

The Second Annual Northeast-Midwest Prescribed Fire Science and Management Workshop was a Burning Success!



Sponsored by the [Northeast Region of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council](#), which is chaired by Dave Celino, State Fire Warden for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, approximately 215 prescribed fire practitioners, managers and scientists from the 20 NE-MW states and beyond gathered recently in Albany, NY to share their knowledge and experiences in implementing safe and effective prescribed fire across a variety of landscapes in the region. Participants represented a variety of federal, state, local, Tribal, NGO, private, educational and research organizations.

This workshop was effectively organized by a cadre of prescribed fire specialists from across the NE Region, ably supported by Mikel Robinson and Alicia Smith from Full Scope, Inc., and professionally hosted by the [Albany Pine Bush Preserve](#) staff, led by Neil Gifford, Conservation Director.

The highlight of the workshop was the field trip to the 3,350 acre Preserve guided by the APBP staff who showed the results of many years of careful prescribed burning in the wildland-urban interface. APBP staff members highlighted the effectiveness of their treatments in restoring and maintaining the unique inland pitch pine barrens ecosystem while enhancing the habitat of many animal and plant species including supporting the recovery of the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly.



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As one of the workshop participant evaluations stated: *“Great job again. This is one of my favorite conferences/workshops I’ve ever attended with so many likeminded and passionate folks. I loved the Madison, WI one last year too and I look forward to attending the one next year in Minnesota!”*