

Mississippi Prescribed Fire Council Committee Structure and Charges

The Mississippi Prescribed Fire Council (MPFC) Steering Committee has established committees to address MPFC action items and objectives. Each committee is charged with specific tasks and a target completion date. A Chair has been elected by each committee to guide meetings and ensure task completion. If you would like to join a committee please contact the appropriate chair for that committee.

Technical Committee – Chair: Randy Wilson (rwilson@mfc.state.ms.us)

The Technical Committee is charged with addressing challenges related to prescribed fire practitioners and fire application. Charges for the 2010-2014 include:

- 1) Outlining key areas/counties to host the *Introduction to Prescribed Burning Course*.
- 2) Locate additional venues for the Rx Burning Short Course.
- 3) Review need for a field component of the Rx Burning Short Course.
- 4) Review pros and cons of a Certified Prescribed Burner number system and make final recommendations.
- 5) Review need for an advanced Rx fire course for fire practitioners.
- 6) Identify needs for additional training opportunities or field day components.
- 7) Compile burn data on transport winds/smoke particles/humidity.

Education Outreach Committee – Chair: Nicole May (namay@fs.fed.us)

The Education and Outreach Committee is charged with developing educational material to promote prescribed fire and MPFC among the general public. Charges for 2010-2014 include:

- 1) Developing list of I&E material to distribute at various natural resource events.
- 2) Developing a “trademark” for prescribed burning similar to that of Smokey Bear.
- 3) Locating potential venues for “driving tour” for the public to view the effects and benefits of prescribed fire.
- 4) Develop a picture tutorial for MPFC website.
- 5) Develop a promotional video to place on the website and play in various venues.
- 6) Identify existing school programs promoting prescribed fire and determine methods to expand curricula and programs.
- 7) Increase interaction among the general public, collegiate, natural resource professionals, local, state, and federal partners, and prescribed fire practitioners to share knowledge and technology.

Fire Policy Committee – Chair: Joelle Carney (Joelle.carney@mmns.state.ms.us)

The Fire Policy Committee would be charged with identifying environmental and regulatory policy issues that could affect the use of prescribed fire and identify methods for providing an active voice as needed. In addition, the committee would work to garner MPFC support and advocates prescribed fire among political groups and policy makers. Charges 2010-2014 include:

- 1) Reviewing pros and cons of a Prescribed Burner Code of Ethics and making final recommendations.
- 2) Garner support for a Prescribed Fire Awareness Day.
- 3) Obtain Board of Supervisors support of county resolutions in all 82 counties.