PRESCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATIONS

A New Opportunity For Florida Landowners

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What do we do?

LUP

Land Use Planning
Private Sector
State and Local Government
Review Wildlife Impacts
Avoidance and Minimization
Site Design

LAP

Landowner Assistance Program
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LAP Regional Coordinator Map

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Landowner Assistance Program

- Provide fish and wildlife related technical assistance
- Support locally-led conservation efforts
- Develop and implement incentive programs
- Develop habitat-based management plans

*Wildlife Best Management Practices*
*Cost-Share Programs*
*Conservation Easements*
Prescribed fire is often one of our recommended practices. Why don’t landowners burn more?

- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of experience
- Not enough people
- Not enough equipment
- Financial constraints
- Liability
How do you overcome these obstacles?

• Attend workshops and training
• Hire people
• Buy equipment
• Apply for cost-share programs
• Insurance

Do these solve the problem? **NO**!
Then what is the answer??

A Prescribed Burn Association
What is a Prescribed Burn Association?

Landowners helping other landowners implement prescribed fire for wildlife habitat, wildfire protection and forest health
PBA: Goals and Objectives

- Share equipment (tractors, discs, sprayers)
- Share labor (and gain experience!)
- Train membership
- Foster good relations between neighbors

➢ Most importantly,

Get More Acres Burned!
PBA’s have been around since the mid-90’s

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Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

**Able**
- Pre-Burn Assistance
  - Habitat Assessment
  - Habitat Management Plan
  - Coordinate Training Opportunities
  - Burn Plan
- Interagency Coordination
- Help Identify Funding Opportunities

**Not Able**
- Pull the Burn Permit
- Participate on the Burn
- Pay for the Burn
- Hold a Non-Profit Status (501c3)
FWC Efforts

**Relationship Development:**
Network around the country with existing programs

**Regional Collaboration:**
Two pilot areas (Alachua/Marion/Putnam and Gadsden)

**Meeting Facilitation:**
Landowners and Partners

**Promotion:**
Florida Land Steward Newsletter, IFAS workshops, NFPFC, FWC website

**Legal Research:**
Volunteer status, equipment loans, liability

**Grant Application:**
National Wild Turkey Federation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Establishing a PBA

- Assemble a group of interested citizens
- Involve key players
  - Land Owners
  - State & Federal Agencies
  - County Extension
  - Local Fire Departments
  - NGO’s
- Pick a leader
- Set goals and geographic area
- Accomplish a task
PBA To Do’s

• Elect officers – president, vice president, secretary, treasurer
• Dues: $25 per year is average, not required
• Organize annual fire training for members
• Assemble burn plans for each proposed burn
• Address landowner property or liability insurance
• Establish minimum burn participation activity requirements
• Explore 501c3 or LLC status
• Compile a list of equipment that is available for burning
The Larger Picture

- NRCS Cost-Share Opportunities
- FFS Prioritization for Rx Assistance
- Statewide PBA Non-Profit Organization
- Future Affiliation with a National Charter of State PBA’s
## We Have Landowners!!

**Landowners Interested in Forming a Prescribed Burn Association**

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>County</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>E-Mail</th>
<th>Training/Experience or # Burns</th>
<th>Availability</th>
<th>Equipment</th>
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<td>St. Johns</td>
<td>888-888-8888</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Landowner@email.org">Landowner@email.org</a></td>
<td>S130/190, 12 Rx's</td>
<td>Weekends</td>
<td>Hand tools, Drip Torch, PPE</td>
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<td>888-888-8888</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Landowner@email.org">Landowner@email.org</a></td>
<td>Inter-agency Rx course, 12-15 Rx, assisted forestry service in two burns and completed tree farmer 2 training at extension office</td>
<td>Most days</td>
<td>atv/mule,kubota 30hp 4x w front loader and various emplements</td>
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<td>Nassau</td>
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<td>Alachua</td>
<td>888-888-8888</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Landowner@email.org">Landowner@email.org</a></td>
<td>S130/190/211/212, L180, 1100, Southern Area Engine Academy, Inter-agency Rx Fire Course, Rx Fire for Wildlife Course; 100+ Rx, 35+ as the Certified Burn Manager.</td>
<td>Weekends/evenings; weekdays with advanced notice</td>
<td>Hand tools, drip torch, PPE</td>
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<td>Inter-agency Rx course, 12-15 Rx, assisted forestry service in two burns and completed tree farmer 2 training at extension office</td>
<td>Most Days</td>
<td>2 ATV's with 25gal sprayers, 80hp tractor w/disk, Hand tools, PPE, Drip torches, Bull dozer w/fire disk and Lowboy.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:Landowner@email.org">Landowner@email.org</a></td>
<td>S130/S190, Volunteer with FFS, Pile burner</td>
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<td>PPE, radio</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:Landowner@email.org">Landowner@email.org</a></td>
<td>50 FFS-authorized burns; includes mix of pile burns and area burns</td>
<td>variable; some flexibility</td>
<td>trailer-mounted 225 tank w/ pump, 1&quot; hose, 5/8&quot; hose; hand tools including drip torches</td>
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<td>40-50 burns over last 10 years</td>
<td>variable</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:Landowner@email.org">Landowner@email.org</a></td>
<td>2 college courses, S130/190, 12 Rx</td>
<td>Weekends</td>
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**Rx = prescribed burns, FFS = Florida Forest Service, PPE = Personal protective equipment**

Interested Landowners that could not attend meeting:

| Landowner 11      | Lafayette / Suwannee | 888-888-8888 | Landowner@email.org          | No training, many burns                                                                          | Flexible                | N/A                                                                      | No    |
| Landowner 12      | Marion              | 888-888-8888 | Landowner@email.org          | Interagency Rx course, 15 burns                                                                    | Depending               | PPE, Driptorch                                                           | Yes   |
| Landowner 13      | Putnam              | 888-888-8888 | Landowner@email.org          | Waiting Response                                                                               |                         |                                                                          |       |
| Landowner 14      | Alachua             | 888-888-8888 | Landowner@email.org          | Rx fire course/many small Rx burns                                                                | 2-3 days notice         | Hand tools                                                               | Yes   |
Invited Partners

- The Nature Conservancy / Longleaf Implementation Teams
- Florida Forest Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Alachua Conservation Trust
- St. Johns River Water Management District
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- UF IFAS / Florida Land Steward Program
- UF School of Forest Resources and Conservation
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
PREScribed BURN TRAILER

“Enhancing Wildlife Habitat with Fire”

National Wild Turkey Federation
Coastal Bend Chapter

In Partnership with:

Coastal Bend Prescribed Burn Association

The Nature Conservancy

Sponsors:

- SIGN TECH
- Forestry Suppliers, Inc.

TEXAS Parks & Wildlife

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What can a PBA do for you?

- Provide locally-led support
- Reduce cost of fire management
- Reduce risk (experience, equipment, training, and technical assistance)
- Get more burning done on your land AND your neighbors’ land

Frequent burning means more wildfire protection and better wildlife habitat!!
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