

# FLN Networker No. 158: May 14, 2014

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For more about the FLN, visit [www.conservationgateway.org/fln](http://www.conservationgateway.org/fln) or contact Lynn Decker.

## News from the Field

**California:** The **Western Klamath FLN** held the **sixth workshop** in its series of seven in Orleans at the end of April. Among the outcomes was a set of **guiding principles** that represents the group's intentions for working together:

1. We are **results-oriented**.
2. We work toward having **beneficial fire** operating **throughout our landscape**.
3. We incorporate **cultural values and traditional ecological knowledge** into our work.
4. Our activities seek to build our **local workforce**.
5. We use the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation as our guide to **adaptive management and collaboration**.

The final workshop in this planning series will take place next week.

An [article](#) about a **previous workshop** in this series—which talks a good deal about the **FLN process** they're using—appeared in the local *Two Rivers Tribune* on April 8.

**California:** The 2014 **Klamath Fire Ecology Symposium** hosted by the FLN last month was also covered in the *Two Rivers Tribune* in a meaty [front page story](#) that covered many of the topics discussed at the event.

**North Carolina:** The **final version** of Marissa Ponder's "**Restoration Needs Analysis** in Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests" [report](#) is now available on the Conservation Gateway. Links to the full suite of resources related to this analysis (including the recording of the March webinar) can be found on the "**Southern Blue Ridge: Restoration Needs Analysis**" [page](#).

**Washington:** The **Yakima Valley Fire Adapted Community Coalition** put good effort into **getting the word out** about **National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day** (Saturday, May 3), resulting in (among others) an [article](#) in the *Yakima Herald*, and [interview](#) on KIRO news (radio), and a county proclamation of a Wildfire Community Preparedness Day.

## Resource: Cohesive Strategy Data

**Cohesive Strategy Data:** The data that went into the **science analysis** of the **National Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy** are [available online](#). The data, mainly at the **county level**, cover a **wide range of wildfire-related areas**, from structures lost and area burned through a variety of demographic measures to area potentially available to various treatments.

## Reports: National Climate Assessment / Managing Natural Ignitions / CFLRP Workshop Findings / S. Appalachians Restoration / Drought

**National Climate Assessment:** This report **summarizes climate change effects, present and on the way**, for the U.S. The [interactive website](#) can be explored by region, sector affected, or response strategy. See the webinar listings below for a series of regional summaries being provided by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

In related news, [www.climatecentral.org](http://www.climatecentral.org) summarizes the results of the National Climate Assessment in **eight charts and maps**. (And for a study in how **color choices affect** what data seem to say, compare the first map here (Average Temperature Trends) with the [temperature trends map](#) from the front page of last Wednesday's *New York Times*.)

**Managing Natural Ignitions:** The **Ecological Restoration Institute** has put out a three-page [fact sheet](#) entitled "Managing Naturally Ignited Wildland Fire to Meet **Fuel Reduction and Restoration Goals** in Frequent-Fire Forests." It briefly covers fire use planning and benefits, costs and constraints, and includes a list of references.

**CFLRP Workshop Findings:** Teams from five **CFLRP** projects in Regions 2 and 3 met last fall to discuss processes, issues and **lessons learned** on these southwest landscapes. Workshop notes, presentations—and **key take-home messages** from each presentation—are posted on the National Forest Foundation's [website](#).

**Southern Appalachians Restoration:** The **Southern Research Station** has published the [report](#) "Restoration in the Southern Appalachians: A Dialogue among Scientists, Planners, and Land Managers." Main sections cover the **role of fire**, **early successional habitat** and **oak regeneration**.

**Drought:** About **half the country** is currently somewhere between "abnormally dry" and "exceptional drought." A [map](#) on the NASA Earth Observatory site shows much of the **West**, as well as some of the **Appalachians**, affected.

## Job: Ecosystem Support Team Supervisor

**Ecosystem Support Team Supervisor:** The **Longleaf Alliance** is seeking a supervisor for the **Gulf Coast Plain Ecosystem Partnership** (GCPEP). Details are attached; applications are due by **May 20**.

## Webinars

**May 15**

### **Remote Fire Monitoring**

7:00 Pacific / 8:00 Mountain / 9:00 Central / 10:00 Eastern

In this webinar of the Cherokee NF Landscape Restoration Initiative, **Rob Klein** (regional fire ecologist, National Park Service) will discuss tools being used in the Smokies and explain the efforts to learn more about how best to put them to use. **Marek Smith** (Allegheny Highlands program director, The Nature Conservancy—VA) will share his FLN experiences with the tools on the George Washington NF. FLN members and partners are invited to join the webinar.

Log in: <https://nethope.webex.com/nethope/j.php?MTID=m8dadb8817a781538ba837365ed5fe30c>

**new listings**

**May 16**

**May 21**

**May 22**

**May 23**

**May 27**

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### **National Climate Assessment 2014: Key Findings**

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

**Great Plains:** 10:00 Pacific / 11:00 Mountain / noon Central / 1:00 Eastern

**Northeast:** 9:00 Pacific / 10:00 Mountain / 11:00 Central / noon Eastern

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

**SE/Caribbean:** 9:30 Pacific / 10:30 Mountain / 11:30 Central / 12:30 Eastern

**Southwest:** 4:00 Pacific / 5:00 Mountain / 6:00 Central / 7:00 Eastern

The Union of Concerned Scientists is hosting a series of webinars to share key findings of the recently-released assessment; there will be a separate webinar for each of the six regions of the country. Each is an hour and 15 minutes long.

[Information & registration](#) is on the IUCN site.

**June 23**  
**FLN webinar**

**FLN Monitoring Analysis**

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

In this webinar **Peter Bates** will share some results from analysis of monitoring conducted on FLN plots across the **Southern Blue Ridge FLN**.

Add to calendar: <https://nethope.webex.com/nethope/j.php?MTID=mb27b4ff99dfa7a4a30eed3e76d69a224>

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## FLN Workshops

**May 20-22**

**Southern Blue Ridge FLN / Cashiers, NC**

The theme of this year's annual workshop for the regional FLN is "Managing Lands with Multiple Objectives: How does Fire Fit in?"

Information: <http://sbrflnworkshop9.weebly.com/> or contact **Helen Mohr** ([helen@cafms.org](mailto:helen@cafms.org))

**June 2-5**

**Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network / Colorado Springs, CO**

Representatives from the 18 pilot communities will meet to exchange learning with each other, and with FLN leaders, who will be convening during the latter part of the week.

Information: **Michelle Medley-Daniel** ([info@wrtc.org](mailto:info@wrtc.org))

**June 4-6**

**FLN Network Leaders / Colorado Springs, CO**

Information: **Lynn Decker** ([ldecker@tnc.org](mailto:ldecker@tnc.org))

## Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges

**May 24-June 4**

**Yurok Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Weitchpec, CA**

The Yurok Tribe will be hosting this FLN training exchange to develop the Tribe's capacity to safely and effectively reintroduce fire onto the local landscape while providing participants with experience and training in conducting controlled burns. (The application deadline has passed.)

**Sept 23-Oct 4**

**Arizona Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Flagstaff, AZ**

The Arizona Prescribed Fire Council will host this training exchange. The 20 participants will stay at The Nature Conservancy's Hart Prairie Preserve and conduct controlled burns on federal, state and private lands. Applications are due by **July 11**.

Info: <http://azprescribedfirecouncil.org/event/prescribed-fire-training-exchange/>

## Conferences & Workshops

**May 16-17**

**5<sup>th</sup> Northwest Regional Fire Safe Conference / Mt. Shasta, CA**

The theme of this California Fire Safe Council conference is "Maintenance of Fuelbreaks, Shaded Fuelbreaks, and Related Fuel Reduction in the WUI." In addition to numerous presentations and a field trip, on Friday evening, there will be a screening of the video "**Catching Fire**," produced by partners in the **Western Klamath Mountains FLN**.

Info: <http://www.cafiresafecouncil.org/5th-northwest-regional-fire-safe-conference/>

- May 19-21**      **Climate-Smart Conservation / Tucson, AZ**  
 This class, hosted by the Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative and Southwest Climate Science Center, is based on a forthcoming guide to the principles and practice of Climate-Smart Conservation. This publication is the product of an expert workgroup on climate change adaptation convened by the National Wildlife Federation in collaboration with the US FWS and other partners. Information: <http://training.fws.gov/nctcweb/catalog/CourseDetail.aspx?CourseCodeLong=FWS-ALC3195>
- May 19-23**      **Large Wildland Fires: Social, Political & Ecological Effects / Missoula, MT**  
 This conference will be co-hosted by the Association for Fire Ecology and the International Association of Wildland Fire. Information: <http://largefireconference.org/>
- June 2**  
**new listing**      **Outreach for Prescribed Fire in the Wildland-Urban Interface / Deltona, FL**  
 This workshop, organized by the Northeast Florida Scrub Working Group, will address the question “How do I build public acceptance—and even active support—for my fire program in the wildland-urban interface?” It will take place at the Lyonia Environmental Center, from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Information: [craig.faulhaber@myfwc.com](mailto:craig.faulhaber@myfwc.com) (RSVP by May 22 if attending)
- June 3**  
**new listing**      **Missouri Prescribed Fire Council Annual Meeting / Jefferson City, MO**  
 Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/missouri-prescribed-fire-council-business-meeting-tickets-11448575999>
- September 16-18**      **State-and-Transition Simulation Modeling Conference / Ft. Collins, CO**  
 Co-sponsored by the USGS, TNC and Apex Resource Management Solutions, the event includes an optional one-day training on ST-Sim software and two days of presentations on a range of topics. Information: [www.stsm2014.org](http://www.stsm2014.org)

## Send News, Links & Comments

**Lynn Decker** – [ldecker@tnc.org](mailto:ldecker@tnc.org) – Lynn is out May 22-31.

**Jeremy Bailey** – [jeremy\\_bailey@tnc.org](mailto:jeremy_bailey@tnc.org) – Jeremy is Missoula, MT May 18-21 and Weitchpec, CA May 24-30.

**Wendy Fulks** – [wfulks@tnc.org](mailto:wfulks@tnc.org) – Wendy is NC May 16-24.

**Mary Huffman** – [mhuffman@tnc.org](mailto:mhuffman@tnc.org) – Mary is in Happy Camp/Orleans, CA May 18-23.

**Heather Montanye** – [hmontanye@tnc.org](mailto:hmontanye@tnc.org) – Heather is in the office.

**Guy Duffner** – [gduffner@tnc.org](mailto:gduffner@tnc.org) – Guy is out May 17, 22-23.

**Liz Rank** (Networker Editor) – [lrnk@tnc.org](mailto:lrnk@tnc.org) – Liz is in the office.

Note: **May 26** is a Conservancy holiday.

## Full Links

News from the Field—CA—W Klamath Mts workshop: <http://www.tworivertribune.com/2014/04/blazing-trails-with-fire-planning-collaborative/>

News from the Field—CA—Symposium: <http://www.tworivertribune.com/2014/05/scientists-tribes-firefighters-trade-solutions/>

News from the Field—NC—Restoration needs analysis report: <http://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/FireLearningNetwork/NetworkProducts/Pages/NeedsAnalysisReport-Ponder2014.aspx>

News from the Field—WA—Yakima Herald: <http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/latestlocalnews/2126579-8/nile-community-hoping-to-get-out-in-front>

KIRO radio: <http://mynorthwest.com/11/2498751/State-helping-protect-landowners-in-wildfire-zones>

Resource--Cohesive Strategy data: <http://dev.nemac.org/csreport/input-variables>

Reports--National Climate Assessment: <http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report>

Climate Central maps & charts: <http://www.climatecentral.org/news/climate-change-in-8-compelling-charts-17406>

New York Times map: <http://www.nytimes.com/imagepages/2014/05/06/us/Rising-Temperatures-1399427453046.html?ref=todaypaper>

Reports—Managing natural ignitions: <http://library.eri.nau.edu/gsd/collect/erilibra/index/assoc/D2014018.dir/doc.pdf>

Reports—CFLRP workshop: <http://www.nationalforests.org/conserve/learning/collaborative-forest-landscape-restoration-program-in-arizona-new-mexico-and-colorado#>

Reports—Southern Appalachians restoration: <http://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/45758>

Reports—Drought: <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=83650>

Webinars—National Climate Assessment: [http://www.ucsusa.org/global\\_warming/science\\_and\\_impacts/science/national-climate-assessment-webinar.html](http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming/science_and_impacts/science/national-climate-assessment-webinar.html)

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## Vacancy Announcement Ecosystem Support Team Supervisor Application Due Date: May 20, 2014

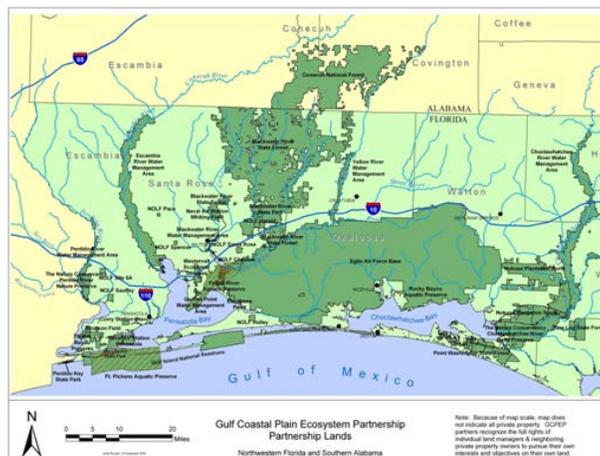
The Longleaf Alliance is seeking a Supervisor for the Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem Partnership (GCPEP) Ecosystem Support Team (EST). The EST, consisting of four full-time (supervisor included) and one seasonal employee, was developed to support land management and restoration in collaboration with GCPEP partners, across and beyond the GCPEP landscape. Priority work by the EST centers on prescribed burning, invasive species control, mechanical treatments, ecological monitoring, and fire training. The position is full-time and dependent upon successful program funding and grants.

**Duties:** The Ecosystem Support Team Supervisor is directly responsible for the supervision and guidance of the EST. The EST Supervisor coordinates and implements ecosystem management plans and projects, which include prescribed burning, species and natural communities surveying and ecological monitoring, exotic species identification and control, data management, training and development, wildfire suppression, trail and/or equipment maintenance.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must have at a minimum, a Bachelor's degree in biology, ecology, natural resources management or related field and five years related work experience or related experience in land management. In addition, the applicant must be qualified as NWCG ICT4 with Engine Boss and or Firing Boss qualifications. RXB2 preferred. Applicants must also possess strong interpersonal skills and excellent written and oral communication skills. Additional preferred qualifications include experience with control of invasive species and the ability to use computer and field equipment. A valid driver's license is required.

Salary and benefits package will range from \$38,000 to \$45,000 and will be commensurate with experience. A resume, cover letter, and three references must be received no later than May 20, 2014, electronically to:

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**Final candidates will be notified May 22 for interviews to be conducted on May 27, 2014.**

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