

Texas Section Society for Range Management

Resolution Number 2

Prescribed Burn Training

October 8, 2014

WHEREAS, the Texas Section Society for Range Management (TSSRM) supports the concept of prescribed burning supported by rigorous research and consistent with reasonable and prudent standards, and subscribes to the Texas Burn Board's policies and guidelines (for Texas prescriptions only) and/or the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (National certifying group for Texas and national certification). AND;

WHEREAS, the safe and effective use of prescribed fire requires trained professionals with actual fire-line, back-fire, head-fire and fire escape prevention (holding) experience on numerous prescribed burns. AND;

WHEREAS, federal and state agency personnel provide technical advice and assistance to landowners including writing prescribed burn plans. AND;

WHEREAS, a new generation of federal and state agency employees are in dire need of hands-on prescribed burn experience in order to be qualified to provide comprehensive advice and assistance to landowners in the safe and effective application of prescribed fire.

NOW be it resolved that TSSRM advocates a well-trained and motivated professional with adequate prescribed burning experience to assist landowners with their prescribed burning plans. AND;

NOW be it further resolved that the TSSRM also recommends a strong education and training program for federal and state agency employees including meaningful prescribed burning experience on numerous prescribed burns under various environmental conditions, regardless of size of burn.