



# Minnesota Northwoods Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TREX)

**May 2 – May 15, 2022**

**Application Deadline: March 20, 2022**

## Objectives:

- This two-week event aims to facilitate inter-agency and peer-to-peer experiential learning for fire professionals and others interested in ecological burning to restore fire-adapted ecosystems.
- Training: Participants will serve in both **NWCG** qualified trainer and trainee positions on a burn team and will assist with preparing, scouting, briefing, igniting, holding, mop-up, and patrol on controlled burns.
- Treatments: Provide added capacity for local and regional prescribed fire practitioners to accomplish various management objectives.
- Training involves knowledge sharing from Tribal partners of Minnesota and learning about their traditional and contemporary use of fire in management of cultural resources.



**Target Group:**

- This training is designed to integrate a diverse group of wildland fire personnel, including Federal, State, Tribal, University, Volunteer, NGO, resource managers, scientists, and researchers.
- Trainee positions most applicable to Northwoods TREX: **FFT1, FEMO, FIRB, ENGB, & RXB2**. Potential trainee positions on US Forest Service hosted burns: **TFLD** and **ICT4**

**Description:**

- We will train with equipment, practice fire line leadership, learn about local fire ecology, fire management, and landscape restoration projects through field exercises, workshops, presentations, field trips, fire effects monitoring, and prescribed burning.

**Registration Fee and Lodging:**

- There is no registration fee for this event.

**Requirements:**

- Must be current and qualified NWCG FFT2 minimum or have completed NWCG courses S-130, S-190, L-180, ICS-100, IS-700A and can provide documentation. These courses are available for self-study online and can be found here [NWCG requirements](#).
- Must have completed arduous pack test within the last 12 months before arrival at TREX.
- Participants must have health insurance which will cover personal injury (e.g., workers' comp, health or travel insurance) they may sustain during the training exchange.
- Participants should come with all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including NFPA approved fire boots, Next Generation Fire Shelter, hard hat, Nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection and canteens for drinking water. If you do not have proper PPE, please let us know in the application.
- Commitment to attend and participate in the two-week training event.

**Meals, Travel and Lodging:**

- Participants are responsible for travel to and from the event. Due to COVID, transportation during the event may have additional restrictions.
- Lodging is still being worked on and will be dependent on the burn location. Participants may have to pay for a portion of lodging.
- For special dietary needs, please indicate any restrictions on the application. We will be providing meals while on site.

**What to Expect:**

- Treat this event like a full 14-day assignment. The schedule and mix of activities will be contingent upon weather and fuel conditions that will dictate when, where, and how training will take place.
- Day to day activities will change depending on conditions - we may burn one day, prep a

burn unit the other, and attend a field trip the day after.

- As a participant your role may also change throughout TREX. You may be in a leadership position, or you may be working to support the team to provide others the opportunity to lead and learn.
- TREX staff will do their best to create as many position taskbook training and evaluation opportunities as safely as possible. However, no guarantee can be made regarding the number of trainee assignments that will be available or the completion of position task books during TREX.

### **Registration:**

- Application period is open from February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> with space for 10-15 participants
- Selected participants will be notified by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- To apply, complete the application form at this link [Application](#)
- **Agenda and more details will be included in registration packet.**

Questions? Please contact Annette at [annette.drewes@tnc.org](mailto:annette.drewes@tnc.org) or 218-368-5050.

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