Prescribed Fire Training Center

2013 Prescribed Fire Workshop for Resource Specialist December 2 - 7, 2012

"The workshop is a 10! The wide scope of participants and the cadre made for an exceptional class."

David Tait, Fishlake National Forest, Richfield, UT
2010

Course Objectives

Resource Specialists which may include but are not limited to: Wildlife Biologists, Hydrologists, Range Managers, Forestry and Silviculture Specialists and Techs, Land Managers, Botanists, Archeologists, and any discipline that may benefit or be affected by the presence/absence of fire.

This workshop's flexible curriculum is based on the participant's expectations. The schedule is a combination of classroom presentations, discussions, projects and field trips to various managed areas with active fire programs. The overarching goals are to promote the attendee's knowledge of fire as a management tool and to engage the resource specialist's active participation in a prescribed fire program by:

- Facilitating the exchange of experience and knowledge among and between cadre and participants
- Identifying the differences in fire effects between prescribed fire and wildfire
- Exposing participants to resource management programs that are successfully conducting a burn program through an interdisciplinary approach
- Addressing fire utilization for resource benefit. Discussing concerns and mitigation steps necessary to incorporate resource needs with fire program needs.

Topics for Discussion May Include:

Prescribed Fire and:
Wildlife, Vegetation, Aquatic Systems, Listed Species, Exotic Species, Restoration

Planning and Operations:
Application, Planning: NEPA and Prescribed Fire Plan Template, Monitoring and Setting Objectives

Potential Fireline Positions for Resource Specialists:
Fire Effects Monitor, Resource Advisor, Fire Observer, Long-term Analyst, Fire Behavior Analyst, Firefighter Type 2, GIS Specialist

Application Deadline
October 25, 2012

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For Additional Information and Application Form Visit the PFTC Website www.fws.gov/fire/pftc/training_opportunities.shtml

Arrival and Departure will be from Florida Location to be Determined

Cost and Requirements

There is no tuition. All costs for travel, per diem, salary and overtime will be the responsibility of the sending unit. PFTC will provide transportation during the workshop. All non red-carded participants must have watched the video, *Using Your Fire Shelter* (NFES-1568). Participants must provide appropriate PPE. Upon selection for participation, a suggested packing list will be provided.

Target Audience

Resource Specialists from land management agencies seeking experience in planning and implementation of prescribed fire to meet resource objectives. Selected participants will receive hands-on experience in prescribed fire application and will have the opportunity to interact with skilled prescribed fire practitioners and resource specialists active in successful fuels management programs.

Location

The Workshop will be held in Florida, the location to be determined by weather and field activity opportunities. However, field trips will be taken in a variety of sites and management agencies.

Background Information

The National Fire Plan and the Healthy Forest Initiative have tasked land management agencies with implementing assertive fuels management programs. As a result, these agencies are conducting unit-wide fuels management planning and implementation projects. To effectively execute development and achievement of these projects requires an interdisciplinary approach. It is imperative for Resource Specialists and Fire personnel to work together to accomplish positive results with prescribed fire. This one-week workshop is structured to give Resource Specialists 5+ days of experience with successful fuels management programs and several experienced fire managers in the Southeast. During the week, Resource Specialists will have the opportunity to interact with highly skilled fire practitioners and specialists and develop greater insight into the importance of an open working relationship and application of planning that benefits the resources.

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"Overall the best training I have done in several years. I would highly recommend this workshop for any biologist who has prescribed fire in their area."

Mike Munts, USFWS, Little Pend Oreille NWR, Colville, WA
2011

Curriculum

This workshop will provide the participants the opportunity to:

- Become familiar with prescribed fire and identify the differences in impacts between prescribed fire and wildfire on resources
- Interact with prescribed fire practitioners and resource specialists involved in successful programs
- Discuss prescribed fire impacts related to wildlife, vegetation, exotic species, listed species, ecosystem and community restoration, as well as other areas
- Become familiar with fireline positions and potential areas for resource specialist involvement
- Recognize the possibility for interdisciplinary approach to fire operations including planning and implementation
- Experience fire monitoring elements through hands-on application to assess effectiveness of fire treatments in meeting objectives

Workshop Schedule

Kickoff begins at 1800 on Sunday, December 4th. The team will spend the following morning in orientation with short briefings on safety and southeastern fuels. The participants will be tasked with providing their expectations for the workshop and discussing what they can do to influence the use of prescribed fire on their respective home units. Each day will include a field trip to cooperators looking at specific subject areas and discussing impacts of prescribed fire. Federal, state and private cooperators may be visited during the workshop. Participation on a prescribed fire is planned, weather dependent. On the last day, participants will conduct a closeout with the cadre. Participants should plan to travel on Sunday, December 4th and Saturday morning, December 10th. PFTC will provide all transportation during the workshop.

"I have been reminded once again, how invaluable networking and exchange of ideas with other agency personnel, other disciplines and peer groups can be."

Marie Kerr, NPS, Big South Fork NRRA, Oneida, TN
2010