



## Providing Threatened and Endangered Species Assurances For Prescribed Burning Projects



- Many of our listed and at risk species are fire dependent. .
- Burning results in a “Net Conservation Benefit”.
- We encourage burning & want you to “keep on doing what you are doing”!



- Landowners, Managers, and Agencies are increasingly becoming concerned over the short term impacts (possible mortality and habitat loss) that may occur during prescribed burning.
- We propose a VOLUNTARY process that will provide “assurances” to landowners and managers that are conducting P-burning.



## Assurances??

- Landowners/Managers will agree to implement BMPs (avoidance and minimization measures) during burning.
- In return, the Service will provide, in writing, assurances that no liability under the prohibitions of the endangered Species Act will be incurred if mortality, unacceptable habitat loss, or other harm occurs that would result in “take” under the definitions in the Act.
- Strictly Voluntary. Many managers may not have concerns or may not wish to commit to the BMPs. In which case “business as usual”. Keep burning!
- View as an Insurance Policy



## Stake holder/ Partner Involvement

- We want you to be aware of this effort..
- Your comments and suggestions are important if we are to succeed.
- Review and comment on BMPs. You are the “practitioners”.



## Take Home Messages

We encourage burning  
“Sign –up” will be Voluntary  
Insurance Policy  
We would like your input



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