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For more about the FLN, visit www.conservationgateway.org/fln or contact Lynn Decker.

The editor is out. Check out the updated listings, and the news will return with the next issue.

Jobs: Regional Fire Management Coordinators

The **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wildlife Division** has posted four Regional Fire Management Coordinator positions. The primary focus of the positions will be to plan and implement **prescribed fire on public and private land** across each region of the state. These positions will also assist with the education, mentoring and training of Division staff and the public. For more information, see position listings ([Region 1](#), [Region 2](#), [Region 3](#), [Region 4](#)). Applications are due by **September 20**.

FLN Workshops

October 8-10

Central Appalachian FLN

See the Wildland Fire in the Appalachians conference listing, below.

October 22

Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains Landscape / Blairsville, GA

The inaugural workshop of this new landscape will include introductions to fire adapted communities, fire ecology and lessons learned from the FLN as a diverse partnership comes together in north Georgia.

Information: **Malcolm Hodges** (mhodges@tnc.org) or **Jim Wentworth** (jwentworth@fs.fed.us)

October 22-25

Parashant Partnership / St. George, UT

The partnership's fall workshop will include a 2½ day working field trip to Mount Trumbull and the Bar 10 Ranch, as well as a day-long work session in St. George. Participants will gather information and begin to draft comments for the NEPA scoping process on the BLM Uinkaret Mts. Vegetation Management Plan. Information: **Eli Lauren-Bernstein** (eli.bernstein@nau.edu)

December 4
new listing

Southern Blue Ridge FLN Leads / Asheville, NC

Information: **Margit Bucher** (mbucher@tnc.org) or **Beth Buchanan** (bbuchanan@fs.fed.us)

Training, Conferences & Workshops

September 12

Prescribed Fire & Ecosystem Restoration: Lessons from the Fall Line Region / Talbot County, GA

The Southern Fire Exchange and The Nature Conservancy are hosting this field tour in conjunction with the Alabama Prescribed Fire Council [annual meeting](#). The tour will showcase a 10-year research study site that demonstrates the influence of prescribed fire seasonality and longleaf pine overstory density on understory vegetation. Limited to 35 participants; pre-registration is required. Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/7851539165>

- September 24** **Learn to Plan for Contingencies / Pickstown, SD**
 This Great Plains Fire Science Exchange training will help participants—including public and private land managers and prescribed fire associations—“think like a burn boss,” using sand table exercises to simulate their own burn units. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required.
 Information: <http://blogs.missouristate.edu/qpfirescience/2013/05/21/learn-to-plan-for-contingencies/>
- September 24** **Prescribed Burn Planning Workshop / Pickstown, SD**
new listing
 This half-day workshop will focus on eastern redcedar control in rangelands.
 Information: <http://igrow.org/events/prescribed-burn-planning-workshop/>
- September 25-26** **Patch Burn Grazing Workshop / Gary, SD**
updated info
 This workshop will feature a combination of ranch tours, talks and advice on using fire and grazing rotations for grassland health, and livestock and wildlife production. Register by **September 15**, please. Draft agenda attached.
 Information: <http://igrow.org/events/patch-burn-grazing-workshop/>
- September 25-26** **Washington State WUI Conference: Collaboration for Fire Adapted Communities / Wenatchee, WA**
 Information: <http://www.scwrco.org/wui.html>
- October 3** **Field Review of Bethlehem Authority Lands / Monroe County, PA**
 The Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Council is hosting a review of treatments conducted by a successful partnership on this 9,000-acre oak barrens complex.
 Information: see flyer attached to [Networker issue #137](#)
- October 8-10** **Wildland Fire in the Appalachians / Roanoke, VA**
 This conference, sponsored by the Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists and the Association for Fire Ecology, will **likely take the place of** the **Appalachians FLN annual fall meeting**, so network leads are encouraging everyone to attend. The conference program and a list of registrants (among other things) are now on the website.
 Information: <http://appfireconference.org/>
- October 12** **Basic Wildland Firefighter Training (S-130 / S-190) / Honey Creek, IA**
 Partners in the **Loess Hills** will be offering this training for volunteer firefighters and others interested in wildland fire training. The classroom portion of the work must be completed online before this field day.
 Information: see the flyer and application attached to Networker #138
- October 15-17** **Tenth Symposium on Fire & Forest Meteorology / Bowling Green, KY**
 See the call for papers in the sidebar for a list of topics for this American Meteorological Society conference.
 Information: <http://www.ametsoc.org/MEET/fainst/201310fireforest.html>
- October 16** **Field Trip in the Pinaleno / Safford, AZ**
new listing
 This SW Fire Science Consortium tour the 2004 Nuttall-Gibson Complex and 1996 Clark Peak Fire near Safford, Arizona will explore the fire and disturbance history of the Pinaleno range and new efforts to restore mixed conifer and spruce-fir through the Pinaleno Ecosystem Restoration Project.
 Information: <https://pinaleno-fieldtrip.eventbrite.com>

- October 21-24** **IAWF International Smoke Symposium / Adelphi, MD**
Information: <http://www.iawfonline.org/2013SmokeSymposium/>
- November 5-6** **Southern Sierra Prescribed Fire Council / Clovis, CA**
The inaugural meeting of this prescribed fire council will include discussions of fire management, air quality, fire research and outreach in support of the council's mission of working collaboratively "to promote, protect, conserve, and expand the responsible use of prescribed fire and cultural fire in the southern Sierra Nevada's fire-adapted landscapes and fire-dependent landscapes, and to promote public understanding and acceptance on the ecological and cultural importance of burning."
Information: <http://www.sosierrapfc.org/calendar-of-events>
- November 13-19** **Agency Administrators' Prescribed Fire Workshop / Florida**
This workshop offered by the Prescribed Fire Training Center uses group and field exercises as well as classroom presentations to cover prescribed fire program management, risk management and burn plans. The application deadline in **September 20**.
Info: www.fws.gov/fire/pftc/training_opportunities.shtml#AgencyAdministrators
- November 14-16** **Backyards & Beyond: Wildland Fire Education / Salt Lake City, UT**
This National Fire Protection Association conference will bring together wildfire experts, Firewise community representatives, community planners, civic leaders, homeowners, insurance professionals, landscape architects and others for a chance to network and share best-practices.
Info: <http://www.firewise.org/courses-and-training/backyards-and-beyond.aspx>
- Feb 8-13, 2014** **Society for Range Management: 67th Annual Meeting, Technical Training & Trade Show / Orlando, FL**
The theme for the meeting, "From Dusty Trails to Waning Wetlands," will bring drought and water management to the fore. The technical sessions, workshops and symposia will cover a wide range of topics, from wildlife to fire ecology.
Information: <http://rangelands.org/orlando2014/>
- Feb 20-22, 2014** **Fire Ecology of the Northeast: Restoring Native and Cultural Ecosystems / New Haven, CT**
The call for papers is open (through October 31) for this workshop hosted by the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and Tall Timbers Research Station & Land Conservancy . Info: <http://www.talltimbers.org/YALEworkshop/>
- Feb 25-27, 2014** **Fostering Resilience in Southwestern Ecosystems: A Problem-Solving Workshop / Tucson, AZ**
This JFSP workshop will help develop answers to pressing questions such as "How can managers build resilience when ecosystems are undergoing rapid change?" and "What are our options when megafires removes huge swaths of forests not adapted to this disturbance?"
Info: <http://swfireconsortium.org/Fire%20and%20Resiliency%20Ecology%20Workshop/>
- May 19-23, 2014** **Large Wildland Fires: Social, Political & Ecological Effects / Missoula, MT**
The call for workshops, special sessions and presentations for this conference co-hosted by the Association for Fire Ecology and the Int'l Association of Wildland Fire is now open. Information: <http://largefireconference.org/>

Send News, Links & Comments

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Full Links

Jobs—TX—Region 1: http://agency.governmentjobs.com/tpwd/job_bulletin.cfm?JobID=715445

Region 2: http://agency.governmentjobs.com/tpwd/job_bulletin.cfm?JobID=715471

Region 3: http://agency.governmentjobs.com/tpwd/job_bulletin.cfm?JobID=715520

Region 4: http://agency.governmentjobs.com/tpwd/job_bulletin.cfm?JobID=712242

Training, Conferences & Workshops—Networker #137: <http://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/FireLearningNetwork/FLNNetworker/Pages/FLN-Networker-137.aspx>

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**2013 Patch Burn Grazing Meeting "Patch Burn-Grazing in Fragmented Landscapes" September 25-26, 2013. Buffalo Ridge Resort. Gary, SD.
Sponsored by the Prairie Coteau Habitat Partnership**

Day	Time	Schedule
Tues Sept 24		Travel day
	3 - 9 pm	Check in at Buffalo Ridge Resort, Gary, SD.
	*1:00 PM optional Rx Fire Planning	Pickstown, SD (the Great Plains Fire Science Exchange, SDSU Extension, and other partners will also be hosting a Prescribed Burn Planning Workshop focused on Eastern Red Cedar control at 1 pm at the Rainbow Room located in Pickstown, SD. Contact Carol Blocksom (blocksom@ksu.edu), Sherry Leis (SLeis@MissouriState.edu), or Pete Bauman (peter.bauman@sdstate.edu) for details or visit http://blogs.missouristate.edu/gpfirescience/files/2013/05/SandboxTrainingReg.pdf
Wed, Sept 25	8:00 AM	Breakfast and Registration Table Opens
	8:30 AM	Registration / Check Inn
	9:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions
	9:15 AM	Introduction to Patch Burn Grazing: Understanding Stocking Rates. Ryan Harr, IA DNR
	10:00 AM	Chippewa Prairie Demo Site - Intro and History - Dave Trauba, MN DNR
	10:20 AM	Chippewa Prairie Demo Site - Ecological Objectives and 'Modified' PBG Design - Pete Bauman, South Dakota State University Extension
	10:45 AM	Chippewa Prairie Demo Site - Infrastructural Design for Livestock, People, and Wildlife - Joe Blastick, The Nature Conservancy
	11:00 AM	Chippewa Prairie Demo Site - Monitoring Objectives- Fred Harris, MN DNR
	11:15 AM	Break. Pick up box lunches. Load busses for Chippewa Prairie field visit. <i>Break sponsored by Millborn Seeds.</i>
	11:30 AM	Busses leave: Chippewa Prairie / Rolfmeier Ranch
	1:00 PM	<u>Stop 1</u> : Fence and infrastructure, water systems, modified PBG sweet clover grazing results, tree removal and open landscape objectives - Led by MN DNR, TNC, SDSU staff. Great Plains Fire Science Exchange info - Carol Blocksom, Kansas State University
	2:30 PM	<u>Stop 2</u> : 2013 PBG Burn unit review, well systems, stocking rates/impacts, review monitoring plots, idle cover retention, cattle health and condition, cattle behavior, monitoring updates/results (vegetation, herps, insects, birds). Led by MCBS staff
	4:00 PM	<u>Stop 3 (1 hr)</u> : Randy Rolfmeier Pasture: 'Turning pasture into prairie', habitat improvement, production, rest, fire, vegetation response. Producer Question and Answer session.
	5:00 PM	Load busses for supper at Buffalo Ridge
	6:30 PM	Supper at Buffalo ridge
7:30 AM	Free time and social: <i>social sponsored by Dakota Ridge Pheasants.</i> racquetball, walleyball, fishing.	
Thu, Sept 26	7:00 AM	Breakfast.
	8:00 AM	Load busses for morning tour
	8:30 AM	Travel to 7-Mile Fen
	9:00 AM	<u>Topic 1</u> : PBG on small acreages, walking tour of project (cover variation, use history, livestock travel patterns, water supply, 25 pairs... <i>then and now</i> , bird use) - Led by TNC and SDSU staff

9:45 AM	<u>Topic 2:</u> PBG research results, water management - Sandy Smart, South Dakota State University
10:15 AM	<u>Topic 3:</u> Water management, NRCS rainfall simulator and infiltration rings - Stan Boltz, NRCS
11:00 AM	<u>Topic 4:</u> Producer Question and Answer session
11:45 AM	Load Busses for Buffalo Ridge
12:30 PM	Lunch at Buffalo Ridge resort.
1:30 PM	PBG for Biological Diveristy - Chris Helzer, The Nature Conservancy, Nebraska
2:00 PM	PBG at Glacial Ridge NWR - Jessica Dowler, Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge
2:30 PM	Conservation Friendly Grazing in Wisconsin - Erin Holmes - Pheasants Forever, Wisconsin
3:00 PM	Tallgrass Prairie Preserve PBG - Bob Hamilton - The Nature Conservancy, Oklahoma
3:30 PM	Break <i>sponsored by The Grouse Partnership</i>
4:00 PM	Tallgrass National Monument PBG - Brian Obermeyer - The Nature Conservancy, Kansas
4:30 PM	PBG in Missouri - Max Allegre- Missouri Dept. of Conservation
5:00 PM	PBG Effect on Iowa's Butterflies in Fragmented Landscapes
5:30 PM	PBG Vegetation Response in Southeast Nebraska - Brit Smith, Oklahoma State University
6:00 PM	Closing comments, adjourn.
6:15 PM	Supper at Buffalo Ridge.
7:00 PM	Free time: racquetball, walleyball, fishing, live music.