

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

For The

NORTH/CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESCRIBED FIRE WORKING GROUP (N/CFL-PFWG)

Participating Agencies/Organizations

Alachua Conservation Trust
Alachua County Parks and Conservation Lands
Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program
Camp Blanding Joint Training Center
City of Gainesville
Flagler County Land Management
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center
National Park Service
St. Johns River Water Management District
The Nature Conservancy
University of Central Florida
University of Florida Board of Trustees/OSBS
USDA Forest Service
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Wildland Restoration International

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I. Introduction

In the ecosystem of the southeastern United States, fire has always been present. Explosive fuels and unlimited ignition sources from every thunderstorm which passed overhead, allowed the creation of many natural wildfires. With few exceptions, plant and animal communities have co-evolved with the presence of routine and wide ranging fires. Only in recent history has fire been turned into a tool, first by the Native Americans, then by the European settlers and most recently, by the environmental managers of today's era. Because of the familiarity with fire, many of our native plant and animal species are dependent upon ecosystems that rely upon frequent to infrequent burning. Their health and stability are dependent upon very specific fire regimes. From the two to three year burning rotation of a longleaf pine-wire grass savanna to the burn cycles of depression marshes and sand-hill scrub which measure in decades, most ecosystems in Florida require fire-based maintenance.

As responsible environmental managers, it is our mission to keep fire as a defining presence in our remaining natural areas. Fire can be used as a method of ecosystem maintenance which can restore the beauty of native flora and fauna in areas that have been transformed by human disturbance and lack of fire. In some instances public entities and other conservation land managers use prescribed fire for the preservation of an endangered species, or the very habitat they depend upon. Prescribed fire can also serve a variety of other functions such as hazardous fuel removal and watershed management. It can even have aesthetic benefits.

II. Purpose of this Cooperative

The North-Central Florida Prescribed Fire Working Group (N/CFL-PFWG) is established as a cooperative effort among public and private agencies and organizations with the intention to accomplish prescribed fire objectives on public and private lands, improve fire training and education opportunities, and promote public understanding and the acceptance of prescribed fire in the North-Central Florida area. In many instances a

prescribed burning program will be limited by personnel, equipment or local weather. This cooperative effort will unite skills, tools and abilities so the combined burning accomplished by the N/CFL-PFWG will exceed what the respective agencies and entities could accomplish independently. Prescribed burning operations conducted by the N/CFL-PFWG will also enhance burning skills of participating group members and promote public understanding and acceptance of this important natural resource management tool.

Although restoring the natural fire regime to lands administered by the cooperating members is the primary focus of the N/CFL-PFWG, we also recognize that there are many other areas of land management expertise that could potentially be shared between Parties including the following:

- Ground cover restoration
- Hydrologic restoration
- Invasive exotic species control
- Rare species management
- Ecological monitoring

III. Objectives

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT), Alachua County Parks & Conservation Lands (AC), Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program (EEL), Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC), City of Gainesville (COG), Flagler County Land Management (FCLM), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC), National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center (NIPFTC), National Park Service (NPS), St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), University of Florida Board of Trustees (UF), USDA Forest Service (USFS), US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Wildland Restoration International (WRI) and any additional Parties executing this MOU, addresses reciprocal fire use, as well as mutual assistance for other land

management activities, information sharing, and publicizing our mutual management successes in meeting both individual and common goals related to this MOU. This MOU establishes the North-Central Florida Prescribed Fire Working Group (N/CFL-PFWG), the Parties to which will provide staffing and equipment to conduct prescribed fires on lands administered by the Parties, cooperate with fire training and education opportunities, and will promote public understanding and acceptance of prescribed fire in the north central Florida region. In many instances a prescribed burning program is limited by its personnel, equipment, or local weather. The intent of this cooperative effort is to unite skills, tools, and abilities so the combined burning accomplished by the N/CFL-PFWG will exceed the burning that could be accomplished by the respective agencies and entities on their own. This MOU also provides for the sharing of information concerning land management and ecosystem restoration techniques.

IV. Goals

- (1) Protect, restore and manage lands that will sustain the high biodiversity of the region.
- (2) Increase the fire management capacity of all Parties to this MOU.

To achieve these goals within the North Central Florida Region, the Parties will, subject to each Party's legal authority, regulations, policies, programmatic priorities and availability of funding:

- Freely share land management expertise and resources as practicable and as allowed by the administering agency's or the landowners' policies.
- Enhance communication and coordination among participants and other interested Parties to identify opportunities for collaborative fire events, to facilitate operational success during emergency incidents such as wildfire and tropical weather.
- Seek federal, state, regional, local and private funding to support prescribed fire activities and training.

- Promote the education of interested private individuals and corporate landowners on fire management activities.
- Work to achieve landscape-level conservation through increased sharing of ecosystem management goals across agency boundaries.
- Provide opportunities for both prescribed fire and wildfire training for all participants in the form of standardized National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) training and on-the-ground mentoring.

V. Statement of Mutual Benefit and Interest

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service desires to work with others to conserve protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service desires to fulfill this mission by working in cooperation agencies, individuals, non-profit organizations and other entities to support prescribed fire activities.

The U.S. Forest Service desires to support acquisition and management initiatives to deal more effectively with fire and fuels build up, invasive species, loss and fragmentation of open spaces, and unmanaged recreation, as they relate to the Osceola and Ocala National Forests.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection desires to sustain biodiversity, protect water resources, link protected natural areas, and provide passive outdoor recreation opportunities to a growing population of residents and tourists.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission desires to create a sustainable and healthy future for Florida's fish, wildlife, and their habitats and to provide recreational opportunities that foster stewardship of natural resources. FFWCC will contribute to a landscape-level approach by integrating its habitat management into the landscape matrix, leveraging partnerships and collaborating with other scientific disciplines.

The Nature Conservancy desires to preserve the plants, animals, and natural communities that represent global diversity of life by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. The Nature Conservancy will work with the Parties to preserve and manage high priority conservation areas and functioning natural systems across the ecoregion by cooperating in joint prescribed fires and joint fire training sessions.

The City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs desires to meet the community's need for diverse recreational, cultural and environmental educational opportunities through professionally managed programs and services, stewardship of natural resources, and maintenance of public landscape. COG will work with partners to manage high priority conservation areas and functioning natural systems by cooperating in joint prescribed fires and joint fire training sessions.

Alachua County desires to acquire, improve and manage environmentally significant lands to protect water resources, wildlife habitats and natural areas suitable for resource based recreation.

The National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center desires to participate with hosting agencies and organizations to train prescribed fire specialists, and conduct prescribed fire operations in accordance with prescribed fire plans that address a wide-range of land management objectives set forth in Land Management Plans.

The Atlantic Zone of National Park Service desires to collaborate with governmental and non-governmental organizations to maintain natural processes, natural fire regimes, reduce hazard fuels, and preserve endangered species and habitat. The National Park Service intends to meet this objective by working with cooperators in the planning and implementation of prescribed fires.

VI. Liability

Each Party agrees that it will be liable for personal injury and property damage for which it is found legally responsible.

No Party just by entering into this agreement assumes new or increases existing liability at law or in equity of any kind or nature. This MOU shall not be construed as conferring any rights on any Party against another Party, or on any third person.

Regarding governmental entities, nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity, the limits of liability, or provisions of §768.28, Florida Statutes or the Federal Tort Claims Act.

VII. Prescribed Burning Operations and Responsibilities

A. Common Responsibilities (1 through 3).

1. All prescribed burns performed pursuant to this MOU will be conducted in complete compliance with all laws regulating the use of prescribed fire; specifically but not exclusively section 590.125(3), F.S. Rule 5I-2.006 F.A.C. and, when applicable, the specific policies of a Party regarding prescribed burning. Specific prescribed burning policies of the Parties are listed in Appendix B. (Specific Agency/Organization Requirements)
2. Each Party to the MOU is responsible for providing its own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for its participating employees.

Required PPE minimums (meets NFPA standards):

- Nomex clothing
- Hardhat
- Leather gloves
- Leather boots
- Eye protection
- Fire shelter
- Hand held radio

These minimums are for the general MOU only. More stringent requirements may apply on prescribed burns at sites administered by certain Parties to this MOU. See Appendix B (Specific Agency/Organization Requirements) for additional PPE needed for burns conducted on such sites.

3. Minimum Training Requirements for Parties:

-National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Courses:

- S-130: Basic Wildland Fire Suppression
- S-190: Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- I-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS-700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
- L-180: Human Factors on the Fireline

Or:

Florida Interagency Basic Prescribed Fire Training Course

Burn Boss must be state of Florida certified burner who has participated in at least 10 prescribed burns.

Specific training requirements may be needed to participate on prescribed burns at sites administered by certain Parties to this MOU. See Appendix B (Specific Agency/Organization Requirements) for training required for burns conducted at such sites.

Parties to this MOU are encouraged to involve trainees in prescribed burning operations. In all cases, however, trainees will be identified as such and will work under the direct supervision of qualified personnel.

B. Responsibility of Requesting Party (4 through 8)

4. The Requesting Party will assume all responsibilities for prescribed burns conducted on property it administers including:
 - Preparing burn prescriptions
 - Preparing smoke screening plans and smoke mitigation
 - Preparing site for burning and managing the burn
 - Obtaining Prescribed Burn Permits or Authorizations
5. Prior to the burn, the Requesting Party must supply the following to other Parties providing assistance with the burn:
 - Burn operations plan and site map(s). Burn prescription will be provided if requested.
 - Safety and operational briefings.
 - Radio access for each person as deemed appropriate by the Burn Boss
6. The Requesting Party will make every effort to have its own Certified Burn Boss in charge of the burn.
7. Any rented or contracted private sector resources (equipment or personnel) will be paid for by the Party ordering those resources.
8. Suppression costs for escaped prescribed burns conducted under this MOU will be paid by the Requesting Party subject to the liability provisions of section VI. Suppression costs will be paid to the Florida Forest Service (FFS) at established public rates that can be obtained by contacting the local FFS office.

C. Responsibility of Assisting Party (9 and 10)

9. The goal of this MOU is that all Parties to the MOU will attempt to participate in at least two interagency prescribed burns per year if requested. Participation is defined as providing available personnel and equipment to burn operations.
10. Parties providing assistance agree to work under the direction of the Requesting Party or its designee(s) and will perform their duties in a safe and efficient manner.

VIII. Publicity & Media Relations

Public relations and media contacts concerning any N/CFL-PFWG burning operations will be managed by the Requesting Party but any use of another Party's name shall require prior approval from that Party. For one Party to use another Party's name, logo or insignia on any published media, such as Web pages, printed publications or audiovisual productions, written permission must be granted from the other Party. During media events, every effort will be made to promote the cooperative, inter-agency nature of any burn being conducted by Parties to the N/CFL-PFWG.

IX. Miscellaneous

1. Nothing in this MOU shall obligate any Party to commit or transfer any funds. Specific work projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds or property among the Parties will require execution of separate agreements and be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority and legislative appropriation. This MOU does not provide such authority. Each Party operates under its own laws, regulations, and policies, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Nothing in this MOU is intended to alter, limit, or expand the agencies' statutory and regulatory authority.
2. This MOU takes effect upon the signature of any participating Party and shall remain in effect for perpetuity or until all participating Parties withdraw signatures. Modifications within the scope of this MOU must be made by mutual consent of the Parties by the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all properly authorized signatories. Requests for modification should be made in writing at least 30 days prior to implementation of the requested change. Any Party to this MOU may terminate or withdraw participation at any time before the date of expiration by providing written notice to all other Parties to this MOU at the addresses set forth in Appendix A or any other address provided in writing by a Party to the other Parties.

3. Any information furnished to any government agency under this MOU is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C.552) and the public records laws of the State of Florida. This MOU in no way restricts any of the Parties from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals. This MOU is not intended to, and does not create, any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by a Party against any other Party, including the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.
4. Any communications affecting the operations addressed in this MOU given by any of the Parties is sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed postage pre-paid or transmitted electronically by e-mail or facsimile to the Program Manager listed for that agency, at the address specified in Appendix A of this MOU.

Notices are effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice (if specified therein), whichever is later.

5. Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no United States member of, or United States delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this MOU, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.
6. The terms and conditions contained in the MOU will be reviewed annually by participating parties in order to consider possible changes to the MOU. Amendments to the MOU must be in writing and signed by all of the Parties hereto.
7. Prescribed burning assistance conducted under this MOU will not be reimbursable to any Party participating on the N/CFL-PFWG. Each Party will absorb the costs incurred by it in performing tasks associated with this MOU. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit any Party's ability to apply for or receive any federal or state grants for work performed pursuant to this MOU.

8. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. By signature below, the Party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the Party are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this MOU.

Appendix A: Participating Agency/Organization Contacts and Addresses

Alachua Conservation Trust

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Alachua County Parks and Conservation Lands

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Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program

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Camp Blanding Joint Training Center

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City of Gainesville

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Flagler County Land Management

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Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center

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National Park Service

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St. Johns River Water Management District

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The Nature Conservancy

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University of Florida Board of Trustees

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U.S. Forest Service

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Wildland Restoration International

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Wildland Restoration International
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Appendix B: Specific Agency/Organization Requirements

Agency/Organization Name: Alachua Conservation Trust

Primary Point of Contact for Party

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Position Title: Land Manager/Prescribed Burn Manager

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Gainesville, FL 32641

Phone: 352-377-6253

Additional PPE requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

Standard PPE as described in part VII of the NCF-RxFWG MOU

Training requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

S-130 (Basic Firefighter Training), S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior), I-100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System), and a current Pack Test (Moderate Level).

Additional rules or stipulations regarding equipment/personnel lending to other agencies/organizations.

None

Further partner specific concerns, regulations, requirements, or information not addressed or mentioned in the main body of MOU document.

None

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Agency/Organization Name: Alachua County Parks and Conservation Lands

Primary Point of Contact for Party

Name: David Hoyt

Position Title: Prescribed Fire Coordinator

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Gainesville, FL. 32601

Phone: 352-264-6834

Additional PPE requirements (for parties helping your agency/organization).

Standard PPE as described in part VII of the NCF-RxFWG MOU

Training requirements (for parties helping your agency/organization).

S-130 (Basic Firefighter Training), S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior), I-100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System), and a current Pack Test (Moderate level)

Additional rules or stipulations regarding equipment/personnel lending to other agencies/organizations.

none

Further partner specific concerns, regulations, requirements, or information not addressed or mentioned in the main body of MOU document.

none

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Agency/Organization Name: Flagler County Land Management

Primary Point of Contact for Party

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Position Title: Land Management/Prescribed Burn Manager

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Phone: 386-225-1338

Additional PPE requirements (for parties helping your agency/organization).

Standard PPE as described in part VII of the NCF-RxFWG MOU

Training requirements (for parties helping your agency/organization).

S-130 (Basic Firefighter Training), S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior), I-100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System), L-180 (Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service), RT-130 (Annual Fireline Safety Refresher) and a current Pack Test (moderate or arduous level).

Additional rules or stipulations regarding equipment/personnel lending to other agencies/organizations.

No Flagler County Land Management vehicles will be loaned unless operated by a Flagler County Land Management employee

Further partner specific concerns, regulations, requirements, or information not addressed or mentioned in the main body of MOU document.

None

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Agency/Organization Name: Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Primary Point of Contact for Party

Name: Parks Small

Position Title: Chief, Bureau of Natural and Cultural Resources

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3900 Commonwealth Blvd, M.S. 530
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Phone: 850-245-3104

Additional PPE requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

Requirements outlined in Section 7.A.2 are acceptable; additional requirements may be added on a case-by-case basis at the burn boss or site manager's discretion in accordance with FDEP standards.

Training requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

Requirements outlined in Section 7.A.3 are acceptable for crew; additional requirements for crew boss or burn boss may be added on a case-by-case basis at the burn boss or site manager's discretion in accordance with FDEP standards.

Additional rules or stipulations regarding equipment/personnel lending to other agencies/organizations.

No DEP vehicles will be loaned unless operated by a DEP employee

Further partner specific concerns, regulations, requirements, or information not addressed or mentioned in the main body of MOU document.

None

Appendix B: Specific Agency/Organization Requirements

Agency/Organization Name: National Park Service

Primary Point of Contact for Party

Name: Richard Sinkovitz

Position Title: Atlantic Zone Fire Management Officer

Address: 101 Wheeler Street
St Marys, GA 31558

Phone: 912-882-4336 ext.303 Cell Phone: 912-464-9453

Additional PPE requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

Standard PPE required for all resources as indicated in the “Redbook” (Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (NFES 2724) and NPS Reference Manual 18 (RM-18).

Training requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

Crew members will need S-130 (Basic Firefighter Training), S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior), I-100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System), IS-700 NIMS: An Introduction, L-180 (Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service), RT-130 (Annual Fireline Safety Refresher) and a current Pack Test (moderate or arduous level) so that the FFT2 (Firefighter Type 2). Participants will need to have a current Incident Qualifications (“Red”) Card or be able to provide other equivalent documentation of currency. Anyone performing a function within the operational organization of a NPS prescribed fire must meet the NWCG standards (PMS 310-1) of that function.

Additional rules or stipulations regarding equipment/personnel lending to other agencies/organizations.

When a NPS employee is requested to serve as a Burn Boss for a cooperating organization, a written Prescribed Burn Plan is required, and must meet the content requirements of the Federal Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning & Implementation Procedures Reference Guide (2017 PMS 484).

Further partner specific concerns, regulations, requirements, or information not addressed or mentioned in the main body of MOU document.

All prescribed fires implemented on NPS lands will adhere to the most current policy standards of:

- Interagency Standards for Fire Aviation Operations (NFES 2724)
- NPS Reference Manual 18
- Federal Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning & Implementation Procedures (PMS 484)
- National Incident Management System: Wildland Fire Qualification System (PMS 310-1)

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Agency/Organization Name: The Nature Conservancy

Primary Point of Contact for Party

Name: Zachary Prusak

Position Title: Florida Fire Manager/Central Florida Program Manager

Address: 2700 Scrub Jay Trail
Kissimmee, FL 34759

Phone: 407-935-0002

Additional PPE requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

Standard PPE required for all resources

Training requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

S-130 (Basic Firefighter Training), S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior), I-100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System), IS-700 (An Introduction to the National Incident Management System), L-180 (Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service), RT-130 (Annual Fireline Safety Refresher) and a current Pack Test (moderate or arduous level) so that the FFT2 (Firefighter Type 2) level is maintained.

Additional rules or stipulations regarding equipment/personnel lending to other agencies/organizations.

No TNC vehicles will be loaned unless operated by a TNC employee.

Further partner specific concerns, regulations, requirements, or information not addressed or mentioned in the main body of MOU document.

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Agency/Organization Name: St. Johns River Water Management District

Primary Point of Contact for Party

Name: Brian Emanuel

Position Title: Program Manager

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Palatka, FL 32178-1429

Phone: 386-329-4399

Additional PPE requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

None

Training requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

No additional.

Additional rules or stipulations regarding equipment/personnel lending to other agencies/organizations.

Requesting Parties agree that District personnel, when used by a Requesting Party on non-District property, are the agents of the owner of the non-District property for purposes of 590.125(3)(c).F.S.

Further partner specific concerns, regulations, requirements, or information not addressed or mentioned in the main body of MOU document.

None

Appendix B: Specific Agency/Organization Requirements

Agency/Organization Name: US Forest Service (Osceola and Ocala National Forests)

Primary Point of Contact for Party

Name: Deborah Beard

Position Title: Fire Management Officer

Address: 3250 Capital Circle SW
Tallahassee, FL 32310

Phone: 850-523-8606

Additional PPE requirements (for parties helping your agency/organization).

Standard PPE requirements required for all resources. Handheld radios are issued in accordance with “Redbook” (Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations, NFES-2424) guidance on supervisory span of control

Training requirements (for parties helping your agency/organization).

Crew members will need S-130 (Basic Firefighter Training), S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior), I-100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System), L-180 (Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service), RT-130 (Annual Fireline Safety Refresher) and a current Pack Test (moderate or arduous level) so that the FFT2 (Firefighter Type 2) or RXCM (Prescribed Fire Crew Member) level is maintained.

Additional rules or stipulations regarding equipment/personnel lending to other agencies/organizations.

Prescribed fires conducted on USFS land will require a USFS employee as burn boss. When two or more burn parameters are extreme, USFS may opt out of participating in scheduled burn. USFS aircraft or leased aircraft is not offered for inclusion as potential shared resources.

Further partner specific concerns, regulations, requirements, or information not addressed or mentioned in the main body of MOU document.

Any of the Parties’ contributions made under this MOU do not by direct reference or implication convey US Forest Service endorsement of that Party’s products or activities.

Any of the Parties shall immediately inform the US Forest Service if they or any of their principals are presently excluded, debarred, or suspended from entering into covered transactions with the federal government according to the terms of 2 CFR Part 180. Additionally, should any of the Parties or any of their principals receive a transmittal letter or other official Federal notice of debarment or suspension, then they shall notify the US Forest Service without undue delay. This applies whether the exclusion, debarment, or suspension is voluntary or involuntary.

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Agency/Organization Name: US Fish & Wildlife Service/North Fla National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Primary Point of Contact for Party

Name: Victor R. Doig / Dan Frisk

Position Title: Fire Management Officer LSNWR / Project Leader, N Fla NWR Complex

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Chiefland, FL 32626

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850-925-6121 (Dan)

Additional PPE requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

Standard PPE required for all resources as indicated in the “Redbook” (Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (NFES 2424). PPE and handheld radios to be issued for personnel in accordance with guidance on PPE and supervisory span of control.

Training requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

Crew members will need S-130 (Basic Firefighter Training), S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior), I-100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System), L-180 (Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service), RT-130 (Annual Fireline Safety Refresher) and a current Pack Test (arduous level) so that the FFT2 (Firefighter Type 2) level is maintained at minimum. Participants will need to have a current Incident Qualifications (“Red”) Card or be able to provide other equivalent documentation of currency. There are also additional requirements for Burn Boss or Single Resource Boss positions as dictated by NWCG standards (PMS 310-1). Prescribed fires conducted on USFWS land will require a federal employee as burn boss.

Additional rules or stipulations regarding equipment/personnel lending to other agencies/organizations.

Federal equipment will not be loaned out without a current, fully qualified and carded federal employee as operator responsible for said equipment.

Further partner specific concerns, regulations, requirements, or information not addressed or mentioned in the main body of MOU document.

All prescribed fire management activities on DOI/USFWS lands will be conducted in full accordance with the policies of the Federal Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning & Implementation Procedures Reference Guide (2017), along with the most current version of the US Fish & Wildlife Service Fire Management Handbook.

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Agency/Organization Name: National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center

Primary Point of Contact for Party

Name: Robert Trincado

Position Title: Center Director,

Address: 3250 Capital Circle SW,
Tallahassee, FL 32310

Phone: 850-523-8633 Cell Phone: 850-228-0320

Additional PPE requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

Standard PPE required for all resources as indicated in the “Redbook” (Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (NFES 2424). PPE and handheld radios to be issued for personnel in accordance with guidance on PPE and supervisory span of control.

Training requirements (for Parties helping your agency/organization).

Crew members will need S-130 (Basic Firefighter Training), S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior), I-100 (Introduction to the Incident Command System), L-180 (Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service), RT-130 (Annual Fireline Safety Refresher) and a current Pack Test (moderate or arduous level) so that the FFT2 (Firefighter Type 2) or RXCM (Prescribed Fire Crew Member) level is maintained. Participants will need to have a current Incident Qualifications (“Red”) Card or be able to provide other equivalent documentation of currency. There are also additional requirements for Burn Boss or Single Resource Boss positions as dictated by NWCG standards (PMS 310-1).

Additional rules or stipulations regarding equipment/personnel lending to other agencies/organizations.

When a NIPFTC team member is requested to serve as a Burn Boss Trainee for a cooperating organization, a written Prescribed Burn Plan is required, and must meet the content requirements of the Federal Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning & Implementation Procedures Reference Guide (2017).

Federal equipment will not be loaned out without a current, fully qualified and carded federal employee as operator responsible for said equipment.

Further partner specific concerns, regulations, requirements, or information not addressed or mentioned in the main body of MOU document.

NIPFTC teams will have a designated Chief of Party. In the event that the Chief of Party determines that the prescribed burn project can not be safely implemented, or has serious concerns about the advisability of burning, and is unable to reach agreement to rectify the situation, he or she reserves the right to decline participation. Federal personnel engaged in fire operations must be supervised by NWCG qualified individuals or by individuals authorized to perform such duties by an organization that is signatory to the NWCG.

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