

# Five Years of “Burning Issues Workshops”

January 13-14, 2015

February 2-3, 2016

March 1-2, 2017

February 6-7, 2018

February 5-6, 2019

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- Workshops all held at Fort Custer National Training Center
- Original “Burning Issues” ~15 years ago...
- “Revived” in 2014 – 2015: collaboration between Michele Richards (FCTC) & Craig Maier & Jack McGowan-Stinski (JFSP Fire Science Consortia)
- Burning Issues combined with MI RX Fire Council Annual Meeting in 2017

Who the heck is the “Joint Fire Science Fire Program” (JFSP) and the Fire Science Consortia?

And how do the Consortia differ from the Michigan Prescribed Fire Council?



# Joint Fire Science Program Fire Science Exchange Network



Tallgrass Prairie and Oak Savanna



**Fire Science Consortium**

Lake States Fire Science Consortium



# Fire Science Consortia

...mission is to accelerate the awareness, understanding, and adoption of wildland fire science information by federal, tribal, state, local, and private stakeholders of the region....



"You know, we're just not reaching that guy."

# Fire Science Consortia



“Now! *That* should clear up a few things around here!”

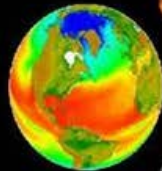
....inclusive, neutral science partners, end-user driven, operating collaboratively, working to foster joint management and science communication, striving to be innovative and pursuing new and creative ways to disseminate knowledge....

# Overview...

## Burning Issues Workshops

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## 51 speakers from 9 States

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin



# COMMUNICATION

## Affiliations

- Department of Natural Resources
  - Michigan
  - Wisconsin
- Edward Lowe Foundation
- Fort Custer National Training Center
- Kalamazoo Nature Center
- Michigan Natural Features Inventory
- Pennsylvania Game Commission
- The Nature Conservancy
- Universities and Colleges
  - Grand Valley State University
  - Grinnell College
  - Michigan State University
  - Ohio State University
  - University of Michigan
- USDA
  - Forest Service
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service
- USDI - Fish and Wildlife Service

# Burning Issues Workshop Topics

- Climate Issues (3 talks)
- Fire Operations/ Fire Planning/ The “Perfect Burn”/ Burn Programs/ Monitoring/ Cultural & Social Aspects (16 talks)
- Invasive Species (5 talks)
- Oak Ecosystems (13 talks)
- Wetland Ecosystems (3 talks)
- Wildlife:
  - Herps (4 talks)
  - Insects (4 talks)
  - MI Wildlife (3 talks)