



Collaborative Planning and Implementation in the Fire Learning Network: Tools and Innovations that Help Partners Get to Scale





Fire Learning Network: 16 Years of Restoring our Nation's Forests and Grasslands and Making Communities Safer from Fire



178,000,000 acres
170 landscapes
1,300 partners
40 states and the
Caribbean

\$33M supported
\$25M leveraged

Fire Learning Network
2002 - present

Boundaries in color are regional
networks and landscapes that
are currently active in the FLN.
Boundaries in gray are those
that have participated at times in
the past.

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Cooperative partnership between The Nature Conservancy, the
US Forest Service and the US Department of the Interior agencies.

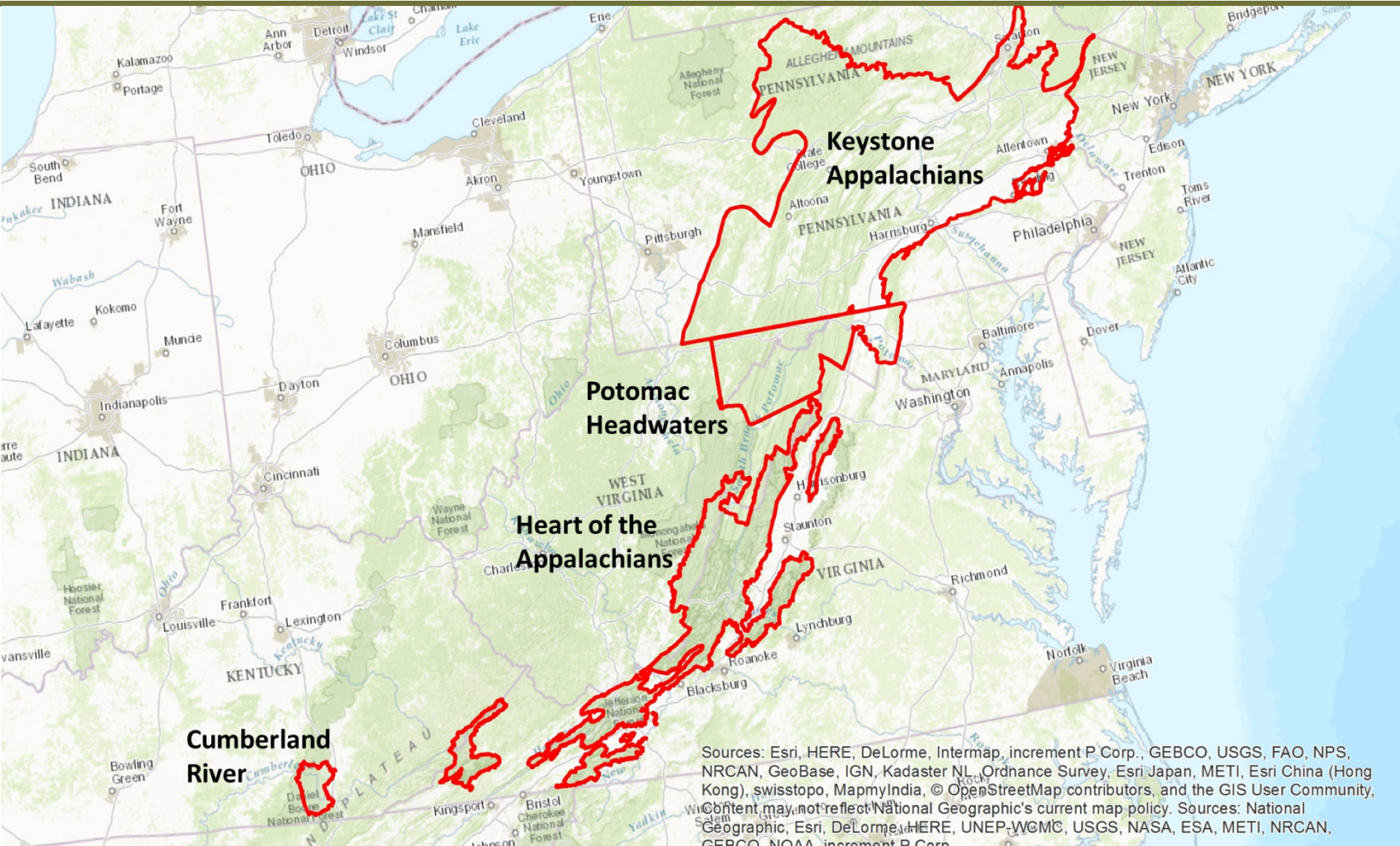


The Nature
Conservancy 
Protecting nature. Preserving life.



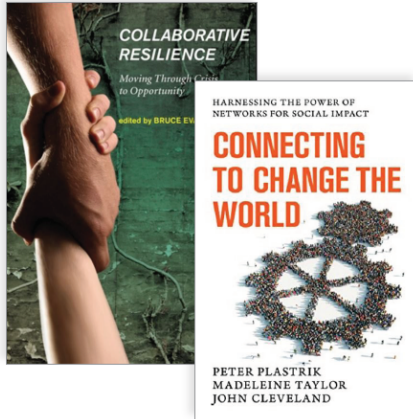
Central Appalachians Fire Learning Network

Current Landscapes

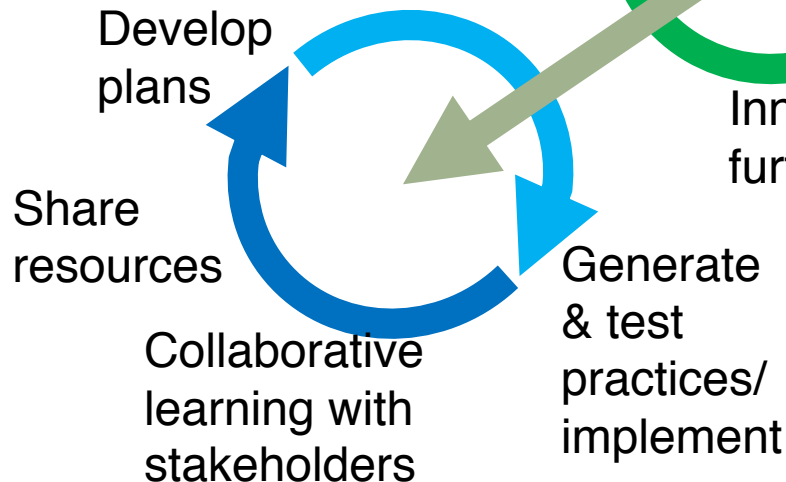




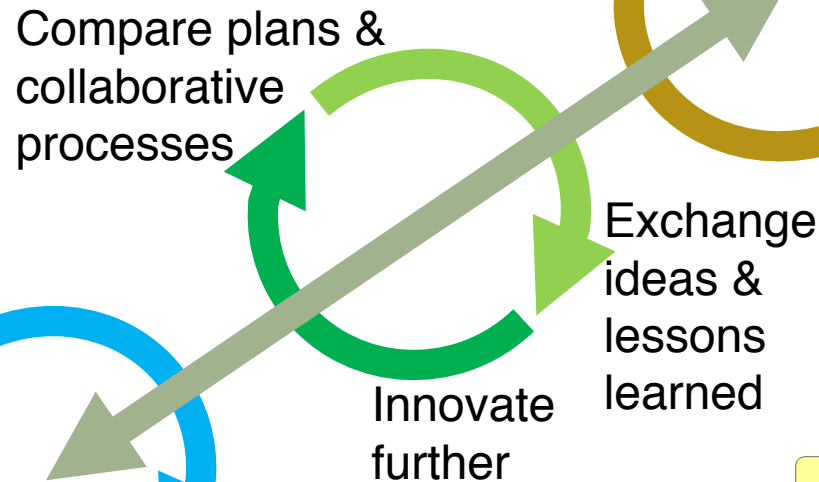
A Network Approach to Collective Impact and Addressing our Nation's Fire Problems



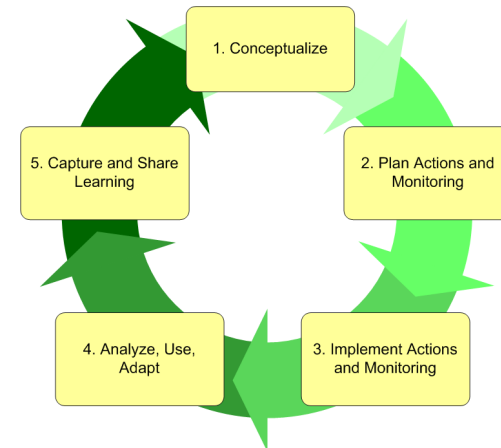
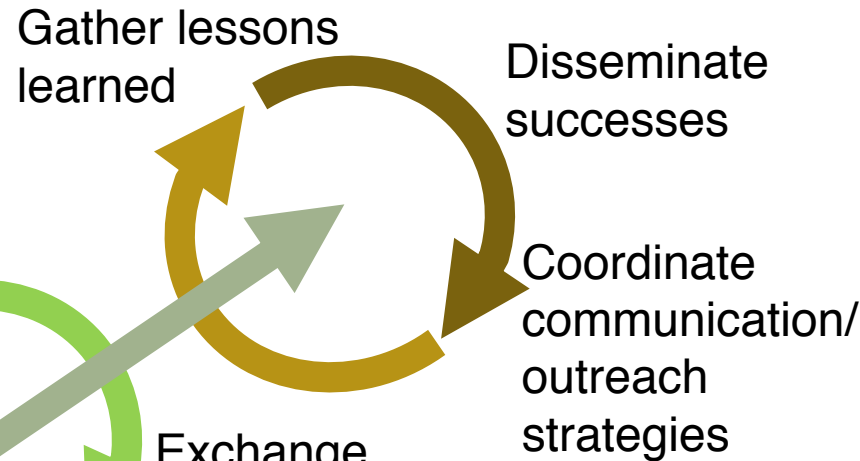
Landscape Collaboratives



Regional Networks

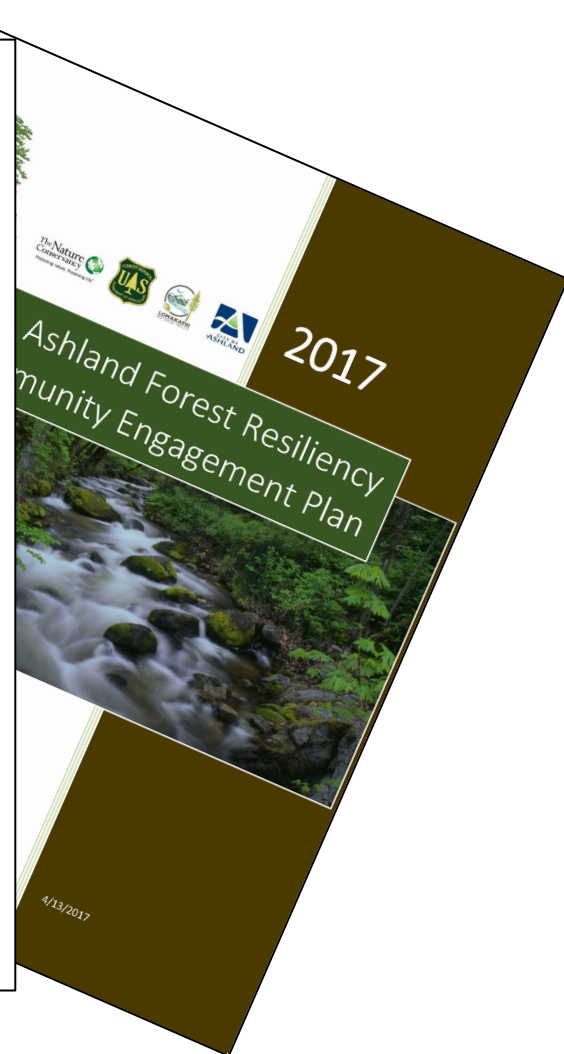
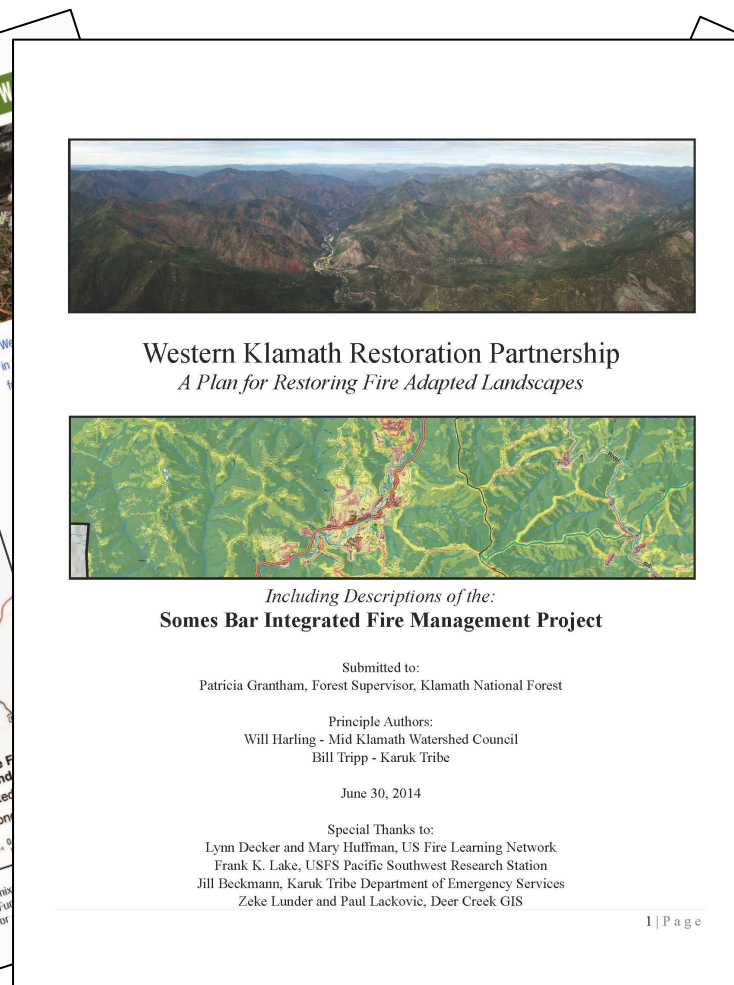
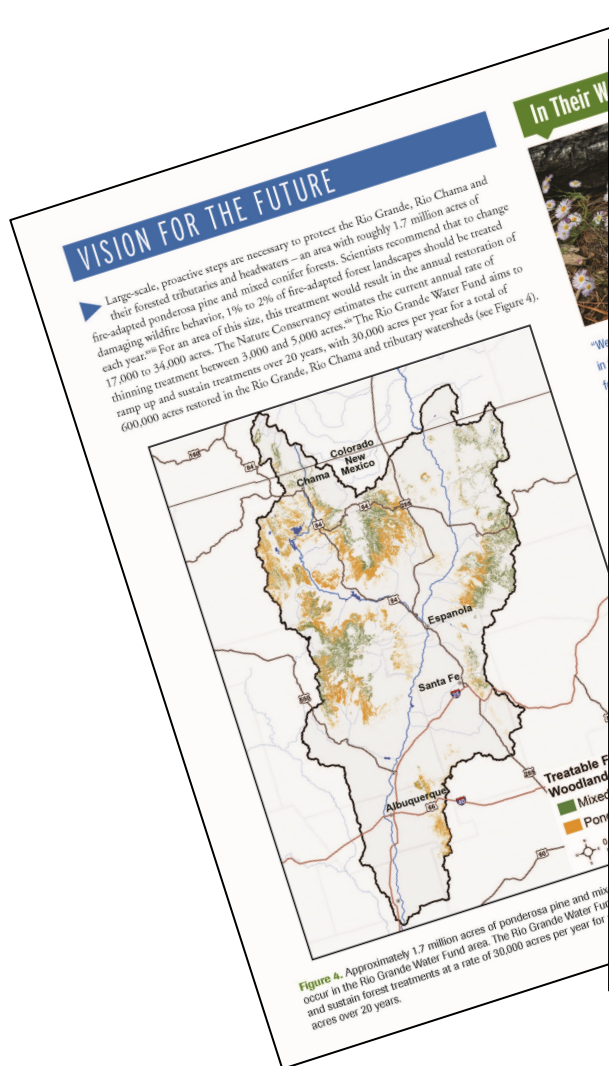


National Network



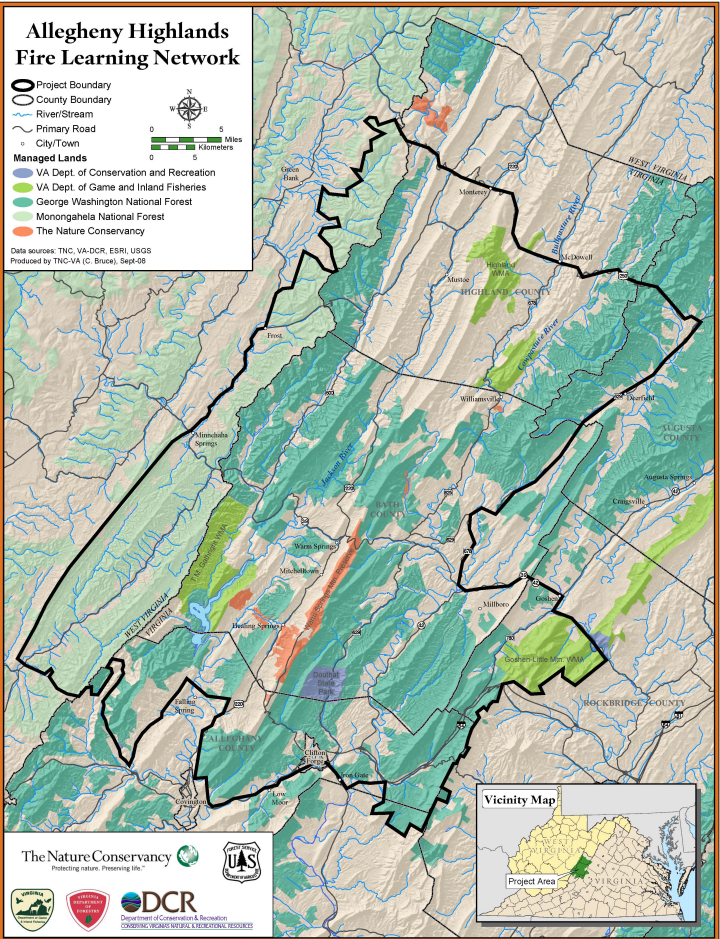


Examples of Strategic Plans Completed by Fire Learning Network Landscapes





VIRGINIA
Appalachian Fire Learning Network

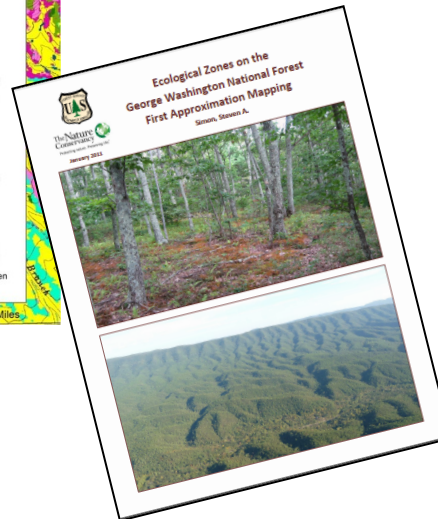
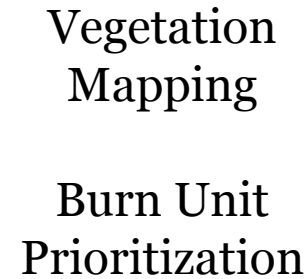




Building Capacity and Scaling Up in the Allegheny Highlands of Virginia



First cooperative burns in 2008; all on TNC lands



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
And
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
Virginia Chapter**

MOUs and Agreements



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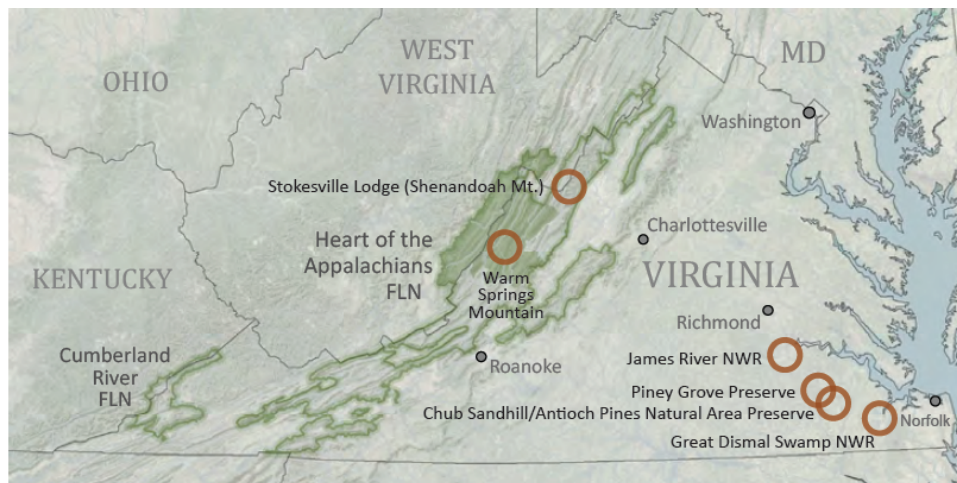


~4,000 acre/year
4-6 agencies/burn





Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TREX)



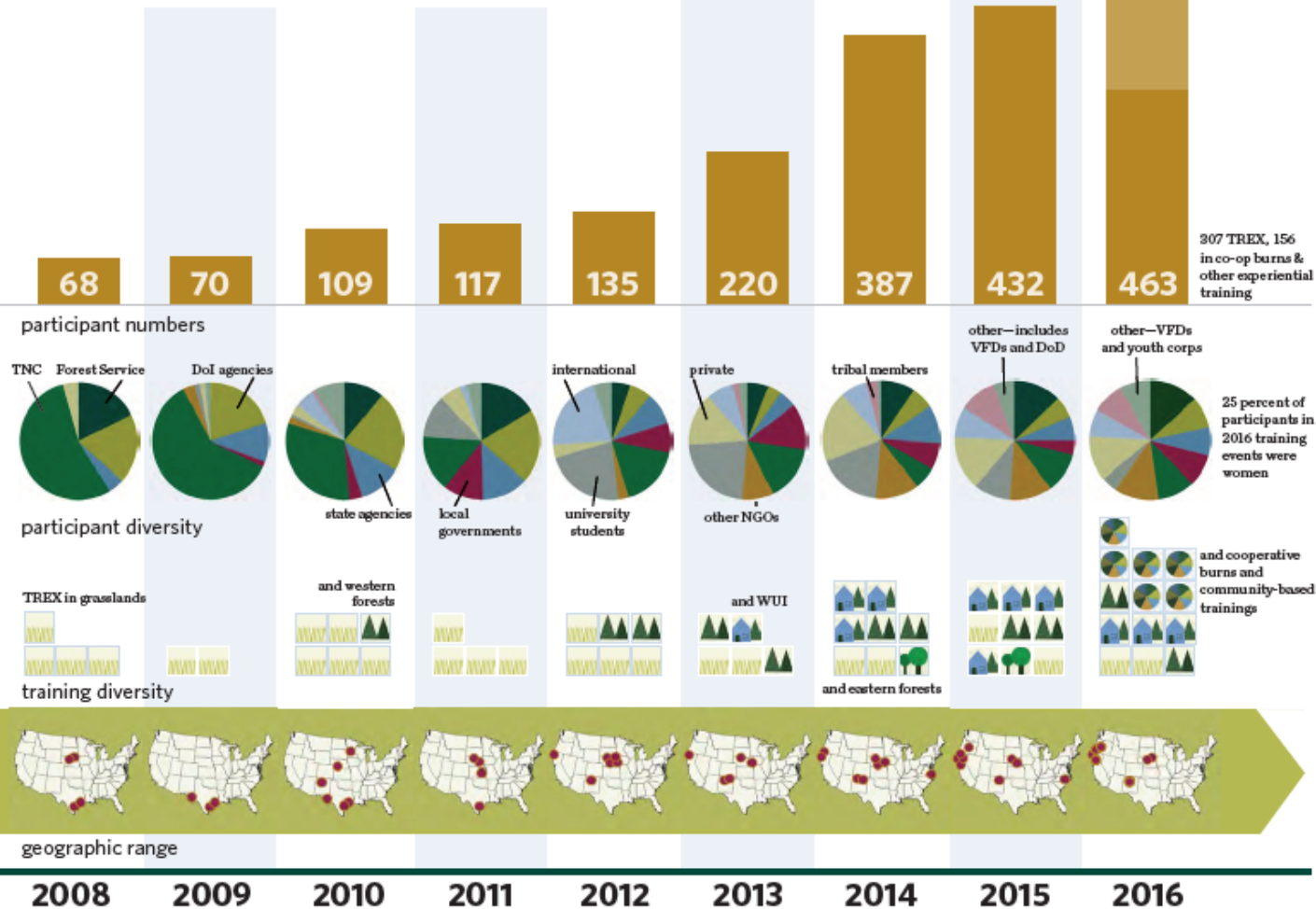
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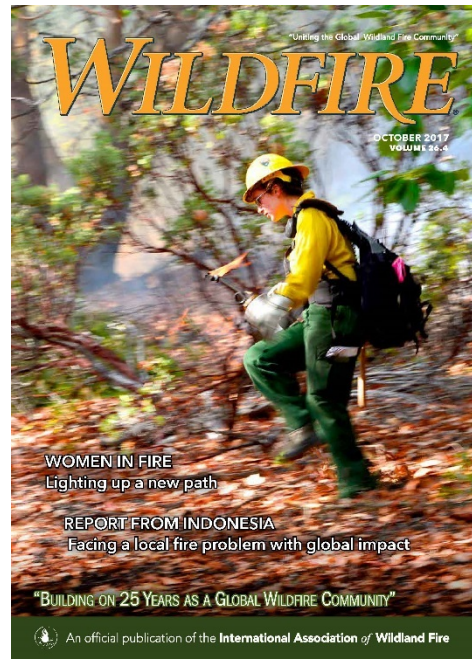
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PRESCRIBED FIRE TRAINING EXCHANGES (TREX) 2008-2016





Women in Fire Training Exchange (WTREX)





TREX Innovations: Cascadia TREX, CalTREX, Spanish-language TREX and international TREX





Other Experiential Training, Local Workforce Development and Capacity Building Approaches



- Volunteer Fire Departments
- Contract Fire Modules
- Managers and Researchers
- Job Corps and AmeriCorps





Lessons Learned from 10-15 Years of Cooperative Burning



Have Fun!

- Show up. Share your resources.
- Make the use of fire a priority.
- Manage liability; don't run from it.
- Don't try to stay under the radar.
- Develop a cross-trained workforce.
- Don't cancel your burns prematurely.
- Windows are wider than most believe.
- Engage communities and regulators early on.