

# Southern Fire Exchange Pine Rockland Fire Science Workshop

February 18-19, 2026

UF/IFAS Extension Miami-Dade County Office, Homestead, FL

## February 18th

8:30 - 9:00 A.M. .... **Registration & Check-In**

9:00 - 9:20 A.M. .... **Opening Remarks & Introduction to the Southern Fire Exchange**  
*Christian Fernandez, Southern Fire Exchange*

9:20 - 9:30 A.M. .... **Get-to-Know-You Exercise**  
*Christian Fernandez, Southern Fire Exchange*

9:30 - 9:45 A.M. .... **Presentation: "The State of Pine Rocklands"**  
*Jennifer Possley, Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden*

9:45 - 10:05 A.M. .... **Presentation: "State of the Science: Pine Rocklands & Fire"**  
*Michael Ross, PhD, Florida International University*

10:05 - 10:35 A.M. .... **Presentation: "State of the Science: Duff & Reintroducing Fire"**  
*Kevin Robertson, PhD, Tall Timbers Research Station*

10:35 - 10:50 A.M. .... **Break & Refreshments**

10:50 - 11:35 A.M. .... **Small Group Exercise: "Considerations for Reintroducing Fire"**  
*Christian Fernandez & Sarah Cain, Southern Fire Exchange*

11:50 - 12:50 P.M. .... **Lunch**

1:00 - 3:00 P.M. .... **Field Tour: UF/IFAS Tropical Research & Education Center**  
*Zachary Brym, PhD; Cliff Martin, PhD; Tamara Serrano, UF/IFAS*



## February 19th

8:30 - 9:00 A.M. .... **Registration & Check-In**

9:00 - 9:10 A.M. .... **Opening Remarks**

*Christian Fernandez, Southern Fire Exchange*

9:10 - 9:30 A.M. .... **Presentation: "Lessons Learned from Palm Beach County"**

*Harper Carroll, Palm Beach County ERM*

9:30 - 9:50 A.M. .... **Presentation: "Lessons Learned from Jonathan-Dickinson SP"**

*Robin Rossmanith, Jonathan-Dickinson State Park*

9:50 - 10:10 A.M. .... **Presentation: "Lessons Learned from MDC EEL"**

*Joy Klein, Miami-Dade County EEL*

10:10 - 10:30 A.M. .... **Presentation: "Lessons Learned from MDC Fire Rescue"**

*Paul Blake, Retired Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue*

10:30 - 10:50 A.M. .... **Break & Refreshments**

10:50 - 11:35 A.M. .... **Panel Discussion: "Rx Burning in the Wildland-Urban Interface"**

*Moderating: Sarah Cain, Southern Fire Exchange*

*Panelists: Harper Carroll, Robin Rossmanith, Joy Klein, Paul Blake*

11:50 - 12:50 P.M. .... **Lunch**

12:55 - 1:40 P.M. .... **Presentation: "Communicating Prescribed Fire to the Public"**

*Ludie Bond, PhD, Florida Forest Service*

1:40 - 3:00 P.M. .... **Field Tour: West Biscayne Pineland Preserve**

*James Duncan, Miami-Dade County DERM*

## February 20th

9:00 - 12:00 P.M. .... **Optional Field Trip to Zoo Miami's Pine Rocklands**

*Simone Jimenez, Miami-Dade County NAM*

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