



*** Training Announcement ***

Prescribed Fire Training Exchange Niobrara Valley Preserve 42269 Morel Rd Johnstown, Nebraska 69214 April 9-22, 2023.

Objectives: To conduct a series of prescribed fires and trainings in the Niobrara river valley to provide learning opportunities and hands on experiences for participants.

Target Group: This training is designed to integrate a diverse group of fire practitioners, including: private landowners, volunteer fire departments, university students, municipal, state, federal and contract firefighters, as well as other natural resource managers, scientists and researchers. For participants with NWCG taskbooks, trainee positions most applicable to the Niobrara Valley TREX include: Prescribed Fire Crewmember, FFT2, FEMO, FFT1, FIRB, ENGB, & RXB2. Please contact Amanda Hefner to discuss other trainee positions. **Prior prescribed fire experience is not required.** **Participants with no experience will receive one-on-one coaching.**

Description: The training is organized as an incident, using the Incident Command System following a Type 3 structure. Participants will serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on a burn team and will assist with preparing, scouting, briefing, igniting, holding, mop-up, and patrol on numerous prescribed fires in the area. We will also complete pre- and post-fire monitoring, train with various equipment, practice fireline leadership skills, and learn about local fire ecology and management.

Additional trainings will include burn planning and considerations for burn unit layouts. **There is no registration fee for this training.**

Requirements:

1. There is no minimum number of days required for attendance. Facilitated instruction and live fire will occur throughout the event as the weather allows.
2. Participants working on NWCG positions need to be current with refresher course/pack test and arrive with initiated taskbooks.
3. Participants must have personal, or employer provided medical insurance.
4. Participants should come prepared for both live fire field exercises and classroom instruction.
5. Participants must bring fireline-approved boots (all-leather work boots, 8 inches tall, with non-slip soles and no steel toe).

Meals & Travel: All meals, ground transportation and lodging will be provided during the training. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from the Niobrara Valley Preserve near Johnstown, Nebraska. Participants should arrive at the preserve on **Sunday April 9th between 1 PM-5 PM Central Time.**

Registration: To apply, please complete the registration form (<https://forms.gle/daNUHNWt4MeeXWTg9>) & submit to Amanda Hefner, amanda.hefner@tnc.org no later than **February 15, 2023.**