

Midwestern Prescribed Fire Council Summary

Representatives were present from Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas Prescribed Fire Councils, as well as the Pottawattamie Conservation Board. Many Councils have worked to increase capacity through workshops and conferences. Others have focused on trying to create a community of practice amongst fire practitioners in their state. Providing access to training without getting into the contentious and litigious world of prescribing training remains a tight rope to walk. Although the level of the state is good for addressing policy questions, it may not be as good as meeting the needs of diverse, land-use/land-cover mitigated fire communities. Negotiating liability policy is difficult, though some states have had limited success.