



Training Announcement

Prescribed Fire Training Exchange

Loup River Valley Nebraska, March 21-April 3, 2021



Domestic Participants Only ~ International Participation Postponed

Objectives: Conduct a series of burns in central Nebraska, provide experiential learning opportunities to participants, opportunities to work in trainee & qualified positions, learn about local fire ecology and fire management from scientists and managers. By conducting a series of controlled burns on private property, participants will practice technical firefighting skills like ignitions, holding, briefings, monitoring, engine operations and more.

Target Group: This training is designed to integrate a diverse group of fire practitioners, including university students, municipal, state, federal and contract firefighters, landowners, as well as other natural resource managers, scientists and researchers.

Registration: A \$50 registration per participant should be made to Pheasants Forever online at www.nebrakapf.com. The Loup TREX has funding to assist with lodging and meals for participants.

Description: The Loup TREX is organized as a federal incident, and using the Incident Command System, participants will serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on a prescribed fire team. Participants will assist with preparation, scouting, igniting, holding, mop-up and patrol on the designated fire complex. We will also complete pre- and post-fire monitoring, train with equipment and practice fireline leadership skills.

Requirements:

1. All participants must be current and qualified or have completed NWCG courses I-100, S-130, S-190 and FEMA IS-700. These courses can be offered to participants who need them.
2. Participants must complete an arduous pack test before arrival in Nebraska. Use of the moderate pack test is acceptable if coming as a TNC volunteer and serving in a RXCM position.
3. Participants must have insurance (e.g., workers' comp, health or travel insurance) to cover any injury they receive during event.
4. Participants must bring fireline-approved boots (all-leather workboots, 8 inches tall, with non-slip soles and no steel toe). Participants should come with all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment including: next generation fire shelter, hard hat, nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection and canteens for drinking water. If you do not have all the PPE please let us know, for an additional \$50 we can provide you with a set that includes: next generation fire shelter, fire pack, hard hat, Bendix King radio, radio charger.

Meals & lodging: Meals and lodging will be organized and provided by host agency Pheasants Forever.

Arrival and departure: Participants should arrive in Ord, NE on Sunday, March 21, 2019 unless otherwise arranged. Although we encourage you to stay for the full assignment, we understand your time constraints and are happy to host you for the dates you are available (**6 day minimum**).

Registration Deadline: Complete the registration form and submit to Ben Wheeler (Ben.Wheeler@nebraska.gov) by Friday, February 26, 2021.



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Personal and Public Health Safety Precautions: During the Loup TREX event, the following precautions will be applied to limit possible COVID-19 transmission potential to participants of the Loup TREX and to the host community.

1. All participants traveling to the Loup TREX from outside of Nebraska will need to provide documentation of a negative COVID-19 test within three days prior to departing for Nebraska or documentation of completing a COVID-19 vaccine course of treatment.
2. Masks will be required of participants during public during any Loup TREX event activity when not eating or working on the fireline.
3. Six foot social distancing will be mandated throughout the Loup TREX event.
4. Contact with non-event community members will be minimized.



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