Training Announcement
Klamath River Prescribed Fire Training Exchange
Orleans, CA  •  Oct 1 – Oct 11, 2014

Objectives: To develop the Klamath River community’s capacity to safely and effectively reintroduce fire onto the local landscape by providing TREX participants with experience and training in planning and conducting controlled burns.

Target group: This training is designed to integrate a diverse group of fire practitioners with varying degrees of knowledge and experience. Participants include tribal members, local contractors, federal and state firefighters, volunteer firefighters, non-profit organizations including The Nature Conservancy staff and volunteers, university students, county/regional regulators and out-of-region and international guests and fire workers.

Description: The training is organized as an incident, using the Incident Command System. Participants will serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on a burn team and will assist with preparing, scouting, briefing, igniting, holding, mop-up, and patrol on numerous controlled burns in the area. We will also complete pre- and post-fire monitoring, train with equipment, practice fire line leadership skills, and learn about local fire ecology and fire management.

There will be field trips to areas burned in recent wildfires and presentations from local tribal elders and other community members, scientists, land managers, and practitioners. Participants will also present briefings about the fire regimes in their home region and discuss management challenges and opportunities there. In addition, participants will practice for and possibly be featured in local media interviews.

Fee (due no later than September 1, 2014): If selected, a non-refundable $200 fee is required from each participant to secure a place on the team. This includes the $100 registration fee plus a $100 fee to offset the cost of meals and lodging. Scholarships/paid positions are available for qualifying local participants - contact Will Harling (will@mkwc.org) for more information.

Requirements:
1. All participants’ qualifications must be current. At a minimum, everyone must have completed NWCG courses I-100, S-130, S-190 and FEMA IS-700. These trainings will be provided to participants who need them.
2. Participants must complete an arduous pack test before arrival at the event. Completion of a moderate pack test is acceptable if coming as a TNC volunteer and serving in an RXCM (prescribed fire crewmember) position.
3. All participants must have insurance (e.g., workers’ comp, health or travel insurance) to cover any injury they may sustain during the training exchange.
4. Participants should come with all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including fireline-approved boots (all leather work boots, 8-inches tall, non-slip soles and no steel toe), a Next Generation Fire Shelter, a hard hat, Nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection and canteens for drinking water. For individuals who do not have PPE, it will be available for rent from Firestorm, Inc., for $50 at the beginning of the event.

Meals & Travel: All meals, ground transportation and lodging will be provided during the training. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from Orleans, California and should arrive by Wednesday, October 1. However, burn bosses and the Incident Management Team must arrive by Monday, September 29. Although we encourage you to stay for the full assignment, we understand you may have time constraints and are happy to host you for the first or second week (non-refundable fees still apply).

To Apply: Please complete the separate Application Form (note: Be sure to select the Klamath River TREX) and submit it to Lenya Quinn-Davidson (nwcapfc@gmail.com) no later than Aug 11, 2014. Thank you!

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