

Wildland Fire in the South

Shared Values: Ways to Reduce Hazards in Your Community

Properly managed forests, grasslands and woodlands with reduced fuel loads, along with community planning, defensible space around buildings, and fire resistant construction all contribute to a stronger tribal community that has a greater chance of withstanding a destructive wildfire.



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Site one month after Osage Nation prescribed burn in Hominy Indian Village, Oklahoma. To control spread of flammable fuel, cedar encroaching on the adjacent land was lopped, scattered, then burned. (BIA-Wildland Fire Management)

Removal of invasive plants helps restore balance and provides habitat. Wichita Mountains Refuge, OK. (Larry Smith, Flickr)



Fuels crew member uses a chainsaw to trim low limbs. (BIA Fire Management)



Structures saved; Hidden Pines incident. (Texas A&M Forest Service)



Family engaged in fire adapted/Firewise preparation. ("Return to Tradition" video, Okmulgee Agency & National Interagency Fire Center)



Low-combustible roofing material. (judy_and_ed, Flickr)

To benefit communities and sustain tribal lands with use of fire in the South, you can:

- Use alternative techniques to treat wildland fuels where prescribed fire is not appropriate
- Identify barriers to sharing resources for wildfire response and land management activities
- Coordinate with governmental and non-governmental partners to prepare communities and mobilize resources before and during a wildfire
- Work with county/community planners to create insurance incentives, ordinances and requirements for ignition resistant construction
- Consider options to manage flammable vegetation; for example, producing nontimber forests products or biomass plants for fuels



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