

North Florida Prescribed Fire Council 2021 Fall Meeting

Virtually hosted by the Southern Fire Exchange and the University of Florida / IFAS

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

- 9:00 – 9:05 am: **Welcome and Housekeeping** (5 mins)
David Godwin, Southern Fire Exchange / University of Florida IFAS
- 9:05 - 9:10 am: **Lane Green Remembrance** (5 mins)
Kevin Robertson, Tall Timbers Research Station
- 9:10 – 9:40 am: **Fire Weather Update, Seasonal Forecast & Understanding Dispersion** (30 mins)
Bryan Williams, Florida Forest Service
Presentation on recent and forecast North Florida climate and fire related weather. Discussion about meteorological impacts on dispersion calculations.
- 9:40 – 10:10 am: **Talking with the Public and Media About Prescribed Fire** (30 mins).
Ludie Bond, Florida Forest Service
Presentation on how to communicate more effectively about prescribed fire with the media and public. Tips for preparing for questions from the media and how to handle questions from neighbors.
- 10:10 – 10:30 am: **Prescribed Fire Program Success Story** (20 mins)
Brian Emanuel, St. Johns River Water Management District
Presentation on how the St. Johns River Water Management District worked with partners, agencies, contractors, and others to achieve a landmark prescribed fire year in east Florida.
- 10:30 – 10:35 am: Break (5 mins) **Sponsored by Apex Forestry Consulting**
- 10:35 – 11:20 am: **Trends in Prescribed Fire Insurance** (45 mins)
Hinson Arwood, J. Smith Lanier & Co. / Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC
Presentation on the past, present, and future of prescribed fire insurance from an insurance provider perspective. Perspectives shared on the potential impacts of prescribed fire insurance availability on the use of prescribed fire in the Southeast.
- 11:20 – 11:55 am: **Florida Forest Service Prescribed Fire Program Update** (35 mins)
John Saddler, Florida Forest Service
Presentation providing an update on prescribed fire trends and usage across the state of Florida from the Florida Forest Service. Discussion of new rules and regulations related to prescribed fire practitioners. Introduction to new and upcoming tools, training, and resources related to prescribed fire in Florida.
- 11:55 – 12:00 pm: **Meeting Wrap-Up** (5 mins)
David Godwin, Southern Fire Exchange / University of Florida IFAS

