

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Nor Cal Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TRESX)

Oct. 20-Nov. 1, 2015



Northern California
Prescribed Fire Council



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Objectives: A diverse group of international and domestic fire practitioners will work together to share and build their experience in prescribed fire practices, fire effects, and other conservation efforts affecting forests and grasslands in northwestern California.

Target Group: Prescribed fire and wildfire personnel and other natural resource managers involved in fire and ecosystem management, including federal, state, tribal, non-governmental, and private practitioners.

Description: The training will be organized as an incident, using the Incident Command System. 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 controlled burns in the area. We will also complete pre- and post-fire monitoring, train with equipment, practice fireline leadership skills, and learn about local fire ecology and fire management. The work will take place in diverse forest and rangeland ecosystems in northwestern California, including open prairies, oak woodlands, mixed-conifer forests, and chaparral. The training will include field trips to areas burned in recent wildfires and to prescribed fire and fuels treatment project sites, as well as presentations from local scientists, land managers, and practitioners. In addition, participants will practice preparing for interviews with local media..





Join us for hands-on burning and learning across northern California's diverse landscapes!

Requirements:

- All participants' qualifications must be current. At a minimum, everyone must have completed NWCG courses **S-130 and S-190, as well as FEMA IS-700A and ICS-100**. Self-study materials for these courses will be offered to participants who need them.
- Participants must complete an **arduous pack test** before the start of the event. Completion of a moderate pack test is acceptable if coming as a TNC volunteer and serving in an RXCM (prescribed fire crewmember) position. A pack test and practice shelter deployment will be offered on the afternoon of October 20th for those who need it.
- All participants must have **insurance** (e.g., workers' comp, health, or travel insurance) to cover any injury they may sustain during the training exchange.
- Participants should come with **all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**, including **fireline-approved boots** (all leather work boots, 8-inches tall, non-slip soles, and no steel toe), a New Generation Fire Shelter, headlamp, hard hat, Nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection, and canteens for drinking water. If you do not have proper PPE, please let us know. PPE will be available for rent for an additional \$50.

Cost: Each participant is responsible for a \$200 non-refundable registration fee, due September 30, 2015.

Meals & Travel: Meals and lodging will be provided during the training. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from the TREX. The Incident Management Team and burn boss trainees will be expected to arrive on the morning of October 19, 2015. Other participants should arrive at the training on the afternoon of Tuesday, Oct. 20, so they will be ready to start the training on the morning of the 21st. The training concludes on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Application: To apply for this training, visit the application website at www.trexregistration.weebly.com and submit by the end of the day on August 17, 2015. Be sure to select the **Nor Cal TREX**. Email Lenya Quinn-Davidson, Director of the Northern California Prescribed Fire Council, with any questions: nwcapfc@gmail.com. Space is limited to 25 trainees; selection will be made to ensure a diverse group.



This training is supported by *Promoting Ecosystem Resiliency through Collaboration: Landscapes, Learning and Restoration*, a cooperative agreement between The Nature Conservancy, USDA Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior. For more information, contact Lynn Decker at ldecker@tnc.org or (801) 320-0524.

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