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# PRESCRIBED FIRE NEWSLETTER

## upcoming events >>>

Biology & Conservation of Gopher Tortoise

April 7, 2021

Location: Zoom Webinar

Register: [aces.edu](https://aces.edu)

AFA Brewton Regional Reception

April 15, 2021

Location: The Hourglass

Register: [alaforestry.org/events](https://alaforestry.org/events)

Escambia County Learn & Burn

April 19-23, 2021

Location: Brewton, AL

Register: <https://www.aces.edu/event/learn-to-burn-escambia-co/>

ForestHER: Invasive Plants of Southern Forest

May 11, 2021

Location: Zoom Webinar

Register: contact Bence Carter

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## Important Numbers

To Obtain a Burning Permit:  
(800) 392-5679

For fire weather resources visit:  
[www.forestry.alabama.gov/Pages/Fire/Burn\\_Weather.aspx](http://www.forestry.alabama.gov/Pages/Fire/Burn_Weather.aspx)



## CERTIFIED PRESCRIBED BURN MANAGER

The Prescribed Burning Act provides Alabama landowners the right to burn their property while addressing burner liability. This law states “Prescribed burning is a landowner property right and a land management tool that benefits the safety of the public, environment, natural resources, and the economy of Alabama.” This statute requires anyone wanting liability protection under the law to become a Certified burn manager, completing 32 hours of in class lecture as well as pass a written test.

One of the purposes of certification is to reduce liability associated with prescribed burning. In order to be protected by the state law, prescribed burns must meet the following criteria: burn must be supervised by an Alabama Certified Prescribed Burn Manager, have a written prescribed burn plan notarized or witnessed before ignition, burn is pursuant to state law as well as obtain a burn permit from the Alabama Forestry Commission. While Alabama is a right to burn state, meeting these criteria will provide liability protection under state law in the case of incidents, unless gross negligence is proven.

According to state law, Alabama landowners can still conduct a pre-

scribed fire without being a Certified burn manager; however, without certification there is no liability protection. Landowners forgoing the certification only need to attain a burn permit from the Alabama Forestry Commission before a burn begins. Burn permits can be obtained by calling (800) 392-5679.

Any landowner, consultant, forester, wildlife biologist or contractor interested in using prescribed fire as a management tool and wishes to become certified should attend one of the Prescribed Burn Certification Classes. This year’s class will be held in three different locations across Alabama. Topics include fire behavior, burning methods, safety, planning, smoke screening and state laws. Classes listed meet requirements for certification as approved by the Alabama Forestry Commission.

Typically, classes are offered annually however last year due to restrictions classes were canceled. This year, due to current guidelines attendance will be limited at each location so be sure to register early in order to save a spot. The complete list of class location, cost and requirements are on the following page. 🌲

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## 2021 Certified Prescribed Burn Manager

Details about the Alabama Forestry Commission's Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Program may be found at

<http://forestry.alabama.gov/Pages/Fire/BurnManager.aspx>

**\*\*\*REGISTRATION OPENS April 1, 2021\*\*\***

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Seating is **limited**. Please see each venue below for seating limitations.

Please visit <http://forestry.alabama.gov/Pages/Fire/BurnManager.aspx> to register and pay online. **We now accept credit cards and e-checks.** There will be a 4% charge for credit cards and a \$4 charge for e-checks. **Unless otherwise stated, registration fees may be refunded in full up until June 1, 2021. Non-refundable after June 1, 2021.**

The registration fee for courses is \$150. The registration fee for workshops is \$100. Only paid attendees will be allowed to participate in the training sessions. For more information on registration, contact Marti Davis at 334-240-9332. (DO NOT CONTACT THE COURSE/WORKSHOP LOCATION REGARDING REGISTRATION OR COURSE DETAILS.)

### Certification Courses:

- **Graham Creek Preserve, Foley, AL**, June 7-10, Monday through Thursday; sign in starts at 7:30 AM; class starts at 8:00 AM; 23030 Wolf Bay, Foley, AL; **available seating: 50 students**

- **Auburn University Forestry & Wildlife Science Building**, July 13-16, Tuesday through Friday; sign in starts at 7:30 AM; class starts at 8:00 AM; 602 Duncan Drive, Auburn University, AL **available seating: 25 students**

- **Alabama Fire College**, August 17-20, Tuesday-Friday; sign in starts at 7:30 AM; Class starts at 8:00 AM; 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL; **available seating: 40 students**

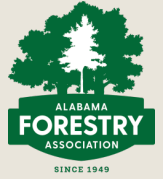
### Re-certification Workshops:

- **Auburn University Forestry & Wildlife Science Building**, Monday, July 12; sign in starts at 8:00 AM; class starts at 8:30 AM; 602 Duncan Drive, Auburn University, AL; Latitude 32.594639, Longitude -85.487844; **available seating: 25 students**

- **Alabama Fire College**, Monday, August 16; sign in starts at 8:00 AM; Class starts at 8:30 AM; 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL; **available seating: 40 students**

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