

## Prescribed Burn Associations: Different Models for Different Places

Webinar December 10, 2020

Link to recording: <https://youtu.be/Wzfb5kVmqMk>

Chat box from this webinar:

12:00:04 From Emily Hohman : We will start the meeting in just one minute. Thanks for joining!

12:15:36 From Katie Lighthall : If you have questions for our panelists, please enter them in the chat box. We will ask them of the panelists during the Q&A session right after the flash presentations. 😊

12:16:44 From Barb Satink Wolfson : Are there any PBA/PFCs who are working to include knowledge exchange related to cultural burning?

12:17:17 From Chad Bladow : the Niobrara Valley Prescribed Fire Association doesn't have a website currently. Please feel free to call or email me for more information. [cbladow@tnc.org](mailto:cbladow@tnc.org)

12:17:30 From Jesse Abrams : I'd be interested to know which of these PBAs has training requirements for members. It sounds like the Nebraska association doesn't—how about the others?

12:17:34 From Allen Gallamore : Adam - how is your CWN crew funded?

12:17:35 From Amy Markus : It would be great to hear how they deal with liability. Thank you!

12:18:01 From Becca Shively : Yes, I echo Amy's question!

12:18:21 From Katie Lighthall : These are great questions! Keep 'em coming!!

12:19:45 From Adam Warwick : The TNC Southern Blue Ridge "Call-when-Needed" crew is funded through a cost-share agreement the US Forest Service Region 8.

12:20:06 From Wes Johns : Do any of these programs utilize private contractors to assist/manage/execute prescribed burns? If so, what requirements are there of those contractors?

12:21:51 From Kate Williams : For Chad/Ben: is there any training that is put on for private landowners in developing a good burn plan? Does this just tend to come from conversations while out in the field?

12:21:54 From Adam Warwick : There is way more to this crew than i could cover in 5 minutes, so I developed this little handout, called, "so you want an as-needed fire crew" <https://tnc.box.com/s/o4wg6j8m0re81xcdjw4a1tfru1ct64ew>

12:22:11 From Kara Karboski : Awesome, thanks Adam!

12:22:35 From Adam Warwick : Here is a two pager I provide to partners. <https://tnc.box.com/s/f4s3maw8atbgxriavjsu9hw3psp4xhih>

12:22:43 From Elizabeth Cavasso : Ben, who reviews/approves Rx Burn Plans?

12:23:07 From Lenya Quinn-Davidson : Such a great presentation Ben!!

12:23:32 From Chad Bladow : Many conservation organizations are providing training for landowners, PBAs and Fire Departments. Just about every organization/agency is involved.

12:23:36 From Robert White : Thanks Ben!

12:23:46 From Wes Johns : how significant is pushback from community on smoke production or anything else? How is it dealt with?

12:32:11 From Jeremy Bailey : I notice that we're using the word 'denim' as a stand in for natural fibers. The safety provided by 'denim' is because it's a non-flammable all natural fiber. Which is great! Wool, cotton and other natural fibers are appropriate for safe clothing on the fire line.

12:41:16 From Josh Bennett : A question for the presenters: how can local organizations help build capacity for the type of work you do? I work at a small rural library in Northern California and want to create programs around prescribed fire and wildfire preparedness. Workshops? Smoke information? Study groups? Tool lending?

12:41:35 From Carol Baldwin : Liability publications:  
<https://www.gpfirescience.org/resources/prescribed-fire-understanding-liability-laws-and-risk/>; <https://southernfireexchange.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-2.pdf>

12:42:28 From Adam Warwick : Totally agree with John about the importance of the leadership!!!

12:43:14 From Lenya Quinn-Davidson : Great points John!

12:43:43 From Seth Jones : Where does the liability lie when a burn does not go as planned i.e. escaped burn, damaged property/structures, etc. Obviously, you try and plan for everything to happen as planned but wondering about these rare situations.

12:43:47 From Adam Warwick : The ability of the leader people is perhaps more important than any other aspect.

12:44:11 From Lenya Quinn-Davidson : Paper by John about Rx fire liability:  
[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5a4d2e54010027562ffbfcbc/t/5d8289c1aef68661e45f9dfd/1568836033937/Liability+and+Prescribed+Fire\\_+Perception+and+Reality.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5a4d2e54010027562ffbfcbc/t/5d8289c1aef68661e45f9dfd/1568836033937/Liability+and+Prescribed+Fire_+Perception+and+Reality.pdf)

12:45:19 From Autumn Muir : Thanks for the links all

12:45:43 From Katie Lighthall : [www.ok-pba.org](http://www.ok-pba.org)

12:46:36 From Adam Warwick : [Adam.Warwick@tnc.org](mailto:Adam.Warwick@tnc.org)

12:46:37 From Ben Wheeler : [Ben.Wheeler@nebraska.gov](mailto:Ben.Wheeler@nebraska.gov)

12:46:48 From Lenya Quinn-Davidson : [lquinndavidson@ucanr.edu](mailto:lquinndavidson@ucanr.edu)

12:47:03 From Sasha Berleman : [sasha.berleman@egret.org](mailto:sasha.berleman@egret.org)

12:47:24 From John Weir : [john.weir@okstate.edu](mailto:john.weir@okstate.edu)

12:52:55 From Jennifer Russell : thanks Dave! from Idaho that is so very useful info!

12:53:36 From Kelly Martin : How many people are having problem with obtaining the ICT4 qualification? What options to we have to help folks obtain this qual?

12:55:05 From Lenya Quinn-Davidson : Kelly, most of these PBA efforts don't follow NWCG standards, so those types of qualification barriers tend to be less pertinent in this context.

12:55:06 From Karuna Greenberg : How can we address liability when our neighbors are the federal government/ USFS lands?

12:55:07 From Adam Warwick : I struggled with ICT4 until I developed a better relationship with the surrounding county rangers for the state forest service

12:55:11 From Katie Lighthall to Emily Hohman(Privately) : no I didn't but he didn't have a screen share. He won't be sticking around for the breakouts.

12:55:26 From Adam Warwick : Our state forest service is the initial attack for private lands

12:55:47 From Dale Gross : I wanted everyone to be aware multiple agencies are forming a prescribed fire collective for the Canadian prairies. We are funded for 5 years and are eager to reach out and learn from your experiences. We will be contacting you in the coming weeks and hoping to collaborate with you for years to come.

12:55:59 From Wes Johns : Have any of the prescribed burns gotten away from you all? If so, what was the lesson learned and how did that affect community opinion on the practice?

12:56:00 From Lenya Quinn-Davidson : Awesome Dale!

12:56:20 From Adam Warwick : so you don't have to go out west and cross your fingers you get a chance at a ICT4. You are close by and you just go hang out at the forestry office, do your office work, and go do IA

12:57:27 From Mike Petersen : I have to leave this meeting for another meeting, but this has been very informative - thanks so much!

12:58:33 From Emily Hohman : Many PBAs are working in areas that don't follow NWCG standards, so attaining ICT4 isn't a requirement. Definitely a challenge for small agency and NGO staff that do follow NWCG standards, but not usually a concern for landowners in most parts of the country.

12:59:36 From Peter Luchetti : Given the urgent need for controlled burns the state needs to create a state level insurance backstop for PBA's in an effort to support and accelerate the effort to get this done.

12:59:49 From Katie Lighthall : We will be sharing the information from the chat box when we post the webinar recording.

13:00:12 From Peter Luchetti : We're spending a fortune on suppression. We need to spend some of that money on prevention.

13:00:45 From Lenya Quinn-Davidson : Peter, yes, definitely a big need. This is a primary topic in the Rx fire policy dialogue right now in CA.

13:01:16 From Sasha Berleman : Ditto Peter and Lenya! Haha Nailed it!

13:01:23 From Lenya Quinn-Davidson : I'm actually testifying later today for a Dept. of Insurance hearing focused on fire

13:02:31 From Steve Cannon : right now there is no funding for the Calif Forestry Improvement Program, though the governor talks about the need for good forest management. more pressure needed at state govt level

13:04:32 From Barb Satink Wolfson : Burn plan approval varies by state.

13:04:36 From Adam Warwick : The best training for burn plan writing is.... writing burn plans. The TNC Template is very good and requires the appropriate level of detail. <https://www.tncfiremanual.org/burnplan.htm>

13:04:57 From Carol Baldwin : Yes, no burn plan requirement in Kansas.

13:05:33 From Carol Baldwin : But PBAs all require a written burn plan even though the state doesn't.

13:06:54 From Jared Aldern : Another thing that I would add about collaboration with tribes would be to make some inquiries as to what they might appreciate in terms of donations and volunteer time — maybe cut some firewood for elders or volunteer to tutor at a tribal after-school homework club.

13:07:11 From Julia Berkey : From these examples shared today - did a state-wide Rx fire council always precede the local PBAs?

13:07:52 From Lenya Quinn-Davidson : Julia, in California yes, PFCs preceded PBAs. In the Great Plains it has been the other way around in some cases (I think)

13:07:59 From Emily Hohman : Training requirements also vary by state. Some states require no formal training or experience for private landowners. Some states have state certified prescribed burn manager programs that provide a training and certification pathway for private landowners and citizens. In some collaborations you will have landowners/citizens who aren't required to meet any standard working side-by-side with federal personnel who follow NWCG, or with non-profit staff who may meet a different, internal standard.

13:08:13 From Dale Swedberg : Aside from controlling red cedar, reducing fuels, and conducting burns safely, what are some other objectives included in burn plans?

13:08:38 From Carol Baldwin : Yes, in KS the first PBA was before the Fire Council, I think.

13:08:59 From Ben Wheeler : Wildlife habitat improvement, livestock forage improvement

13:11:22 From Robert White : Thanks for the great info. Leaving now!

13:31:32 From Elizabeth Cavasso : Is there a source of basic PBA info available on the web?

13:32:00 From Katie Lighthall : calpba.org