



2018 Great Plains Fire Tour Oklahoma through South Dakota

March 25, 2018 through April 7, 2018

We are excited to offer this unique opportunity to tour the Great Plains and conduct prescribed fires in four states. During the tour, we will spend three days each in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota. While in each state, participants will team with local prescribed fire practitioners to deliver ecologically meaningful fire to the landscape. Participants will be exposed to many of the different fuels, topographies, leadership styles, landownership patterns, prescribed fire tactics, and organizational formats that are present throughout the Great Plains. Time will be used on non-burn days to tour fire research sites, past wildfire locations, and fire management plans.

Objectives: Assist on prescribed fires with a variety of agencies, organizations and local prescribed fire cooperatives throughout the Great Plains. Engage in active learning experiences on non-burn days. Opportunities to work in trainee & qualified positions, learn about local fire ecology and fire management from scientists and managers will be available. Participants will practice technical firefighting skills like ignitions, holding, briefings, monitoring, engine operations and more.

Target Group: This training is designed to integrate a diverse group of fire practitioners, including university students, municipal, state, federal and contract firefighters, as well as other natural resource managers, scientists and researchers.

Registration: A \$50 registration per person should be made to Pheasants Forever. This can be paid either through cash, check or credit card. Payment will be invoiced upon applicant selection. **Deadline for submitting registrations is Friday February 16, 2018.**

Description: Participants will serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on a prescribed fire team. Prescribed fires will be partnered with several agencies, organizations, and local prescribed fire cooperatives, and will represent several organizational formats, including both NWCG and non-NWCG compliance. Participants will assist with preparation, scouting, igniting, holding, mop-up and patrol on numerous prescribed fires in the region. We will also complete pre- and post-fire monitoring, train with equipment and practice fireline leadership skills.

Requirements:

1. All participants must be current and qualified or have completed NWCG courses I-100, S-130, S-190 and FEMA IS-700.
2. Participants must complete an arduous pack test prior to the event.
3. Participants must have insurance (e.g., workers' comp, health or travel insurance) to cover any injury they receive during event.
4. Participants must bring fireline-approved boots (all-leather workboots, 8 inches tall, with non-slip soles and no steel toe). Participants should come with all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment including: Next Generation Fire Shelter, hard hat, nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection and canteens for drinking water. If you do not have all the PPE please let us know, for an additional \$50 we can provide you with a complete set.
5. Participants will be expected to bring a sleeping bag, portable mattress, and other amenities for overnight accommodations.

Participant Cap: Participation in the 2018 Great Plains Fire Tour will be limited to 10 participants. Applicants will be notified of their selection status by Friday February 23, 2018.



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Meals & lodging: Each participant or their home unit will be responsible for arranging funding meals and lodging. On some occasions, bunk housing or camping will be available.

Arrival and departure: Participants should plan on arriving in Oklahoma on March 25, 2018 and leaving South Dakota on April 7, 2018. Because we have limited space for participants and due to the traveling nature of this event, selection preference will be given to those applicants who can attend for the full assignment.

Registration: Complete the registration form and submit to Ben Wheeler (Ben.Wheeler@nebraska.gov) **by Friday, February 16th, 2018.**

Questions: If you have any questions about the 2018 Great Plains Fire Tour event or registration, contact Ben Wheeler by email at Ben.Wheeler@nebraska.gov or by phone at 308-750-2652.



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