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South Dakota Private Lands Prescribed Fire Forum

December 18, 2024, Cedar Shores, Oacoma

Enhancing prescribed fire on private lands in South Dakota through partnerships.

Goal of Forum

To hear from all parties involved with private lands prescribed fire implementation, funding, or training and to mitigate any obstacles to successful private lands prescribed fire in South Dakota.

Agenda

Tuesday, December 17

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Set up and display tables
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Open social

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Morning social, breakfast, and registration
9:00 a.m. Welcome
Kara Harders; SDSU Extension
9:10 a.m. Importance of Private Lands Prescribed Fire in South Dakota
Mike Blaaid; Landowner
9:20 a.m. South Dakota Prescribed Fire Law and Policy Relevant to Private Landowners
TBD
9:40 a.m. Fire Law Q&A and Discussion with Audience
10:00 a.m. Break

Prescribed fire on the ground on private lands: Who's investing in and supporting private land prescribed burning in South Dakota today?

10:15 a.m. South Dakota NRCS Programs
Jessica Michalski; SD NRCS, and Valorie Dupraz; SD NRSC
10:40 a.m. SDSU/Partners Landowner Recruitment Program
Sandy Smart; SDSU Extension, and Tom Haussman; MMRPBA
10:50 a.m. Audubon Great Plains
Cody Grewing; Audubon
11:00 a.m. Pheasants Forever NFWF/RCPP Program
Matt Gottlob; Pheasants Forever
11:20 a.m. Discussion/Panel Q&A
NRCS, SDSU, TNC, Audubon, DU, PF, US FWS, SD GFP
11:40 a.m. SD Multi-Partner Prescribed Fire Training Impact
Pete Bauman; SDSU Extension, Joe Blastick; The Nature Conservancy, Jay Hermann; SD NRCS, and Rodd Voss; SD NRCS
12:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet

Prescribed Burn Associations and Training - the Past, Present and Future of Private Land Burning

12:45 p.m. **Successes of Great Plains Private Lands Prescribed Fire**
John Weir; Oklahoma State University Extension

John Weir is Senior Extension Specialist at Oklahoma State University. He teaches prescribed fire courses, conducts fire research and fire training. John is a leader in Great Plains fire and has assisted in forming over 40 burn associations in nine states. In the past 30 years he has conducted over 1,500 prescribed burns in seven states and Canada. He is currently the president of the Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association and serves the Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils, Great Plains Fire Science Exchange, the Southern Fire Exchange, and the Great Plains Grasslands Partnership. John also was the prescribed fire representative to the bipartisan Wildfire Management and Mitigation Commission that just sent their report to Congress last year. In 2015 John received the Henry Wright Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Fire Ecology.

1:30 p.m. **Private Lands Prescribed Burning in Nebraska**
Brian Teeter; Nebraska Pheasants Forever

Brian Teeter has worked with Nebraska Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever of Nebraska for the past 14 years and has been the state's Prescribed Fire Coordinator for the past 9 years. His role includes helping advance prescribed fire culture throughout the state; working on trainings, education and outreach, advocacy, and development of programs. Brian is also the Nebraska Prescribed Fire Council Advisory Coordinator and sits on the board of the Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils

2:00 p.m. **Q&A with Nebraska Speakers**

2:20 p.m. **Break**

2:30 p.m. **A Review of the Prairie Coteau Habitat Partnership and Fire Learning Network**
Pete Bauman; SDSU Extension, Joe Blastick; The Nature Conservancy, Cody Grewing; Audubon, and Matt Morlock; SD NRCS

2:45 p.m. **History and Status of the Mid-Missouri River Prescribed Burn Association**
Sara Grim; Landowner, Doug Feltman; Landowner, and Sean Kelly; SDSU Extension

3:10 p.m. **SE Dakota Prescribed Burn Association Update**
Dan Johnson; Landowner

3:20 p.m. **River Breaks Prescribed Burn Association Update**
Sheldon Fletcher; Lower Brule Sioux Tribe/Kul Wicasa Oyate

3:30 p.m. **The Future of Private Land Prescribed Fire and Training Discussion**

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Fire Forum Partners (*indicates funding support)

* SDSU Extension	Oklahoma State University Extension
* Audubon Great Plains	Ducks Unlimited
* Great Plains Fire Science Exchange	Mid-Missouri River Prescribed Burn Association
* South Dakota Grasslands Initiative	South East Dakota Prescribed Burn Association
* South Dakota Grasslands Coalition	River Break Prescribed Burn Association
* South Dakota NRCS	Kul Wicasa Oyate
The Nature Conservancy	Partners for Fish and Wildlife (US FWS)
South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks	Great Plains Grassland Extension Partnership
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