

ND Rx Fire: November Issue

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TO JOIN THE NORTH DAKOTA PRIVATE LANDS PRESCRIBED FIRE INFO LISTSERV EMAIL JULIANNA.BOSMOE@AUDUBON.ORG

This is intended to be a place to share trainings, workshops, disseminate the latest information about Rx fire related to North Dakota, and help build landowner burn associations.

This will be at most a monthly email digest and only more frequently if something is sensitive.

This is the second installment. If you missed the first email in October, I am happy to send it to you.

Hello all,

It's fall! Time for pumpkin carving, apple pie, and **fire planning**. If you are thinking of doing a prescribed burn next spring, you're probably thinking about what that will look like right now. If you haven't started doing that yet, take a look at the article below from SDSU Extension to get the mental juices flowing.

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/fall-me-plan-fire>

In North Dakota, wetlands, harvested crop fields, and roads are used as firebreaks as much as possible. Otherwise, mowed firebreaks are common since we are often burning in grasslands.

Fall is a great time to install **mowed breaks**. Getting it done now means you'll be ready to take advantage of good fire weather when the time comes instead of having to wait until those breaks are in. Also, if you need to mow areas that are usually too wet to drive through, there's a better chance of being able to do it when the ground is frozen before snow accumulates. Take a look at the article linked below to read about types of fire breaks and the important considerations when using a mowed break.

[https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/firebreaks-for-prescribed-burning.html?
Forwarded=pods.dasnr.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8542/NREM-2890web.pdf](https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/firebreaks-for-prescribed-burning.html?Forwarded=pods.dasnr.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8542/NREM-2890web.pdf)

You'll also want to make sure you have the **equipment** necessary for burning now, well in advance of burn day. If you plan to have some neighbors or friends help out, much of what you will need could probably be found between your garage or shop and theirs. And for what you don't have, this article might give you some ideas for what to use instead.

<https://prescribed-fire.extension.org/prescribed-fire-equipment/>

If you are doing a prescribed burn this spring or have done one this fall, I would like to hear about it: the challenges and successes. It will help steer the direction of future emails.

And lastly:

The Nature Conservancy has some funding to assist with private land prescribed fire next year.

Contact Chris Gordon, chris_gordon@tnc.org or Haley Bloomquist, haley.bloomquist@tnc.org for more information.

Best regards,

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