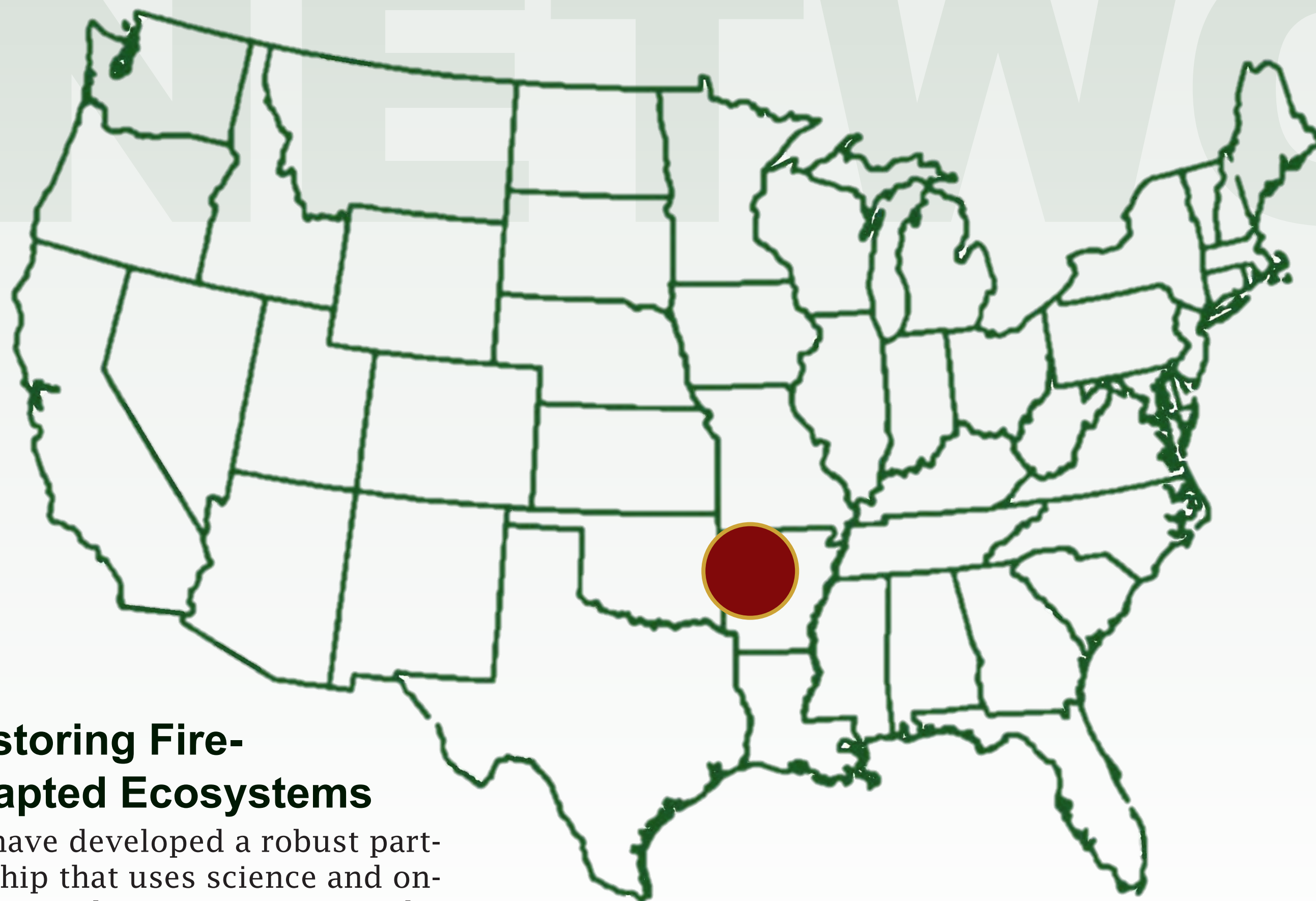


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Interior Highlands Pine-Oak Woodlands



Partner Agencies & Organizations

Arkansas Audubon Society
 Arkansas Forestry Commission
 Arkansas Game and Fish Commission—
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 Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission
 Arkansas Wildlife Federation
 National Forest Foundation
 National Park Service—Buffalo National River
 National Wild Turkey Federation
 Ouachita Timber Purchasers Group
 The Nature Conservancy—Arkansas
 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 University of Missouri, Columbia
 USDA Forest Service—Ouachita National Forest
 USDA Forest Service—Ozark-St. Francis
 National Forest (Big Piney Ranger District)

Restoring Fire-Adapted Ecosystems

We have developed a robust partnership that uses science and on-the-ground management to scale up our efforts and allow us to complete large restoration projects. Our most important accomplishment has been developing a long-term, partnership-driven, plant community monitoring program that tracks ecological outcomes and biodiversity results from restoration prescriptions and supports integrated resource management at a forest-wide landscape scale.

Looking Ahead

We are part of a multi-agency partnership that has formed to develop a regional Shortleaf Pine Initiative. The Initiative will be holding a series of regional stakeholder meeting to gather information from regional experts to begin the development of a draft range-wide Conservation Plan for Shortleaf Pine.

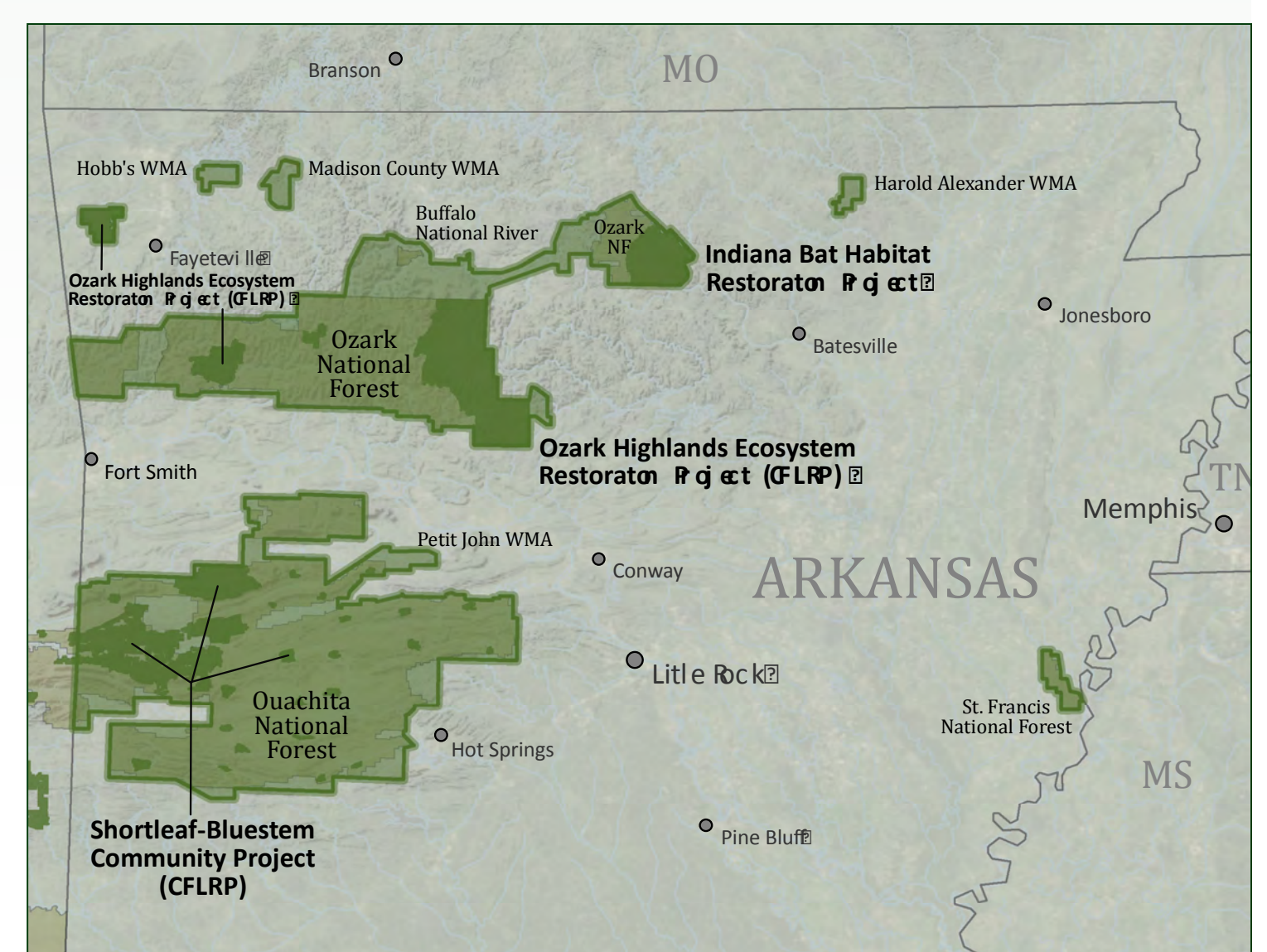


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We'll also be removing eastern redcedar (*Juniper virginicus*) on more than 1,000 acres of fire-suppressed glades for the eastern collared lizard.

Beyond Our Borders

We have been using the partnership tools and experiences gained in the FLN to help build fire management partnerships in Zambia.



FLN partners from the National Park Service, Forest Service, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission and The Nature Conservancy met in June 2013 at Gulf Mountain WMA. Regular meetings, workshops and field tours play an important role in the partnership. © TNC/McRee Anderson



Pine savanna in restoration area © TNC/McRee Anderson

What's New

In the Interior Highlands, partners with large fire programs are moving to all-season fire management. As a result, over the last few years almost half the acres of controlled burns on the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests were completed in the growing season—last year we completed over 70,000 acres of growing season burning.



Briefing before a 5,400 acre controlled burn on the Sylamore Ranger District, on April 23, 2014. The burn was conducted by 20 people from the Forest Service, National Park Service, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission and The Nature Conservancy. © TNC/McRee Anderson



Staff from Kafue National Park in Zambia inspect fire equipment on an RTV during a visit to Arkansas in March 2014. This was one of a series of reciprocal staff exchanges to discuss fire management strategies, techniques and equipment. Photo: staff report

What We've Learned

Partner retirement happens! The most important aspect of restoration is people and partnerships.



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