

PRESCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATIONS

A New Opportunity For Florida Landowners



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What do we do?

LUP

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Land Use Planning

Private Sector

State and Local Government

Review Wildlife Impacts

Avoidance and Minimization

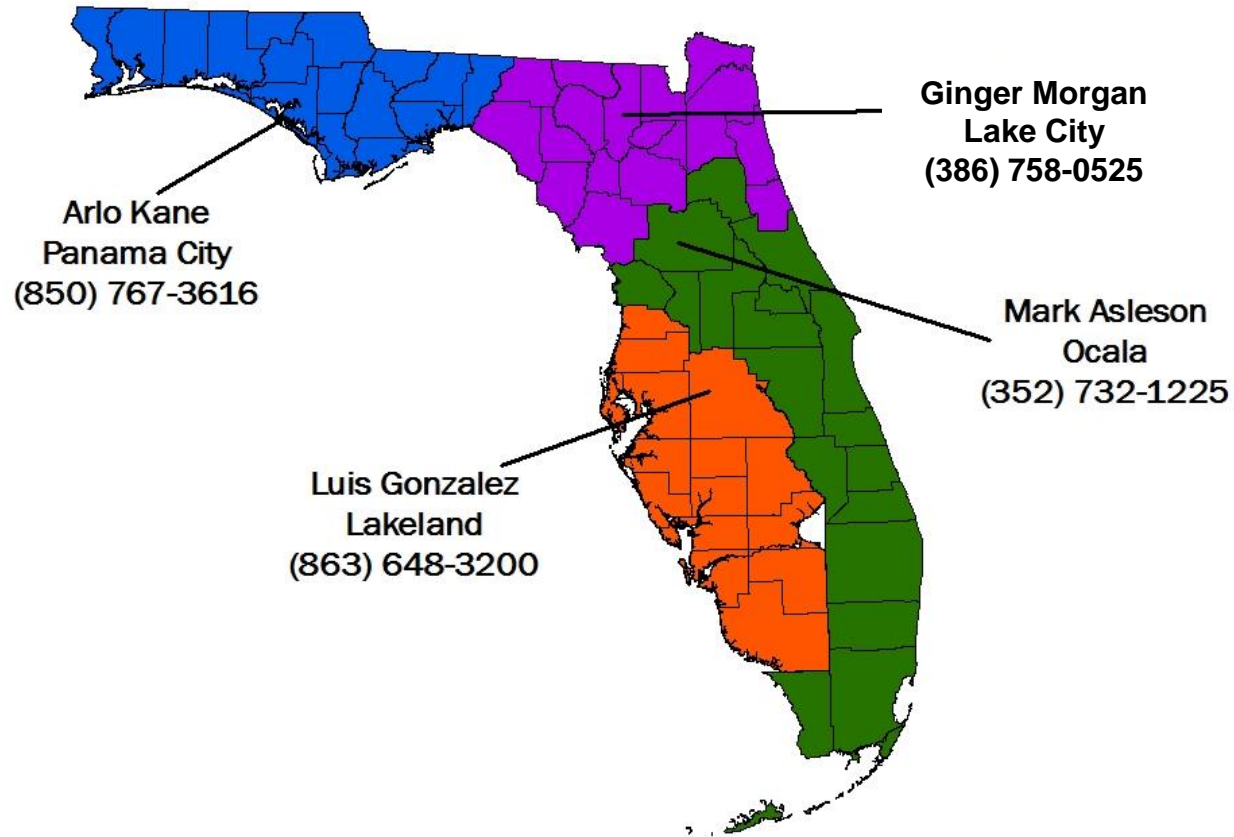
Site Design

Landowner Assistance Program



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LAP Regional Coordinator Map



Landowner Assistance Program



- Provide fish and wildlife related technical assistance
- Support locally-led conservation efforts
- Develop and implement incentive programs
- Develop habitat-based management plans



*Wildlife Best Management Practices
Cost-Share Programs
Conservation Easements*



Conservation Stewardship Plan



James Landowner Tract:

Any County, Florida
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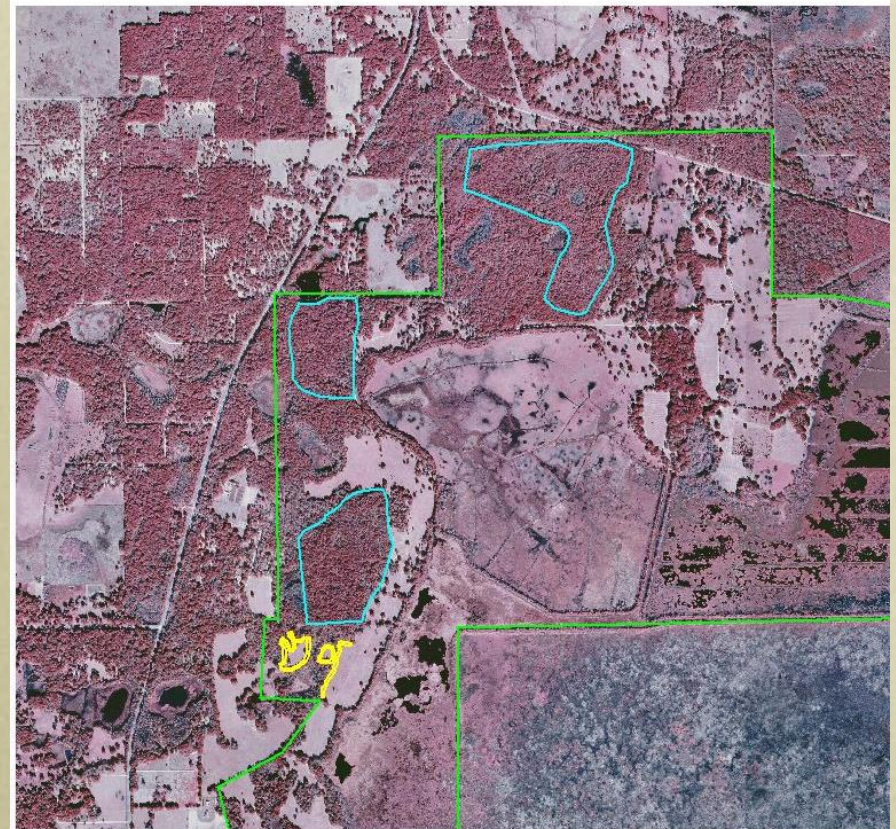
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4000 0 4000 8000 Feet

- Stand 1 - PL SL - Mow - 186 ac
- Stand 2 - TZ - 4 ac
- Property boundary



Prescribed fire is often one of our recommended practices.

Why don't landowners burn more?

- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of experience
- Not enough people
- Not enough equipment
- Financial constraints
- Liability



How do you overcome these obstacles?

- Attend workshops and training
- Hire people
- Buy equipment
- Apply for cost-share programs
- Insurance

Do these solve the problem? **NO !**



Then what is the answer??

PBA

A Prescribed Burn Association



What is a Prescribed Burn Association?

*Landowners helping other landowners
implement prescribed fire for wildlife habitat,
wildfire protection and forest health*



PBA: Goals and Objectives

- Share equipment (tractors, discs, sprayers)
- Share labor (and gain experience!)
- Train membership
- Foster good relations between neighbors



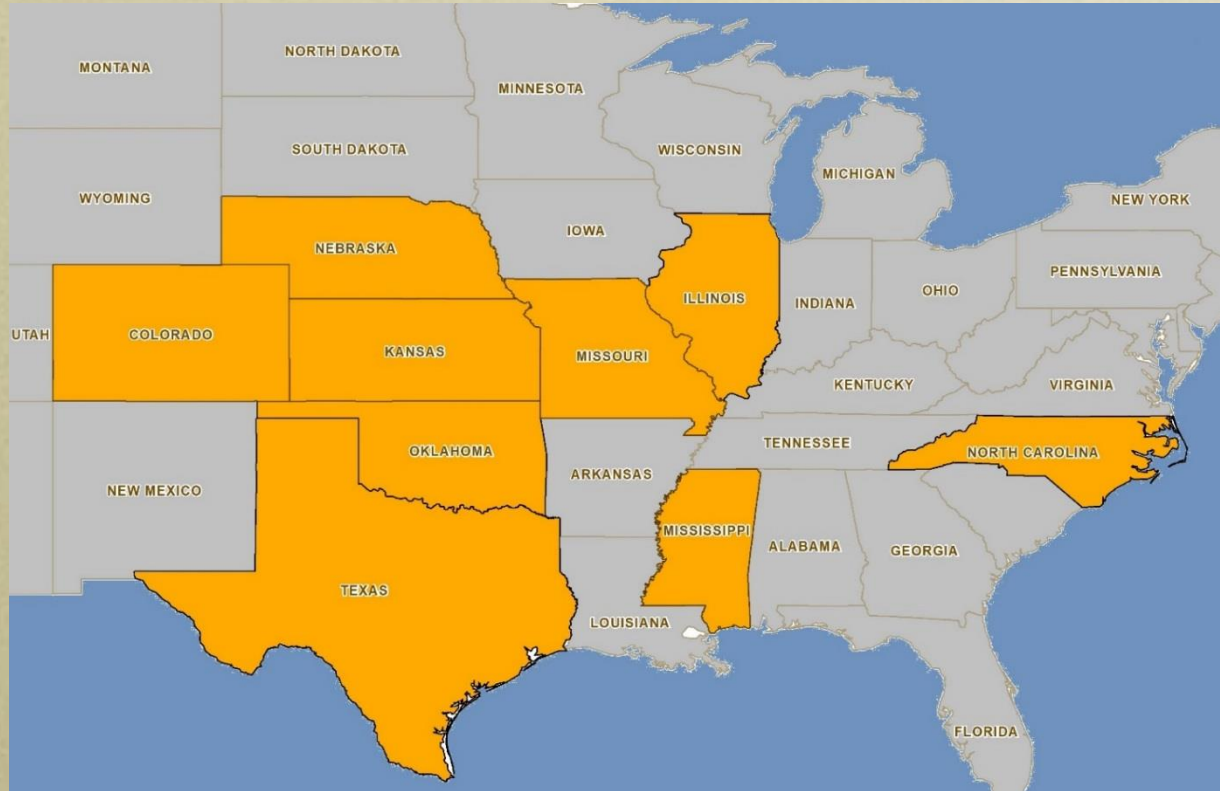
➤ **Most importantly,**

Get More Acres Burned!



PBA's have been around since the mid-90's

STATE	# PBA's
Texas	10
Nebraska	10
Kansas	10
Missouri	1
North Carolina	1
Illinois	1
Oklahoma	21
Colorado	?
Mississippi	?



Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Able

- Pre-Burn Assistance
 - Habitat Assessment
 - Habitat Management Plan
 - Coordinate Training Opportunities
 - Burn Plan
- Interagency Coordination
- Help Identify Funding Opportunities

Not Able

- Pull the Burn Permit
- Participate on the Burn
- Pay for the Burn
- Hold a Non-Profit Status (501c3)



FWC Efforts

Relationship Development:

Network around the country with existing programs

Regional Collaboration:

Two pilot areas (Alachua/Marion/Putnam and Gadsden)

Meeting Facilitation:

Landowners and Partners

Promotion:

Florida Land Steward Newsletter, IFAS workshops, NFPFC, FWC website

Legal Research:

Volunteer status, equipment loans, liability

Grant Application:

National Wild Turkey Federation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation



Establishing a PBA

- Assemble a group of interested citizens
- Involve key players
 - ❖ Land Owners
 - ❖ State & Federal Agencies
 - ❖ County Extension
 - ❖ Local Fire Departments
 - ❖ NGO's
- **Pick a leader**
- Set goals and geographic area
- Accomplish a task



PBA To Do's

- Elect officers – president, vice president, secretary, treasurer
- Dues: \$25 per year is average, not required
- Organize annual fire training for members
- Assemble burn plans for each proposed burn
- Address landowner property or liability insurance
- Establish minimum burn participation activity requirements
- Explore 501c3 or LLC status
- Compile a list of equipment that is available for burning



The Larger Picture

- NRCS Cost-Share Opportunities
- FFS Prioritization for Rx Assistance
- Statewide PBA Non-Profit Organization
- Future Affiliation with a National Charter of State PBA's



We Have Landowners!!

Landowners Interested in Forming a Prescribed Burn Association

Name	County	Phone	E-Mail	Training/Experience or # Burns	Availability	Equipment	CPBM?
Landowner 1	St. Johns	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	S130/190, 12 Rx's	Weekends	Hand tools, Drip Torch, PPE	Yes
Landowner 2	Putman	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	assisted forestry service in two burns and completed tree farmer 2 training at extension office	Most days	atv/mule, kubota 30hp 4x w front loader and various implements	No
Landowner 3	Nassau	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	Waiting Response			
Landowner 4	Alachua	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	S130/190/211/212, L180, I100, Southern Area Engine Academy, Inter-agency Rx Fire Course, Rx Fire for Wildlife Course; 100+ Rx, 35+ as the Certified Burn Manager.	Weekends/evenings; weekdays with advanced notice	Hand tools, drip torch, PPE	Yes
Landowner 5	Alachua/Volusia	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	Waiting Response			
Landowner 6	Putnam	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	Inter-agency Rx course, 12-15 Rx,	Most Days	2 ATV's with 25gal sprayers, 80hp tractor w/disk, Hand tools, PPE, Drip torches, Bull dozer w/fire disk and Lowboy.	No
Landowner 7	St Johns	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	S130/S190, Volunteer with FFS, Pile burner	Most days	PPE, radio	Yes
Landowner 8	Alachua	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	50 FFS-authorized burns; includes mix of pile burns and area burns	variable; some flexibility	trailer-mounted 225 tank w/ pump, 1" hose, 5/8" hose; hand tools including drip torches	Yes
Landowner 9	Levy	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	40-50 burns over last 10 years	variable	Tractor+disk, no trailer	Yes
Landowner 10	Levy	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	Waiting Response			
Assistant 1	Alachua	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	2 college courses, S130/190, 12 Rx	Weekends	N/A	No
**Rx = prescribed burns, FFS = Florida Forest Service, PPE = Personal protective equipment							
Interested Landowners that could not attend meeting.							
Landowner 11	Lafayette / Suwannee	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	No training, many burns	Flexible	N/A	No
Landowner 12	Marion	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	Interagency Rx course, 15 burns	Depending	PPE, Driptorch	Yes
Landowner 13	Putnam	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	Waiting Response			
Landowner 14	Alachua	###-###-####	Landowner@email.org	Rx fire course/many small Rx burns	2-3 days notice	Hand tools	Yes



Invited Partners

- *The Nature Conservancy / Longleaf Implementation Teams*
- *Florida Forest Service*
- *Natural Resources Conservation Service*
- *Alachua Conservation Trust*
- *St. Johns River Water Management District*
- *US Fish and Wildlife Service*
- *UF IFAS / Florida Land Steward Program*
- *UF School of Forest Resources and Conservation*
- *Florida Department of Environmental Protection*



PRESCRIBED BURN TRAILER

"ENHANCING WILDLIFE HABITAT WITH FIRE"

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION
COASTAL BEND CHAPTER

In Partnership with:

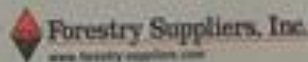


Coastal Bend
**Prescribed Burn
Association**

*The Nature
Conservancy* 
SAVING THE LAST GREAT PLACES ON EARTH



Sponsors:



Transport



What can a PBA do for you?

- Provide locally-led support
- Reduce cost of fire management
- Reduce risk (experience, equipment, training, and technical assistance)
- Get more burning done on your land AND your neighbors' land

**Frequent burning means
more wildfire protection
and better wildlife habitat!!**



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Helping to Provide
the Tools You
Need!!

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