



— Firefighters and Prescribed Fire Practitioners Wanted —
for the Chama Peak Training Exchange (TRES)
May 1-14, 2017

The Chama Peak Land Alliance (CPLA) team in partnership with The Nature Conservancy will be hosting a Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TRES) in Spring, 2017. The intent of this training is to provide opportunities for local and regional firefighters, scientists and managers to work and train together, build their experience in prescribed fire practices, fire effects, and other conservation efforts affecting forests, woodlands and grasslands in northern New Mexico. Opportunities for trainees to receive evaluations in Position Task Books for the positions of RXB2, ENGB, FIRB, FFT1 and FEMO will be available.

The Chama Peak Land Alliance (CPLA) in cooperation with TNC and the Rio Grande Water Fund (www.nature.org/riogrande) is treating, through prescribed fire and thinning, 800 acres to improve forest health and restore wildlife habitat on six to ten properties in the San Juan – Chama landscape of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. Through this program, CPLA will be working with landowners and partners to: 1) create fire plans for private lands, and coordinate fire management activities across jurisdictional boundaries, including private lands and local, state, federal agencies tribal and other jurisdictions in the project area responsible for fire management, including the U.S. Forest Service, 2) share lessons learned from cross-boundary management in this forested landscape with others restoring forests in the Rio Grande Water Fund area, and with other members of the national Fire Learning Network, and 3) increase the ability of local ranches, community members, and local, tribal, state and federal government partners to conduct prescribed burns through trainings and workshops in the region.

We invite professional wildland firefighters and prescribed fire practitioners, fire and resource managers, ecologists, biologists, conservationists, students and faculty, researchers and scientists from federal, state, tribal, non-governmental and private organizations to be part of our burn team.

The training will be organized as an incident, using the Incident Command System. Participants will serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on a burn team and will assist with preparing, scouting, briefing, igniting, holding, mop-up and patrol on numerous controlled burns in the area. We will also complete pre- and post-fire monitoring, train with equipment, practice fireline leadership skills and learn about local fire ecology and fire management. The work will take place in the Chama and Rio Grande

Watersheds of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. The training will include field trips to areas burned in recent wildfires and to prescribed fire and fuels treatment project sites, as well as presentations from local scientists, land managers and practitioners. In addition, participants will practice preparing for interviews with local media.

Join us for hands-on burning and learning in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. Everyone is welcome, if you do not have the minimum training requirements we will provide them to you.

Requirements:

- All participants' qualifications must be current. At a minimum, everyone must have completed NWCG courses **S-130 and S-190**, as well as **FEMA IS-700A and ICS-100**. Self-study materials for these courses will be offered to participants who need them.
- Participants must complete an **arduous pack test** before the start of the event. Completion of a moderate pack test is acceptable if coming as a TNC volunteer and serving in an RXCM (prescribed fire crewmember) position. We will help provide instructions and standards so that you can complete the pack test prior to the TREX event.
- All participants must have **insurance** (e.g., employer provided health insurance, workers' comp, personnel health or travel insurance) to cover any injury they may sustain during the training exchange.
- Participants should come with **all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**, including **fireline-approved boots** (all leather work boots, 8-inches tall, non-slip soles, and no steel toe), a New Generation Fire Shelter, headlamp, hard hat, Nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection and canteens for drinking water. If you do not have proper PPE, please let us know.

Cost: Each participant is responsible for a \$300 non-refundable registration fee. Instructions on how to pay the registration fee will be provided when you are notified that you have been selected to attend.

Meals & Travel: Meals and lodging will be provided during the training. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from Chama, NM.

More information: If you are interested in learning more or participating in this Training Exchange please send Jeremy Bailey a note of interest at jeremy_bailey@tnc.org



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