



Community Protection Program

2017 Prescribed Fire Grant Application

**Grant Funded Through USDA – Forest Service
Award #15-DG-11083148-003 & #16-DG-11083148-007
CFDA #10.664**

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 a National Forest boundary in Texas. These National Forests include the Sam Houston, Sabine, Davy Crockett and Angelina. 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. Priority will be given to projects that meet both criteria. Priority will also be given to landowners that were approved in 2016 grant process but were unable to complete their burn project. The total funding for these grants is \$215,820.00. 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 800 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 is not eligible for reimbursement.

Application packages post marked on or before September 30, 2016 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:

**Texas A & M Forest Service
Mitigation & Prevention Department
2127 S. First Street, Lufkin, Texas 75901
Attn: Fuels Coordinator**

All applicants will receive a notification of decision letter of either approved or denied no later than December 9, 2016. TFS will also publicize the listing of approved recipients on our website. The grant funding period is from December 9, 2016 to July 31, 2017. No application deadline extensions will be granted.

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.

Applications Must Include:

- Complete all 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)
- Complete all information on page 2.
- 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

Additional Information for Applicant:

- 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 December 9th, 2016.
- **The completed application package must be received by TFS or post marked on or before September 30, 2016. Deadline for applications is firm. No fax or e-mailed applications will be accepted.** Selection process will begin immediately.
- Name on application, grant subrecipient agreement (if applicable), 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 800 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 will not be provided to reimburse for administrative charges for completing the application or creation of burn plans by applicant or a private contractor.
- TFS may complete an on-site assessment prior to approval of recipient's application.

If you are selected:

- TFS will mail a notification of decision letter to the applicant containing all grant documents including Grant Subrecipient Agreement (if applicable), Terms and Conditions of Individual Grant Award (if applicable) and any other certifications required by the USDA-Forest Service. All required forms must be completed and signed by applicant and approved by TFS before the prescribed burn can take place.
- **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.**
- 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.
- No exchange of land tracts will be allowed. Reimbursement made only upon approved contracted land tract. The grant funding period is from December 9, 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 Third Party Land Manager – Please Circle

Mailing Address	City, State	Zip Code
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Home/Business Phone Number	Cell Number	E-Mail Address
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Landowner/Applicant Signature	Date
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Note: Signatory must be allowed to sign legal documents for applicant.

Contractor Information:

Vendor Name	Certified & Insured Prescribed Burn Manager License Number
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Mailing Address	City, State	Zip Code
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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:** _____

Was this same tract of land approved in 2016, but failed to complete burning? _____

Pages 1 & 2 of application must be completed.

Please attach the following with your application:

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