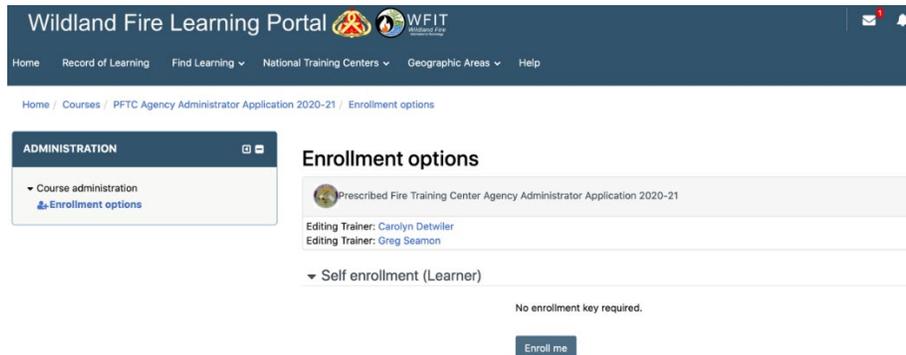


Prescribed Fire Workshop for Agency Administrators

Applications will be going through the Wildland Fire Learning Portal. Click on the link below and it will take you to the login screen. If you have an account, login and you will be directed to the “Enrollment Options” screen, click on “Enroll Me” and you will automatically be directed to the application. **If you don’t have an account, follow the directions for creating one on the Learning Portal Site.** Once you receive notification you have an account, **come back to this announcement and following the directions above.**



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Target Audience

Agency Administrators/Line Officers:

- Forest Service: Forest Supervisor/Deputy, District Ranger/Deputy
- Fish & Wildlife Service: Project Leaders/Deputy, Refuge Manager/Deputy
- Bureau of Land Management: District Manager/Deputy, Field Manager/Deputy
- National Park Service: Park Superintendent/Deputy
- Bureau of Indian Affairs: National Conservation Land Manager/Deputy)

Selected participants will receive hands-on experience in prescribed fire application and will interact and mentor with skilled prescribed fire practitioners and successful fuels program managers from across the country. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about policy, planning, and implementation of fire in order to enhance their programs. Experienced and diverse cadre members offer insight to management challenges (including how to restore fire to the landscape and meeting objectives for multiple resources using prescribed fire.) For Forest Service participants, this Workshop

meets one of the requirements in FSM 5140 to approve Prescribed Fire Burn Plans. For Fish and Wildlife Service participants, this Workshop meets Interagency Fire Management Leadership course requirements to approve burn plans. With the advent of the Agency Administrator Task Book for the USFS, the Center has worked with the National Line Officer Team to identify tasks that are met by this workshop. Currently there is the opportunity to accomplish up to 12 tasks.

Workshop Dates

Fall Workshop: October 29th through November 3rd, 2020

Spring Workshop: February 4th through February 9th, 2021

Workshop Location

The Workshop includes interaction with active federal and state prescribed fire programs. The selected workshop start/end point will be near a major Florida jetport to be determined at a later date. During the workshop the participants and cadre might move within a geographic region to take advantage of burning windows and programs. This may necessitate changing lodging at least once, if not more, during the week.

Background Information

Line Officers and Agency Administrators are being tasked to aggressively implement fuels management programs, and are required to gain additional skills and increase involvement to effectively manage evolving fuels management plans. This one-week course is structured to give the managers six days of experience burning and learning with highly skilled cooperators. PFTC will have several experienced fire managers from different parts of the United States attending the workshop and actively burning with participants. During the week, Agency Administrators will have the opportunity to apply prescribed fire and interact with highly skilled practitioners and policy makers.

Workshop Objectives

This workshop will provide participants the opportunity to:

- Become familiar with interagency fuels management direction, policy and planning
- Understand and implement key elements of successful fuels programs in the wildland urban interface and landscapes
- Interact with successful program managers and practitioners and build a network of contacts for the future
- Better understanding of risk management, liability, and burn complexity as it pertains to agency administrators

- Increase knowledge of policy, burn plans, smoke management, and the decision making process with a highly qualified cadre
- Enhance prescribed fire skills through practical experience burning with a variety of cooperators
- Experience fire monitoring elements through hands-on application in order to assess effectiveness of fire treatments in meeting objectives

Workshop Schedules

The workshop begins at 0800; Thursday, October 29th for the Fall Workshop or Thursday, February 4th for the Spring Workshop. The team will spend the morning in orientation with short briefings on safety, equipment, and southeastern fuels. Field trips/burning will be at potential cooperator sites located within the area chosen for the workshop. Federal, state and private cooperators may be visited during this timeframe. On the last day, participants will conduct a closeout with the cadre. Participants should plan to travel home the morning of November 4th (Fall) or March 10th (Spring). PFTC will provide all transportation during the workshops.

Cost/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 participants must have watched the video, Using Your Fire Shelter (NFES-1568). Participants must arrive with the appropriate PPE.

Participants' Quotes

"If there is a secret, executive level list of the best federal courses, this (Workshop) should be on it!"

Drew Milroy, Natural Resources Manager, US Air Force, 2004

"Absolutely one of the best courses I have ever taken in 22 years with the FS. The cadre was tremendously experienced and professional. They also had clearly mastered the techniques of adult education. The course provided a mix of lecture, discussions, hands-on experience, modeling, and role-playing that could not have been better designed or implemented anywhere. I had fun and I learned a lot. The cadre made sure that we met our individual objectives as well as the course objectives, and that everyone got direct hands-on experience."

Jerry Ingersoll, Deputy Forest Supervisor, USFS Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, 2009

"The energy the staff put into the training really made it successful. The constant re-evaluation of progress and the flexibility to shift topics and venues really made the course work"

Tim Pohlman, District Ranger, USFS Shawnee National Forest, Hidden Springs RD, 2010

"I think the emphasis on "hands on learning" is exceptional. My expectations were exceeded. The coordination of classroom, exercises, and field were outstanding."

Andrew Archuletta, BLM, San Luis Valley Field Office - Colorado, 2014

"It is the best organized, prepared, most professionally-staffed training I have ever attended."

Doug McKay, District Ranger, USFS Fremont-Winema National Forest, White Rim Zone, 2015

"Most beneficial training that I have experienced in my 25 year career. If put into practice on my home unit, this training and experience could possibly have the largest impact to our resource and National Forest existence."

Jim Junette, District Ranger, USFS Stanislaus National Forest, Groveland RD, 2016

"This is the best training I ever attended. It connected the work to the resources to the people. The size and depth of the cadre is what should be the standard for all training."

Cody Hutchinson, District Ranger, USFS National Forest in North Carolina, Croatan RD, 2017

"PFTC exceeded my expectations. The experiential aspects of the course provide a learning experience that can otherwise only be attained through months, years, and lessons learned the hard way."

Rebekah Martin, USFWS, North Carolina Coastal Plain Refuge Complex, 2017

"The variety of topics, activities, and different methods to teach this class kept us engaged. The Diversity of cadre and their depth of experience added tremendous value."

Trina Staloch, USFWS, Litchfield Wetland Management District, 2018

"The Agency Administrators Workshop conducted by the Prescribed Fire Training Center is a must for any Agency Administrator, regardless of level of experience. Although I have a background in prescribed fire, through taking the class I realized how much more I still have to learn. The class does a great job of combining classroom and field visits to give students a comprehensive learning experience. Most impressively, the instructors took the time to really understand the needs of the students and actually changed the agenda to address pressing concerns (I've never been in a class that did that). Bottom line - this is a class that will help you do your job better!"

Michael Lusk, USFWS, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, 2019

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