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## **Expanding Capacity to Respond to the Wildfire Threat**

Santa Fe, NM – The Forest Stewards Guild is supporting the launch of a new, separate non-profit, The Ember Alliance, that will focus on bringing good fire back to fire adapted ecosystems. For the last three years, the Guild’s fire management program has grown dramatically. Now, spinning off part of the Guild’s operational fire capacity and expertise, will encourage continued growth. The new organization, The Ember Alliance, and the Guild can work together to continue to grow the positive impact for fire-dependent forests and the next generation of land stewards.

The Guild was founded 25 years ago to practice and promote ecologically, socially, and economically responsible forestry. In many forests, stewardship means ensuring fire can play its natural role. Bringing good fire back to fire-adapted ecosystems is a crucial part of reducing the threat of large, high-severity wildfires along with cascading ecosystem benefits. The Guild has supported prescribed burns across the country and trained dozens of new firefighters, often in close collaboration with our partners such as The Nature Conservancy through the Fire Learning Network. While the Guild will remain involved in prescribed fire and fire adapted communities, there is a need for more help. The Ember Alliance will add important good fire capacity. Look for more details in a paired release from The Ember Alliance today and in [this evolving FAQ](#).

The Guild and The Ember Alliance plan to collaborate on existing projects and to join forces on new ventures. Because the two staffs have worked closely over the last three years, they are well positioned to build on each groups’ areas of expertise.

The Guild’s Deputy Director, Eytan Krasilovsky, said “I’m excited to see my colleagues at The Ember Alliance continue to build and grow their programs to train, collaborate, research, and bring fire back to forests that are unhealthy without it.”

The Guild, with help from The Ember Alliance, will continue to support a range of fire related projects such as the All Hands, All Lands Burn Team that works with federal, state, tribal, and private partners to increase the pace and scale of prescribed fire in northern New Mexico. The Guild will maintain its research program on fire issues (such as prevention of human caused ignitions), post-fire response, and support for fire science knowledge exchanges from the Southwest to the Northeast. Guild staff will continue their engagement in fire adapted communities and collaborative community wildfire protection plans. With all the needs related to fire, the Guild is looking forward to having a new partner working for solutions.

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The Forest Stewards Guild is a national organization of foresters, natural resource professionals, and supporters that practice and promote ecologically, economically, and socially responsible forestry as a means of sustaining the integrity of forest ecosystems and the human communities dependent upon them. [www.ForestStewardsGuild.org](http://www.ForestStewardsGuild.org)