

FLN Networker No. 346: February 15, 2023

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: There's more news from **last fall's TREX** season in the state. Read about the **first TREX in Southern California**—the **Santa Barbara TREX**, held in November—in the latest [Notes from the Field](#). And from the **North Bay TREX**, which ran through early January, there's the [blog post](#) "Prescribed fire Training Is Underway With a List of Properties Prepped for **Good Fire**" as well as a **CAL FIRE video** filmed when the agency **assisted at a TREX burn**.

California: The **Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRP)** has released its **2022 annual report**, which includes pages on the **Klamath TREX** and the **Karuk Women's TREX**.

New Mexico: **Gabe Kohler** (gabe@forestguild.org) [reported](#) on the **New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit**, which the **Forest Stewards Guild** helped host in November.

Portugal: You can follow the **Alto Minho TREX, now underway** in the northern part of the country, **on social media**, including Facebook ([altominho.trex](https://www.facebook.com/altominho.trex)), Instagram ([am_trex](https://www.instagram.com/am_trex)) and Twitter ([@TREXAlto](https://twitter.com/TREXAlto) and [#AltoMinhoTREX2023](https://twitter.com/AltoMinhoTREX2023)).

WTREX: A **Women-in-Fire TREX** gets started next Monday in southeastern **North Carolina**. You can **follow WTREX** on [Facebook](#), and now on [Instagram](#) as well. This is the **first of three WTREX this spring**, with an event in **South Africa in March** and one in **Canada in May** (which is accepting applications through today; see the Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges section below).

Input Requested: Wildfire Commission / Cultural Fire / Californians

Wildfire Commission: The federal **Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission** has held its first couple of meetings, and workgroups have begun discussing several topics. Other workgroups will take up the remainder of the topics over the next few months. Through February 22 you can **submit recommendations** [via a web form](#) to the groups working on **science, data and technology** and **public health and infrastructure**. (All topics, and when recommendations will be accepted for each, are also on that page.)

Cultural Fire: Researchers at the **USGS Climate Adaptation Science Centers** are interested in the **opinions of any fire practitioners** on the subject of traditional and cultural burn operations and **Indigenous fire practices** in particular. This research will be used in a **national synthesis effort** regarding the future of fire use in the U.S. [Take the survey](#).

Californians: **University of California Cooperative Extension** is conducting a survey of **California residents** and natural resource professionals to **guide extension programming**. The [15-minute survey](#), available in English and Spanish, asks about gaps in programming and resources, challenges community members face in addressing wildfire risk, ability to make property management decisions and prepare for wildfire, and acceptability of prescribed fire and other fuels treatments. Please respond by **February 28**.

Resources: Estimating Carbon / Firewise Plants / Social Media / Traumatic Imagery / Fire Festivals / Inclusivity

Estimating Carbon: A [general technical report](#) from the **Forest Service Northern Research Station**, “**Standard Estimates of Forest Ecosystem Carbon** for Forest Types in the United States,” updates a similar 2006 publication to provide ecosystem carbon yield tables for **53 forest types within 11 regions** of the U.S. According to the USFS R&D newsletter, “While regional estimates are not as accurate as site specific data, they provide a reasonable estimate of expected carbon stocks when site-specific data are not available.”

Firewise Plants: The [publication](#) “Fire in the Wildland-Urban Interface: **Preparing a Firewise Plant List** for WUI Residents” from **University of Florida Extension** includes a **decision framework** for assessing species and other guidance for developing a local list.

Social Media: The **Washington Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network** has a comprehensive (but simple!) [five-page guide](#), “How to **Use Social Media Effectively** in Communicating about Community Fire Adaptation.” It includes links to recordings of a three-part workshop, as well as tools to help with **strategy, content and evaluation**.

Traumatic Imagery: The **Dart Center for Journalism & Trauma** has developed **guidelines** for **minimizing trauma** that can occur from **exposure to distressing images**, including those from natural disasters. While intended for journalists, “[Working With Traumatic Imagery](#)” has practical advice for anyone who, for example, is exposed to a high volume of wildfire disaster imagery.

Fire Festivals: A number of public fire festivals are held in the Southeast. In a concise [post](#), **North Carolina State University** offers some **tips for starting a festival** to promote your messages, and includes links to several recurring festivals and other resources.

Inclusivity: The North Carolina-based NGO [Field Inclusive](#) “amplifies and supports **marginalized and historically excluded individuals** who professionally work outdoors in any natural resources field.” [Slides and recordings](#) of sessions from last month’s **Field Inclusive Week** cover topics including field **safety**, challenging **stereotypes, mental health**, and navigating the world as a **disabled** scientist.

Articles & Reports: Private Rx / Fuel Treatments / Forest Change / MOUs / Science / Wildfire Economics

Private Rx: The [report](#) “Burn Back Better: **How Western States Can Encourage Prescribed Fire on Private Lands**” is a collaboration between the Property and Environment Research Center and Tall Timbers Research Station. The authors outline five broad areas where progress can be made.

Fuel Treatments: The authors of the [technical note](#) “A Framework for Quantifying Forest Wildfire Hazard and Fuel **Treatment Effectiveness** From Stands to Landscapes” propose a model for evaluating treatment effectiveness **over space and time**, rather than as single treatment or wildfire events. They conclude that “not all fuel treatments will be effective, but our framework and dashboard allow the **outcomes of single fires** to be put in the **context of landscape trends**.”

Forest Change: The [article](#) “**Patterns and Drivers of Recent Land Cover Change** on two Trailing-Edge Forest Landscapes” documents changes in the Prescott and Tonto national forests in **Arizona** from **1985 through 2020**. While the decline in forest extent was small (<1%), there were considerable changes in forest composition as a result of disturbances including wildfire, drought and insects. Highlights of the article are in a [fact sheet](#) from the **Ecological Restoration Institute**.

MOUs: The authors of the [article](#) “Fanning the Flames of Cooperation: A **Collective Action Approach to Prescribed Fire Agreements**” analyzed a dataset of 21 agreements in the U.S. Southeast and identified **six emergent themes**—including that the agreements have little impact on liability.

Science: The *Science You Can Use* [bulletin](#) “Getting More Fire on the Ground: **Landscape-Scale Prescribed Burning Supported by Science**” takes a tour of some examples of the science that can support the call for action in the Forest Service’s new 10-year plan, “Confronting the Wildfire Crisis.” It includes a selection of **further reading**, from social science to PODs.

Wildfire Economics: The *Annual Review of Resource Economics* [article](#) “The Economics of Wildfire in the United States” lays out the **economic dimensions of wildfire**—including direct costs, mitigations, wildfire response and post-fire impacts—and identifies **knowledge gaps**.

In the News: USFS-Tribal Relations / Post-Marshall Fire

USFS-Tribal Relations: The Forest Service has [announced](#) the release of “**Strengthening Tribal Consultations and Nation-to-Nation Relationships: A USDA Forest Service Action Plan**.” The State & Private Forestry deputy chief area has also been renamed **State, Private & Tribal Forestry**.

Post-Marshall Fire: A year after the fire burned more than 1,000 structures, **Colorado Public Radio** ran the [story](#) “**A Year After the Marshall Fire, Boulder Communities Are Taking Fire Mitigation Into the Plains**.” Five approaches, from home hardening to prescribed fire, are discussed.

More: Fire University / Hope / Restor(y)ing

Fire University: **Laurel Keys** (laurel.keys@tnc.org) spoke about fire and fire culture, outreach and “boring” burns—and the FLN—on [episode #110](#) of the **Natural Resources University podcast**.

Hope: **Erik Apland** reflects on the new year in the **Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center** [blog post](#) “**A Practice of Hope**.”

Re-storying: In the FAC Net [blog post](#) “Collaborative Restor(y)ation of Fire-Dependent Places,” **Lane B. Johnson** and **Gwiwizens** (aka Ricky W. DeFoe) speak of **connecting to return fire** to a northern Minnesota landscape that has missed it.

Jobs

FMOs: The **National Park Service** is hiring **fire management officers** for three parks in Region 9 (Crater Lake, North Cascades and Olympic). Details are on usajobs.gov ([control number 703746800](#)); applications are due by **February 15**.

Stewardship: **Huron Pines** is seeking a **Heartland restoration lead**. “Fire is an aspiration for Huron Pines and we would love someone who would enjoy helping to build that up,” according to an email announcing the opening. See their [jobs page](#) for details; applications are due by **February 24**.

Prescribed Fire: The **Nature Conservancy** in **Washington** is seeking a **prescribed fire specialist** (ICT4, RXB3 or FIRB) to work closely with communities and partners to inspire and support the growth of **community-based cooperative burning models**. Details are on the Conservancy’s careers page ([job ID 52891](#)); applications are due by **February 27**. Current employees should apply through [PeopleSoft](#).

Prescribed Fire: The **Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation** is hiring a **prescribed fire specialist**; the position will serve as coordinator of the new **Montana Prescribed Fire Council**. Details are on the state’s jobs site ([job 23140344](#)); applications are due by **March 2**.

Extension Foresters: **Oregon State University** Forestry and Natural Resources Extension is recruiting for **two extension forester positions**, one in Benton, Linn and Polk counties ([131674](#)) and one in Klamath and Lake counties ([131671](#)). Apply by **March 15** for full consideration.

Seasonal, As-Needed: **Teton County Fire & Rescue** (Idaho) is seeking **seasonal wildland fire-fighters** for work on wildland fires and fuel reduction projects. See the department's [website](#) for details.

Fire Management: **The Nature Conservancy** is seeking a **fire management specialist** (RXB2 within one year) to provide technical leadership and overall programmatic support to the **Kentucky and Tennessee** fire and stewardship programs. Details are on the Conservancy's careers page ([job ID 52599](#)); current employees should apply through [PeopleSoft](#).

Burn Crew: **The Nature Conservancy** is seeking a **multiple location burn crew member** (FFT2). The position will be based in northwestern or central **Minnesota** from May through November, and in the Sandhills of **North Carolina** from December through April. Details are on the Conservancy's careers page ([job ID 52961](#)); current employees should apply through [PeopleSoft](#).

Director: The **Island Park Sustainable Fire Community** is looking for a **part-time executive director/project coordinator** to implement its mission of making Island Park resilient in the face of wildfire, insect and forest disease through awareness, outreach and action. See the attached announcement for details.

Social Science: The **Ecosystem Workforce Program** at the **University of Oregon** is hiring a **pro tem social science researcher** to work on natural resources-related applied social science projects, many of which focus on wildfire smoke and air quality. Details are on the university's careers page ([job no. 529675](#)).

USFS Recruitment: The **Southern Area Recruitment Camp** for **prospective entry-level wildland firefighters** will be held **June 5-9**. Applications are being accepted through **April 1**. See the Southern Area Wildland Fire Interagency Training [website](#) for details and a link to the application.

Webinars

February 15

Prescribed Fire Considerations for Private Lands

6:00 Pacific / 7:00 Mountain / 8:00 Central / 9:00 p.m. Eastern

John Panches will be the presenter in this webinar in the Restoring Oregon's Dry Side Forests series from Oregon State ([register](#)).

February 16

Fueling Collaboration: Prescribed Burning in the Eastern WUI

8:00 Pacific / 9:00 Mountain / 10:00 Central / 11:00 Eastern (1.5 hr)

The third panel discussion of season 3 of the "Fueling Collaboration" series from eastern JFSP Fire Science Exchanges and USFS Northern and Southern Research Stations will be moderated by David Godwin ([register](#)).

February 23
new listing

Inclusivity in the Outdoors

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

José González will be the presenter in this webinar from the Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center. He will discuss ways to increase inclusivity and accessibility in the outdoors for people of all backgrounds and cultures ([register](#)).

February 23
new listing

Prescribed Burning With Research and Training Objectives

10:00 Pacific / 11:00 Mountain / noon Central / 1:00 Eastern

Andrew Rappe will be the presenter in this webinar from the Southern Fire Exchange, The Nature Conservancy and University of Florida ([register](#)).

- February 23**
new listing
- Transforming Data Into Useful Information for Wildfire Decision-Making**
10:00 Pacific / 11:00 Mountain / noon Central / 1:00 Eastern
John S. Hogland will be the presenter in this webinar from the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory ([details](#)).
- Feb. 27-March 3**
new listing
- SCIENCEx Fire Week**
11:00 Pacific / noon Mountain / 1:00 Central / 2:00 Eastern daily
In this series from USFS Research & Development, several scientists will give presentations each day on a range of topics ([details](#); [register](#)).
- March 1**
- Post-Fire Restoration on Private Lands**
6:00 Pacific / 7:00 Mountain / 8:00 Central / 9:00 p.m. Eastern
John Punches will be the presenter in this webinar in the Restoring Oregon's Dry Side Forests series from Oregon State ([register](#)).
- March 6, 13, 20**
new listing
- Wildfire and Prescribed Fire Effects on Wildlife**
11:30 Pacific / 12:30 Mountain / 1:30 Central / 2:30 p.m. (1.5 hr)
In this series from the Northern Rockies Fire Science Network, each session will feature three speakers, with a synthesis in the third session ([details](#); [register](#)).
- March 9**
new listing
- Community-Focused Programs, Datasets, and Planning Resources for Wildfire Risk Mitigation**
10:00 Pacific / 11:00 Mountain / noon Central / 1:00 Eastern
Gregory K. Dillon, Eva C. Karau and Kelly Pohl will be the presenters in this webinar from the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory ([details](#)).
- March 15**
new listing
- Short-Interval High-Severity Reburns Change the Playing Field for Forest Recovery**
9:30 Pacific / 10:30 Mountain / 11:30 Central / 12:30 Eastern (1.5 hr)
Tyler Hoecker and Kristin H. Braziunas will be the presenters in this webinar from the Northern Rockies Fire Science Network ([details](#)).
- March 16**
new listing
- How an Evidence-Based Approach to Community-Focused Wildfire Education Programs Can Put People at the Center Of Wildfire Solutions**
10:00 Pacific / 11:00 Mountain / noon Central / 1:00 Eastern
Hannah Brenkert-Smith and James Meldrum will be the presenters in this webinar from the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory ([details](#)).

Network Workshops & Field Tours

- March 6-10**
new listing
- Emerging Cultural Burning Programs Workshop / Southeast TX**
This workshop will take place on the reservation of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, located in the longleaf pine region of southeast Texas.
- May 23-25**
- Southern Blue Ridge FLN Workshop / Black Mountain, NC**
Save the date for SBR FLN Workshop 17, held in the Central Blue Ridge Escarpment landscape. Contact Jen Lamb (jlamb@tnc.org) if you need to be added to the mailing list.
- October 23-27**
- Fire Learning Network Workshop / Blackfoot Valley, MT**
FLN leads from across the country will meet for this annual workshop.

Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges (TREX) & Cooperative Burning

- February 10-17** **Alto Minho TREX / Alto Minho, Portugal** [This TREX](#) is in progress.
- Feb. 20-March 3** **Women-in-Fire Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Kelly, NC**
The deadline for this TREX has passed.
- Feb. 24-on call** **Plumas County Cal-TREX / Quincy, CA**
After training weekends February 24-26 and March 24-26, participants will conduct burns on an on-call basis. The deadline for this TREX has passed.
- Feb. 27-Mar. 10** **Southern Missouri Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Springfield, MO**
The deadline for this TREX has passed.
- March 4-on call new listing** **Rogue Basin Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Jacksonville, OR**
After an orientation (and field day for those who need it), participants will conduct burns on an on-call basis throughout the spring. See the [announcement](#) for details; applications are due by February 24.
- March 20-31** **Women's Training Exchange South Africa (WTREXSA) / Cape Town, SA**
The deadline for this TREX has passed.
- April 9-22 deadline** **Niobrara Valley Preserve Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Johnstown, NE**
See the [announcement](#) for details; [applications](#) are due by February 15.
- April 24-28** **Loess Hills Cooperative Burn Week / Pisgah, IA**
See the [announcement flyer](#) for details. Registration is open through March 15.
- April 24-May 5 deadline** **Central Oregon Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Bend, OR**
See the [announcement](#) for details; [applications](#) are due by February 15.
- May 1-12 deadline** **Women-in-Fire Prescribed Fire Training Exchange Canada (WTREX) / Banff NP**
See the announcement (in [English](#) or [French](#)); [applications](#) are due by February 15.

Trainings, Conferences, Workshops, Etc.

- February 25 new listing** **North Georgia Learn & Burn Workshop / Clarksville, GA**
The Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council, Forest Stewards Guild and The Nature Conservancy are among the partners hosting this landowner workshop. [Register](#) by February 17.
- March 1-2 updated** **Washington Prescribed Fire Council Annual Meeting / Ellensburg, WA**
The council will meet at Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue (400 E Mountain View) from 10:00-4:00 March 1 and 9:00-noon March 2 ([register](#)). [Subscribe to the council's mailing list](#) to receive updates.
- March 8-9** **Idaho Prescribed Fire Council Annual Meeting / Boise, ID**
This annual meeting will focus on prescribed fire through partnership-building relationships across boundaries. Register at [IdahoRxFire.org](#) by March 2.
- March 20-21** **Leading The CWPP Process / Fort Collins, CO**
This course from The Ember Alliance and Coalitions & Collaboratives, Inc. is aimed at helping communities and fire departments write, maintain and follow through with CWPPs. See the [TEA website](#) for details.
- March 28-30** **IAFC Wildland-Urban Interface Conference / Reno, NV**
Visit the [conference website](#) for details.

- April 12-13** **Colorado Wildland Fire Conference / Fort Collins, CO**
The conference focus is “Accelerating Adaptation and Managing Expectations.” There is also a wildfire mitigation pre-conference workshop April 10-11 and a field tour of the Poudre watershed April 14. See the [conference website](#) for more.
- April 25-28** **Prescribed Fire for Wildlife / Haines City, FL**
Registrations for this course offered by the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are being accepted through March 12, or when filled ([course details](#)).
- May 2-4** **Cross-Boundary Landscape Restoration Workshop / Fort Collins, CO**
Early bird registration for this workshop on “Adapting to a Climate-Altered West” runs through March 1. See the [workshop website](#) for details.
- May 8-11**
updated **RX-410 Smoke Management / Albany, NY**
Nominations are being accepted for this training sponsored by the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Commission ([details](#)).
- May 16-18** **Fire in Eastern Oak Forests Conference / Tyler, TX**
See the [conference website](#) for details.
- May 23-25**
new listing **Washington DNR Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Course / Deer Park, WA**
See the attached email from the Washington Prescribed Fire Council for details. Nominations are due by April 10.
- June 22** **North Georgia Prescribed Fire Council Meeting / Jasper, GA**
Save the date—and watch the [GPFC website](#) for details.
- July 9-12**
new listing **Natural Hazards Workshop / Broomfield, CO**
Organizers are accepting session ideas and presentation abstracts through February 15 ([details](#)).
- December 4-8** **10th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress / Monterey, CA**
Save the date for this [conference](#) hosted by the Association for Fire Ecology.

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Send News, Links & Comments

Autumn Bjugstad – autumn.bjugstad@tnc.org – Autumn is in a workshop February 22-23; in southeast TX March 5-10.

Emily Hohman – emily.hohman@tnc.org – Emily is in the office.

James Miller – james.miller@tnc.org – James is out February 27.

Jeremy Bailey – jeremy_bailey@tnc.org – Jeremy is out February 27-March 3.

Laurel Kays – laurel.kays@tnc.org – Laurel is in Kelly, NC February 20-March 3.

Lemaine Peo – lemaine.peo@tnc.org – Lemaine is in the office.

Marek Smith – marek_smith@tnc.org – Marek is in a workshop February 22-23; in DC March 7-8.

Mary Huffman – mhuffman@tnc.org – Mary is out February 20-27; in southeast TX March 5-10.

Miranda Flora – miranda.flora@tnc.org – Miranda is in Kelly, NC February 20-March 3.

Liz Rank (editor) – lrnk@tnc.org – Liz is out Thursdays.

Note: February 20 is a Conservancy holiday.

Links

FLN Networker—an archive of back issues is kept at:

<http://www.conservaiongateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/FireLearningNetwork/FLNNetworker/Pages/fln-networker.aspx>

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.conservaiongateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/HabitatProtectionandRestoration/Training/TrainingExchanges/Pages/Upcoming-Training-Exchanges.aspx>

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POSITION AVAILABLE: ISLAND PARK SUSTAINABLE FIRE COMMUNITY

The Island Park Sustainable Fire Community (IPSFC) is looking for a part-time **Executive Director/Project Coordinator** to implement our mission of making Island Park resilient in the face of wildfire, insect and forest disease through awareness, outreach, and action.

- JOB TITLE:** Executive Director/Project Coordinator
- HOURS:** Position is part-time; anticipated work schedule is 20-30 hours per week, year-round, subject to change based on need and availability of funding.
- SALARY:** Commensurate experience (pay range is \$21-\$25/hr.)
- BENEFITS:** None
- LOCATION:** Negotiable; Island Park preferred, will consider surrounding communities. The employee will work from home when not in the field.
- MILEAGE:** Mileage will be paid from the home location or from the boundaries of Fremont County if the incumbent lives outside Fremont County.
- Closing Date:** Open until Filled.

A little about us

IPSFC is a collaborative working group consisting of concerned citizens as well as representatives from:

- Private businesses
- Non-profit organizations
- Local, state and federal government agencies

IPSFC is working hard to help make Island Park a fire-adapted community. The project is a long-term commitment to develop a strong social and ecological community that is resilient to natural disturbances such as wildfire, insects and disease outbreaks. Find out more about us at <https://islandparkfirecommunity.com/>

RESPONSIBILITIES: This position serves as the chief contact for IPSFC and requires coordination, facilitation, management, and implementation for IPSFC projects.

- Ensuring that project goals and grant deliverables are met within the time constraints dictated by the funding agency.
- Developing and tracking annual budgets and plans of work.
- Managing project funds, tracking all monies associated with a project and grant.
- Coordinating and facilitating monthly collaborative meetings, working committees, the participation and work of project partners, Board of Directors and homeowners.
- Coordinating all project work.
- Writing grants, compiling data, and completing reports for granting entities, project steering committees, and the Board of Directors.
- Finding other funding sources for the project.
- Community Outreach.
- Supervising 2-5 part-time Employees.
- Maintaining all aspects of a Non-Profit organization including duties as directed by Board of Directors.
- Writing and implementing fuels reduction contracts such as slash disposal or thinning projects on private lands.
- Supporting volunteers in all aspects of our programs.
- Negotiating agreements or MOUs for awarded grants.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience in project coordination and facilitation skills.
- Ability to communicate, both verbally and in writing, strong public presentation skills.
- Experience managing a complex budget.
- Success at budget management including grant writing, grant management.
- Computer literate; including data bases, social media, and remote meeting platforms.
- Supervision and mentoring of employees.

Qualified applicants please submit cover letter and resume to: ipsustainablefire@gmail.com or by mail to IPSFC Board of Directors, PO 493, Island Park, ID 83429. For additional information contact Liz Davy, at the email provided.



Washington Prescribed Fire Council Mailing List

News, Updates, and Rx Fire Information

Washington DNR Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Course

May 23-25, 2023 - Deer Park, WA

Greetings,

I invite you to attend the third offering of the DNR's Certified Prescribed Burn Manager course. This will be a 3-day in-person course held at the Spokane County Fire District 4's Community Center in Deer Park, WA on May 23-25th, 2023. The cost will be \$100.

The course will consist of:

- Approximately 4 hours of Pre-work that will be sent out to students.
- Two 8-hour classroom days covering Prescribed Burn content
- A morning field event, followed by an afternoon exam

As a component of the certification process, a student with a passing grade on the exam will coordinate an evaluation burn. The student will **lead** a prescribed burn while being evaluated by the Certified Burner Program Manager. If all areas of the evaluation are satisfactory the student will be recommended for certification.

Please email Kyle Lapham; kyle.lapham@dnr.wa.gov in order to enroll your nomination, the class will be limited to 25 students. The deadline for nominations is April 10th, 2023.

The [nomination form](#) will have you provide a short description of your prescribed fire experience to aid in the selection process. No pre-requisites are required.

Food and Lodging will not be provided, please plan accordingly.

More course information will be sent out to selected students once the deadline has passed. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kyle Lapham – Certified Burner Program Manager and check the DNR's Prescribed fire webpage:

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/prescribedfire>

You can read a forest stewardship notes article about the course here:

<https://foreststewardshipnotes.wordpress.com/2022/06/01/new-dnr-program-teaches-safe-certified-prescribed-burning/>

This course was established in response to the passing of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 76.04.183 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=76.04.183>

Kyle Lapham

Certified Burner Program Manager

Forest Resilience Division

Washington Department of Natural Resources

[Nomination Form](#)