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Southern Missouri Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TREX)

February 27 2023—March 10 2023

Location: Springfield, Missouri Area

Description: Looking for an opportunity to sharpen your prescribed fire skills? We invite you to participate in the Southern Missouri TREX, where putting good fire on the ground will be just as important as providing quality training opportunities for participants.

Who can participate? Prescribed/Wildfire staff including federal, state, tribal, and non-governmental organizations, private practitioners, and higher education faculty/students. We are committed to diversity and respect for people, communities, and culture. All will be welcome!

Unfamiliar with TREX? Click here for more information.

Registration Fee: None—this event is being sponsored through a USFS: Cohesive Strategy grant and no registration fee will be collected.

Work Hours: Will need to be covered by your home unit.

Meals and Lodging: Provided for the duration of the event and will be in bunk style housing.

Participant Requirements:

- Participants must be current and qualified NWCG-FFT2, or have completed NWCG courses S-130, S-190, L-180, ICS-100, I-700 (all of which are available for free online). Contact Ryan Gauger (<u>rgauger@tnc.org</u>) for more information on these trainings; verification of training is required to attend.
- Participants must complete an **arduous pack test** within the past year. Completion of a moderate pack test is acceptable if coming as a TNC volunteer and serving in a RXCM (Rx crewmember) position. A pack test will be offered to those who needs one and cannot obtain one prior to the TREX start date.
- Participants must have health **insurance** which will cover personal injury (e.g., workers' comp, health or travel insurance)
- Participants must bring **fire-approved boots** (all leather, 8-inches tall, Vibram soles, with <u>no</u> steel toe). Participants should come with **all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment** (PPE), including: a Next Generation Fire Shelter, a hard hat, Nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection and canteens for up to 1 gallon of drinking water. If you do not have proper PPE, please let us know, we will work with you to find any items you do not have. Please indicate your needs on the application.

We need your help! If your agency/organization is able to provide either a Type 6 Engine or crew cab truck for transport of crew for this event your application will receive priority in the nomination process.

Registration: To apply, complete this <u>application form</u> by November 11, 2022 (notifications will be sent out by the end of November)

COVID-19 - All participants will be required to provide proof of vaccination of COVID-19 prior to arriving at this TREX.

Questions: Please contact Ryan Gauger (rgauger@tnc.org or 812-599-2562)



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