

PRESCRIBED FIRE TRAINING EXCHANGE

Southern Rockies



TREX

October 18th – 31st

Description:

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 a controlled burn.

Locations in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado including the Vermejo Park Ranch and JE Canyon Ranch.

Objective:

Gain fire line experience, work on your task book, sharpen fire line leadership at a Prescribed Fire Training in the Southern Rocky Mountains

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Southern Rockies TREX Prescribed Fire Training Exchange

Join us for hands-on burning and learning in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado, October 18th through the 31st of 2018!

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

Description: This training is being hosted by The Nature Conservancy Colorado Chapter. 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 several privately hosted prescribed 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 northern New Mexico and Southeastern Colorado. The training will include field trips that may involve visits to private ranches to learn about their land management practices/obstacles and previously burned units. The event will also include presentations from local scientists, land managers, and practitioners, on various aspects of fire management.

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 day of arrival 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.

Cost: Each participant is responsible for a \$300 non-refundable registration fee, due after participant selections have been made.

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 one day earlier for a pre-TREX planning day. Other participants should arrive at the training on October 18th. Additional information and specific meeting locations will be announced after participants have been selected. The training concludes on October 31st, 2018.

Application: To apply, complete your [application form](#) and submit to *Carmella LoCascio* at c.m.locascio@TNC.org by the end of the day on August 31, 2018.

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Email Gabe Donaldson with The Nature Conservancy for any other questions at gabriel.donaldson@TNC.ORG. Space is limited to 30 trainees, with a possibility of enlarging the trainee pool to 40; selection will be made to ensure a diverse group.

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