

# THE ASSOCIATION FOR FIRE ECOLOGY

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## ABSTRACT

The Association for Fire Ecology (AFE) is an organization of professionals dedicated to promoting the application of fire ecology through science and education. AFE was created in recognition of the need for fire ecology information at the national level. Currently AFE has two chapters: the Student Association for Fire Ecology and the California Association for Fire Ecology. AFE is currently expanding and looking to start new chapters around the country.

The most visible projects of AFE are the fire conferences. AFE has held four conferences since 1997, including “Fire Conference 2000: The First National Congress on Fire Ecology, Prevention, and Management” and “Fire Conference 2002: Managing Fire and Fuels in the Remaining Wildlands and Open Spaces of the Southwestern United States.” AFE is now planning “The Second National Wildland Fire Ecology and Fire Management Congress” for the fall of 2003 in association with the Tall Timbers Research Station, the International Association for Wildland Fire, the Nature Conservancy, and the Joint Fire Science Program.

AFE is also continuing work on state-level projects such as the California Fire Effects Information Resource, which includes 1) the development of a fire ecology textbook titled *Fire in California Ecosystems*, 2) the creation of an on-line bibliography cross-linked to major vegetation and ecosystem classifications, 3) an update of the *Manual of California Vegetation* to include fire effects, and 4) updates and additions to the Fire Effects Information System for California species.

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