

Central Oregon Prescribed Fire Training Exchange

Bend, Oregon ~ April 29-May 10, 2019

The fifth annual Central Oregon TREN brought together more than 40 people from thirteen states and four countries, representing six national forests, four tribes, three BLM districts, three non-profit organizations, two state agencies and one university. They worked alongside local forest and fire managers to restore 1,890 acres of prescribed fire to the fire-dependent forests of the Deschutes National Forest. Over the course of the TREN there were 90 training assignments for participants to continue building their prescribed fire experience and qualifications for positions ranging from basic firefighter to burn boss.

This spring's Central Oregon TREN again coincided with the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project's annual prescribed fire outreach campaign. This year's campaign included the launch of a new four-part video series



West Bend prescribed burn.

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on prescribed fire and the release of a new informational booklet on the restoration of dry fire-adapted forests. Local partners from Project Wildfire, The Nature Conservancy, the Deschutes NF and the Oregon FLN also organized and led the first-ever prescribed fire public field tour in Central Oregon, which attracted positive media attention, including an excellent story in a local newspaper.



Fire ecology field tour © TNC (Pete Caligiuri)



Participants from the University of Oregon, Catalan Fire and Rescue Service and The Nature Conservancy were among those wielding torches during the fifth Central Oregon TREN.

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<http://nature.ly/trainingexchanges>

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Spring 2019 outreach campaign materials

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHMEymkVHh85ECC6b2Tnah3d4toKsOK6H>

<https://www.flipsnack.com/boldampersand/central-oregon-fire-adapted-forests-booklet/full-view.html>

Media coverage

<https://nuggetnews.com/Content/Current-News/Current-News/Article/Why-the-forest-must-burn/5/5/28196>

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