



Women-in-Fire Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (WTREX)

April 22, 2024 – May 3, 2024

Location: Niobrara Valley Preserve, Nebraska

Description: Join us for twelve days of hands-on burning and learning at The Nature Conservancy's Niobrara Valley Preserve! We will explore the growing role of women in fire management, conduct prescribed fire operations designed to advance formal qualifications, and engage in workshops and dialogue on fire ecology and effects, communications and outreach, prescribed fire policy and planning, and tools for empowering a more diverse and thoughtful fire workforce.

Who Can Participate? This event is intended for fire practitioners from federal, state, local, NGO, university, and Tribal organizations. Participants of all genders and backgrounds are welcome!

Unfamiliar with WTREX? [Click here for more information.](#)

Registration Fee: Each participant is responsible for a \$300 non-refundable registration fee, due after participants have been selected and confirmed.

Work Hours and Travel: Wages and travel costs will be the responsibility of each participant's home unit.

Meals and Lodging: Meals and bunkhouse-style lodging will be provided for the duration of the event.

Childcare: Childcare may be provided at the event. Please indicate in your application if you are interested.

Participant Requirements:

- Participants must be **current and qualified NWCG-FFT2**, or have **completed NWCG courses S-130, S-190, L-180, ICS-100, I-700** (all of which are available for free online). Contact Miranda Flora (miranda.flora@tnc.org) for more information on these trainings; **verification of training is required to attend.**
- Participants must have completed an **arduous pack test** within the past year. Completion of a moderate pack test is acceptable if coming as a TNC volunteer and serving in a RXCM (Prescribed Fire Crew Member) position.
- Participants must have health **insurance** which will cover personal injury (e.g., workers' comp, health, or travel insurance).
- Participants must bring **fire-approved boots** (all leather, 8-inches tall, Vibram soles, with no steel toe). Participants should come with **all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**, including: a Next Generation Fire Shelter, a hard hat, Nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection, and canteens for up to a gallon of drinking water. If you do not have proper PPE, please let us know, we will work with you to find any items you do not have. Please indicate your needs on the application.

We Need Your Help! If your agency or organization is able to provide a Type 6 Engine, ATV, UTV, or crew cab truck for this event, your application may receive priority in the selection process.

Registration: To apply, complete this [application form](#) by January 19, 2024 (notifications will be sent out by late February).

Questions: Please contact Lenya Quinn-Davidson (lquinndavidson@ucanr.edu) with any questions.



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