



FIRE: WILD VS. PRESCRIBED

Prescribed burns differ greatly from wildfires. Wildfires often do great harm because they are unpredictable and difficult to control, threatening people's safety and their property. Prescribed burns, on the other hand, are set intentionally and only after considering the safety of people and property.

Prescribed burns are planned to achieve specific management objectives which may include simulating the benefits of natural fire. Prescribed burns are conducted in a designated area during appropriate weather conditions and in cooperation with the proper authorities. Trained crews using specialized equipment keep fire under control throughout the process.



KANSAS PRESCRIBED FIRE COUNCIL

Our Mission:

To promote greater understanding of the safe, legal and responsible use of prescribed fire as a natural resource management tool.

The council (KPFC) was established in September 2008 to protect private landowner rights and public land manager options to responsibly use prescribed fire as a grassland natural resource management tool.

Partnering With:

Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition
Kansas Prescribed Burn Association



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PRESCRIBED BURNING

"USING FIRE WISELY"



THE PRESCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATION

The Prescribed Burn Association is a cooperative that organizes landowners to conduct prescribed burns by providing the manpower, training, and equipment to safely conduct prescribed burns. Contact your local PBA for more information.

FIND YOUR LOCAL PBA OR GET
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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HISTORY

In the Great Plains, Native Americans used fire to clear camp sites, improve hunting and as a weapon of war. Land managers have used fire since the 1800's. In Kansas controlled burning has many economic and ecological benefits when applied properly.

WHY WE BURN

Prescribed fire is essential for enhancing carbon sequestration in Kansas rangelands.

Prescribed burning allows for:

- Management of invasive species
- Promotion of native grasses with deep root systems that store more carbon
- Improved soil health through increased organic matter and nutrient cycling
- Maintenance of plant diversity
- Reduced wildfire risk by decreasing fuel loads
- Support for a stable ecosystem

Overall, it's a cost-effective way to boost carbon storage and rangeland health while controlling invasive species.



BIOLOGICAL COMMUNITY RESTORATION & MAINTENANCE



Prescribed Burning is a process of maintaining biological diversity and balance. Many plant and wildlife species are dependent on periodic fires. Plant species have developed fire tolerant tendencies. Many species depend on fire for their survival. Simply replanting areas with local species is not adequate for natural systems restoration. Prescribed Burning is critical to replenishing types of vegetation that attract wildlife to the area.