

The Role of Prescribed Fire Councils



Illilouette Basin, Yosemite National Park. Photo credit: Marc Meyer

What are Prescribed Fire Councils?

Prescribed Fire Councils are collaborative groups of local and regional stakeholders who work together to increase the appropriate use of prescribed fire.

Existing Prescribed Fire Councils have diverse memberships and often include federal and state agencies, academic institutions, conservation-based organizations, private companies, landowners, and interested citizens.

Prescribed Fire Councils play multiple roles based on local and regional needs. Some of these roles include: planning and implementing prescribed fire, facilitating cooperation between agencies, and providing training opportunities for fire practitioners. Prescribed Fire Councils can also provide a forum for shared learning, a unified message for public outreach, and adaptive management in the art and science of prescribed fire.

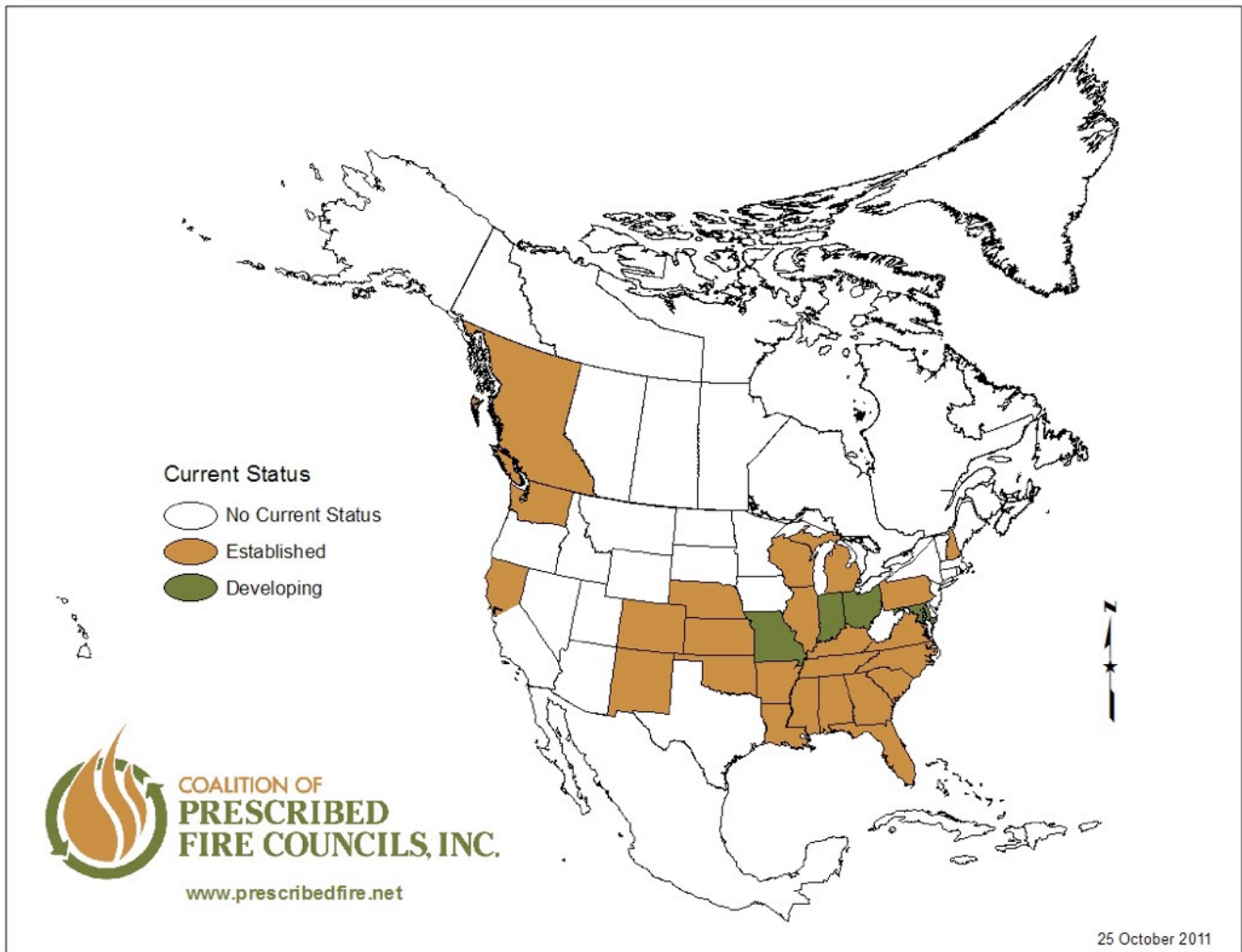
What do Prescribed Fire Councils do?

The main objectives of Prescribed Fire Councils are to protect the right to burn and to increase the safety and responsible use of prescribed fire through:

- Focused attention on prescribed fire and needs of fire practitioners;
- Networking – learning and sharing;
- Coordination for planning, training, and implementation;
- Education and outreach at local and regional levels;
- Improving fire policy and regulations.

Existing Councils

Currently, there are 27 councils in existence across the United States and 1 International Prescribed Fire Council in British Columbia.



Get Involved

Currently, the Northern California Prescribed Fire Council's efforts do not reach central and southern California, even though this landscape, too, needs more prescribed burning. On March 27th, participants at the Southern Sierra Fire and Smoke Symposium will be discussing the formulation of a Prescribed Fire Council. Join the conversation by attending the Symposium, or by contacting Karina Silvas-Bellanca at karina@sierraforestlegacy.org or Tim Kline at tkline@berkeley.edu.

Learn More

Please visit the National Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils at www.prescribedfire.net and the Northern California Prescribed Fire Council at www.norcalrxfirecouncil.org for additional information.



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