



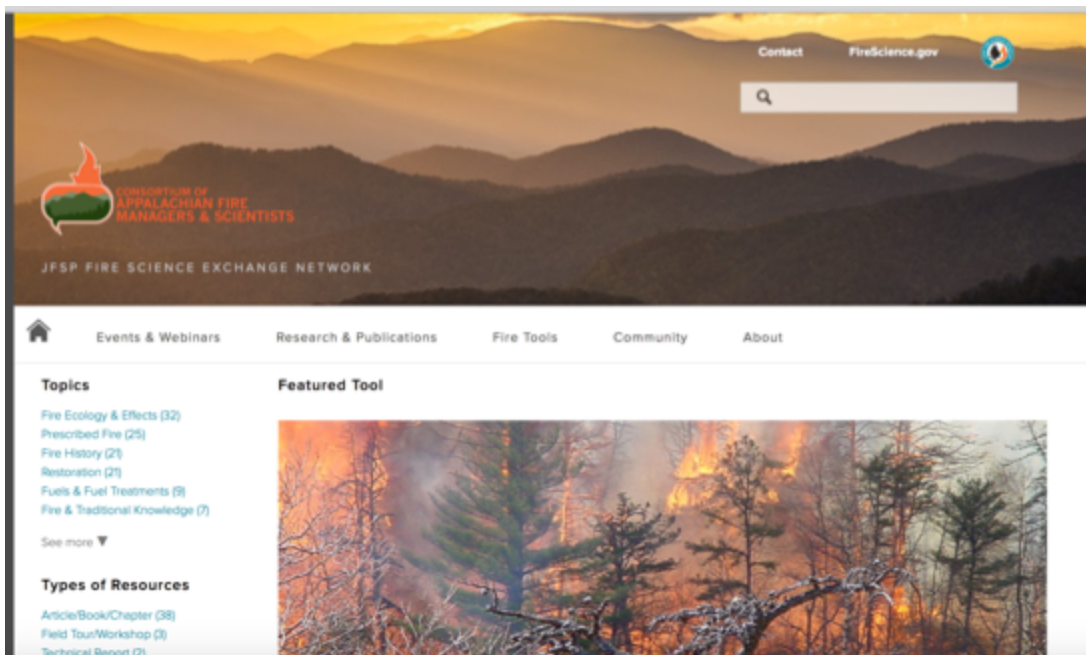
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It's Official - *We Have a New Website*

www.appalachianfire.org

The site is still a work in progress. Due to a major hack of our old site www.CAFMS.org we had to shut it down. We are still working to add events, videos, and publications among other resources to the new site. Please bear with us as we continue to populate the site. Don't forget, we always love feedback on how to improve it. If you have resources that you would like to share with the Appalachian fire community don't hesitate to send them our way. We would love to host your resources!



The Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) Needs Your Help!!



The Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP), CAFMS, and the entire Appalachian fire community need your help!! We need you to help peer-review the many proposals that JFSP expects to receive in response to the FY16 Funding Opportunity Notices (FONs). The JFSP Governing Board uses recommendations from peer-reviewed panels to help make funding decisions. In the past these peer-review panels have been made up predominately of Western land managers and scientists. One of the FONs this year is specific to the Appalachian region and we need local experts to help prioritize these projects. This is not just a request to researchers; JFSP wants and needs managers as reviewers too. A member of CAFMS participated a couple of years ago and this is what she had to say “I found myself explaining Eastern fire ecology and fire behavior to the others, who then understood the value of the proposals. Some of my partners didn’t even recognize the importance of fire in our Eastern systems, so you can imagine why they had not intended to recommend proposals for funding.” The document below has more details on how to join in the fun!

A Note from JFSP:

Recommendations from peer-review panels are critically important. The JFSP Governing Board uses recommendations from peer-review panels to help make funding decisions. Participation in a JFSP review panel is also a great way to improve proposal development skills.

Peer review is conducted in two stages: 1) individual reviews accomplished remotely, and 2) panel reviews accomplished via a one-day meeting in Boise. Panel reviews may be conducted via teleconference if a small number of proposals are submitted for some tasks. Also, some tasks will only have individual reviews. All individual reviews must be completed by the date indicated in the table below.

Proposals will be made available to reviewers through the JFSP web-based proposal review system, and reviews will be entered directly into the JFSP database through this system. Each reviewer will be asked to review approximately six to ten proposals.

Please consider your expertise, interests, and availability and let us know if you can conduct a review. It is critical that reviewers have substantial scientific or technical expertise in the scheduled FON topic area.

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Panel reviews are pre-scheduled as follows:

Task	Topic	Individual Review Due	Panel Review Dates
FON 2016-4, task 1	FASMEE - Fuels and consumption	December 15, 2015	December 16, 17, 18, 2015 – by phone if needed
FON 2016-4, task 2	FASMEE - Fire behavior and energy	December 15, 2015	December 16, 17, 18, 2015 – by phone if needed
FON 2016-4, task 3	FASMEE - Plume development and meteorology	December 15, 2015	December 16, 17, 18, 2015 – by phone if needed
FON 2016-4, task 4	FASMEE - Smoke emissions, chemistry, and transport	December 15, 2015	December 16, 17, 18, 2015 – by phone if needed
FON 2016-4, task 5	FASMEE - Modeling leads	December 15, 2015	December 16, 17, 18, 2015 – by phone if needed
FON 2016-1, task 1	Implications of changing ecosystems	January 25, 2016	January 26, 27, 28, 2016
FON 2016-1, task 2	Social and regulatory barriers and facilitators to implementing prescribed fire	January 12, 2016	January 13, 2016
FON 2016-1, task 3	Maintenance and restoration of sagebrush habitat in the Great Basin	January 8, 2016	February 3, 2016
FON 2016-1, task 4	Effects of fire on tree mortality	January 19, 2016	January 20, 2016
FON 2016-1, task 5	Post-fire landscape management	January 8, 2016	February 10, 2016
FON 2016-1, task 6	Regional needs – Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientist: Season of prescribed burning to reach management objectives	January 22, 2016	January 26, 27, 28, 2016 – by phone if needed
FON 2016-1, task 7	Regional needs – Oak Woodlands and Forest Fire Consortium: Prescribed fire effects on wood products	January 22, 2016	January 26, 27, 28, 2016 – by phone if needed
FON 2016-1, task 8	Regional needs – Southern Fire Exchange: Prescribed fire smoke emissions	January 22, 2016	January 26, 27, 28, 2016 – by phone if needed
FON 2016-3, task 1	New Science Initiative – Ecological and social dimensions of resilient landscapes	January 15, 2016	February 17, 2016

Please refer to the FONs on the JFSP website (www.firescience.gov) for more information about each task.

Panelists are expected to complete their individual reviews prior to the panel review date. Panel reviews will start at 0830 of the scheduled day, and close out by 1700. JFSP will pay per diem and travel costs for panel review meetings, but not salary.

Please respond to Becky Jenison via email (bjenison@blm.gov), no later than **COB November 10** if you are available to help, or have questions. Please indicate what task statements and dates you are available to participate, and attach a short CV. If more than one date is listed for a task statement please indicate one or more of those days you're available.

Review panel participation notices will be sent by email in November or December. Once you confirm your availability, proposals will be made available for remote review. Orientation calls will be held on multiple dates in December and January, please plan to attend one of these calls.

Instructions on how to access proposals to complete reviews and travel arrangement instructions and will be provided after panel members confirm availability. Please note that it is likely that not all responders can be included on review panels, depending on the number of review volunteers and proposals received.

Investigators or collaborators are not eligible to review proposals for tasks if they submit a proposal for that same task.

Fire History in the Appalachians Workshop and the Central Appalachian FLN Workshop

We had a great joint workshop with the Central Appalachian Fire Learning Network in October. If you couldn't make it to the workshop but are interested in viewing the PowerPoint presentations you can find them posted under the event on www.appalachianfire.org.



Lunch at USFS Newcastle work center



Fire Scarred Table Mountain Pine sampled by Henri



Great discussions on "what to do next"



Margit Bucher and Sally Horn bagging a soil core



Sally Horn, Tom Waldrop, Chris Underwood, Charles Lafan and Henri Grissino-Mayer



CAFMS is looking for someone to join our team! We have grown over the last 5 years and are in need of help. The job will be hired through Clemson University and should be advertised in a couple of weeks. Check <http://www.clemson.edu/employment/prospective/finjobs.html> for the job posting.

Questions? Email Helen (helen@cafms.org) or Tom (twaldrop@fs.fed.us)

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Find us on twitter @APfirescience or find us on Facebook by searching Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists.

Join CAFMS:

The consortium is for all land managers and researchers in the region who deal with any aspect of fire. To join, simply provide us with some contact information at the web site listed below.

www.appalachianfire.org

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