

Fire Ecology and Management in the Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain

Thursday, January 30, 2014

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

TETC Building, Room 152

Salisbury University

Salisbury, MD

- 8:00 a.m. **Sign-in, Coffee**
- 8:30 a.m. **WELCOME** – Dave Ray, Forester, The Nature Conservancy, Maryland
- OPENING KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**
- 8:35 a.m. **Dale Wade**, Research Forester, USFS Southern Research Station, retired. Overview of controlled burning on the Southeastern Coastal Plain.
- 9:30 a.m. **Sam Lindblom**, Fire Manager, TNC-VA. Overview of the Conservancy's burn program, and managing fire in Virginia's coastal plain.
- 10:00 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m. **Deborah Landau**, Conservation Ecologist, TNC-MD/DC. TNC-MD controlled burn program: looking back at fire history and forward with burn planning in Maryland.
- 10:45 a.m. **William McAvoy**, Botanist, DE DNR Heritage. Fire Adapted Plants and Plant Communities on the Delmarva Peninsula.
- 11:15 a.m. **Wayne Tyndall**, Ecologist, MD DNR Heritage. The role of fire in serpentine grassland/savanna restoration.
- 11:45 a.m. **Rebecca Wilson**, VA DCR. Pitcher plant bog and seasonal depression restoration with fire.

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

LUNCH

Montgomery Room

- 1:15 p.m. **Tami Ransom**, Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies Dept., Salisbury University. Effects of fire on amphibians & reptiles.
- 1:45 p.m. **Ronald Gutberlet**, Associate Professor & Associate Department Chair, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Salisbury University. Overview of fire effects on avian communities.
- 2:15 p.m. **Art Canterbury**, Zone Fire Management Officer, USFWS, Blackwater NWR. Wetland and marsh burning: challenges and considerations.
- 2:45 **BREAK**
- 3:00 p.m. **Chris Robertson**, MD DNR Forest Service Eastern Region Fire Manager. Maryland Forest Service Prescribed Fire Program.
- 3:30 p.m. **David Ray**, Forester, TNC MD/DC. Intersection of prescribed fire and forest management.
- 4:00 p.m. **Sam Lindblom** Understanding air quality and smoke management in controlled burns.
- 4:30 p.m. Workshop wrap-up & closing remarks.