



Growing Partnerships

Prescribed Fire: a Historical Tool with New Opportunities



"This video was a cooperative effort through a multi disciplinary partnership lead by the Texas Coalition Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative. Our charge was to provide outreach and education to local county officials regarding the importance of prescribed burning as a wildfire mitigation tool and a natural resource management tool for Texas landowners."

Jeff Goodwin
State GLCI Grazingland Specialist

"This project started as a result of severe wildfire outbreaks in Texas and several other states. We felt the need to get our partners on board and produce a product that can educate local officials on the importance of prescribed fire as an economical brush management practice for the ranching community as well as a fuel mitigation practice to protect cities and communities. Prescribed fire has always been used and will continue to be utilized as a tool by a select group of individuals, with this video we hope to show just how important the impacts can be to millions of the residents of the state of Texas.

Kent Ferguson
State Rangeland Management Specialist

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"Sometimes Smokey the Bear did too good of a job. People got the idea that any fire is a bad fire, and that's absolutely not true. There are great fires and prescribed burning done at the right time for the right reasons and with the right trained people is a very effective tool at mitigating fuels."

Tom Boggus
Director, Texas Forest Service



"This burn was implemented by NRCS as a protective measure, a defensive measure for the city of Spur. Prescribed burns can be very beneficial for safety and defensive measure for cities and residential areas."

Sheldon Parsons
County Commissioner, Dickens County



"As far as the Commissioners Court is concerned, there are very little if any legal ramifications to the court itself for a prescribed burn getting out of hand."

Brandon Belt
County Attorney, Coryell County



"The Brooks County Commissioners Court, two years ago implemented a plan that was to allow our local ranchers to do a prescribed burn."

Raul Ramirez
County Judge, Dickens County



"If we can come up with plans and have counties working together with the organizations to do these prescribed burns we can keep this (wildfires) from happening, and it can be done safely in burn bans."

Lisa Arnold
County Judge, Dickens County



"I wish I could have been able to use prescribed fire more than I have. Every summer we get into the situation where we would like to have a prescribed burn one place or another, but when the conditions are right for a burn, generally the counties are in a burn ban situation. We've planned for a burn for three years and have never gotten it done."

Charley Christensen
Rancher, Tom Green County



"This is too big of an arena and too big of a state for us to try to do it by ourselves, so we've got to continue to work together."

Tom Boggus
Director, Texas Forest Service