



***Prescribed Fire Workshop for
Fire Management Officers and Assistants
National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center***

Target

Audience: This is an opportunity for both new and experienced Fire Management Officers and Assistant Fire Management Officers from national land management agencies to participate in an exchange of ideas regarding prescribed fire. Selected participants will receive hands-on experience in the prescribed fire application and will have the opportunity to interact and mentor with skilled prescribed fire cooperators and highly qualified fire professionals during this workshop. Participants must provide appropriate PPE.

Date: **November 8-14, 2003**

Location: Arrival and departure city will be to a predetermined location (TBA). Burning will be at multiple sites in Florida.

Background: The National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center (PFTC) traditionally offers three-week prescribed fire training sessions targeted for firefighters. FMOs/AFMOs are an important link to the success or failure of prescribed burning. This one-week course is structured to give participants four days of experience burning with highly skilled cooperators. PFTC will have several experienced FMOs from different parts of the United States attending the workshop and actively burning with participants. PFTC's objective is to bring FMOs/AFMOs in for a week of hands-on burning and to support an interagency effort to promote the use of prescribed fire as a management tool.

Curriculum: This workshop will provide participants the opportunity to:

- increase knowledge of fuels management
- exposure to prescribed fire and background information to assist in managing fuels management programs
- discuss risk management, policy, burn plans, smoke management, and the decision making process
- enhance prescribed fire skills through applied experience burning with a variety of cooperators
- interact, mentor and exchange ideas with highly qualified fire professionals from federal, state and private agencies
- work with numerous skilled cooperators and interagency partners to develop professional partnerships

Schedule: Participants should arrive Saturday, November 8, 2003 (by 1700) into a predetermined location. Kickoff begins with a dinner at 1830. The team will spend Sunday morning in orientation with short briefings on safety, Florida fuels and equipment before traveling to their first burning location. Monday through Thursday will be spent burning (weather permitting) with a variety of cooperators in the area. Time will be set aside each evening for discussion with national, regional and local fire managers and prescribed fire practitioners. Participants will return to the predetermined location for a closeout Friday PM (November 14, 2003) followed by a closeout dinner. Participants should plan to travel home the following morning. PFTC will provide all equipment including Type 6 engines, drip torches and an ATV.

Cost: No tuition. All costs for travel, per diem, salary and overtime will be the responsibility of the sending unit. PFTC will provide all transportation during the workshop.

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