



Large Demo Burn Provides Unique Training Opportunity

March 12, 2012 – Bassett, Nebraska

Mark your calendars! In lieu of their annual mid-winter seminar and spring training activities, the Niobrara Valley Prescribed Fire Association (NVPFA) has invited the 2012 Great Plains Prescribed Fire Training Exchange to conduct a 1,400-acre demonstration burn in Rock County on Monday, March 12, 2012. Association members will have a unique opportunity to view a crew of about 30 prescribed fire practitioners from all over the US conduct a large training burn designed to give them experience in various fireline positions.

Although NVPFA members will not actively participate in the burn, they will have a “ringside seat” and will have an opportunity to learn about the many facets of prescribed fire, including burn plans, fire equipment, fire weather, and burning techniques. The training will also address local grassland and woodland ecology, socio-economic impacts of land management practices in the Great Plains, and how collaboration among managers assists scaling-up the use of prescribed fire to contribute to conservation at a landscape scale.

The Nature Conservancy, partnering with federal, state, and private land managers, hosts this annual training exchange, which integrates participants into a diverse crew of fire practitioners to accomplish prescribed burning and fulfill participants’ training needs.

Due to the possibility of inclement weather, the NVPFA has a “Plan B” to offer indoor training at the North Central RC&D meeting room in Bassett that day if conditions are unsuitable for burning. Further details will be available later this winter on the NVPFA website: <http://www.nvpfa.org/>

Our annual Mid-Winter Prescribed Fire Seminars have proven popular with landowners as an opportunity to learn more about prescribed fire – why it is beneficial and how it can be used safely.

Plan to attend to learn more about prescribed fire and to network with other landowners who already use prescribed fire as a management tool!

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