff@cofsf.org for an email or phone response.

Interviews will be held in mid-April in Bend, Oregon.