

Announcing Rogue Basin TREX 2022

Prescribed Fire Training Exchange Rogue Valley, Oregon, All hands-all lands, April and May 2022

An on-call, local-teams Rogue Basin TREX replaces the well-known Ashland TREX.

Objectives: In a series of prescribed burns on federal and private lands in the Rogue Basin, TREX provides experiential learning and NWCG position taskbook training for local participants in trainee and qualified positions. TREX provides on the ground experience in cooperative, multi-organization fire management. Rogue Basin TREX will build local capacity.

Target Group: This training is designed for Rogue Valley fire practitioners, including municipal, district, state, federal, tribal and contract firefighters, landowners, natural resource managers, scientists, researchers and university students.

Application: Submit application (link) anytime through April 2022. Early applicants will have priority. Successful applicants will be notified with a request for supporting documentation on qualifications. Once reviewed and approved, applicants will be sent an acceptance letter with a link to pay a nonrefundable \$100.00 registration fee to secure on-call participant status.

Description: Rogue Basin TREX is organized as a federal incident, using the Incident Command System; participants serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on a prescribed fire team. Participants will assist with burn preparation, scouting, igniting, holding, mop-up and patrol on designated burns and gain experience with fireline equipment, engine operations, safety and leadership skills. Experience with pre- and post-fire monitoring will be available, as well as training in Rogue Basin dry forest fire ecology and other topics offered in small groups outside or through online presentations. Opportunities to shadow qualified staff may be offered.

Requirements:

- Participants must be currently qualified as a type two firefighter or have completed NWCG courses ICS-100, L-180, S-130, S-190 and FEMA IS-700b. These courses are available <u>online</u> the FEMA IS-700b is available <u>here</u> for participants who need them, and opportunities for a "field day" covering shelter deployment, tools and orientation may be developed by coordinating partners. Documentation of the above courses and/or an annual fire refresher (RT-130) is required.
- 2. Participants must complete and have certified documentation of an arduous pack test. Accommodation may be made on a case and conditional basis if a participant requests. TREX will offer a pack test if there is a demonstrated need amongst participants. Contact coordinator for specifics.
- 3. Participants must have insurance (e.g., workers' comp, health or travel insurance) to cover any injury they receive during event, and sign a TNC liability waiver.
- 4. Participants must have their own reliable transportation or may carpool if following Covid safety protocol TBD.
- 5. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Participants <u>must</u> bring fireline-approved boots (all-leather work boots, 8" tall, with non-slip soles and no steel toe). Participants <u>should</u> come with PPE, including: next-generation fire shelter, hard hat, Nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection and canteens for drinking water. These can be provided by coordinating partners.
- 6. On Call commitment: Participants will participate "on-call". Participants will be notified prior to a probable burn window, and final coordination the day prior. Applicants should declare periods of non-availability over the TREX season. Teams will be based on geography, equipment, skills, training needs, and availability.

Meals & lodging not provided: participants are expected to lodge at home and bring meals as needed or arrange their own logistics. Interested tribal participants should contact coordinator about assistance which may be available.

Required Orientation Online: A required online orientation will be scheduled in early April.

COVID-19 Safety Precautions: This event will follow CDC guidelines. No large group assemblies are planned.

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