

Prescribed Fire for Wildlife

February 26-28, 2019

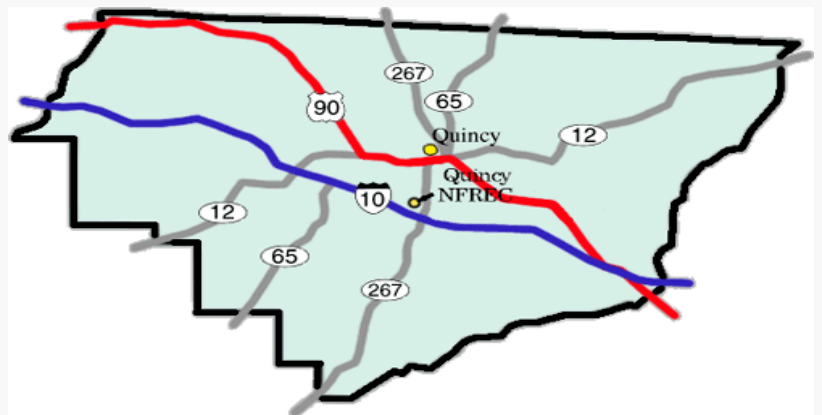
155 Research Rd

Quincy, Florida 32351



This training is designed for private landowners interested in providing better wildlife habitat by incorporating prescribed fire in their land management program. Our overall theme for this class is **“Prescribed Fire & Wildlife Stewardship: Promoting Excellence in all Operational Phases”**. This class will provide a comprehensive learning experience through lectures, panel discussions, and field exercises on local private lands. A series of presentations by experienced prescribed burners and wildlife biologists will cover a wide variety of topics, covering general principles as well as species-specific recommendations. Panel discussions with experts will facilitate information exchange. Knowledgeable speakers have years of experience managing Florida’s land to benefit wildlife. Field exercises will allow participants to work in small groups to begin incorporating ideas into their own personal prescribed fire operation plans.

The event will take place at the North Florida Research & Education Center (NFREC), in Quincy. The NFREC is located just north of Interstate 10 near exit 181, at 155 Research Rd. From I-10, take exit #181 (SR-267), and drive north approximately ¼ mile. The entrance to NFREC is on the left at Research Road. Enter through the gate and follow signs to the main building. The training will take place in the seminar room.



This class will provide a comprehensive learning experience through lectures, panel discussions, and field exercises on local private lands. A series of presentations by experienced prescribed burners and wildlife biologists will cover fundamental topics. Panel discussions with experts will encourage information exchange based on proven practices and principles for managing Florida wildlife habitats. Field exercises will allow participants to work in small groups to begin incorporating ideas into their prescribed fire operations through effective planning.

A full agenda and registration information will be available soon on the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society website: <https://fltws.org/new-events/2019/2/26/prescribed-fire-for-wildlife>.

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Rx Fire Techniques for Wildlife

February 26-28, 2019 Quincy, FL

Speaker Agenda

February 26

- 12:00-13:00** Check in and Orientation
- 13:00-13:15** Welcome to North Florida Research & Education Center (*Holly Ober*)
- 13:15-13:30** Opportunities and Challenges for Prescribed Fire (*Arlo Kane*)
- 13:30-13:45** Prescribed Fire, Wildlife, & Habitat Management in Florida (*Jim Schortemeyer*)
- 13:45-14:15** Prescribed Fire & Habitat Management Principles (*Grant Steelman*)
- 14:15-15:00** Planning & Implementation; Keys to Success (*Morgan Wilbur*)
- 15:00-17:30** Field Trip: Private Landowners Prescribed Fire & Wildlife Stewardship: Promoting Excellence in all Operational Phases (Caravan to private property, break into groups, discuss how to meet objectives for various wildlife species)

February 27

- 08:00-08:30** Evaluation of Wildlife Response to Prescribed Fire (*Holly Ober*)
- 08:30-09:30** Panel Discussion - FWC, IFAS, TTRS, Longleaf Alliance, & Other Programs Supporting Rx Fire
- 09:30-10:00** Prescribed Fire Recommendations: Bobwhite Quail (*Greg Hagan*)
- 10:00-10:30** Prescribed Fire Recommendations: Turkey (*Ricky Lackey*)
- 10:30-11:00** Fire in isolated Wetlands, Help for Imperiled Species (*Vernon Compton*)
- 11:00-11:30** TTRS Programs for Landowners (*Eric Staller*)
- 11:30-12:00** Prescribed Fire Recommendations: Reptiles & Amphibians (*Brian Camposano*)
- 12:00-13:00** LUNCH (PROVIDED)
- 13:00-13:30** Prescribed Fire Recommendations: White-tailed Deer (*Clint Peters*)
- 13:30-14:00** Prescribed Fire Recommendations: Bear (*Mike Orlando*)
- 14:00-14:30** Prescribed Fire Recommendations: Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers & Bald Eagles (*Jim Schuette*)
- 14:30-15:00** Open Discussion - Ignition Techniques & Prescription Parameters for Wildlife
- 15:00-17:30** Field Exercise: Planning & Evaluation (Incorporating Specific Wildlife Objectives in Prescribed Fire Programs)

February 28

- 08:00-08:30** Safety on Your Prescribed Burn (*Barry Coulliette*)
- 08:30-09:00** Open Discussion - Ignition Techniques & Prescription Parameters for Wildlife
- 09:00-09:15** Southern Fire Exchange (*David Godwin*)
- 09:15-10:00** Panel Discussion - Topics Submitted by Students (*Group Leaders*)
- 10:00-12:00** Student Presentations on Field Exercise

Registration fee: \$25 per person

Registration website: <https://fltws.org/new-events/2019/2/26/prescribed-fire-for-wildlife>

Workshop Organizers: Jim Schortemeyer, Arlo Kane, & Holly Ober

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