



***** Training Announcement *****

**Prescribed Fire Training Exchange
Niobrara Valley Preserve
42269 Morel Rd Johnstown, Nebraska 69214
March 21-April 3, 2020.**

Objectives: To conduct a series of prescribed fires in the Niobrara river valley to provide learning opportunities and hands on experiences for participants.

Target Group: This training is designed to integrate a diverse group of fire practitioners, including: private landowners, volunteer fire departments, university students, municipal, state, federal and contract firefighters, as well as other natural resource managers, scientists and researchers. Trainee positions most applicable to the Niobrara Valley TREX include: Prescribed Fire Crewmember, FFT2, FEMO, FFT1, FIRB, ENGB, & RXB2. Please contact Amanda Hefner to discuss other trainee positions. Prior prescribed fire experience is not required.

Description: The training is organized as an incident, using the Incident Command System managed by Nebraska Interagency TYPE 3 Teams. Participants will serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on a burn team and will assist with preparing, scouting, briefing, igniting, holding, mop-up, and patrol on numerous prescribed fires in the area. We will also complete pre- and post-fire monitoring, train with various equipment, practice fireline leadership skills, and learn about local fire ecology and management.

There will be field trips to areas burned in recent fires and presentations from local ranchers and other community members, scientists, land managers and fire practitioners.

Requirements:

1. There is no minimum number of days required for attendance. Facilitated instruction and live fire will occur throughout the event as the weather allows.
2. Participants working on National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) positions need to be current with refresher course/pack test and arrive with initiated taskbooks.
3. Participants must have personal or employer provided medical insurance.
4. Participants should come prepared for both live fire field exercises and classroom instruction.
5. Participants must bring fireline-approved boots (all-leather work boots, 8 inches tall, with non-slip soles and no steel toe). Additional Personal Protective Equipment will be available at the training exchange.

Meals & Travel: All meals, ground transportation and lodging will be provided during the training. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from the Niobrara Valley Preserve near Johnstown, Nebraska. Participants should arrive at the preserve on **Saturday March 21st at 9 AM Central Time.**

Registration: To apply, please complete the registration form (link below) & submit no later than January 30th, 2020.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/AJvbyn6uvT996kh29>