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NEWSLETTER



A Message to our members:

I hope this communication finds everyone healthy and getting ready for the upcoming burn season. We have several points of interest that we thought needed to be shared with the membership. Because a meeting can be a significant burden on those living further away, we decided to try a newsletter format to accomplish communication to the group. First, let me say that there have been significant changes since our annual meeting. We are seeking several new officers and board members. The “rules” by which we exist as an organization have changed and continue to change a bit. This has all been brought on by the inception of our state organization, known as the Arkansas Prescribed Burn Association (APBA). Yes, up front it is a disruption and a lot of work, but in the long run, we feel it will greatly benefit the local PBA's to be members of this state oversight organization. Enough generalities.

1. Please let your burning needs be known by sending your requests for a burn to the organization email (NCAPBA@gmail.com) or text it/call straight to me at (870) 656-1871. For those new to burning, winter is not the only time to burn, but in timber, as soon as the leaves fall and the sunlight reaches the ground, it's time for most of us to put fire on the ground (November thru March-ish).
2. Our By Laws will change. The APBA has a template that we will adopt. More on this at a later date.
3. A new link is now available which will basically template your burn plan, distribute it to all required parties, and automatically do all the formalities associated with the new law governing prescribed burns. See more information below.
4. Dec 5 & 6 at the 911 Center in Midway, AR, AGFC will conduct another QPB (Qualified Prescribed Burner) course, and will review new link user information. It's limited to 25 people. Watch for the registration and information flyer through the AGFC website or the AGFC Private land facebook page (see red link under helpful links). This course includes a burn at Amons Lake Woodland trail. Learn to Burn I & II no longer exist. This is well worth your time!!
5. Those who have met the requirements of a Qualified Prescribed Burner, the certification cards from the Arkansas Forestry Commission are still in the processing stage.
6. A few volunteers are needed for a couple of hours to blow leaves and look for snags at the Amons Lake burn beginning of Dec. Contact Ted directly to help. ted.zawislak@agfc.ar.gov



Our Goal

Given by the state: NCPBA to burn 500 acres/county minimum for year 2025.

Our goal is VERY achievable, as stated above, please voice your needs now, so we can make a plan to ensure completion.

You can expect several of these newsletters between now and our annual meeting next spring. I'm not opposed to meetings, but from my past life experience, most goals can be accomplished through good communication. With today's methods, most of that can be immediate once the format is in place.

*Thanks for your time,
Dale Cowart, Treasurer-NCPBA*



Contact List

Every member needs to fill out this contact information to be a member of the APBA. This will allow crucial information to be distributed to you from the state level.

We are the North Central PBA

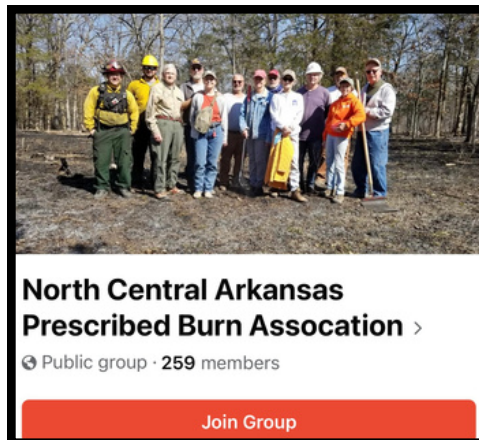
If you know of a member who does not have access to this please let us know .

[Click Here for Contact List Link](#)

\$\$ Cost Sharing Opportunities \$\$

EQIP applications through the NRCS deadline is mid-november

**Contact your local county NRCS office for more information*



Join our Facebook page

[Click Here for Instructional Video guidance for new link completions](#)

- [Click here to report completed 2024 burns ASAP](#)
- [Click here to complete future burn plan](#)

- 1) Use the **red** link to submit what you have **previously** burned.
- 2) Use the **blue** link to get a burn plan for a **future** burn.

The previous google forms document is no longer acceptable

The info on what you have burned is EXTREMELY important. The burn plan will be sent to your email so you will have a copy, and to APBA for tracking. **Due to the new law you must have a copy of the burn plan on you while you burn.** This being sent to your phone will cover that requirement if you have your phone with you. You still need to call in your prescribed burn to AR forestry, County 911 dispatch, and others that are necessary/required.

HELPFUL LINKS

Facebook Page Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/JfDpCkh3Esuw5Uwm/?mibextid=K35XfP>

Arkansas Prescribed Burn Association: <https://arfire.org/>

Quail Forever: <https://quailforever.org/>

Arkansas Game and Fish: <https://www.agfc.com/>

Private Lands Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/arkplb>