

# FLN Networker No. 230: February 15, 2017

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

## News from the Field

**National:** Highlights from the last six months of work under **PERFACT** are in the latest **semi-annual report**, posted on the [Conservation Gateway](http://www.conservationgateway.org). The report includes sections on the Fire Learning Network, Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network, Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges, Scaling-up to Promote Ecosystem Resilience and the Indigenous Peoples Burning Network, as well as an overview of PERFACT as a whole. (For full-resolution printing or sharing, use the links to the individual sections of the report or contact **Liz Rank** ([lrank@tnc.org](mailto:lrank@tnc.org)).)

To all in the networks—and all of our partners—**kudos on jobs well done**, and **thank you for sharing your work** in so many ways, including through the report.

**Arizona:** The **USDA Forest Service** and **Natural Resources Conservation Service** solicit nominations annually for the **Two Chiefs' Partnership Awards**, which recognize successful conservation efforts made possible through **partnerships working collaboratively** to support conservation and forest stewardship. At the November Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership (GFFP) meeting, the 2015 Two Chiefs' Partnership Award was presented to GFFP partners, with a citation that read, "In recognition of your work with the **Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership** to improve forest health, protect the community from wildfire, and educate the public."

**Maryland-West Virginia:** Slides from **presentations** at the recent **workshop** of the new **Potomac Headwaters** landscape of the **Central Appalachians FLN** are now [online](#). Bad travel weather kept Jim Smith (LANDFIRE) from the workshop, so he gave his presentation on spatial data and applications for landscape-scale planning by [webinar](#). For more, contact **Deborah Landau** ([dlandau@tnc.org](mailto:dlandau@tnc.org)).

**North Carolina:** There's a nice [article](#) in the *McDowell News* about the recent **fire adapted communities work day** where crews from **The Nature Conservancy**, **U.S. Forest Service**, **North Carolina Forest Service** and the **Appalachian RC&D Coalition's** Fire Adapted Communities program teamed up with property owners to clear 30 feet of **defensible space** around seven homes in the community. For more, contact **Adam Warwick** ([awarwick@tnc.org](mailto:awarwick@tnc.org)).

**North Carolina:** **Marshall Ellis** ([marshall.ellis@ncdenr.gov](mailto:marshall.ellis@ncdenr.gov)), co-lead of the **South Mountains landscape** in the **Southern Blue Ridge FLN**, was a **panelist** for a discussion of the **ecological effects of the Party Rock Fire** that burned in November. The panel was the first of four seminars in a series hosted by the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy. The panel drew about 50 people—but **good use of video and media** contacts **expanded the audience** significantly: another 50 or so watched the livestream on the town of Lake Lure's [YouTube channel](#), and a local station (WLOS) had nearly 10,000 views on its Facebook broadcast. A reported from the *Henderson Times-News* also published a [transcript](#).

**Pennsylvania:** About 215 people from six states took part in the two-day annual **Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Council** meeting held in State College last week. Held jointly with the **Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists** and the **North Atlantic Fire Science Exchange**, the workshop theme was **Burning Issue: Sparking Effective Communication About Fire**. For more, contact **Patrick McElhenny** ([pmcelhenny@tnc.org](mailto:pmcelhenny@tnc.org)).

**South Carolina-North Carolina:** The **Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment** landscape team met last month at Table Rock State Park in South Carolina. The **25 people from 13 partner groups** in the Carolinas worked to develop the next **steps needed after the fall wildfire season**, and discussed **controlled burns for 2017**. Partners will be conducting controlled burns across the mountains of South Carolina this winter, from the Sumter NF (Andrew Pickens RD) to Table Rock State Park. Of particular note are the plans of **South Carolina State Parks**, which include **four first-entry burns** on three of their mountain parks. Public **outreach efforts** are underway to provide background on the **need for fire in our mountains**—as well as on how to protect property using Firewise principles, and help our **communities become more fire adapted**.

**Washington:** The **Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition** recently held a **business resiliency workshop** where participants heard about a range of issues to consider. Chelan County Emergency Management shared the results of a **tabletop exercise** simulating an ammonia leak and how it could affect businesses, evacuation and the ability of emergency responders to access the town during an incident. Business Continuity and Long-Term Recovery Planners from the state Emergency Management Division gave presentations, a local technology company shared tips and tools on **creating and maintaining back-up systems** and redundant connections, and an insurance agent explained the limitations of insurance **coverage for loss of income** resulting from a disaster. For more, see the Chumstick Coalition's **business resilience resources [page](#)**, or contact **Hilary Lundgren** ([hilary@chumstickcoalition.org](mailto:hilary@chumstickcoalition.org)).

## Report: Apps Fire History

**Apps Fire History:** The new [general technical report](#) “**Fire History of the Appalachian Region: A Review and Synthesis**” (**Charles Lafon, Adam Naito, Henri Grissino-Mayer, Sally Horn and Thomas Waldrop**) is now online (hard copies will be available soon). This **review and synthesis** explores fire history from Alabama to New England, and provides a **context for describing resilient forests of the future**. All of the authors have engaged with the **Southern Blue Ridge and Central Appalachians FLNs** over the years and FLN leads and partners, including **Steve Croy, Helen Mohr, Beth Buchanan and Margit Bucher**, are among those called out for thanks in the acknowledgements.

## Articles: WUI After Wildfire / Resource Objective Wildfire

**WUI After Wildfire:** The [article](#) “**Recovery and Adaptation** after Wildfire on the Colorado Front Range (2010-12)” looks at policy response and rebuilding after three large wildfires—Fourmile Canyon, High Park and Waldo Canyon. In short, the authors “found **only modest policy changes** after wildfires in WUI settings on the Colorado Front Range, and **limited adaptation** through better-mitigated homes and stronger building and vegetation mitigation standards”

**Resource Objective Wildfire:** Authors of the [article](#) “Efficacy of Resource Objective Wildfires for **Restoration of Ponderosa Pine** (*Pinus ponderosa*) Forests in Northern Arizona” found that more restoration objectives were met with **moderate-severity fire**, which suggests that effectiveness may be increased by managing for proportionally more moderate burn severity on these landscapes

## Resource: LANDFIRE Guide

**LANDFIRE Guide:** The [guide](#) “**Modifying LANDFIRE Geospatial Data for Local Applications**” provides **clear introductions** to LANDFIRE products, explains where and how to look for **common problems** with the data, and offers guidance on how to complete **common modification tasks**. It is an excellent resource for anyone working with LANDFIRE data, but should be especially helpful to those who need to refine the data for local application.

## Jobs: Interns / Project Coordinator / WUI Fuels Specialists / Outreach

**Interns:** The **Forest Stewards Guild** is offering **one paid 8-week internship** and **one unpaid internship (4-8 weeks)** based in their Santa Fe office. The focus of each will be based on the intern's interest; options include working with their **Youth Corps** or **Fire Adapted Communities programs**. Details are on the Guild's [website](#); applications are due by **February 20**.

The **Island Park Sustainable Fire Community** is seeking to fill several positions (through the High Country RC&D). All are open until **March 30 or until filled**. Announcements for all of the following are in an attached file:

- **Project Coordinator** will lead and organize the Island Park Sustainable Fire Community's seasonal programs and supervise up to five staff members to achieve program goals and meet grant requirements.
- **WUI Fuels Specialists** (2) will ensure proper implementation of fuels reduction around homes and slash pick-up contracts, recruit landowners to take part in the fuels reduction project's cost-share program, and provide wildfire risk evaluations.
- **Seasonal Outreach Representatives** (2) will help implement the IPSFC outreach plan, including conducting door-to-door outreach to property owners, attending community events and Home-owners Association meetings, helping plan and staff Wildfire Awareness Days, and other actions.

## Webinars

**February 16**  
**new listing**

### **These Once (and Future) Conflagrated Prairies**

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

Stephen Pyne will speak on this Great Plains Fire Science Exchange webinar.

Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gpfse-webinar-these-once-and-future-conflagrated-prairies-tickets-31715244149>

**February 16**

### **A Four-Step Approach to Planning for Wildfire in the WUI**

11:00 Pacific / noon Mountain / 1:00 Central / 2:00 Eastern

Stephen R. Miller will be the presenter in the first webinar in the California Fire Science Consortium's 2017 WUI Webinar series.

Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wui-webinar-a-four-step-approach-to-planning-for-wildfire-in-the-wui-tickets-29838297150>

**February 21**  
**new listing**

### **Mobile Mapping—An Introduction to Avenza Maps**

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

The Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers & Scientists, in cooperation with the Central Appalachians FLN, is providing an overview of how the Avenza Map System can be used in the field for wildfires and controlled burns. The system allows for quick transfer of information with downloadable maps, easy search functions, and GPS tracking abilities

Join the webinar: <https://connect.clemson.edu/introtoavenza/>

**February 23**

### **Indoor Air Quality During Wildland Fires: Experience and Research**

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

Kris Ray (Air Quality Program, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation) and Shelly Miller (University of Colorado) will be the presenters at this NWCG Smoke Committee webinar.

Information: see the flyer attached to [Networker #229](#) for details and a link

**March 2**  
**new listing**

**Exceptional Event Rule Revisions: How They Might Impact Fires in the Great Plains**

11:30 Pacific / 12:30 Mountain / 1:30 Central / 2:30 Eastern

The EPA recently finalized updates to the 2007 Exceptional Event Rule. This Great Plains Fire Science Exchange webinar will explore those updates, why changes were made and examine ways in which they may affect fire in the Great Plains, including prescribed fire in areas like the Flint Hills of Kansas.

Information: <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/a937ff57d5243244cde7dc3c8da9331e>

**March 15**  
**new listing**

**Residual Fire Regimes & Their Value in a Post-Suppression Management Era**

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

Tom Saladyga and Alecea Standlee will be the presenters at this Natural Areas Association webinar.

Information: <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/a937ff57d5243244cde7dc3c8da9331e>

## Network Workshops & Field Tours

**February 22-23**

**Burned Area Learning Network / Salt Lake City, UT**

A core team will meet to work on the expansion of the BALN from the Southwest to include other sites in the West where there is need for pre-fire planning for effective post-fire action.

**March 7-8**  
**updated**

**Northern California Prescribed Fire Council / Petaluma, CA**

The council's spring meeting will include presentations and discussion on the first day (followed by an evening social), with a field tour on the second day. See the council's [events page](#) for more information, including a list of topics and speakers.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-meeting-2017-tickets-31974107416>

**March 14-15**

**FireScope Mendocino Workshop 10: Fire Ready Communities / Upper Lake, CA**

Partners in this FLN will explore their landscape through the lens of fire adapted communities at this workshop, and set out ways to incorporate FAC concepts and work into their journey.

Information: Guy Duffner ([gduffner@tnc.org](mailto:gduffner@tnc.org))

**March 30-April 1**

**Indigenous Peoples Burning Network: Healthy Country Planning Workshop 2 / Weitchpec, CA**

Members of the IPBN will continue the strategic planning process begun in June. HCP is a modification of the Open Standards conservation planning process that has a more robust focus on the cultural and spiritual values important to indigenous people in their home landscapes.

Information: Guy Duffner ([gduffner@tnc.org](mailto:gduffner@tnc.org))

**April 3-7**

**Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network / Tahoe, NV**

Core FAC Net members and partners from across the country will share learning and discuss the coming year's strategies at this annual workshop.

**May 16-18**  
**updated**

**Southern Blue Ridge FLN Annual Workshop / TBD, GA**

This workshop will explore lessons learned from the 2016 fires and next steps to advance resilient landscapes and communities. It will be hosted by the Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains landscape.

Information and registration: <http://www.sbrfln.com/ws12.html>

June 13-15

**FLN Leads Annual National Workshop / TBD**

Regional network leads and key national partners from across the country will meet to share lessons learned, review accomplishments, strengthen ties within the network and plan the coming year's work. Details will follow soon.

FLN Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges (TREX)

College credit

This spring the University of Idaho is offering an online, upper division forestry course with TREX as the field component. Details are in the [course flyer](#); registration is due by **March 24**.

March 13-25

**Loup Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / central Nebraska**

The application deadline for this TREX has passed.

March 13-April 2

**Niobrara River Valley Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Ainsworth, NE**

The application deadline for this TREX has passed.

April 30-May 13  
deadline

**Ashland Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Ashland, OR**

This is one of two TREX in Oregon that will facilitate peer-to-peer experiential learning for prescribed fire professionals and others interested in advancing their understanding of innovative tools to restore fire-adapted ecosystems.

Applications are due by **February 20**.

Information: the [announcement](#) is posted on the Conservation Gateway

May 1-12  
deadline

**Central Oregon Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / Bend, OR**

This is one of two TREX in Oregon that will facilitate peer-to-peer experiential learning for prescribed fire professionals and others interested in advancing their understanding of innovative tools to restore fire-adapted ecosystems.

Applications are due by **February 20**.

Information: the [announcement](#) is posted on the Conservation Gateway

May 1-14

**Chama Peak Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / northern NM-southern CO**

This TREX will take place in the **Rio Grande Water Fund** landscape.

Information: a [flyer](#) and [announcement](#) are on the Conservation Gateway

May 15-30

**Luera Prescribed Fire Training Exchange / south-central NM**

Information: a [flyer](#) with preliminary information about this TREX is on the Conservation Gateway

Conferences, Workshops, Training, Etc.

March 2

**Washington Prescribed Fire Council / Wenatchee, WA**

Contact Kara Karboski ([wa.rxfirecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wa.rxfirecouncil@gmail.com)) to assist with the development of the workshop agenda.

March 13-17

**Northeast Oklahoma TREX / Vinita, OK**

The **Great Plains Fire Science Exchange** is holding this hands-on training in prescribed fire planning, preparation and implementation, along with classroom sessions on fire ecology and fireline communications.

Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northeast-oklahoma-trex-tickets-29086926781>

- March 26-April 1** **Kansas Forest Service Mitigation Project / TBD, KS**  
This annual project's goals include fire internship experience for local community college students and training and mentoring opportunities to build capacity within the KFS and local, regional and national partners.  
Information: see the flyer attached to [FLN Networker #222](#)
- March 27** **A Century of Wildland Fire Research: Contributions to Long-Term Approaches for Wildland Fire Management / Washington, DC or online**  
This live NAS workshop will be available by webcast (7:45 am to 12:30 pm EDT).  
Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-century-of-wildland-fire-research-contributions-to-long-term-approaches-for-wildland-fire-registration-30899258514>
- March 30-April 1** **New Mexico Wildland Urban Interface Summit / Albuquerque, NM**  
Information: <http://www.nmcounties.org/meetings/conferences/wildland-urban-interface-summit/>
- April 14-May 1 deadline** **Wisconsin TREX / WI**  
The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy and Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council are hosting this training. Applications are due by **February 15**.  
Information: see the announcement and application attached to [Networker #228](#)
- April 19-21** **Colorado Wildland Fire Conference / Pueblo, CO**  
The conference theme is "Fire Adapted Communities: Moving from Awareness to Action, Messaging to Mitigation, & Words to Work." Registration is now open.  
Information: <http://www.wildfire-colorado.com/>
- April 25-27** **National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy Workshop All Hands, All Lands: Implementation Rooted in Science / Reno, NV**  
Information: <http://www.iawfonline.org/CohesiveStrategyWorkshop/>
- May 1-12** **East River Fire Training Exchange—Session 1 / various locations, SD**  
This training exchange offered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, South Dakota Wildland Fire Division, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy is an outgrowth of TREX held in Nebraska over the past several years. Applications are due by **March 21**.  
Information: <https://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147598593>
- May 10-12** **Klamath Fire Ecology Symposium / Orleans, CA**  
Every three years, land managers, scientists, tribes, conservationists and community members gather to discuss fire management, history and ecology in the Klamath Mountains and beyond. Nowhere else in the country are the social, cultural, and ecological realities of fire discussed with such candor and connection to place. Agenda and registration information will be available soon. For other info contact the Mid Klamath Watershed Council ([mail@mkwc.org](mailto:mail@mkwc.org)).
- May 15-26** **East River Fire Training Exchange—Session 2 / various locations, SD**  
This training exchange offered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, South Dakota Wildland Fire Division, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy is an outgrowth of TREX held in Nebraska over the past several years. Applications are due by **March 21**.  
Information: <https://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147598593>

**Nov. 28-Dec. 2**  
**updated**

## **AFE International Fire Congress / Orlando, FL**

The Association for Fire Ecology (AFE) and Southern Fire Exchange will be co-hosting "Fire Vision 20/20: A 20 Year Reflection and Look into the Future." Various calls for proposals are open (check for [topics and closing dates](#)). **Rx310** will also be offered concurrently with the conference ([details](#)); nominations are due by September 29.  
Information: <http://afefirecongress.org/>

## Send News, Links & Comments

**Lynn Decker** – [ldecker@tnc.org](mailto:ldecker@tnc.org) – Lynn is at the BALN workshop February 22-23.

**Guy Duffner** – [gduffner@tnc.org](mailto:gduffner@tnc.org) – Guy is in the office Wednesdays and Fridays (mid-day) and Thursdays (morning).

**Heather Montanye** – [hmontanye@tnc.org](mailto:hmontanye@tnc.org) – Heather is out February 17.

**Jeremy Bailey** – [jeremy\\_bailey@tnc.org](mailto:jeremy_bailey@tnc.org) – Jeremy is in the office.

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**Mary Huffman** – [mhuffman@tnc.org](mailto:mhuffman@tnc.org) – Mary is out February 2-27.

**Wendy Fulks** – [wfulks@tnc.org](mailto:wfulks@tnc.org) – Wendy is in the office.

**Liz Rank** (editor) – [lrnk@tnc.org](mailto:lrnk@tnc.org) – Liz is out February 17.

Note: February 20 is a Conservancy holiday.

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## Full Links

News from the Field—PERFACT report:

<http://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/FireLearningNetwork/Pages/PERFACT-Report-Feb-2017.aspx>

News from the Field—MD-WV—Presentations:

[https://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationByGeography/NorthAmerica/UnitedStates/md/Pages/Maryland\\_FireLearningNetwork.aspx](https://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationByGeography/NorthAmerica/UnitedStates/md/Pages/Maryland_FireLearningNetwork.aspx)

Webinar recording: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ng\\_W7YNKb6s&feature=youtu.be&t=1m](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ng_W7YNKb6s&feature=youtu.be&t=1m)

News from the Field—NC—Work day: [http://www.mcdowellnews.com/news/getting-firewise-mountain-homeowners-volunteers-work-to-protect-property/article\\_62e9d0b2-ecb5-11e6-a384-af68a2f6bb8a.html](http://www.mcdowellnews.com/news/getting-firewise-mountain-homeowners-volunteers-work-to-protect-property/article_62e9d0b2-ecb5-11e6-a384-af68a2f6bb8a.html)

News from the Field—NC—Panel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OXdXkF5SoM>

Transcript: <http://www.blueridgenow.com/news/20170203/panel-party-rock-fire-should-spur-ecological-diversity>

News from the Field—WA: <https://www.chumstickcoalition.org/residents-1>

Report—Apps fire history: [https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/gtr/gtr\\_srs219.pdf](https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/gtr/gtr_srs219.pdf)

Articles—WUI after wildfire: <https://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/52897>

Articles--Resource objective wildfire: <http://library.eri.nau.edu/gsd/collect/erilibra/index/assoc/D2017002.dir/doc.pdf>

Resource--LANDFIRE guide:

[https://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/LANDFIRE/Documents/ModifyingLF\\_DataGuide\\_V1.pdf](https://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/LANDFIRE/Documents/ModifyingLF_DataGuide_V1.pdf)

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**February 6, 2017 – March 30, 2017 or UNTIL FILLED**

#### **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT – PROJECT COORDINATOR IPSFC**

High Country RC&D is seeking to hire a Project Coordinator on behalf of the Island Park Sustainable Fire Community. IPSFC is comprised of local citizens, state and federal land management agencies and non-governmental organizations working with the communities of Island Park to create a social and ecological community that is better prepared and is more accepting of wildland fire in the future. The IPSFC meets once a month. It has at least 5 working subcommittees that meet monthly. The coordinator is expected to organize and lead this entire project.

Island Park, Idaho is located along the Henry's Fork of the Snake river in eastern Idaho and is just minutes from the west entrance of Yellowstone National Park. Known the world over for its scenic beauty, world class wild trout fishery, spectacular wildlife and diverse recreational activities, this employment opportunity is not to be missed.

This position involves the following tasks:

- Lead and organize the Island Park Sustainable Fire Community's seasonal programs and supervise up to five staff members to achieve program goals and meet grant requirements.
- Attend meetings for the Island Park Sustainable Fire Community collaborative group and subcommittees.
- Act as the main contact for Island Park Sustainable Fire Community. Communicate via phone and email, and track requests for property evaluations and presentations.
- Recruit landowners to take part in a fuel reduction cost-share program.
- Complete Wildfire Risk Evaluations and Fuels Reduction Prescriptions.
- Review contracts for fuels reduction and slash pickup. Ensure that the contracted work is completed to specifications and in a timely manner by following up with landowners and landowner contractors.
- Establish and maintain IPSFC website and social media (Facebook) accounts. Generate regular content and improve the reach of IPSFC using the website, news media and social media.
- Write monthly grant progress reports and track all project expenses and measures of success.
- Maintain all records for Island Park Sustainable Fire Community.

#### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

- Experience using word processing software and databases such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and Access, Google Drive, Dropbox, and others.
- Experience completing and documenting Wildfire Risk Evaluations and Fuels Reduction Prescriptions.
- Knowledge of fire behavior and fire ecology.
- Ability to work independently and be self-directed.
- Ability to multi-task.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to actively listen.

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- Ability to work with difficult people in a positive manner. Strong interpersonal skills and ability to maintain a positive, respectful demeanor when faced with challenges.
- Ability to work most weekends and a few evenings to meet customer needs.
- Ability to implement and track multiple grants and funding sources
- Ability to build relationships and work with a variety of agencies, nonprofits, citizens, and landowners in the Island Park area.

The work environment will involve sitting, standing, walking, and stooping both indoors and outdoors. Outdoor work will occasionally involve adverse weather conditions. The position will require the use of standard office equipment including personal computers, telephones, and more.

This position will work up to 40 hours/wk. Salary range is between \$18 - \$20/hour. There are no benefits associated with this position. Incumbent must provide cell phone and vehicle. Approximate start date is May 1, 2017. Work is full time from April 1 through November 1 and part-time during the winter months.

Please send a cover letter, detailed resume, and three references to Pam Herdrich at [hcountryscd@gmail.com](mailto:hcountryscd@gmail.com). Direct any questions about this position to Pam at 208-624-3200 or the IPSFC project phone 208-680-6852. This announcement will remain open until the position is filled.



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February 6 – March 30, 2017 Or Until Filled

#### **Job Announcement -Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Fuels Specialist – Implementation**

High Country RC&D is seeking to hire 2 Fuels Specialists on behalf of the Island Park Sustainable Fire Community. IPSFC seeks to educate and implement projects that allow people to live with wildfire in the Island Park Area. We are seeking an individual who has the experience and knowledge to ensure proper implementation of fuels reduction around homes and slash pick-up contracts, recruit landowners to take part in the project fuels reduction cost-share program, provide Wildfire Risk Evaluations and Fuel Reduction Prescription to interested owners.

#### **Job Duties:**

- Inspect contracts for proper completion of fuels reduction on around private homes and slash pick up. Ensure that the contracted work is completed to contract specifications and in a timely manner. Complete final inspection and report findings to IPSFC Coordinator.
- Provide technical assistance to land owners including, but not limited to:
  - Complete Wildfire Risk Evaluations and Fuels Reduction Prescriptions on private property with sufficient detail to allow a land owner to perform or contract fuels removal from their property.
  - Work with IPSFC Coordinator, outreach representatives, and peer educators to follow-up on requests for assistance.
  - Follow-up with landowners and landowner contractors to ensure that fuels mitigation work is done correctly.
- Recruit landowners to take part in a fuel reduction cost-share program.

#### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities necessary:**

- Experience completing and documenting Wildfire Risk Evaluations and Fuels Reduction Prescriptions
- Knowledge of fire behavior and fire ecology.
- Ability to multi-task, and strong organizational skills.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to actively listen.
- Ability to work with difficult people in a positive manner.
- Ability to work weekends.

**This is a seasonal, full-time position. Salary range between \$18 - \$20/hour. Approximate start date May 15th, approximate end date December 30, 2017, or when snow depths and/or funding limitations stop field work.**

Send a detailed resume with three references to Pam Herdrich at [hcountryscd@gmail.com](mailto:hcountryscd@gmail.com).

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February 6 – March 30, 2017 or until filled

## **Seasonal Outreach Representative Job Announcement**

**High Country is seeking to hire two part-time Project Outreach Representatives on behalf of the Island Park Sustainable Fire Community (IPSFC).**

IPSFC is working with the Island Park community to raise awareness of wildfire risk, foster preparedness, create defensible space around homes, and engage the public to create a fire adapted community and a more resilient landscape.

#### **Job Duties:**

The Project Outreach Representatives will implement the IPSFC Education & Outreach Plan; specifically assisting with community outreach efforts in the Island Park area through door-to-door outreach to property owners and Homeowners Associations (HOAs). Property owners will be provided with information regarding the IPSFC and how they can better prepare their property and families for a wildfire event. The Representatives will distribute brochures and materials with information about creating defensible space and evacuation planning. The Representative will be expected to attend local community events and Homeowners Association meetings to provide IPSFC information. The Representative will help plan and staff Wildfire Awareness Days the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>. The Representative will work with the IPSFC Project Coordinator to schedule free wildfire risk evaluations for local landowners and sign landowners up for fuels reduction cost share programs. Outreach Representative will write informative newspaper articles about the IPSFC several times per year, distribute event advertisements, attend monthly IPSFC large group meetings and participate in monthly outreach committee phone calls. This position requires frequent walking, standing and sitting in an outdoor environment. Work is performed outdoors and occasionally in inclement weather.

#### **Job Qualifications:**

- Strong verbal communication skills.
- Outgoing and personable.
- Self-motivated, requiring minimal supervision.
- Strong organizational skills
- Familiarity with the Island Park community.
- Must provide own transportation, mobile phone, and computer
- Able to work weekends and evening events.

#### **Work Schedule and Compensation:**

The Representative will be expected to work up to 20 hours/week beginning early May and through approximately September 30. The position pays \$15.00 - \$17.50 per hour. No benefits. Mileage within the project area will be reimbursed at 0.54/mile. Housing is not provided.

#### **How to Apply:**

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