



**Big Rivers Forest Fire Management Compact
Northeast-Midwest Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (WRAP)**

Tools Training

September 10-11, 2024 – John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL

Course/Date	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12
NE-MW WRAP Tools Training		8:00 am- 5:00 pm	8:00 am- 2:00 pm	

LOCATION: John A. Logan College
700 Logan College Road
Carterville, IL 62918
Building F, Room F119
Phone: 618-985-2828
[John A. Logan College \(jalc.edu\)](http://John A. Logan College (jalc.edu))
[JALC Carterville Campus Map](#)

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Northeast Midwest State Foresters Alliance

COURSE COORDINATOR: Ray Parrish, raymond.j.parrish@usda.gov, 414-323-0859

TUITION: \$0.00

REGISTRATION FEE: \$0.00

- Students will provide their own meals. There are many selections available near John A. Logan College and hotels.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Please see lodging information at the bottom of the announcement.

NOMINATION PROCESS: Please submit the [nomination form](#) by **Wednesday, July 31, 2024**.
If they are selected, nominees will be notified no later than **COB Wednesday, August 7, 2024**.

- Depending upon the number of nominations received, we may have to prioritize attendees.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Provide a Northeastern Compact-based, in-person hands-on, 2-day training course in the use of the [NE-MW WRAP Tools](#) to support program delivery by the Compact states and key partners. The training dates will be September 10-11, 2024, in Carterville, IL. The focus of this training will be to enable state and federal fire prevention, WUI, and Firewise program specialists, managers, and coordinators and state hazard mitigation planners to gain sufficient knowledge and skills to both train other state and federal field employees and other interested partners such as Firewise community leaders and fire department personnel in the use of these tools. These tools can be used to meet community and project planning needs such as conducting community risk assessments, developing CWPPs, creating fuels mitigation plans, helping meet Firewise program requirements, and inform various grant applications such as the CWDG program.

Training Curriculum:

Each 2-day training will include sessions on:

- Accessing and managing the tools
- Northeast-Midwest Wildfire Risk Explorer (Basic and Advanced Viewers)
- Community Assessor (field-based tool)
- Community Exposure Dashboard
- Collaborative Planning Portal
- Values Explorer
- Prioritizing Communities for Wildfire Defense Grants

Participant Information:

- Participants should bring their laptops to engage in interactive training.
- Participants will be able to work with the applicable WRAP tools on a project or community area from their own jurisdiction, online in real time.
- Participants will be set up with the needed tool access prior to the training.
- Instructors will come from Timmons Group, USFS R9, FAC Learning Network, States, etc.

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LODGING INFORMATION: Lodging is available in both Marion and Carbondale Illinois. Please make reservations sooner than later because Carbondale is a University town and there are many festivals and events in Southern Illinois in September.

Marion, IL: All hotels are close to one another and several restaurants. The drive is 10 minutes to John A. Logan College.

- Drury Inn Marion, [Drury Inn Marion - Drury Hotels](#)
- Hampton Inn Marion, [Hampton Inn Marion, Illinois](#)
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Marion Northeast, an IHG Hotel, [Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Marion Northeast, an IHG Hotel](#)
- Fairfield Inn & Suites Marion, [Fairfield Inn & Suites \(marriott.com\)](#)
- Comfort Inn & Suites Marion I-57, [Comfort Inn & Suites Marion I-57](#)

Carbondale, IL: All hotels are close to one another and several restaurants. The drive is 7 minutes to John A. Logan College.

- Hampton Inn Carbondale, [Hampton Inn Carbondale](#)
- Holiday Inn Carbondale-Conference Center, an IHG Hotel, [Holiday Inn Carbondale-Conference Center, an IHG Hotel](#)
- Comfort Inn & Suites Carbondale University Area, [Comfort Inn® Official Site | Comfort Inn & Suites \(choicehotels.com\)](#)

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