Scope of Project: Provide assistance to communities that have been or may be threatened by wildland fire by funding prescribed burning to reduce hazardous fuels in and around communities. Treatment areas will be located adjacent to priority communities in the Texas Panhandle and Northwest Texas that are at highest risk for loss during a Southern Plains Wildfire Outbreak event. (See map of eligible counties). The goal is to protect high-risk communities and aid in ecosystem restoration by utilizing prescribed fire to consume excess vegetation before it contributes to catastrophic wildfire. Priority will be given to treatments sites that provide protection to the highest risk communities, are actively involved in the Texas A&M Forest Service Texas Ranch Wildfire Program, located near homes based on Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (TxWRAP), and contain ecosystems that will benefit from prescribed fire. Priority will also be given to landowners that were approved in the 2019 grant process but were unable to complete their burn project. The total funding for these grants is anticipated to be $60,000.00. 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 300 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 an approval to burn letter from TFS may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Applicants must complete a hard copy of the application and mailed it to:

Texas A&M Forest Service
Mitigation & Prevention Department
15110 Jones Maltsberger, Ste. 101, San Antonio, TX 78247
Attn: Logan Scherschel

Application packages must be post marked Thursday, August 15, 2019, or they may not be considered for funding. **No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.**

All applicants will receive a notification of decision letter of either approved or denied no later than September 15, 2019. TFS will also publicize the listing of approved recipients on our website. The grant funding period is from September 15, 2019 to May 1, 2020. No application deadline extensions will be granted.

We will be happy to help with any questions. Please call Logan Scherschel, Wildland Urban Interface Specialist III, at (210) 556-9374 or lscherschel@tfs.tamu.edu, or Veronica Davenport, Business Associate, at (979)458-7356 or vdavenport@tfs.tamu.edu
Applications Must Include:

- Complete landowner information on page 1.
- Complete burn manager information on page 1 including the TDA CIPBM license number.
- A burn plan along with the “Burn Unit Location” information requested on page 2 of application. The Burn Boss conducting the treatment must be a licensed TDA Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager and must sign and date their submitted burn plan for the application. See the Texas Department of Agriculture website for details of a comprehensive burn plan: [http://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/PrescribedBurnProgram/SampleBurningPlanDocuments.aspx](http://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/PrescribedBurnProgram/SampleBurningPlanDocuments.aspx)
- Coordinates: Latitude & Longitude of burn unit (Degrees/Minutes/Seconds).
- County and physical address of burn unit location or distance and direction to nearest intersection.
- Burn unit boundary map: showing proposed burn perimeter, acres to be burned, coordinates, and aerial or satellite imagery as background.
- W-9 form: filled out by the landowner with their taxpayer identification information.

Additional Information of Prescribed Fire Grant:

- Burn units that received payments in the 2019 grant process are not eligible for funding in the 2020 grant.
- Priority will be given to burn units that were approved in 2019 grant process but were unable to complete their burn project.
- Burn units that were selected for funding and failed to complete their burns two years in a row will not be eligible for funding the following year.
- Multiple applications may be submitted per individual, but the grant is competitive and selection will be based on the goal of reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire near communities.
- Complete application packages must be post marked Thursday, August 15, 2019, or they may not be considered for funding. No fax or e-mailed applications will be accepted.
- All applications will receive a notification of decision by mail by September 15, 2019.
- Name on application, grant agreement, 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 for a prescribed burn conducted by a licensed TDA Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager (maximum of $30.00 per acre and maximum of 300 acres of total burns).
- Grant funds do not apply and will not be provided to reimburse charges for application or creation of burn plans by a private contractor.
- TFS may complete an on-site assessment prior to approval of recipient’s application.
If you are selected:

• All grant documents, including agreement, must be completed and signed by applicant and approved by Texas A&M Forest Service before the prescribed burn can take place.
• 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 after the burn.
• 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.
• No exchange of land tracts will be allowed. Reimbursement made only upon approved contracted land tract.
• Recipient’s burn contractor should notify TFS at least 24 hours prior to the prescribed burn taking place, along with notifying TFS when the burn has been completed. The License Burn Manager should call Logan Scherschel, Wildland Urban Interface Specialist, at (210) 556-9374 or secondary contact Andy McCrady, TFS Fuels Coordinator, at (936) 689-9393.
Landowner/Applicant Information:

Landowner Name, Partnership, Trust, or Company that owns the land – CIRCLE ONE

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Note: Signatory must be authorized to sign legal documents for applicant.

Burn Manager Information:

Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Name | TDA Rx Burn Manager License #

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SFAM Plains Prescribed Fire Grant
2020 Prescribed Fire Grant Application

Grant Funded Through USDA – Forest Service
Award #18-11083148-001 & #19-11083148-001
CFDA #10.664

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 the NFP 2019, but failed to complete burning?

  NO     YES

Pages 1 & 2 of application must be completed.

Please attach the following with your two page application:

• **Prescribed Burn Plan**- Signed by TDA Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager.

• **Burn Unit Boundary Map**- showing proposed burn perimeter, acres to be burned, coordinates, and aerial/satellite imagery as background.

• **W-9 Form**- completed W-9 form showing landowners taxpayer identification information.
Date Published: July 25, 2019
Source: Texas A&M Forest Service

Communities Identified at Highest Wildfire Risk

Area eligible for funding in 2020 SFAM Plains Prescribed Fire Grant
**Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**

**1. Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.**

**2. Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.**

**3. Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.**

- [ ] Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
- [ ] C Corporation
- [ ] S Corporation
- [ ] Partnership
- [ ] Trust/estate
- [ ] Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶

**Note:** Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

**4. Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):**

- Exempt payee code (if any) ▶
- Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) ▶

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

**5. Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.**

**6. City, state, and ZIP code**

**Requestor’s name and address (optional).**

**7. List account number(s) here (optional).**

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**Part I: Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see What Name and Number To Give the Requester for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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**Part II: Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest and dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

**Sign Here**

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**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

**Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*