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.