



Duff in the Sandhills Fire Science Workshop



Lessons from Fire Science Research and Adaptive Management

March 10, 2026

Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve | NC State Parks

Agenda:

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Check-In / Registration / Coffee**
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Partner Welcome, Southern Fire Exchange/CAFMS Overview, and Why We're Here**
Sarah Cain, Outreach Specialist, Southern Fire Exchange
Lindsey Hosier, Outreach Specialist, Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists
Mark Prinz, Administrative Specialist I, Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve
- 9:15 – 9:45 **Latest Advances in Understanding Duff Consumption and Post-Fire Longleaf Mortality**
Raelene Crandall, Ph.D. Associate Professor, University of Florida and Southern Fire Exchange
- 9:45 – 10:15 **Fire in the Sandhills: Why We Do This, How It's Done**
Deborah Maurer, Director of Southeast NC Program, The Nature Conservancy
- 10:15 – 10:35 **Break**
- 10:35 – 11:20 **Management Lessons from Restoring Fire to Long-Unburned Areas, Duff Management in the Sandhills Region of North Carolina**
Jimmy Dodson, Regional Biologist Manager, NC State Parks
- 11:20 – 11:50 **Field Site Preview: Why Weymouth Woods? What has been done?**
Thomas Crate, Fire Management Officer, NC State Parks
Jason Haywood, Burn Coordinator, Piedmont Region, NC State Parks
- 11:50 – 12:00 **Morning Wrap-Up, Extra Presentation Questions**

- 12:00 – 12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 13:15 **Drive to Weymouth Field Sites**
- 13:15 – 15:45 **Field Site Visit and Discussion – Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve**
- 15:45 – 16:00 **Evaluations**
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Return to Classroom**



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