



BUTTE COUNTY PRESCRIBED FIRE TRAINING EXCHANGE

A CAL-TREX "ALL HANDS, ALL LANDS EVENT"

October 18 – 31, 2017
Chico, CA

Objective: Participants will gain meaningful experience through the implementation of prescribed fire and work with other land managers to develop best practices for increasing the pace and scale of prescribed burning in California.

Target Group: Ideal participants will have a professional goal of integrating prescribed fire into land, natural resource, or wildlife management practices and programs. Tribal, state, federal, local, and volunteer fire personnel are encouraged to use this event to build experience and qualifications, as well as integrating local regulators and private managers into the professional prescribed fire network.

Space is limited to 25 trainees; selection will be made to ensure a diverse group of participants.





Description: The training is organized as an incident, using the Incident Command System. Participants will serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on a burn team and will assist with preparing, scouting, briefing, igniting, holding, mop-up, and patrol on numerous controlled burns in the area. We will also complete pre- and post-fire monitoring, train with equipment, practice fire line leadership skills, and learn about local fire ecology and fire management. There will be field trips to areas burned in recent wildfires and presentations from scientists, land managers, and practitioners. Participants will also present briefings about the fire regimes in their home region and discuss management challenges and opportunities there. In addition, participants will practice for local media interviews.

Requirements:

- All participants must be **current and qualified**, or have **completed NWCG courses I-100, L-180, S-130, S-190 and FEMA IS-700**. Self-study materials for these courses will be offered to participants who need them.
- Participants must complete an **arduous pack test** before arrival at the event. Completion of a moderate pack test is acceptable if coming as a TNC volunteer and serving in an RxCM (Rx crewmember) position.
- Participants must have **insurance** (e.g., workers' comp, health or travel insurance) to cover any injury they may sustain during the training exchange.
- Participants must bring **fireline-approved boots** (all leather work boots, 8-inches tall, non-slip soles and no steel toe). Participants should come with **all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**, including: a Next Generation Fire Shelter, a hard hat, Nomex clothing, all leather gloves, eye protection and canteens for drinking water. If you do not have proper PPE, please let us know. For an additional \$50, we will provide a complete set.

Cost: Each participant is responsible for a \$300 non-refundable registration fee, due September 30, 2017.

Meals & Travel: Meals and lodging will be provided during the training. Participants are responsible for their own travel to and from the TREX.

Application: To apply for this training, fill out the Google form at: <https://goo.gl/forms/xWiBN8liSCL3uiOW2> and submit by the end of the day on September 1, 2017. Be sure to select the Butte County TREX. If you have any questions, e-mail Phil Dye, CalTREX coordinator, at phil@prometheusfireconsulting.com, or Stephen Graydon, local coordinator for the Butte County TREX event, at stephen@terrafuego.org.

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The Butte County TREX is also supported by *Promoting Ecosystem Resiliency through Collaboration: Landscapes, Learning and Restoration*, a cooperative agreement between The Nature Conservancy, USDA Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior. For more information, contact Lynn Decker at ldecker@tnc.org or (801) 320-0524.

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