

# **Texas A&M Forest Service**

## **Prescribed Burning Cost Share Grants**

Each year Texas A&M Forest Service offers several prescribed fire grants that reimburse small private landowners 50-100% of the cost of having a prescribed burn conducted on their land. By utilizing the services of a certified and insured prescribed burn manager, these landowners can safely reintroduce beneficial fire to their property in a planned and controlled manner. These prescribed fires reduce the wildfire hazard to the area and benefit the forest ecosystem. Maximum funding per applicant is 500- 800 acres depending on program specifics.

**The Community Protection Program** — Prescribed Fire Grant is available to fund prescribed burn treatments to property within 10 miles of a National Forest in East Texas.

**The State Fire Assistance for Mitigation- Central & East Texas Program** — Prescribed Fire Grant funds treatments in 43 eligible counties. These counties have taken steps to mitigate their risks by composing a city or county-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This program was previously named the Nation Fire Plan Prescribed Fire Grant

**The State Fire Assistance for Mitigation- Plains Prescribed Fire grant** —funds treatments in counties in West, Northwest, and the Panhandle of Texas. These counties have the highest risk for loss during a Southern Plains Wildfire Outbreak.

**The Neches River and Cypress Basin Watershed Restoration Program** — This Prescribed Fire Grant provides cost share funding in priority watersheds in East Texas. These prescribed burn treatments will help improve water quality and quantity, control invasive species and enhance wildlife habitat by restoring ecosystem function.

**The Texas Longleaf Conservation Assistance Program** –is available to fund prescribed burning and other treatments on private land to enhance longleaf pine ecosystems in eleven Southeast Texas Counties.

Contact the Texas A&M Forest Service **Mitigation and Prevention Department** in Nacogdoches, TX at (936) 689-9393 for current program information. Programs and funding change yearly and different programs have different eligibility requirements.

***Texas A&M Forest Service does not conduct the prescribed burns in these programs. Upon approval of funding, the prescribed burn will be conducted by a certified and insured prescribed burn manager of the landowner's choice. Landowners can expect reimbursement of \$15 to \$34 per acre, depending on program eligibility.***

For more information and to apply visit: <http://texasforestsservice.tamu.edu/cppgrant/>

For information on prescribed burning visit the TFS Prescribed Fire page:

<https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/PrescribedBurns/>

For more information on licensed burn vendors visit the TDA Prescribed Burn Board at:

<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/PrescribedBurnProgram/PrescribedBurningBoard.aspx>





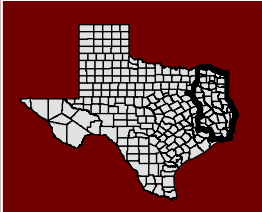
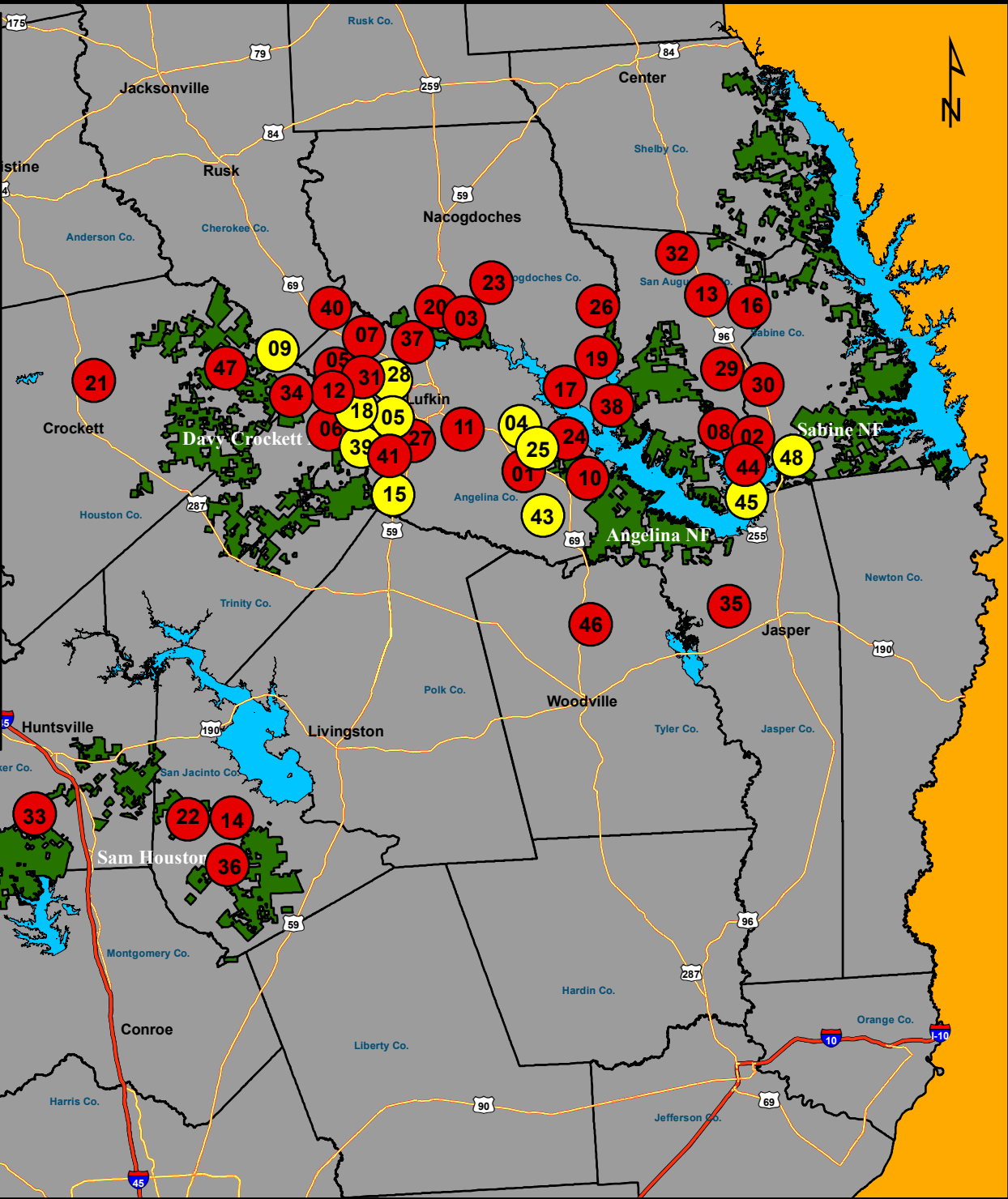
# Community Protection Program 2020 Prescribed Fire Grant

## Prescribed Burn Grants Awarded

# 01	Angelina Co.	116 ac.
# 02	San Augustine Co.	48 ac.
# 03	Nacogdoches Co.	249 ac.
# 04	Angelina Co.	160 ac.
# 05	Angelina Co.	219 ac.
# 06	Angelina Co.	148 ac.
# 07	Angelina Co.	360 ac.
# 08	San Augustine Co.	211 ac.
# 09	Houston Co.	300 ac.
# 10	Angelina Co.	73 ac.
# 11	Angelina Co.	120 ac.
# 12	Angelina Co.	327 ac.
# 13	San Augustine Co.	104 ac.
# 14	San Jacinto Co.	315 ac.
# 15	Angelina Co.	99 ac.
# 16	San Augustine Co.	525 ac.
# 17	Nacogdoches Co.	500 ac.
# 18	Angelina Co.	180 ac.
# 19	Nacogdoches Co.	156 ac.
# 20	Nacogdoches Co.	616 ac.
# 21	Houston Co.	74 ac.
# 22	San Jacinto Co.	122 ac.
# 23	Nacogdoches Co.	105 ac.
# 24	Angelina Co.	404 ac.
# 25	Angelina Co.	200 ac.
# 26	Nacogdoches Co.	300 ac.
# 27	Angelina Co.	155 ac.
# 28	Angelina Co.	130 ac.
# 29	San Augustine Co.	75 ac.
# 30	Sabine Co.	430 ac.
# 31	Angelina Co.	97 ac.
# 32	San Augustine Co.	28 ac.
# 33	Walker Co.	43 ac.
# 34	Houston Co.	223 ac.
# 35	Jasper Co.	65 ac.
# 36	San Jacinto Co.	370 ac.
# 37	Angelina Co.	800 ac.
# 38	Nacogdoches Co.	800 ac.
# 39	Angelina Co.	209 ac.
# 40	Angelina Co.	107 ac.
# 41	Angelina Co.	50 ac.
# 42	Angelina Co.	43 ac.
# 43	Angelina Co.	40 ac.
# 44	San Augustine Co.	217 ac.
# 45	San Augustine Co.	271 ac.
# 46	Tyler Co.	200 ac.
# 47	Houston Co.	135 ac.
# 48	Sabine Co.	239 ac.

Total Acres Awarded - 10,758.4 ac.

Total Acres Burned - 7,886.50 ac.



- US Forest Service Boundaries
- Prescribed Burn Treatments (completed) - 37
- Prescribed Burn Treatments (did not burn) - 11



# 2020 Community Protection Program Prescribed Fire Grant



**Before**



**After**

The Community Protection Program is intended to protect natural resources, local communities, and National Forests in East Texas. Prescribed burning is one of the most effective tools land managers have to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires. This program provided funding to private landowners to reimburse their costs for having a certified and insured burn manager conduct a prescribed burn treatment that protect a community within 10 miles of National Forest boundary.

The following is a detailed breakdown of the grant program for 2020:

- 156 prescribed burn applications were received by TFS.
- 48 prescribed burn agreements were approved.
- 37 of the 48 sites completed their prescribed burns.
- A total of 7,886.5 acres were treated with prescribed fire.
- A total of \$236,287.00 was reimbursed to private landowners for completing these prescribed burns.



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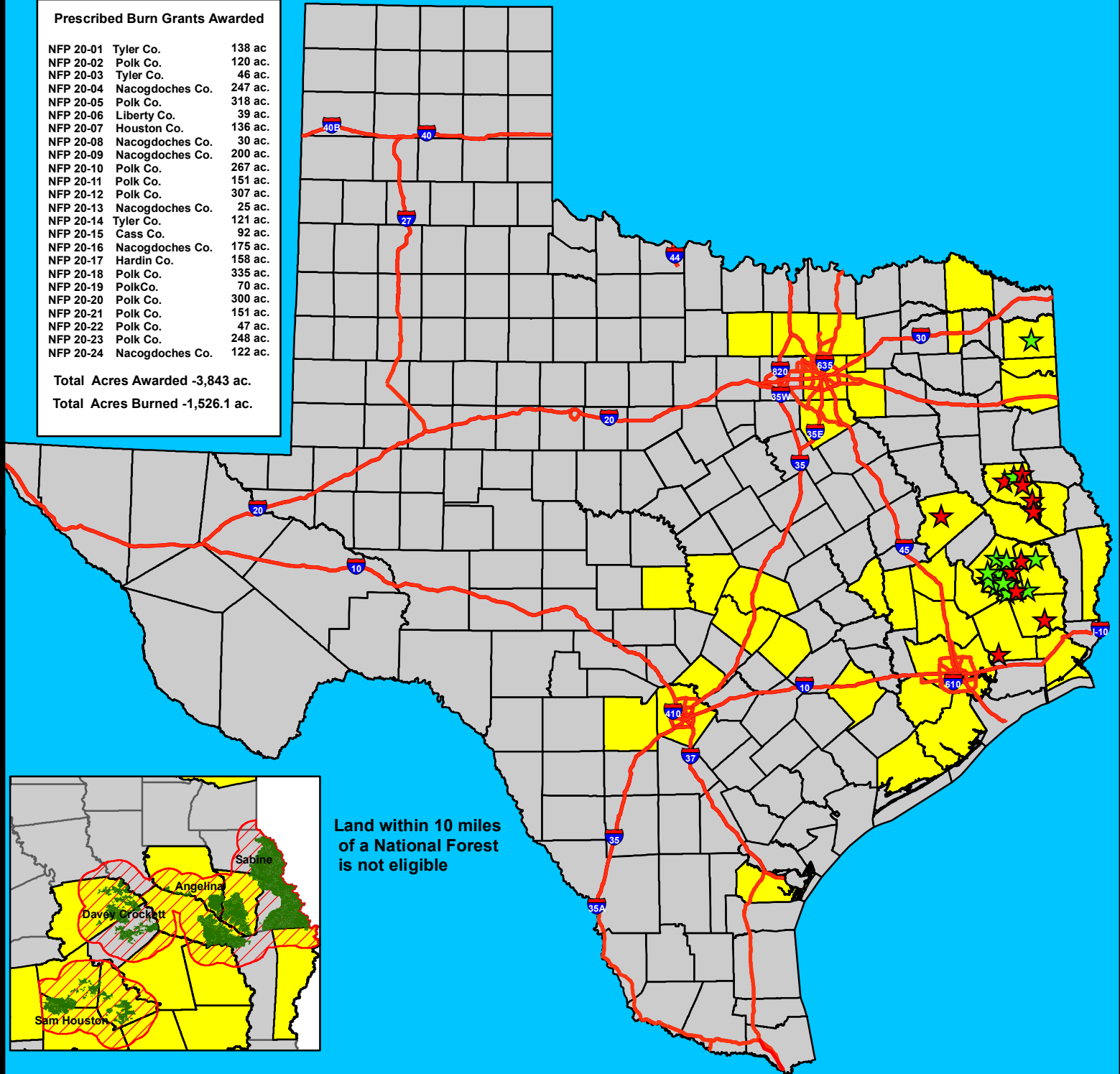
# National Fire Plan 2020 Prescribed Fire Grant

## Prescribed Burn Grants Awarded

NFP 20-01	Tyler Co.	138 ac.
NFP 20-02	Polk Co.	120 ac.
NFP 20-03	Tyler Co.	46 ac.
NFP 20-04	Nacogdoches Co.	247 ac.
NFP 20-05	Polk Co.	318 ac.
NFP 20-06	Liberty Co.	39 ac.
NFP 20-07	Houston Co.	136 ac.
NFP 20-08	Nacogdoches Co.	30 ac.
NFP 20-09	Nacogdoches Co.	200 ac.
NFP 20-10	Polk Co.	267 ac.
NFP 20-11	Polk Co.	151 ac.
NFP 20-12	Polk Co.	307 ac.
NFP 20-13	Nacogdoches Co.	25 ac.
NFP 20-14	Tyler Co.	121 ac.
NFP 20-15	Cass Co.	92 ac.
NFP 20-16	Nacogdoches Co.	175 ac.
NFP 20-17	Hardin Co.	158 ac.
NFP 20-18	Polk Co.	335 ac.
NFP 20-19	Polk Co.	70 ac.
NFP 20-20	Polk Co.	300 ac.
NFP 20-21	Polk Co.	151 ac.
NFP 20-22	Polk Co.	47 ac.
NFP 20-23	Polk Co.	248 ac.
NFP 20-24	Nacogdoches Co.	122 ac.

Total Acres Awarded -3,843 ac.

Total Acres Burned -1,526.1 ac.



41 Eligible Counties

Prescribed Burn Treatments (completed) - 11

Prescribed Burn Treatments (did not burn) - 13



# 2020 National Fire Plan Prescribed Fire Grant



**Before**



**After**

The National Fire Plan Prescribed Fire Grant is intended to protect communities and ecosystems from the harmful effects of uncontrolled wildfires. Prescribed burning is one of the most effective tools land managers throughout Texas have to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires. This program provided funding to private landowners to reimburse their costs for having a certified and insured burn manager conduct a prescribed burn treatment on their land. Funds were only available in the 41 Texas counties where public officials have taken the important step of preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan to help identify and mitigate their wildfire risk.

The following is a detailed breakdown of the grant program for 2020:

- 83 prescribed burn applications were received by TFS.
- 24 prescribed burn agreements were approved.
- 11 of the 24 sites completed their prescribed burns.
- A total of 1,526.1 acres were treated with prescribed fire.
- A total of \$45,177.50 was reimbursed to private landowners for completing these prescribed burns.



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# 2020 Neches River & Cypress Basin Watershed Restoration Program Prescribed Fire Grant



**Before**



**After**

The Neches River & and Cypress Basin Watershed Restoration Program assists private landowners with the use of prescribed fire to restore and maintain native ecosystems in critical watersheds of East Texas. Prescribed burning benefits ecosystem function and improves water quality and quantity by controlling invasive species, promoting native vegetation, and enhancing wildlife habitat. This program, funded by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, provided reimbursement to private landowners for their costs of having a certified and insured burn manager conduct a prescribed burn treatment on their land.

The following is a detailed breakdown of the grant program for 2020:

- 174 prescribed burn applications were received by TFS.
- 22 prescribed burn agreements were approved.
- 15 of the 22 sites completed their prescribed burns.
- A total of 3,688 acres were treated with prescribed fire.
- A total of \$72,452.25.00 was reimbursed to private landowners for completing these prescribed burns.



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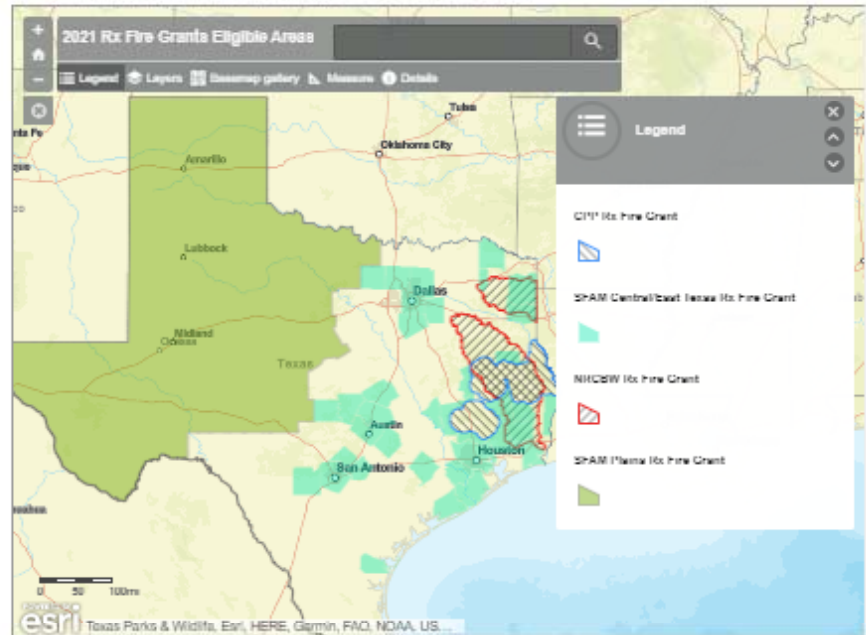


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## PREPARING FOR WILDFIRES

### PRESCRIBED FIRE GRANT APPLICATION

Please use the map below to determine if your property is eligible for a prescribed fire grant.



Please complete your 2021 TFS Prescribed Fire Grant Application by filling in the form below, reading the terms and conditions, adding the required attachments, and tapping Submit. You will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of submitting.

#### APPLY HERE

- [+ State Fire Assistance for Mitigation-Plains Prescribed Fire Grant 2020-21](#)
- [+ Texas A&M Forest Service Prescribed Fire Grants \(CPP, SFAM-CETX, NRCBW\)](#)



**Community Protection Program Prescribed Fire Grant**  
 Grant Funded Through USDA - Forest Service  
 Award #18-DG-11083148, #19-DG-11083148 & #20-DG-11083148, CFDA #10.664

**State Fire Assistance for Mitigation  
 Central & East Texas Prescribed Fire Grant\***  
 Grant Funded Through USDA - Forest Service  
 Award #18-11083148, #19-11083148, & #20-11083148, CFDA #10.664

**Neches River and Cypress Basin Watershed Restoration Program**  
 Grant Funded Through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
 Award #F19AP00654, & #F20AC10945, CFDA #15.631

\*This Grant was formerly referred to by TFS as the National Fire Plan Prescribed Fire Grant. Project support provided by the U.S. Department of Agricultural, Forest Service, Southern Region, State and Private Forestry Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Select the grants you are applying for:\*

CPP Rx Fire Grant

SFAM Central & East Texas Rx Fire Grant

NRCBW Rx Fire Grant



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## News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **\$488,715 in grant funds available for prescribed burning in Central and East Texas**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – Texas A&M Forest Service is now accepting grant applications through September 30, 2020 to offset the cost of prescribed burning on private lands for Central and East Texas landowners.

\$488,715 in grant funds are available for eligible landowners having prescribed burns conducted on their property by certified and insured prescribed burn managers. Last year, the programs provided \$353,916 to landowners for a total of 13,100 acres of treatments.

“While parts of Texas are dealing with dry fuels and wildfire conditions and others are beginning the recovery phase of a major hurricane, it is also time for landowners to begin planning for the next prescribed burn season,” said Andy McCrady, Texas A&M Forest Service Fuels Coordinator. “It is important for land managers to look ahead at what areas have the heaviest undergrowth and consider planning prescribed fire operations in those locations at a time when weather conditions are moderate.”

Prescribed fire is an effective and controlled method to reduce wildfire risk by eliminating brush, weeds, dried vegetation and downed trees. Most of the available funds are set aside for wildfire hazard mitigation and the applications that get selected in these programs will be those that protect the most homes and communities. Some of the programs also focus on habitat restoration because prescribed fire also benefits native species of plants and animals, watershed health, reduction of invasive plants, and restoration of soil nutrients.

“Anyone interested in learning more can find an interactive map on our webpage to navigate to their property and research their eligibility,” said McCrady. “The application process is entirely online as well and allows landowners to work directly with the professional burn contractor of their choice to complete the application, burn plan and map requirements.”

A total of \$233,702.88 of **Community Protection Program-Prescribed Fire Grant** funding is available for property owners within 10 miles of a National Forest in East Texas.

A total of \$143,742.50 in **State Fire Assistance for Mitigation Central and East Texas-Prescribed Fire Grant** is available to 43 eligible counties with a city- or county-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

A total of \$61,269.91 is available through the **Neches River and Cypress Basin Watershed Restoration Program-Prescribed Fire Grant** for prescribed burning in priority East Texas watersheds. Treatments will help improve water supply and quality, control invasive species and enhance wildlife habitat by restoring ecosystem function.

This year, up to \$50,000 is available through the **Texas Longleaf Conservation Assistance Program-Prescribed Fire Grant** for burn treatments on private land in East Texas to enhance longleaf pine ecosystems. This cooperative program is available in select counties throughout the year. For details follow the link on our prescribed fire grants webpage.

Texas A&M Forest Service does not conduct the prescribed burns. Grant recipients will select a certified and insured prescribed burn manager to reimburse costs from \$15 to \$30 per acre, depending on program eligibility.

**Application deadline is Friday, September 30, 2020.** Please apply online at <http://texasforests.tamu.edu/cppgrant/>

Learn more by visiting the [Prescribed Burning Board](http://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/PrescribedBurnProgram/PrescribedBurningBoard.aspx) (<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/Home/ProductionAgriculture/PrescribedBurnProgram/PrescribedBurningBoard.aspx>)

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# Texas Prescribed Fire Use Survey

- Texas portion of the NASF/CPFC National Survey of Rx Fire
  - 2012: <200,000 acres
  - 2014: 286,061 acres
  - 2017: 358,642 acres
  - 2018: 402,017 acres
  - 2019: 325,560 acres
- Top 3 impediments to burning were:
  - Weather
  - Limited Capacity
  - Liability Concerns and Smoke Management tied for 3rd place

# Survey of Prescribed Fire Use in Texas

Total of 402,017 acres treated with prescribed fire on forests and rangelands in Texas in 2018.

Source: Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, & Texas Prescribed Fire Council

