



National Fire Plan

2018 Prescribed Fire Grant Application

**Grant Funded Through USDA – Forest Service
Award #15-DG-11083148-001 & 17 DG-11083148-001
CFDA #10.664**

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 private property in the 33 Texas Counties that have a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) within the county. 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 are within a CWPP, located near a Firewise community, located near homes based on Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (TxWRAP), and contain ecosystems that will benefit from prescribed fire. The total funding for these grants is \$21,000.00. 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 will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Application packages post marked on or before Friday, October 13, 2017 will be accepted and considered for funding. **No faxes or e-mailed applications will be accepted.** Please return the completed and signed application packages by mail to:

**Texas A & M Forest Service
Mitigation & Prevention Department
2127 S. First Street, Lufkin, Texas 75901
Attn: Fuels Coordinator**

All applicants will receive a notification of decision letter of either approved or denied no later than December 8, 2017. TFS will also publicize the listing of approved recipients on our website. The grant funding period is from December 8, 2017 to July 31, 2018. No application deadline extensions will be granted.

We will be happy to help with any questions. Please call Andy McCrady, Fuels Coordinator, at (936) 689-9393 or wmccrady@tfs.tamu.edu or Tammy Russell, Business Associate III, at (936) 273-2261 or trussell@tfs.tamu.edu.

Applications Must Include:

- Complete landowner information on page 1 including signature and date
- Complete contractor information on page 1 including the vendor's TDA license number
- A comprehensive burn plan along with the "Burn Unit Location" information requested on page 2 of application. **Contracted burn vendor must be a Licensed TDA Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager and must sign and date their submitted burn plan.** See the Texas Department of Agriculture web site for details of a comprehensive burn plan at:
<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/PrescribedBurnProgram/SampleBurningPlanDocuments.aspx>
- Location map displaying proximity of burn unit to roads
- Burn unit map displaying boundary and acreage of burn unit
- Lat/Long of burn unit (Degrees/Minutes/Seconds)
- County and physical address of burn unit location **or** distance and direction to nearest intersection

Additional Information of Prescribed Fire Grant:

- Multiple applications may be submitted per individual, but grant is competitive and selection will be based on the goal of reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire near communities. All applications will receive a notification of decision by mail by December 8, 2017.
- **The completed application package must be received by TFS or post marked on or before October 13, 2017.** Deadline for applications is firm. No fax or e-mailed applications will be accepted. Selection process will begin immediately.
- 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 to landowners for private contractor to conduct a prescribed burn (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. Contractor should call Andy McCrady, TFS Fuels Coordinator, at (936) 689-9393 or secondary contact Bobby Dixon, TFS Resource Specialist, at (904) 204-5698 with this notification.**

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Landowner/Applicant Information:

Landowner Name, Company Name, Partnership Name, or Trust Name –CIRCLE ONE

Mailing Address	City, State	Zip Code
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Home/Business Phone Number	Cell Number	E-Mail Address
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Landowner/Applicant Signature	Date
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Note: Signatory must be authorized to sign legal documents for applicant.

Contractor Information:

Prescribed Burn Vendor Name	TDA Prescribed Burn Manager License #
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Mailing Address	City, State	Zip Code
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Phone Number	Cell Number	E-Mail Address
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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 2017, but failed to complete burning?

NO

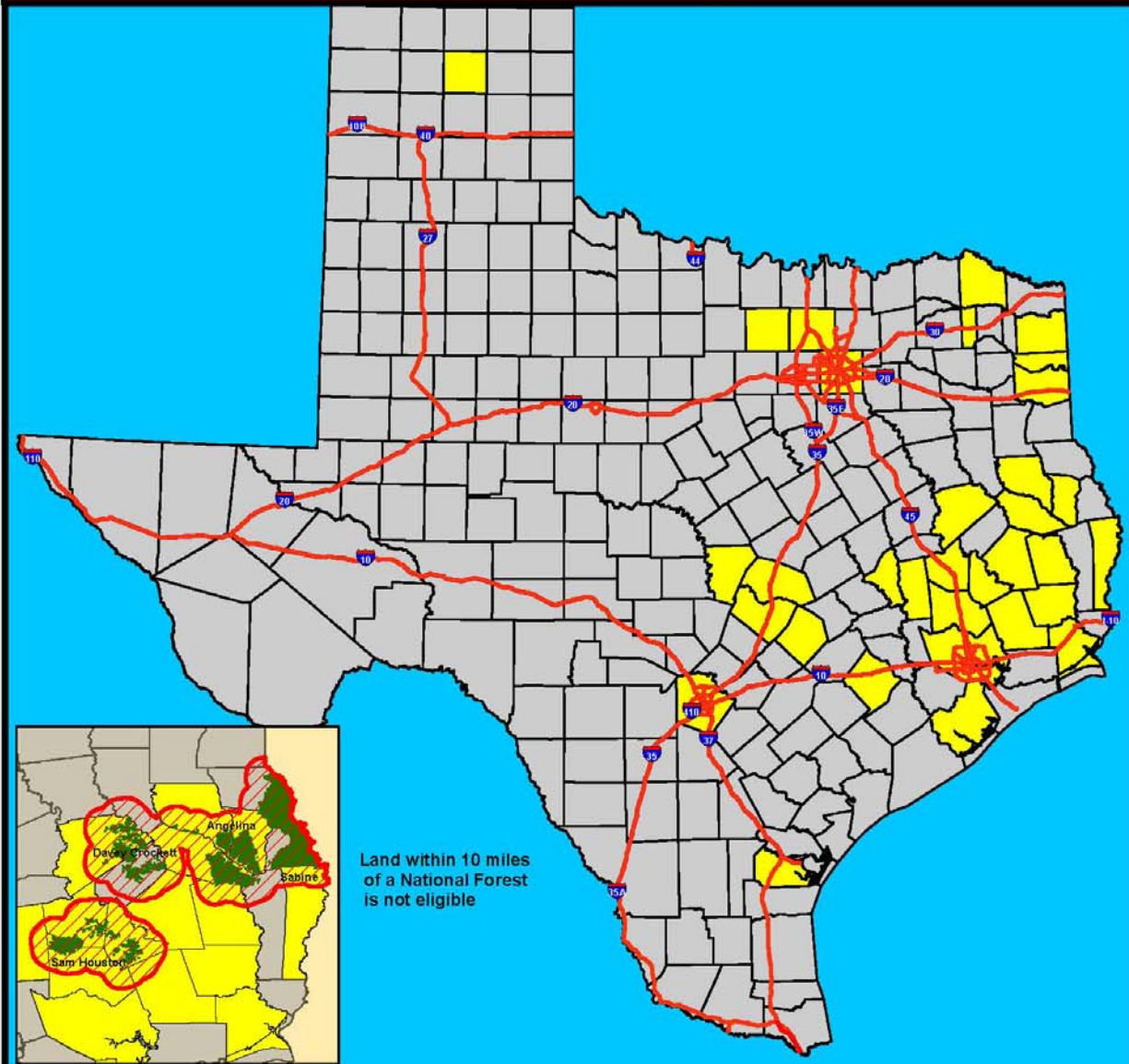
YES

Pages 1 & 2 of application must be completed.

Please attach the following with your application:

- **Comprehensive Prescribed Burn Plan- Signed by TDA Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager.**
- Property Location Map
- Burn Unit Boundary Map

National Fire Plan Prescribed Fire Grant 2018 Eligibility



33 Eligible Counties

Hutchinson	Red River	Nacogdoches	Walker	Tyler	Liberty	Travis	Marion
Wise	Franklin	San Augustine	Harris	Brazoria	Polk	Bexar	Colorado
Denton	Cass	Angelina	Newton	Jefferson	Montgomery	Nueces	Bastrop
Dallas	Liberty	Houston	Hardin	Brazos	Burnet	Williamson	Grimes
							San Jacinto

By : C.R.Dixon 8/17