

Upper Osage Prescribed Burn Association Spring-Summer 2023 Newsletter



**Upper Osage PBA Annual Meeting
August 25, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. At the
El Dorado Springs MDC office.**

Check out our new logo!

Thanks to Lindsey Reinartz for the initial design and to Andy Gredell for contracting and donating funds for the digitization.

January- March 2023 Burn Stats

St. Clair Co.

Woodland - 6 burns total 239 acres

Grassland - 5 burns total 39 acres

Henry Co.

Grassland - 1 burn total 6 acres



PBA member burning their property in St. Clair county using the shared PBA equipment.

Upcoming Burn Workshop – Register Soon!

September 23rd
at Wah’Kon-Tah.
Register at
mdc.mo.gov (go to
“Your Property”,
then click on
”Landowner
Workshops”)

**LOG YOUR PRESCRIBED
BURN**

moprescribedfire.org

New PBAs in Southwest Missouri

This past December two communities in southwest Missouri held meetings to see if there were enough interest among landowners to start up new prescribed burn associations. Len Gilmore represented our Upper Osage Prescribed Burn Association at the meeting held in Hollister near Branson to talk about how the Upper Osage Prescribed Burn Association was formed and showed those at the meeting the UOPBA cargo trailer with the burn equipment. That community has since held



meetings to form a local PBA to cover Christian, Stone and Taney counties. The following night Sara Peters attended the PBA interest meeting in Macks Creek to discuss the formation of the UOPBA and some of the challenges our burn association encountered during the formation and operation of the UOPBA. Many of the people there viewed our burn trailer and see how the burn tools were organized in the trailer. As a result of this meeting the community is working on forming the Niangua Basin Prescribed Burn Association. This PBA geography will cover

Camden, Hickory, Dallas, and Laclede counties.

Logging Your Acres Burned Helps Missouri

- * Chart the use of prescribed fire across Missouri
- * Provide data to shape new Missouri Prescribed Fire Legislation
- * Improve insurance availability, coverage and affordability for Missourians conducting prescribed fire

Membership

The Upper Osage PBA depends on active members to help burn habitat on each other's property to meet their habitat goals in a safe and effective manner. In addition to active participation in a minimum of 2 UOPBA prescribed burns, an active membership requires annual dues of \$25.00. Dues helps maintain the burn equipment, the burn trailer, insurance for the burn trailer and outreach materials.

Make sure to send in your payments to the Treasurer to keep your membership active. Dues can be sent to the PBA Treasurer: Bernie Henehan, 638 SE 771 Rd, Clinton, MO 64735



Burning Technical Support

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Additional local resources:

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In February 2023 the St. Clair County Soil and Water Conservation District moved their office to a new location. They did not have storage space at their new location to keep the rental burn equipment that was used by landowners in the county. Therefore, the SWCD board agreed to donate some of their burn tools to the Upper Osage Prescribed Burn Association because we are a 501 (c)3 organization. Most of the tools are usable but some of the tools need to be repaired. This equipment will be added to the UOPBA burn trailer and available for burn members to use on their prescribed burns planned in the future.

Burn tools donated:

- 4 broom rakes
- 4 fire swatters/flappers
- 2 stiff tine garden rakes
- 1 drip torch
- 2 water backpack sprayers

If you are interested in utilizing any of the equipment or the entire trailer, please reach out to Len Gilmore at lenegilmore@gmail.com or via cell (417) 839-0635.