

FLN Networker No. 332: April 27, 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

Maryland: The [story](#) “**Bringing Back Fire**: How Burning Can Help Restore Eastern Lands” has a number of familiar FLN names in its cast of characters. It also highlights the partnership between **The Nature Conservancy** and a member of the **Nause Waiwash Band of Indians**.

South Carolina: South Carolina Public Radio [says](#) “**Table Rock Is Burning, and It’s About Time**.” The reporter spoke with landscape co-lead **Helen Mohr** (helen.mohr@usda.gov) and park manager **Michael Trotter**, and **acknowledged the FLN’s role** in work like this.

South Dakota: Earlier this month, the **Rapid City Fire Department** completed a **highly visible prescribed burn** on one of the most prominent hills in town. The burn got [brief, positive coverage](#) on local TV.

Texas: A recent [post](#) on nature.org, “Ensuring a **Legacy of Longleaf**,” highlights the role of the **Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas**, as they work to reverse nearly a century of fire suppression.

Southern Blue Ridge: As of last week, the **SBR on-call crews** had supported **32 burns (19,147 acres)** this season. The burns were conducted on sites across **four states, five national forests and seven SBR FLN partner lands**. Of particular note, the **Pisgah NF topped 10,000 acres** of prescribed burns for the first time, a total few thought possible even five years ago. Years of work and relationship-building in the **Greenville Watershed** are also bearing fruit, in the form of fire on the ground. Look for more in-depth reporting on these successes after the season wraps up.

Southern Blue Ridge: A **high school fire management club** helps youth build skills—for the fireline, and for life—and sometimes assists on **SBR FLN** burns. For more, see the [Notes from the Field](#) “The Pulaski Club: Training the Next Generation.”

WTREX: The always-insightful **Lenya Quinn-Davidson** (lquinndavidson@ucanr.edu) reports from this spring’s **Women-in-Fire TREX** in the FAC Net [blog post](#) “**Feeling the Power** at WTREX.”

Input Requested: R9 Rx Handbook / Fire Behavior

R9 Rx Handbook: The **Northeast Regional Cohesive Strategy Committee** Prescribed Fire Coordination Work Group and the **USFS Northern Research Station** are collaborating to develop **materials to support implementation of prescribed fire** in the 20 states within the USFS Eastern **Region (R9)**. [Take their survey](#) to help ensure that the reference guide they develop is useful.

Fire Behavior: The **Fire Roundtable**—a partnership between **The Ember Alliance**, **Tall Timbers** and the **University of Idaho**—is **offering \$290**, and is **seeking experienced fire practitioners** willing to spend a few hours **being a coach**. Please complete the [questionnaire](#) if you are interested in helping with the May 23-27 offering, or would be able to assist with future offerings of the course.

Resources: Environmental Justice / Atrial Fibrillation

Environmental Justice: In mid-2021 the White House [announced](#) the **Justice40 Initiative**, which promised to deliver “**at least 40%** of the overall benefits from federal **investments in climate and clean energy** to disadvantaged communities.” This February they [announced](#) a beta version of the **Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool**, an [interactive map](#) that highlights census tracts that have a [combination](#) of environmental or climate indicators and socioeconomic indicators that can disadvantage the community. (Development of the tool was also part of an **experiment in open governance**, detailed in the *Grist* [article](#) “The Little-Known Open-Source Community Behind the Government’s New Environmental Justice Tool.”)

Atrial Fibrillation: The *ScienceDaily* [post](#) “Firefighters’ **Risk of Irregular Heartbeat** Linked to Number of **On-the-Job Fire Exposures**” summarizes a study led by a doctor who stumbled upon the connection: He had treated a firefighter for [atrial fibrillation](#), who felt better—and then referred colleagues.

Articles & Reports: Cooperative Burn Partnerships / UN Wildfire / Knowledge Coproduction / Bobwhite

Cooperative Burn Partnerships: The **Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition** recently released the [report](#) “Pathways to Prescribed Fire: Streamlining Cooperative Burn Partnerships **Between Nonprofit Partners and the Forest Service**” and an accompanying set of [case studies](#) (Mt. Adams Resource Stewards, Watershed Research and Training Center, and Forest Stewards Guild). The report is based on interviews with 67 people from the Forest Service, nonprofits, tribal and state agencies, local fire services and university extension. Highlights of this work are summarized in a FAC Net [blog post](#).

UN Wildfire: The **United Nations Environment Programme** released the [report](#) “Spreading Like Wildfire: The Rising Threat of Extraordinary Landscape Fires” in February. The report is a **comprehensive global overview of wildland fire**, and its **connections to climate change**, and includes **numerous recommendations**. (Do note their definition of “wildfire” on page 8—it differs from U.S. usage.)

Knowledge Coproduction: The [article](#) “**Scientist Engagement with Boundary Organizations** and Knowledge Coproduction: A Case Study of the **Southwest Fire Science Consortium**” was recently published in *Fire*. It explores whether scientists’ level of participation in one of the JFSP consortia—which operate **between the worlds of science production and science use**—affects their knowledge coproduction with those who use the knowledge for management and policy decisions.

Bobwhite: **NRCS** has released “Northern Bobwhite, Grasslands, and Savannas: A **Framework for Conservation Action**.” The [framework](#) lays out how NRCS will work with agricultural producers and other partners to increase adoption of targeted conservation practices that are good for farmers, ranchers, bobwhite and natural resources. Prescribed **fire is highlighted** as an important tool, especially in the Southeast.

Videos: Equitable Workforce Development / Future of Fire

Equitable Workforce Development: Last month, the **Watershed Research and Training Center** concluded a **pilot training** with **Conservation Corps North Bay**, an organization that is focused on ending the cycle of poverty through on-the-job training related to **natural resource management**. The [video](#) “Advancing Equitable Wildfire Workforce Development” documents this project that was funded by California’s **Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program**.

Future of Fire: With voices from **Tall Timbers**, the New Mexico chapter of **The Nature Conservancy**, the **Forest Stewards Guild** and others, an episode of the PBS series “[Ecosense for Living](#)” looks at **fire and forests—past, present and future**.

In the News: CFLRP

CFLRP: The **Department of Agriculture** has [announced](#) the **next set of 15 projects** supported by the **Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program**. The selected projects are in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon and Washington, and several appear to overlap with FLN landscapes, although the project details and boundaries have not yet been posted.

Jobs

Project Support: With its sister institutes, the **Ecological Restoration Institute** is recruiting a **Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes grant & project support coordinator, senior** to support a multi-year national project funded through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. Details are on the Northern Arizona University jobs site ([job ID 606187](#)); applications are due by **April 28**.

Program Director: With its sister institutes, the **Ecological Restoration Institute** is recruiting a **Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes program director of cross-boundary fire and fuel treatment assessment and application** to lead a multi-year national project funded through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. Details are on the Northern Arizona University jobs site ([job ID 606186](#)); applications are due by **May 2**.

Fire Program Coordinator: The **Alabama** chapter of **The Nature Conservancy** is seeking a **Coastal Fire Program coordinator**. Details are on the Conservancy’s careers page ([job ID 51334](#)); applications are due by **May 5**. Current employees should apply through [PeopleSoft](#).

Wildfire Mitigation Program: The **Colorado State Forest Service** is hiring **two wildfire mitigation program specialists**, who will be responsible for the oversight and administration of programs supporting wildfire risk reduction activities throughout the state. Details are on the [CSFS employment page](#); applications are due by **May 9**.

Forestry Program: The **Colorado State Forest Service** is also hiring a **forest program specialist**, who will be responsible for the oversight and administration of several grant programs. Details are on the [CSFS employment page](#); applications are due by **May 9**.

Program Manager: The **Forest Stewards Guild** is hiring a **Southwest fire and fuels project manager** with both field and office responsibilities. See the [position description](#) on smartrecruiters.com for details; applications are due by **May 15**.

Program Coordinator: The **Forest Stewards Guild** is also hiring a **Southwest Region project coordinator** to work with managers and directors in support of all programs in the Southwest. See the [position description](#) on smartrecruiters.com for details; applications are due by **May 15**.

Post Doc: **Tall Timbers** is recruiting a full-time **post-doctoral research scientist** to assess uncertainties in burned area and derived data used to inform conservation and land management decision making, supporting the **Southeast FireMap project**. See the [Tall Timbers employment page](#) for details; applications should be submitted by **May 16**.

Coordinators: **Wildfire Adapted Partnership** is currently seeking a **county coordinator** for Dolores and Montezuma counties, and an **administrative coordinator** to assist the executive director in the organization’s day-to-day operations. Details about both positions are on the [WAP website](#); applications will be **reviewed on a rolling basis** through **May 20**.

FAC Specialist: The **Montana DNRC** is hiring a **Fire Adapted Montana Learning Network coordinator**. Details are on the state's jobs page ([job 22141351](#)); applications are due by **May 25**.

Fire Program Manager: The Karuk Tribe is seeking a unit fire program manager for their **Integrated Wildland Fire Management Program**. Details are in the [vacancy announcement](#) on www.karuk.us.

Grant Specialist: The **California Fire Safe Council** is seeking a **staff grant specialist**; details are on the council's [careers page](#).

Project Management: KBR is seeking a **LANDFIRE requirements manager** to support its technical support services contract at the **USGS** Earth Resources Observation & Science Center near Sioux Falls. Details are on the KBR careers page ([position R2046666](#)).

Fire Crew: The **Ecostudies Institute** is seeking a **fire crew member** and **fire crew leader** to conduct ecological burn work primarily on U.S. military Joint Base Lewis McChord from about June through September. For details, see the "[Work With Us](#)" page on the organization's website.

Webinars

recording available **Results and Recommendations from the Southeast Prescribed Fire Training Needs Survey**

Jennifer Fawcett, Laurel Kays and Gary Wood were the presenters on this March 3 webinar from the Southern Fire Exchange.

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeISaM4sMU4>

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

Sarah McCaffrey was the presenter for this April 20 webinar in the Science You Can Use series. The [slides](#) are also available.

Recording: <https://vimeo.com/701418128>

April 28

Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit: Working Together: New Partnerships in Forest Ownership and Conservation

3:30 Pacific / 4:30 Mountain / 5:30 Central / 6:30 pm Eastern (1.5 hrs)

This is the last session in a series that lays the groundwork for a summit this fall.

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

May 3

new listing

Land Management Explains Major Trends in Forest Structure and Composition Over the Last Millennium in California's Klamath Mountains

noon Pacific / 1:00 Mountain / 2:00 Central / 3:00 Eastern

Lead author Clarke Knight will be the presenter on this webinar from the Forest Stewards Guild based on the [recent article](#) of the same title.

Details & registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsf-ivpzouG9XK1bWuTeWtGiYEAft9V5SO>

May 4

new listing

Community-Based Wildfire Risk Reduction

5:00 Pacific / 6:00 Mountain / 7:00 Central / 8:00 p.m. Eastern

Chris Barth and James Meldrum will be the speakers on this public webinar hosted by Fire Adapted NM in celebration of National Wildfire Preparedness Day.

Details & registration: <https://facnm.org/new-events/2022/5/4/webinar-community-based-wildfire-risk-reduction>

- May 5**
new listing **Too Much, Too Little or Just Right? Forest Regeneration in Fire-Adapted Landscapes**
9:00 Pacific / 10:00 Mountain / 11:00 Central / noon Eastern (1.5 hrs)
Co-hosted by Rocky Mountain Research Station and Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes, this webinar will feature short presentations by six subject-matter experts, and discussion and Q&A.
Join: <https://usfs.zoomgov.com/j/16104530612> (password: USFS1905!)
- May 10**
new listing **20 Years of Partnership: Lessons Learned from the South Central Fire Learning Network**
9:00 Pacific / 10:00 Mountain / 11:00 Central / noon Eastern
Join McRee Anderson, Jim McCoy, Randy Brents and Gabe De Jong for a panel discussion of the history—and future—of the South Central FLN.
Details & registration: <https://tnc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lcO-hrDooHdTyXHwX1uOvZfGUYHlslIdll>
- May 18**
new listing **Pre-Planning for Fire Operations And Response—PODs**
5:00 Pacific / 6:00 Mountain / 7:00 Central / 8:00 p.m. Eastern
Kit O'Connor and Tyler Beeton will be the speakers on this public webinar hosted by Fire Adapted NM in celebration of National Wildfire Preparedness Day.
Details & registration: <https://facnm.org/new-events/2022/5/18/webinar-pre-planning-for-fire-operations-and-response-pods>
- May 24** **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** **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 are gathering 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**
updated **Southern Blue Ridge FLN / Dillard, GA**
A draft [agenda](#) for this workshop has been posted, and [registration](#) is open.
- 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

ongoing

Lake County Cal-TREX / Lake County, CA

There will be a burn planning workshop April 30–May 1. FFT2 training will be offered over the summer and fall. Participants who complete the pre-training will then be on call for prescribed burning opportunities through February 2023.

Details: <https://www.tribalecorestoration.org/lake-trex>

ongoing

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.

ongoing

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](#)

ongoing

Northeast Washington Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Spokane, WA

This event, originally scheduled for April 16-24, has been converted to on-call cooperative burning, due to inclement weather throughout the original window.

ongoing

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. 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.

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--Or1r6CJeI683Bp5E>

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** **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 15-19** **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 16-18** **Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit / Pala, CA**
 Information: <https://www.climatesciencealliance.org/2022-tribal-summit>
- May 19-20** **Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) Training / online**
deadline
 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 help practitioners 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** **North Georgia Prescribed Fire Council Meeting / Jasper, GA**
updated
 Registration for this meeting is now open.
 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 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 /**
updated **Florence, Italy & online**
 The call for proposals is open; submissions are due by June 15.
 Information: <https://fireacrossboundaries.org/>
- October 25-29** **14th Biennial Longleaf Conference: Rekindling Our Connections /**
new listing **Wilmington, NC**
 The call for proposals presentations, panels, posters, etc. is open; submissions are due by May 23. Information: <https://fireacrossboundaries.org/>

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Full Links

News from the Field—MD: <https://e360.yale.edu/features/bringing-back-fire-how-burning-can-help-restore-eastern-lands>

News from the Field—SC: <https://www.southcarolinapublicradio.org/sc-news/2022-04-25/table-rock-is-burning-and-its-about-time>

News from the Field—SD: <https://www.kotatv.com/2022/04/08/prescribe-burns-help-with-fire-risk/>

News from the Field—TX: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/texas/stories-in-texas/alabama-coushatta-tribe-of-texas/>

News from the Field—SBR—Pulaski Club:

http://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/FireLearningNetwork/USFLNPublications/Documents/176_NotesFromTheField-SBR-PulaskiClub-2022.pdf

News from the Field—WTREX: <https://fireadaptednetwork.org/feeling-the-power-at-wtrex/>

Input Requested—R9 Rx handbook: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P56G9ZT>

Input Requested—Fire behavior:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_QGj9AJV5ZqkPUOGxKCextrl_DwvHDxxbDTZUP0xI00nLQw/viewform

Resources—Environmental justice—2021 announcement: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/briefing-room/2021/07/20/the-path-to-achieving-justice40/>

February announcement: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/news-updates/2022/02/18/ceq-publishes-draft-climate-and-economic-justice-screening-tool-key-component-in-the-implementation-of-president-bidens-justice40-initiative/>

Map: <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>

Grist: <https://grist.org/equity/the-little-known-open-source-community-behind-the-governments-new-environmental-justice-tool/>

Resources—Atrial fibrillation: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/03/220323101252.htm>

Articles & Reports—Cooperative burn partnerships—Report:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/562e839ee4b0332955e8143d/t/624cdf568c5dc10216d0e838/1649205080351/Pathways%2Bto%2BPrescribed%2BFire%2BReport%2BMarch+2022_web.pdf

Case studies:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/562e839ee4b0332955e8143d/t/624cdf82a106b813fb4aacd6/1649205126235/Pathways%2Bto%2BPrescribed%2BFire%2BCase+Studies%2BMarch+2022_web.pdf

Blog post: <https://fireadaptednetwork.org/pathways-to-prescribed-fire/>

Articles & Reports—UN wildfire: <https://www.unep.org/resources/report/spreading-wildfire-rising-threat-extraordinary-landscape-fires>

Articles & Reports—Knowledge coproduction: <https://www.mdpi.com/2571-6255/5/2/43/htm>

Articles & Reports—Bobwhite:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD1906032>

Videos—Future of fire: <https://www.pbs.org/video/the-future-of-fire-rtodfl/>

Videos—Equitable workforce development: <https://www.thewatershedcenter.com/statewide/#Advancing-Equity-in-the-Wildfire-Workspace>

In the News—CFLRP: <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/04/18/biden-harris-administration-usda-forest-service-invest-more-31>

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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