



Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership

2016 Prescribed Fire Grant Application

**Grant Funded Through USDA – Forest Service
Award #15-DG-11083148-007**

Scope of Project: Reduce the hazard of high-risk fuels on private lands through the use of prescribed burning. Treatment area will be within **10 miles** of the Sam Houston National Forest boundary. The goal of the grant is to protect high-risk communities and associated forest resources by reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire on private and public lands. The total funding for these grants is \$60,000.00. No cost shares are involved with this grant program.

Grant recipients will be reimbursed actual per acre costs associated with conducting the prescribed burn not to exceed the maximum reimbursement rate of \$30.00 per acre with a total limit of 999 acres per recipient.

TFS will supply the grant recipient with an approval to burn letter when all TFS required paperwork has been completed by recipient. Any burning on an approved project prior to receiving this notice may forfeit recipient's prescribed burn funding.

Application packages post marked on or before February 15, 2015 will be accepted and considered for funding. **No faxes or e-mailed applications will be accepted.** Please return the completed and signed application packages by mail to:

**Andy McCrady
Mitigation & Prevention Department
Texas A & M Forest Service
Post Office Box 310
Lufkin, Texas 75902-0310**

All applicants will receive a notification of decision letter of either approved or denied no later than March 15, 2016. TFS will also publicize the listing of approved recipients on our website. The grant funding period is from March 15, 2016 to July 31, 2017.

We will be happy to help with any questions. Please call Andy McCrady, Fuels Coordinator, at (936) 689-9393 or wmccrady@tfs.tamu.edu or Tammy Russell, Business Associate III, at (936) 273 2261 or trussell@tfs.tamu.edu.

Project support provided by the U.S. Department of Agricultural, Forest Service, Southern Region, State and Private Forestry Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Applications Must Include:

- Complete landowner information on page 1, including signature and date
- Complete contractor information on page 1
- Texas Department of Agriculture Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager License Number.
(If missing, this information will be requested before application can gain final approval)
- A comprehensive burn plan along with the "Burn Unit Location" information requested on page 2 of the application. A landowner may produce the burn plan and location information or use the services of a consulting forester or contracted burn vendor. See the Texas Department of Agriculture web site for details of a comprehensive burn plan:
<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/PrescribedBurnProgram/SampleBurningPlanDocuments.aspx>
- The prescribed burn plan itself must be signed and dated by the preparer
- Location map displaying proximity of burn unit to National Forest
- Map displaying boundary and acreage of burn unit
- Lat/Long of burn unit (Degrees/Minutes/Seconds)
- County and physical address of burn unit location **or** distance and direction to nearest intersection

Additional Information of Prescribed Fire Grant:

- Multiple applications may be submitted per individual, but grant is competitive and selection will be based on the goal of reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire near communities. All applications will receive a notification of decision by mail by March 15, 2016.
- **The completed application package must be received by TFS or post marked on or before February 15, 2016. Deadline for applications is firm. No fax or e-mailed applications will be accepted.** Selection process will begin immediately.
- Name on application, grant agreement, and invoice for payment must match.
- TFS personnel may contact and speak directly with recipient's burn vendor about burn dates after the recipient has received the approval to burn notification letter from TFS.
- **Grant is to be used only for the reimbursement of costs to landowners for a private contractor to conduct a prescribed burn (maximum of \$30.00 per acre and maximum of 999 acres of total burns).**
- **The burn vendor must be a Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager that is currently licensed by the Texas Department of Agriculture.**
- Grant funds do not apply and will not be provided to reimburse charges for application or creation of burn plans by a private contractor.
- TFS may complete an on-site assessment prior to approval of recipient's application.

If you are selected:

- All grant documents including agreement must be completed and signed by applicant and approved by Texas A & M Forest Service before the prescribed burn can take place.
- TFS staff member will make a short site documentation visit and take pre-burn photos of vegetation condition along with a final post burn inspection and photos of vegetation.
- **TFS will supply the recipient with an approval to burn letter when all TFS paperwork has been completed by recipient. Any burning on approved project prior to receiving this notice may forfeit recipient's prescribed burn funding.**
- No exchange of land tracts will be allowed. Reimbursement made only upon approved contracted land tract. The grant funding period is from March 15, 2016 to July 31, 2017.
- **Burn contractor should notify TFS at least 24 hours prior to the prescribed burn taking place. Contractor should call Andy McCrady at the TFS Lufkin Office at (936)689-9393 with this notification.**



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Landowner/Applicant Information:

Landowner Name or Company Name or Partnership Name or Trust Name – Please Circle

Mailing Address City, State Zip Code

Home/Business Phone Number Cell Number E-Mail Address

Landowner/Applicant Signature Date

Note: Signatory must be allowed to sign legal documents for applicant.

Contractor Information:

Vendor Name Certified & Insured Prescribed Burn Manager License Number

Mailing Address City, State Zip Code

Phone Number Cell Number E-Mail Address



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Burn Unit Location:

Latitude: _____

Longitude: _____

County: _____

Physical address of burn unit or nearest intersection: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Pages 1 & 2 of application must be completed.

Please attach the following with your 2 page application:

- **Comprehensive Prescribed Burn Plan- Signed by Preparer.**
- Property Location Map
- Burn Unit Boundary Map