

Prescribed Burning Associations: Land Owners Effectively Applying Fire to the Land

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Reasons why people don't burn?

- Liability
- Not enough knowledge or experience
- Not enough people to help
- Not enough equipment

How do you overcome these obstacles?

- Insurance
- Attend workshops
- Hire people
- Buy equipment

Does this solve their problem?



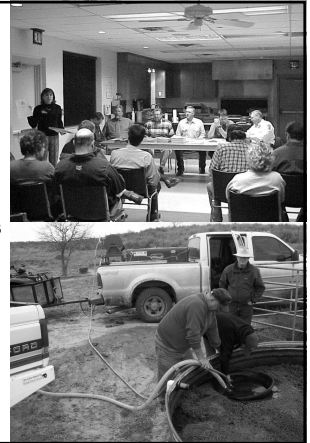
Prescribed Burn Associations can be the answer.

- Insurance, also manage the risk by addressing the other reasons
- Attend burns, gain experience
- Neighbor helping neighbor
- A group of ranchers/land owners pool their equipment to help each other.



Getting One Started in Your Community

- Assemble a group of interested citizens
- Involve key players
 - Land Owners
 - Lessees
 - State & Federal agencies
 - County Extension
 - Local Fire Departments
- Pick a leader
- Set some goals and area to work in
- Accomplish a task



Guidelines for Prescribed Fire Associations

- ⦿ Elect officers: President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer
- ⦿ Board of Directors: If multiple counties or areas are involved, one or two from each county or area;
- ⦿ Dues: \$25.00/year
- ⦿ Annual Fire Training School
- ⦿ Fire plans
- ⦿ Liability
- ⦿ Firebreaks
- ⦿ Personnel on burn
- ⦿ Equipment list
- ⦿ Burn participation

Goals and Objectives for Prescribed Burn Associations

- ⦿ Share equipment
- ⦿ Share labor
- ⦿ Train our membership
- ⦿ Foster good relations between neighbors and within the community in regards to the use of prescribed fire.

Incorporate

- Not-For Profit Corporation
- 501 (c) (3) non-profit status-IRS form 1023
- Dues and donations become tax-deductible
- Eligible for government or private foundations grants
- Limited liability possible in some states

Grants

- RC&D, PF & QF, NWTF, USFWS, others...

Equipment

- Trailers, vehicles, radios

Rural or Volunteer Fire Departments

- Additional manpower
- Additional equipment
- Rent equipment
- Training opportunity
- Understand fire behavior

Become your own Fire Department

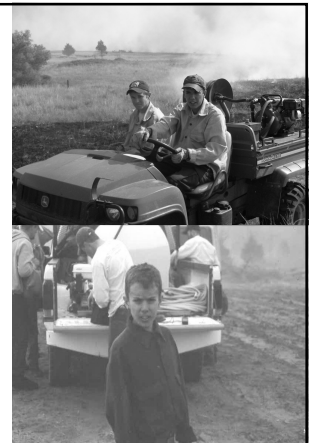


Strength in numbers

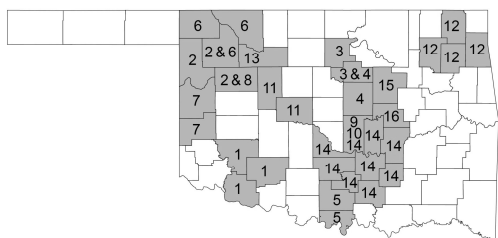
- Policy
- Law
- Political
- Economical
- Risk Management



Training the future generations in safe and proper application of fire

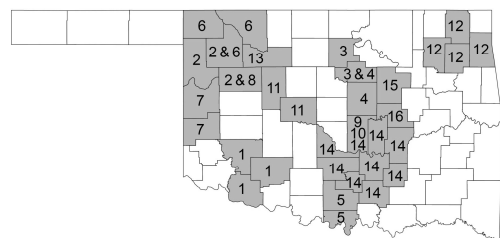


Oklahoma's Local Prescribed Burning Associations



1. Big Pasture Prescribed Burning Association
2. Northwest Range Fire Management Association, Inc.
3. North Central Range Improvement Association
4. Cross Timbers Prescribed Burn Association
5. Arbuckle Restoration Association
6. Cimarron Range Preservation Association
7. Roger Mills Prescribed Burn Association
8. South Canadian Prescribed Burn Association
9. Salt Creek Prescribed Burn Association
10. Northern Pottawatomie County Prescribed Burn Association
11. Canadian Rivers Prescribed Burn Association
12. Indian Territory Burn Association
13. Gloss Mountain Prescribed Burn Association
14. Pontotoc Ridge Prescribed Burn Association
15. Creek County Prescribed Burn Association
16. Twin Rivers Prescribed Burn Association

Oklahoma's Local Prescribed Burning Associations



- 17 Associations, 34 counties, 350+ members
- In 2008, 2009 & 2010 six associations safely conducted 175 burns on over 70,000 acres and have received over \$250,000 in donations and grants
- Currently forming OK Prescribed Burn Association

- **Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association**
- Formed in 2011
- Working with existing PBAs and forming new ones
- Working on funding
- Finding group insurance



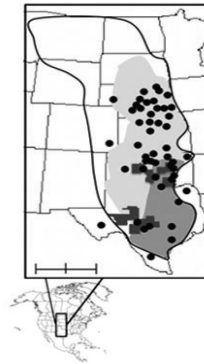
Prescribed Burn Associations

- ⑩ Texas
- ⑩ Kansas
- ⑩ Nebraska
- ⑩ Mississippi
- ⑩ Colorado
- ⑩ Illinois

**Seeds Sown in
MO, MT, NM, IA**

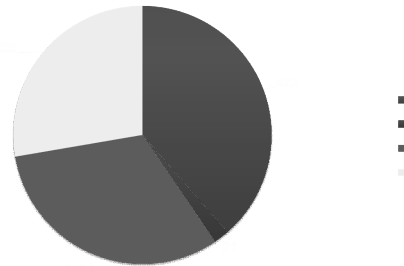
- Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association, Inc., TX
- Texas Panhandle Prescribed Burn Association, TX
- Red Hills Prescribed Burn Association, KS
- Loess Canyon Rangeland Alliance, Inc, NE
- Niobrara Valley Prescribed Fire Association, NE
- Coastal Bend Prescribed Burn Association, TX
- Coldwater Prescribed Burn Association, MS

- **Alliance of Prescribed Burn Associations**
- Formed in 2012
- Currently working within Great Plains OK, TX, KS, NE
- Working for the PBAs
- Working on regional issues
- Looking to expand



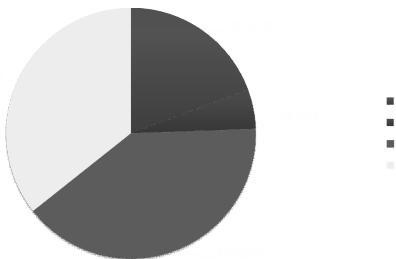
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Recent survey of PBAs
1,094 burns conducted



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Recent survey of PBAs
472,235 acres burned



Prescribed Burn Associations

Recent survey of 27 PBAs
Spotfires-21%
Escapes-1.5%

