DNR Prescribed Fire Program Update

Across the DNR Prescribed Fire Updates:

- Updated agency Prescribed Fire Policy in 2024 to better describe the liability protection afforded to employees implementing Rx fires.
- Roles and Responsibilities document guides 3 Divisions and Regional Rx fire activities
- Forest Resilience Division
  - Manage Smart Sheet Rx Fire Planning Tracker
    - Burn and resource tracking and allocation of resources
  - Work with Regions and WFMD during Burn Ban
  - Hired 2 All-Lands Prescribed Fire Coordinators
    - Burn plan development, mentor other staff writing burn plans.
    - Assist with Certified Prescribed Burn Manager courses/evals
    - Assist with prescribed fire training and implementation
- Wildland Fire Management Division
  - Hiring 2 Prescribed Fire Operations Coordinators
  - Update Burn Portal and Smoke Notification Process
- State Uplands
  - Manages the DNR lands and develops biennial targets for Rx fire

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- HB 1563 Prescribed Fire Claims Fund
- SB 5360 Environmental Crimes
- HB 1168 Wildfire, Forest Resilience, Community Resilience
  - Funds Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Program
  - Funds DNR fire staff time to support Rx fires and training
    - Staff attend Prescribed Fire Training Center in FL
    - NWCG Rx Fire Courses
  - Investments through our Request for Proposals
    - Training, Implementation, Prescribed Burn Associations

DNR Forest Resilience Division Prescribed Fire Program Update

The Program is responsible for:

- Leads the planning to identify the necessary scale, prioritization, and location to apply prescribed fire across all-lands.
- Coordinates internally and collaborates with external partners to promote the use and support a network of prescribed fire professionals.
- Provides technical and financial assistance, as resources allow, to Internal and external partners for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of prescribed fire across all-lands through RFP's, direct Investments, and interagency agreements.
- Facilitate prescribed burn leadership beyond NWCG qualifications and create alternative training and certification pathways (CPBM program).
- Increase fuels and fire effects monitoring to determine treatment effectiveness and to drive science-based landscape management decisions.

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    - Learn to Burn Workshops
    - Pile Building and Burning Workshops
  - Prescribed Burn Associations (3 active and 4 developing)
    - Burn Trailers
    - Workshop and meetings
    - Planning and implementation
- Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Program
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