

SOUTHEAST FIRE ECOLOGY PARTNERSHIP

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ABSTRACT

The Southeastern Fire Ecology Partnership is composed of fire ecologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, and Tall Timbers Research Station. The Southeastern Fire Ecology Partnership supports science-based ideas and innovations in land management issues related to fire. This information is widely communicated and accessible; it is extensively integrated into fire and land management decisions and actions, resulting in diverse, functioning landscapes. The partnership serves as a focal point for fire ecology information transfer, especially with regard to management issues on public lands and lands managed primarily for ecosystem health. The partnership's vision is that our efficient, creative, and cooperative efforts will lead to a workforce and society that understand and support the role of fire as a fundamental cultural, social, and ecological force. The mission of this group is to serve as a reference point for fire ecology issues in the southeastern United States and to support collaborative research, training, and education efforts within the field of fire ecology. As this partnership develops, it will serve as a centralized reference point known to academic, research, federal, state, and private communities regarding fire ecology issues in the Southeast. An additional objective is to serve as a clearinghouse for identification and prioritization of cooperative fire ecology-related research and educational needs. By capitalizing on co-location at Tall Timbers Research Station, we have a unique opportunity to pool resources and realize a synergistic effect based on differing perspectives from all partners.

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