



Training Announcement

Klamath River Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (Trex)

Orleans, Happy Camp, and Forks of Salmon, CA ♦ Sep 29 – Oct 11, 2015

Objectives: Provide communities along the Klamath River with experience and training on how to plan and implement controlled burns, protect communities from wildfires, and prepare for managing wildfires for resource benefits.

Target participants: This training is designed to integrate a diverse group of fire practitioners with varying degrees of knowledge and experience. Participants include interested individuals, tribal members, local contractors, federal and state firefighters, volunteer firefighters, non-profit organizations including The Nature Conservancy staff and volunteers, university students, county/regional regulators and out-of-region and international guests and fire workers.

Description: The training is organized as an incident, using a Type 3 Incident Management Team. 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 numerous controlled 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.

There will be field trips to past TREX burns, areas burned in recent wildfires and presentations from local tribal elders and other community members, scientists, land managers, and practitioners.

Non-refundable Fee (due no later than September 14, 2015): If selected, a \$200 registration fee is required from non-local participants; university students must pay a \$100 registration fee; and local participants must pay a \$25 registration fee. Scholarships/paid positions are available for qualifying local participants - contact Will Harling (will@mkwc.org) for more information. **Local participants must live within the "local area" indicated on the accompanying map.

Requirements:

1. All participants' qualifications must be current. At a minimum, everyone must have completed NWCG courses **S-130 and S-190, as well as ICS-100 and FEMA IS-700A**. These trainings will be provided to those who need them.
2. Participants are encouraged to complete an **arduous pack test** before arrival at 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 training will be provided on the afternoon of Sept. 29, if needed.
3. All participants must have **insurance** (e.g., workers' comp, health or travel insurance) to cover any injury they may sustain during the training exchange.
4. 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, a hard hat, Nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection, a headlamp, and canteens for drinking water. For individuals who do not have PPE, it will be available for rent for \$50 at the beginning of the event. Local participants can secure PPE with a \$50 refundable deposit.

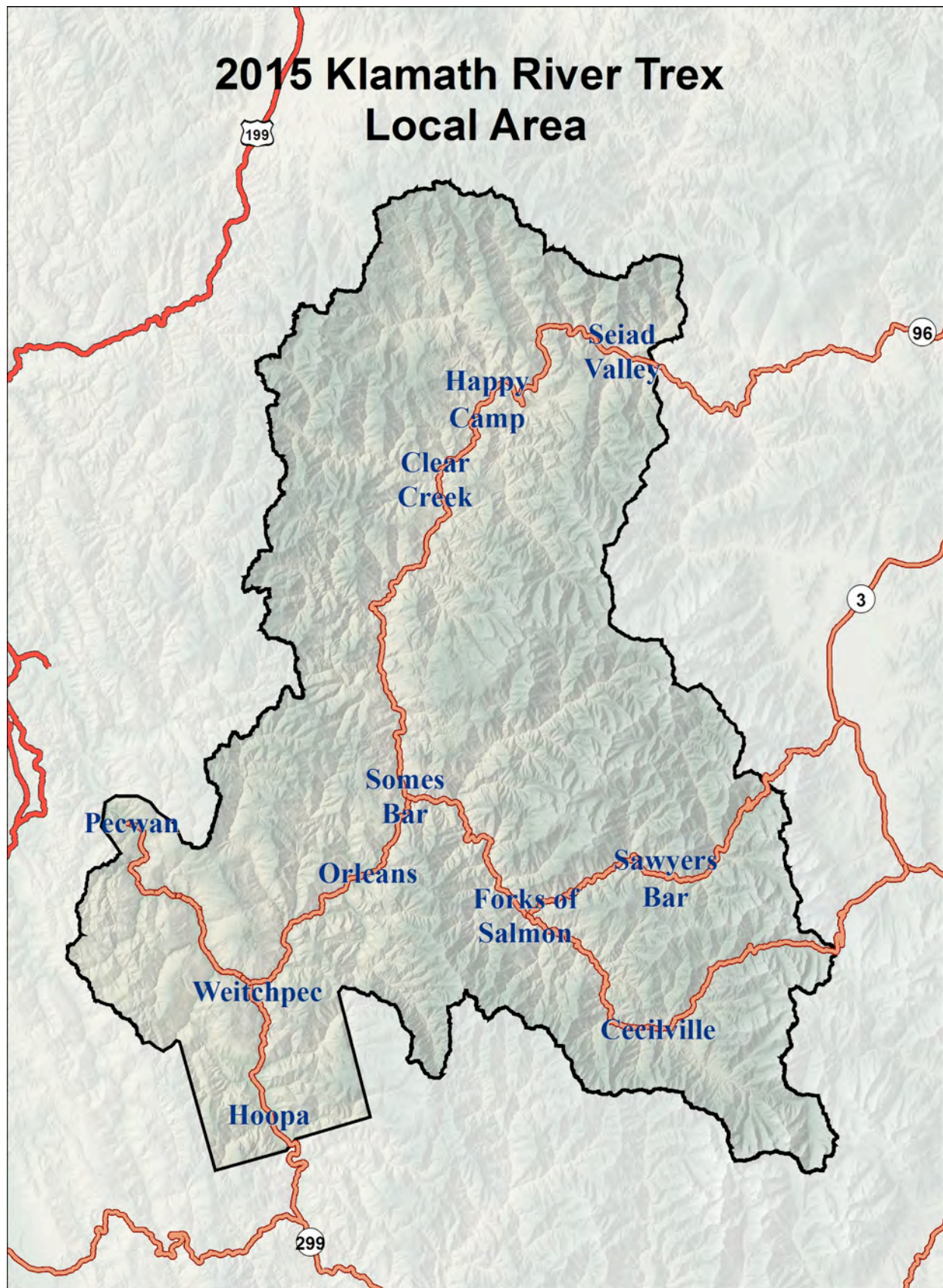
Meals & Travel: All meals and lodging will be provided during the training. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from Orleans, California and should arrive on the afternoon of September 29. However, Burn Bosses, Burn Boss trainees, and the Incident Management Team must arrive on the morning of September 28. Although we encourage you to stay for the full assignment, we understand you may have special circumstances and are willing to host you for the first or second week (non-refundable fee still applies).

To Apply: Please complete the **Klamath River TREX Application Form** available at www.trexregistration.weebly.com **no later than Aug 17, 2015**. If you do not have Internet access, please call Guy Duffner at (406) 850-0075. Thank you for your interest!



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