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Symposium II

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FIRE is an important ecological tool, one which historically created most of the landscapes we work hard to restore/preserve today. Fire, however, has both good and bad impacts on the species that inhabit these landscapes. Land managers, researchers and fire operations people may or may not be aware of the issues and work of the other fields. This symposium intends to help break down some of the separation between fields and encourage a problem-solving conversation to help further ecological restoration and species recovery/maintenance. How do we reduce negative impacts while still meeting restoration objectives?

The format is a 1.5 day event. Day one will have a primary speaker with additional panelists in each of five topics and their relationship to fire: invasive species, herps, insects, oak savanna restoration and fire operations. There will be a generous time allotted for each topic for questions/interaction between speakers and audience. Day two, a half day, will consist of breakout groups on each of the topics facilitated to insure a conversation that furthers both our knowledge AND knowledge gaps within each topic.

This event occurs at Ft. Custer Training Center's Education Center in Augusta, MI. A nominal fee of \$35 covers both days, and participants will be fed snacks, coffee and lunch on day one. The results of the symposium will be compiled by the organizers and distributed via a nationally available database, and will be available for free to any user.

Accommodations are available at FCTC-EC for approximately \$18 per night. They are hotel-style rooms in the venue. Individual reservations can be made by calling 269.731.6126. The nearest hotels are a minimum 20 minute drive from FCTC.



AGENDA

Speakers & Panel Members

AGENDA ITEM/ SESSION NAME	SPEAKER	PANEL MEMBERS	MODERATOR	TIME
DAY ONE				
Registration				8:30 - 9:00
Welcome/Overview				9:00 - 9:10
Invasive Species	Ellen Jacquart	Phyllis Higman, Neil McDonald	Sue Tangora	9:20 - 10:30
Wildlife A: Herps	Alicia Ihnken	Matt Cross, Mark Sargent	Craig Maier	10:40 - 11:50
Lunch				11:50 - 1:00
Wildlife B: Insects	Karl Gnaedinger	Daria Hyde, Ashley Wick	Sara Reding	1:00 - 2:10
Oak Restoration	Lars Brudvig	Steve Wood, Dan Zay	Jen Howell	2:20 - 3:30
Fire Management	Paul Charland	Chris Peterson, Lee Osterland, Ryan Koziatek	Jack McGowan-Stinski	3:40 - 5:00
Concluding Remarks				5:00 - 5:15
DAY TWO				
Overview/Instructions				8:30 - 8:45
Breakout Sessions				8:45 - 10:45
Outbrief/Concluding Remarks				11:00 - noon