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## News from the Field

**Arizona, Colorado, Washington:** In the lead-up to **Wildfire Community Preparedness Day** on May 2, **NFPA** has announced the [contest winners](#) who will receive **funds for activities** to be conducted that day. The **winners** include **FAC Learning Network** hubs and partners **Flagstaff**, AZ (Jerolyn Byrne), **Southwest Colorado** (Rebecca Samulski, [montezumafirewise@gmail.com](mailto:montezumafirewise@gmail.com)) and **Leavenworth**, WA (Annie Schmidt, [director@chumstickcoalition.org](mailto:director@chumstickcoalition.org)). The Arizona project is hosting a Firewise **landscaping contest** with the grand prize awarded to the entry that exhibits the best balance of fire-wise elements and aesthetic appeal. The Colorado project is a **middle-school essay contest** going on now, with students writing on "Why my home needs a Firewise makeover." The **winner will get a Firewise makeover** on Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. In Washington, families can pick up a bag on Earth Day if they commit to **creating an emergency "go kit."** Then, each day in the week of events leading up to Preparedness Day, the **Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition** will provide one of the small components needed to fill the bag.

**Arizona:** The **Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project** is the only **wildfire risk reduction** project among the **ten finalists** selected by judges in the Solution Search **"Reducing Our Risk" contest**. The grand prize and runner-up **winners will be selected by vote**—you can [cast your vote](#) through May 15.

**California:** In the **Western Klamath Mountains**, the Happy Camp Fire Safe Council has announced the release of the **Happy Camp Community Wildfire Protection Plan**. The **goals** of the CWPP, which align with those of the **Cohesive Strategy**, are to (1) prioritize and recommend actions to reduce adverse fire impacts to life, property, infrastructure, and other resources of community value; (2) provide critical information ...that will assist in maximizing safety, effectiveness, efficiency and beneficial measures of fire management and minimize adverse effects; (3) recommend actions to reduce cost of managing large wildfires and (4) recommend measures for restoring beneficial fire to the landscape. The [plan and its supporting maps](#) are available online (link expires April 29).

**Colorado:** The *Durango Herald* ran a [story](#) about **FAC Learning Network** hub **FireWise of Southwest Colorado** and its partners **celebrating a batch of awards** at their meeting last week. This included a Community **Wildfire Preparedness Pioneer** Award for **Judy Winzell** (neighborhood ambassador), a Fire Adapted Communities **Fire Service Leadership** Award for **Chris Barth** (BLM) and an award for **Wildfire Mitigation Innovation** to the organization itself. (For more about these awards—and other members of the FAC network that received them, see the January post in the [FACNetwork.org](http://FACNetwork.org) blog.)

**Colorado:** A [story](#) in the *Pikes Peak Courier*, "Coalition Promotes Forest Health," talks about the **pile burning** that the **Coalition for the Upper South Platte** has been doing over the winter. For more, see the recent post by **Jonathan Bruno** ([jonathan@uppersouthplatte.org](mailto:jonathan@uppersouthplatte.org)) on the [FACNetwork.org](http://FACNetwork.org) blog, "Pile Burning **Lessons Learned**."

**North Carolina:** Participants in the **Southern Blue Ridge FLN's** recent **North Carolina Prescribed Fire Training Exchange** are writing up a storm about the event. For a couple perspectives, check out the [blog post](#) by the Conservancy's **Southern Rockies Wildland Fire Module** as well as a [posting](#) on the South-east Prescribed Fire Update site written by **Jennifer Evans** and other members of the planning team (aptly titled, "A Little **Cold and Precipitation Can't Stop Us!**"). See also the attached *Notes from the Field*.

**North Carolina:** On March 18, partners in the **Grandfather Restoration Project** reached a milestone, conducting **two prescribed burns in one day**. The burns totaled **1,800 acres**, the most acres treated in a day. The units are among the most established in the project, with this being the fifth round of prescribed fire since 1998. According to project coordinator **Lisa Jennings**, “in proposing the CFLRP project, we often talked about **efficiencies gained** through **burning units multiple times**, allowing us to reduce future costs. These two burns were a **great example** of achieving this efficiency. The condition of the fuels, as well as familiarity with the units, allowed the fire team here on the Grandfather to achieve a large number of acres in a single day while ensuring a safe environment for firefighters.”

**Oregon:** The **Ashland Forest All-Lands Restoration Project** is among those [recently awarded](#) Forest Service-NRCS **Joint Chiefs’ Restoration Funding**. The project is working to reduce and mitigate wildfire threats to communities, protect the watershed, and improve and protect quality wildlife habitat in an area of interspersed public and private lands.

**Virginia:** After surveying recent **Scaling-up to Promote Ecosystem Resiliency** (SPER) **burning** done by **Wildland Restoration International** (pictures on Facebook), **Sam Lindblom** has announced his retirement. “I think we’ve pretty much finished our work here,” he said. “These forests are **completely restored** now.” Congratulations have been coming in from colleagues across the country. “I’m **really amazed** at what they’ve done,” said **Nathan Korb**, “We have at least six months more work here before we can declare success.”

Before you congratulate Sam, check out the details in [this post](#).

**Washington:** Congratulations to **Mason McKinley** ([mmckinley@cnlm.org](mailto:mmckinley@cnlm.org)), now a **qualified Burn Boss Type II** after eight years of training that included 380 prescribed burns (including several **TREX**). His qualification adds **much-needed capacity** to the South Puget Sound, and will greatly benefit the **prairies and native biodiversity** of the region.

**Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network:** A dozen members of the Network attended this year’s **Wildland Urban Interface conference** in Reno last week. Wednesday included a **full day of FAC sessions** and an evening FAC reception. **Justice Jones** (Austin, TX) took part on a FAC **panel** presentation alongside Forest Service Deputy Chief of Forestry **Jim Hubbard** and CAL FIRE Director **Ken Pimlott**. In addition, **Nick Goulette** moderated a **session on local FAC coordinating groups** that included presentations by **Katie Martel** (California), **Forest Schafer** (North Lake Tahoe), **Justice Jones** and **Frank Riley** (Towns County, GA). Several network members also received **mitigation awards** at a ceremony that afternoon.

Photo highlights from the conference are on the [FACNetwork.org blog](#), and **Frank Riley** was briefly **quoted on TV news coverage** of the conference.

## Videos from the Field

**FAC Learning Network:** The network now has a [YouTube channel](#), which has been set up to **host high-quality videos** that demonstrate **FAC lessons learned and best practices**. The **first video** posted was filmed at the recent **Austin-Boise fire departments’ learning exchange**. It’s a good introduction to fire adapted communities concepts from a fire department perspective, and would also be **good for general public audiences**.

**Nebraska:** A recording of a [webinar presentation](#) from the recent **Niobrara Valley TREX** is available. **Jack Arterburn** ([jarterb3@hotmail.com](mailto:jarterb3@hotmail.com)) discussed his findings from research on the **interaction of drought and wildfire** on the vegetation and stability of **sandhills**.

## Resources: Smoke / Collaboration Triangle / Mapping / Fire-Resistant Forests

**Smoke:** This one is a **two-way street**—we’ve started a [new section](#) on the **Conservation Gateway** to house technical **smoke and wildfire emissions management** information that’s in (relatively) plain language. The goal is to gather resources that are suitable **for practitioners**—scientifically sound, but comprehensible to non-specialists.

Posted there now are the [recording](#) and [slides](#) from “Wildland Fire Emissions Factors—Latest Research,” which **Shawn Urbanski** presented to the NWCG SmoC last month. Coming soon will be ... resources you share. What articles, tools, presentations and other resources have you found useful? Please **send suggestions** to **Blane Heumann** ([bheumann@tnc.org](mailto:bheumann@tnc.org)).

**Collaboration Triangle:** **Michelle Medley-Daniel**’s recent post on [FACNetwork.org](http://FACNetwork.org) is called “Considerations for **Fostering Local FAC Collaboratives**,” but the concepts are far more **widely applicable**. It’s a quick read, and a worthwhile aspect to consider no matter how new or mature a collaboration—how do you **balance results, process and relationships** in a collaborative?

**Mapping:** The [Data Basin](#) hosted by the Conservation Biology Institute has a variety of resources, including **almost 12,000** publicly available conservation-related **spatial datasets**. It also provides a means of **sharing data**—either **publicly or privately** with specified work groups—as well as tools for manipulating and **exploring data**. These tools could be especially useful when looking at spatial information with **dispersed groups**, particularly if some members are not GIS-savvy. There are recorded and live webinars as well as a quick “tour” option that introduce site features.

**Fire-Resistant Forests:** The **Northwest Fire Science Consortium** and **Oregon State University** Extension’s “A [Land Manager’s Guide](#) for Creating Fire-Resistant Forests” **covers the basics** of fire and fire behavior triangles, fire types (ground, surface, crown), basic principles of fire-resistant forests and fuel reduction methods in **about a dozen pages**. While the details are specific to the Northwest, the overview may be useful for non-professional audiences anywhere.

## Report: NPS Plan

**NPS Plan:** The **National Park Service**’s “**Wildland Fire Strategic Plan: 2015-2019**” is [available online](#). The plan reaffirms NPS values and establish its priorities for the next five years, incorporating the intent of the Cohesive Strategy.

## In the News: Climate Change

**Climate Change:** Surprising evidence has emerged regarding the [source of climate change](#).

## Job: Assistant Program Manager

**Assistant Program Manager:** This **Joint Fire Science Program** position will have primary responsibility for the **fire and fuels management**-focused aspects of the program, especially **fire science exchange** and adoption. Information is available on [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov) (announcement number FA Merit-2015-0032); applications are due by **April 7**.

## Webinars

**April 3**  
**new listing**

**Burning for Birds: Birds, Fire and Southeastern Habitat Management**

8:00 Pacific / 9:00 Mountain / 10:00 Central / 11:00 Eastern

Jim Cox (Tall Timbers) will present this Southern Fire Exchange webinar.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southern-fire-exchange-webinar-burning-for-birds-tickets-16086815097>

**April 14** **A New Age of Wildland Fuel Science**  
10:00 Pacific / 11:00 Mountain / noon Central / 1:00 Eastern  
Bob Keane of the Missoula Fire Sciences Lab will present this webinar hosted by the Northern Rockies Fire Science Network.  
Information: <http://nrfirescience.org/event/new-age-wildland-fuel-science>

**April 16**  
**new listing** **Easy-to-Use Smoke Tools**  
noon Pacific / 1:00 Mountain / 2:00 Central / 3:00 Eastern  
Trent Wickman, an air resource specialist with the Great Lakes National Forests, will present this webinar hosted by the Northern Rockies Fire Science Network.  
Information: <http://nrfirescience.org/event/easy-use-smoke-tools>

## FLN and FAC LN Workshops & Field Tours

**April 16-17** **Burned Area Learning Network / Santa Fe, NM**  
“Planning for the Next Big One: Managing the Postfire Environment in a Time of Change.” Core partners will discuss the development of a new learning network at this workshop supported by the FLN, Southwest Fire Science Consortium and Southern Rockies Fire Science Network.

**April 20** **Pike’s Peak FLN / TBD**  
Information: Paige Lewis ([paige\\_lewis@tnc.org](mailto:paige_lewis@tnc.org))

**May 12-14** **Southern Blue Ridge FLN / Morganton, NC**  
Registration is now open for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual regional workshop of the SBR FLN.  
Information: <http://sbrfln2015.weebly.com/>

**June 1-4**  
**new listing** **National FLN Workshop / Santa Fe, NM**  
Save the date for the national workshop, where leaders will meet with their counterparts in the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network and help shape the FLN’s upcoming work. The FLN will meet from Monday evening through 5:00 Thursday. Information will be emailed soon.

**June 1-5**  
**new listing** **National FAC Learning Network Workshop / Santa Fe, NM**  
Save the date for the national workshop, where leaders will meet with their counterparts in the Fire Learning Network, share learning, and help plan the network’s upcoming structure and work. The FAC network will meet from Monday evening through Friday noon. Information will be emailed soon.

## FLN Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges

**April 27 – May 6** **East River TREX—Session I / eastern SD**  
**May 11-20** **East River TREX—Session II / eastern SD**  
These TREX are supported by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, SD Wildland Fire Division, TNC and other partners to improve wildlife habitat and range conditions, reduce the possibility of damaging wildfires and provide training and learning opportunities. (The application deadline has passed.)

**May 14-21** **Central Oregon Ecological Fire Training Exchange / Bend, OR**  
This **Northwest FLN** TREX, aimed at prescribed fire partners in the state, will focus on the ecological, social, communications, monitoring and operational dimensions of planning and implementing ecologically-based prescribed fire for restoration goals. (The application deadline has passed.)

Sept. 15-Oct. 5

**Spanish-Language TREX / northern NM**

This training exchange will be held in and around the Santa Fe National Forest, and will bring together participants from several countries and across the U.S. Applications are due by May 8.

Information: flyer and application form are attached to [FLN Networker No. 180](#)

Conferences, Workshops, Training, Etc.

April 20-24

**Managing Fire, Understanding Ourselves: Human Dimensions in Safety and Wildland Fire / Boise, ID**

13th International Wildland Fire Safety Summit & 4th Human Dimensions of Wildland Fire Conference.

Information: <https://inawf.memberclicks.net/upcoming-conferences>

May 1-3

**Colorado Certified Burner B - RXB3 Training / Larkspur, CO**

The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control and Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners are offering this course on planning, designing and implementing low complexity pile burns in Colorado.

Information: see the flyer attached to [FLN Networker No. 179](#)

May 2  
updated

**International Wildfire Community Preparedness Day**

Various events will be taking place. There will be a one-hour **Twitter Chat** to brainstorm ideas **April 7 at 2:00 Eastern**, with hashtag #WildfirePrepDay; details are at <http://wildfire.blog.nfpa.org/2015/03/join-the-wildfire-prepday-twitter-chat.html>.

Information: <http://www.nfpa.org/wildfirepreparednessday>

May 5-7

**11<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Fire and Forest Meteorology / Minneapolis, MN**

The American Meteorological Society is hosting this conference.

Information: <http://www.ametsoc.org/MEET/fainst/201511fireforest.html>

May 18-19

**Intro to State-and-Transition Simulation Modeling of Landscape Vegetation Dynamics / Ft Collins, CO**

Information: [http://wiki.syncrosim.com/index.php?title=Courses#Course\\_Descriptions](http://wiki.syncrosim.com/index.php?title=Courses#Course_Descriptions)

May 27-29

**5<sup>th</sup> Fire in Eastern Oak Forests Conference / Tuscaloosa, AL**

Information: <http://easternfire.as.ua.edu>

June 7-12  
new listing

**Fire Ecology Institute for Educators / Durango, CO**

Information: see July workshop, below; the registration deadline is May 22

July 6-12  
new listing

**Fire Ecology Institute for Educators / Florissant, CO**

This workshop for grade 3-12 educators has sponsors and presenters, including the Colorado State Forest Service, Coalition for the Upper South Platte, The Nature Conservancy, Rocky Mountain Research Station and others. The registration deadline is June 19 (**early bird tuition ends April 1**).

Information: scroll through the listings at <http://coloradopl1t.org/workshops/>

July 13-17

**RX-310: Introduction to Fire Effects / State College, PA**

This course, offered by the **Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Council**, will be geared specifically toward Pennsylvania ecosystems, but is open to both Pennsylvania burn practitioners and others. Nominations are due by April 30.

Information: the announcement and nomination form are attached to [FLN Networker No. 180](#)

- September 24-26** **Colorado Wildland Fire Conference: Creating Fire Adapted Communities / Snowmass Village, CO**  
Information: <http://www.wildfire-colorado.com/>
- October 22-24** **Backyards & Beyond: Wildland Fire Education Conference / Myrtle Beach, SC**  
Information: <http://www.nfpa.org/training/backyards-and-beyond>
- November 16-20 deadline** **Fire Ecology & Management Congress / San Antonio, TX**  
The call for all proposals is now open; **proposals for special sessions** are due **April 1**. Information: <http://afefirecongress.org/>

## Send News, Links & Comments

**Lynn Decker** – [ldecker@tnc.org](mailto:ldecker@tnc.org) – Lynn is out April 3, in Albuquerque, NM April 7-10.

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**Wendy Fulks** – [wfulks@tnc.org](mailto:wfulks@tnc.org) – Wendy is out April 10.

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## Full Links

News from the Field—AZ, CO, WA: <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/outdoors/wildland-fires/national-wildfire-community-preparedness-day/2015-contest-winners>

News from the Field—AZ—Reducing Our Risk contest: <http://www.solutionsearch.org/contest/reducing-our-risk>

News from the Field—CA—Happy Camp CWPP: <https://www.transferbigfiles.com/d1f1dea0-ded0-4427-8005-c43ee432faad/3eG4zQ04-zyMk-wXreU7Bg2>

News from the Field—CO—Durango Herald: <http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20150325/NEWS01/150329739/-1/News01/FireWise-celebrates-big-honors->

News from the Field—CO—Pikes Peak Courier: <http://pikespeakcourier.net/stories/Coalition-promotes-forest-health,184147>

News from the Field—NCTREX blog—Colorado module: <http://southernrockiesfum.blogspot.com/2015/03/nctrex2015.html>

Southeast prescribed fire site blog: <http://research.cnr.ncsu.edu/blogs/southeast-fire-update/2015/03/20/a-review-of-nctrex2015-a-little-cold-and-precipitation-cant-stop-us/>

News from the Field—VA:

<http://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/FireLearningNetwork/Pages/April-Fool.aspx>

News from the Field—FAC LN—Blog: <http://facnetwork.org/fac-network-at-the-wui-conference/>

TV coverage: <http://www.ktvn.com/story/28626978/planning-ahead-for-the-fire-season#.VRdZJG1xTJ0.gmail>

Videos from the Field--FAC LN YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw0iVITHjzZbd5A4bf3tGkw/videos>

Videos from the Field—Sandhills research:

<https://nethope.webex.com/nethope/lsr.php?RCID=cd8f10af9e234e3bb573771b6d23f7cf>

Resources—Smoke:

<https://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/HabitatProtectionandRestoration/smoke/Pages/default.aspx>

Resources—Collaboration triangle: <http://facnetwork.org/considerations-for-fostering-local-fac-collaboratives/>

Resources--Mapping: <http://databasin.org/>

Resources—Land managers' guide: <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/43073/EM9087.pdf?sequence=3>

Report—NPS strategic plan: <http://www.nps.gov/fire/wildland-fire/resources/documents/nps-wildland-fire-strategic-plan-2015-2019.pdf>

In the News--Climate change: <http://www.theonion.com/articles/new-evidence-suggests-last-ice-age-caused-by-earth,38191/>

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# Fire Learning Network Notes from the Field



Photo: Nancy Lee Adamson

## North Carolina TREX

Prescribed Fire Training Exchange—February 15-28, 2015

Neither rain nor snow nor ice could slow down the North Carolina TREX. A hardy group of prescribed fire practitioners braved the elements to participate in a Prescribed Fire Training Exchange in the North Carolina Sandhills. Despite some of the coldest temperatures on record and precipitation in the form of rain, snow and ice, the 58 participants shared knowledge and techniques to enhance controlled burning skills.

As is typical of TREX, participants with a wide range of skill levels and from diverse geographies—in this case from 15 states and Spain—came together to teach and learn from one another. Thirty organizations were represented, along with one private landowner. Thirty-five of the participants were working on their position task books for NWCG qualifications.

The North Carolina TREX got off to a good start—one the second



Participants improved conditions for longleaf pine seedlings. Photo: TNC/Kara Karboski

day, participants worked together to burn 163 acres of longleaf pine habitat on three tracts owned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NC WRC). As the weather took a turn on the third day, with a rainy mix not conducive to burning, the training and knowledge exchange was just beginning. The next few days were spent learning about the need for fire in the longleaf ecosystem, local ecology, weather monitoring and forecasts, smoke modeling, medical planning, operation of pumps and engines, firing techniques, and other topics, with lessons both in and out of the classroom.

### Participating Agencies & Organizations

- Bureau of Land Management
- Department of Defense— Camp Lejeune, Fort Bragg, Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Duke University
- Fort Bragg
- Mecklenburg County
- National Park Service
- National Center for Landscape Fire Analyses
- Northern Prairies Land Trust
- Nebraska Game and Parks
- North Carolina State Parks
- North Carolina Forest Service
- North Carolina State University
- North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission
- The Nature Conservancy
- University of South Carolina
- Xerces Society
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- USDA Forest Service
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



While North Carolina was, of course, well represented at this TREX, participants came from across the country. They brought with them varied ecological and fire culture experiences that enriched the event.



TREX participants taking part in a field tour with author and ecologist Bruce Sorrie.

Photo: Nancy Lee Adamson

**Four days later**, the participants got back out to burn some more, treating 102 acres of longleaf pine on NC WRC and TNC land. They also conducted pile burning on private lands, which served as a training opportunity for participants to work on skills to suppress a “wildfire.” The weather held the next day, allowing 258 acres of burning on three tracts owned by TNC and one on private lands.

**The weather** then went from bad to worse—but morale remained high, and the dedication to training did not end. Classroom and other non-burning field training continued. And on the last day of the TREX, participants were rewarded, when a small burn window allowed for one more acre of burning, and all of the

participants had a chance to practice their skills at initial attack on several “wildfires.”

**During this TREX**, about 525 acres of longleaf forest were burned on both private and public lands. But by many accounts the most valuable aspect of the TREX was the exposure to the techniques, approaches and cultures of fire programs from many different organizations and different states, and learning about experiences in different fuel types.



Creative use of ice on the ground brightens your outlook when you are trying to burn.

*Photo: Jose Luis Duce*

**Despite the poor weather, we maximized the training opportunities on each burn by having solid plans, motivated participants and well-coordinated operations at each prescribed fire.**

Mike Norris, Incident Commander

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2-16 <sup>th</sup>	NCWRC-172	20 ac
2-16 <sup>th</sup>	SASSAFRAS 1	53 ac
2-16 <sup>th</sup>	NCWRC-16B	90 ac
2-20 <sup>th</sup>	MOSS FOUNDATION	90 ac
2-20 <sup>th</sup>	OB4	12 ac
2-20 <sup>th</sup>	GREEN SWAMP MOON J.	64 ac
2-21 <sup>st</sup>	SASSAFRAS 2,3	165 ac
2-21 <sup>st</sup>	CALLOWAY 32	29 ac
2-21 <sup>st</sup>	MORGAN 2	
<b>WEEK-1</b>		<b>524 ac</b>

A log of the units treated in the course of this TREX kept participants updated.



What can you burn with southern snow on the ground? Piles! When weather did not permit broadcast burning, pile-burning provided participants with experience in wildfire suppression techniques while reducing excess fuels.

*Photo: Katelynn Jenkins*



Left: A happy module, post-fire.

*Photo: TNC/Margit Bucher*

**For more information** about this TREX, contact:

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**For more information** about TREX being offered elsewhere across the country, visit:

<http://nature.ly/trainingexchanges>

Funding for this TREX was provided by the Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS) Prescribed Fire Working Group led by North Carolina State University, The Nature Conservancy, the Fire Learning Network, the North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council and others.

The North Carolina Chapter of The Nature Conservancy took the lead in coordinating logistics, planning and prepping burn units, and providing Incident Commander Mike Norris. Based on how well this TREX went, he is already starting to make plans for another TREX in May 2017.

TREX are part of *Promoting Ecosystem Resilience and Fire Adapted Communities Together (PERFACT)*, a cooperative agreement between The Nature Conservancy, USDA Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior. For more information on PERFACT, contact Lynn Decker ldecker@tnc.org or (801) 320-0524.



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