

BURNING IN THE URBAN INTERFACE: LESSONS LEARNED

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Abstract: Ecological burning in the urban interface takes careful consideration and diligent planning. It involves many risks and numerous hazards not readily experienced in the rural and wildland landscapes. This presentation will thus explore the benefits and values of ecological restoration, namely prairie and prairie wetlands, in the urban interface, and specifically focus on prescribed fire as a management tool. Topics will include personnel and public safety, smoke management, public relations, vegetation effects, planning, and local and state regulations associated with prescribed fire. The presentation will rely on actual field examples to illustrate these very topics.