

Burning Issues Workshop 2021 – RX Fire Councils Session Registrant Questions

History of MI fire council and impacts over years.

Do any prescribed fire councils have public educational committees and programs that allow people to observe and learn about fire? What issues and opportunities exist for guided prescribed fire observations...like media guided but for community and public education purposes?

How can we work with and support the councils in our region?

What materials are available to assist with developing a prescribed fire council ?

Why have prescribed fire councils not been incorporated into Canada?

Is it time to make the move from sole focus on prescribed fire and consider a blended modern approach of mitigation as the focus on prescribed fire application has become more prominent to reducing fire hazards then ecological renewal?

What is the best way you have found to increase membership and participation?

Discuss Certification and training that Councils can or should provide

How are Rx fire councils typically funded?

How many existing councils have paid staff?

Are there functional differences between Rx fire councils, associations, and cooperatives?

What's the key to establishing a successful, self-sustaining Rx Fire Council?

How have Federal and State Agencies improved relationships with private land owners on prescribed fire (especially within forested communities)?

How do we increase prescribed fire in the boreal forest by agencies and private landowners?

How can we promote the use of "good fire" in this region and increase the public's willingness to accept fire?

What is the best path forward for fire councils to build more fire capacity (putting more fire on the ground) in the areas they represent? What is most lacking currently? Training? Equipment? Personnel? All?

How many councils are there in Michigan? Are there other groups like councils that also work with fire? E.g. volunteer fire departments.

Is there or has there been a need for liability insurance for a council if that council certifies qualifications and experience.

The Michigan Prescribed Fire Council primarily serves the interests of the large agencies that work in our state - MDNR, USFS, USFWS, TNC. There is little support for smaller agencies, land conservancies, and private landowners with regards to training, experience, and professional development opportunities. Can we make room in the prescribed fire council for the "little guys"?

What role could Rx Fire Councils play in establishing/maintaining Rx Fire Cooperatives?

How many people are on a council?