



Training Announcement

Prescribed Fire Training Exchange

Loup River Valley Nebraska, March 17-March 30, 2019

Objectives: Conduct a series of burns in central Nebraska, provide experiential learning opportunities to participants, opportunities to work in trainee & qualified positions, learn about local fire ecology and fire management from scientists and managers. By conducting a series of controlled burns on private property, 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 can be either sent in with the application, or will be invoiced upon receipt of application. The Loup TREX has funding to assist with lodging and meals for participants.

Description: Organized as an incident, and using the Incident Command System, participants will serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on a prescribed fire team. 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. These courses can be offered to participants who need them.
2. Participants must complete an arduous pack test before arrival in Nebraska. Use of the moderate pack test is acceptable if coming as a TNC volunteer and serving in a RXCM position.
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 set that includes: next generation fire shelter, fire pack, hard hat, Bendix King radio, radio charger.

Meals & lodging: Meals and lodging will be organized by host agencies Pheasants Forever and The Nature Conservancy. A local hotel and restaurants will be contracted with for group rates to reduce the cost to each participant. Each participant or their home unit will be expected to pay for meals and lodging at these reduced rates.

Arrival and departure: Participants should arrive in Ord, NE on Sunday, March 17, 2019. Although we encourage you to stay for the full assignment, we understand your time constraints and are happy to host you for the dates you are available (*6 day minimum*).

Registration Deadline: Complete the registration form and submit to Ben Wheeler (Ben.Wheeler@nebraska.gov) by Friday, February 1, 2019.

This training is hosted by the Fire Learning Network, Pheasants Forever and The Nature Conservancy's Nebraska Chapter.

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