

Northeast - Midwest Fire Science and Management Workshop
 20 States - One Shared Mission
August 29th - 31st, 2023
 Madison, Wisconsin



DRAFT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY 1: THEME: Welcome to Wisconsin! Tribal Session, Fire Liability Insurance, Prescribed Fire Councils and Prescribed Burn Associations	
Welcome and Leaders' Intent	Wisconsin Tribal representative and Steve Miller (USFS)
Welcome to Wisconsin	Heather Berklund (WI State Forester)
Cultural Fire Session	Panel with Ron Waukau (Menominee), Vern Northrup (Fond du Lac) and Ferin Davis Anderson (Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community)
How Does Fire Fit Into the Holistic Approach of Resource Management?	Panel with representatives from USFS, Tribal, DOI, Fire Councils
Prescribed Fire on Private Lands: Results From Current Research	Melissa Krye (Penn State)
Addressing Prescribed Fire Liability and Insurance Needs/Opportunities	Panel with Carissa Wonkka (USDA), Chris Rigdon (CD Rigdon), Jim Elleson (WPFC), Mark Horn (WPFC) and others
The Value of Prescribed Fire Councils	Panel with Mark Melvin (retired from The Jones Center), Jonathan Stober (USFS) Zachary Prusak (Tall Timbers and current Chair of the Coalition of Rx Fire Councils) and others
The Value of Prescribed Burn Associations	Panel with PBA leaders
Social and Poster Session	Posters from students and fire practitioners including LANDFIRE
NE-MW Fire Council Chair meeting	
DAY 2: THEME: Tools & Technology, Ecosystems & Ecology, Applied Research and Management Practices	
Welcome and Leaders' Intent	Amanda Mahaffey (Forest Stewards Guild) and Dr. Gerould Wilhelm (Conservation Research Institute)
Useful Tools for Managing, Monitoring and Modeling Prescribed Fires	Panel with James Furman (USFS), Nick Skowronski (USFS) and others
Tech Support for Shared Stewardship Planning and Comprehensive Reporting on Prescribed Fires	Panel with Lowell Ballard (Timmons Group), Chris Schmidt (UW-Madison) and others
Tracking Wildfires and Prescribed Fires: Success Stories	Panel with Michele Witecha (WDNR), Bill Kleiman (Illinois TNC) and others
EPA and Air Quality Update: What the Changes Could Mean for You	USFS
Fire in the NE-MW - a Tree Ring Fire Scar History of Fire Across Key Forest Ecosystems Across the Region	Panel with Joe Marschall (Tree-Ring lab, University of Missouri), Evan Larson (UW-Platteville), John Neely (USFS, White Mountain National Forest)

Consideration of the Impact of Long-term Drought on Prescribed Fire Behavior	Tamara Wall (Desert Research Institute) and others
Growing Season Burns - Opening the Burn Windows	Panel with Jack McGowan-Stinski (LSFSC) and others
Prescribed Fire in Eastern Oak Forests	TBD
Prescribed Fire in Prairie Ecosystems	Rich Henderson (The Prairie Enthusiasts)
Prescribed Fire in the Pine Barrens	Mike Gallagher (USFS) and others
Fire Needs Assessments: What Works and What is Needed	Panel with Bill Kleiman (Illinois TNC), Sami Childerson (Illinois Rx Fire Council) and others
Prescribed Fire Guide for the NE-MW - What we Know, What Science and Management Items Do We Still Need?	Nick Skowronski (USFS), Amanda Mahaffey (Forest Stewards Guild)
DAY 3: THEME: Collaborative Planning, Resource Sharing, Communication Strategies, Contingency Planning, Fire Training, CPBM Programs	
Welcome and Leaders' Intent	Kelly Martin ((ret) Chief of Fire and Aviation, Yosemite National Park, National Park Service, Pacific West Region, Yosemite CA and TNC)
KEYNOTE: Hindsight is 20-20: Lessons learned from three decades of restoring fire to an urban pine barrens preserve	Neil Gifford (Albany Pine Bush Preserve)
Public Concerns and Perspectives - Increasing the Focus on Prescribed Fire Contingency Planning	Panel with USFS, State and Tribal
State Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Programs: Moving the Fire Needle	Panel with Jonathan Stober (USFS), Mark Melvin (retired from The Jones Center), Todd Breininger (PA DCNR)
National Fire Policy Challenges and Opportunities	Panel with Jim Karels (NASF), Dave Celino (MA DCR), Steve Goldman (USFS) and others
Communicating About the Value of Prescribed Fire to the Public	Panel with Ludie Bond (Florida Forest Service) and others
Pooling Human Resources to Get Fire Done: Fire Departments, Volunteers, Alternative Spring Breakers and More!	Panel with Kristin Pink (Forest Preserves of Cook County), Elliot Medina (Forest Preserves of Cook County), Dave Celino (MA DCR) and others
Training the Next Generation: Meeting the Demands of a Diverse Fire Practitioner Audience With Hybrid and Other Fire Training Delivery	Panel with Brian Schaffler (USFS), Zachary Prusak (Tall Timbers) and others