

CAFMS Newsletter



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists (CAFMS) and the Association for Fire Ecology (AFE) are proud to announce the premiere conference on fire in the Appalachian Region. Our goal is to bring together fire managers and fire researchers to share their experience in discussions of applying fire to a complex and diverse landscape. The conference will offer three concurrent sessions over a two day period, followed by a field trip on the third day. Session topics include Fire Ecology, Fire Implementation, and Adaptive Management, each as they apply to the Appalachian region. This will be an exciting conference as it is the first sponsored by CAFMS and it will be the annual meeting for AFE.

Additional announcements and a Call for Papers will be made soon on the CAFMS website (cafms.org) and the AFE website (fireecology.org). For now, please make plans to join us at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke, VA on October 8 – 10, 2013.

Conference Continued:

About CAFMS



In April 2010, the Southern Research Station (U.S. Forest Service) and The Nature Conservancy received funding from the Joint Fire Science Program to create the Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists. The consortium facilitates communication between fire managers and scientists in a number of formats by building on their existing ties within the Fire Learning Network. CAFMS includes fire managers along with government and university scientists throughout the Appalachian region which stretches from Pennsylvania to Alabama.

About AFE



AFE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the knowledge and use of fire in land management. Members include scientists, educators, students, managers, practitioners, policymakers, and interested citizens. Anyone who supports our mission can become a member of AFE and through active involvement can help shape the emerging profession and growing field of fire ecology. The AFE vision is a membership of respected professionals from around the world who together play a key role in wildland fire and fire ecology research, education, management, and policy, to enhance our knowledge and management of fire as a fundamental ecological process.

Prescribed Fire and Indiana Bats Workshop

April 16-17 2013 at Fontana Village Resort in Fontana Dam, NC

The US Forest Service Southern Research Station, Indiana State University and The Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists are hosting a workshop on prescribed fire and bat ecology. A major goal of the workshop is to present findings from a long-term study funded by the Joint Fire Science Program. The study looks at the effects of prescribed fire on the roosting habitat of the endangered Indiana bat, *Myotis sodalis*. Day 1 of the workshop will include presentations and round table discussions between resource managers and scientists. Day 2 will include a field tour to visit known Indiana bat roost trees and plots in prescribed fire units. We expect the workshop to be useful to fire management officers, wildlife biologists, and fire ecologists who work in forested landscapes where prescribed fire may affect bat habitat.



To register visit www.CAFMS.org.

2013 Funding Reminder from JFSP



We are sending out reminders that the 2013 Joint Fire Science Program Funding Opportunity is open. We believe the task statements reflect both long-term questions in smoke management and fuels treatments and immediate management concerns on threatened and endangered species in relation to fuel treatments.

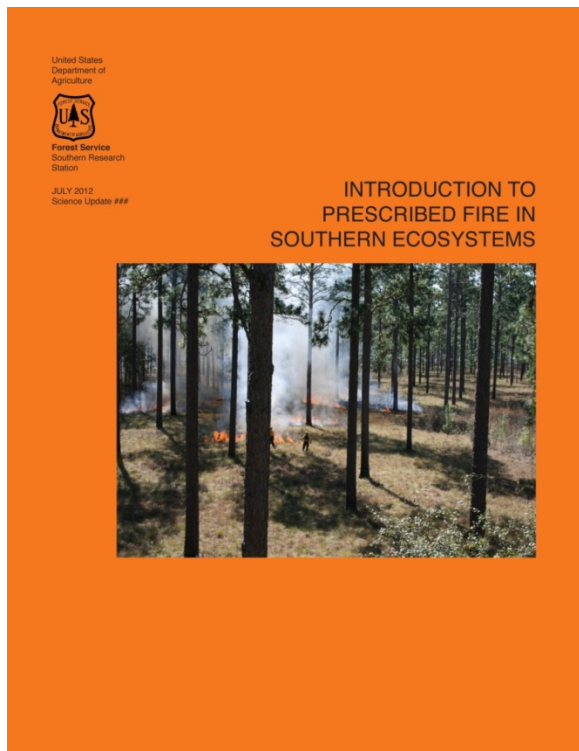
All proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. November 16, 2012, using the electronic submission process provided on the JFSP website (www.firescience.gov). Proposals should not be submitted in Grants.gov. There will be no exceptions to this closing date and time.

The Funding Opportunity Notice can be found at http://www.firescience.gov/JFSP_funding_announcements.cfm

Each task statement has specific requirements which must be addressed in the proposal. Here are the titles for the 2013 solicitation:

- 13-1-01 Climate change and wildfire smoke at regional scale: Vegetation, fuels, fire regimes, and air quality impacts
- 13-1-02 Health impairment from exposure to fire smoke: Relationships among the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and industrial health guidelines
- 13-1-03 Fuels treatment effectiveness: Economics
- 13-1-04 Fuels treatment effectiveness: Ecosystem restoration
- 13-1-05 Masticated fuelbeds effects on combustion and fire behavior
- 13-1-06 Compatibility of fire, fuels and rehabilitation treatments with T&E gallinaceous birds
- 13-2-01 Conference Support
- 13-3-01 Graduate Research Innovation (GRIN) Award (An opportunity for students in every state with a natural resources/fire emphasis)
- 13-4-01 Dataset Archival

It's Here, It's Here



The updated Introduction to Prescribed Fire In Southern Ecosystems is now available online at www.CAFMS.org or in print by request at pubrequest@fs.fed.us.

The goal was to update the Guide to include the best available research and current management practices. The previous versions emphasized prescribed burning on the Coastal Plain while this version adds information on burning in grasslands and on steep terrain. Sections on wildlife management, weather, and smoke management have been completely rewritten to include current information. The list of suggested reading contains many additional articles that have been published since the previous version.

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Join CAFMS:

The consortium is for all land managers and researchers in the region who deal with any aspect of fire. To join, simply provide us with some contact information at the web site listed below.

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