

**South Carolina Prescribed Fire Council**

**Annual Meeting**

Blackville, South Carolina  
Thursday, October 15, 2009

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Registration Fee .....\$20

Please enclose check for \$20 per person.

Make checks payable to  
South Carolina Prescribed Fire Council

Deadline for pre-registration is October 7, 2009. We can only guarantee lunch for those who pre-register.

**Mail registration form(s) and check to:**

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If you have questions, please contact Paul Watts at 803-896-8837 or pwatts@forestry.state.sc.us.

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Clemson University's Edisto Research & Experiment Station

Blackville, SC

## Meeting Information

The South Carolina Prescribed Fire Council will hold its annual meeting Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the Clemson University Research & Experiment Station in Blackville. Anyone having an interest in prescribed burning is encouraged to attend.

The mission statement of the South Carolina Prescribed Fire Council is to foster cooperation among all parties in the Palmetto State with an interest in prescribed fire to optimize burning opportunities, to encourage the exchange of information, techniques and experiences among practitioners of prescribed fire and to promote public understanding of the importance and benefits of prescribed fire. The wise use of prescribed fire improves public safety by reducing fuel loads in the forest and enhances ecosystems that require or benefit from fire. Carefully burned lands are also more aesthetically pleasing.

4.5 Hours of Category 1 CFE Credits Available.

## Directions

Clemson University Edisto Research & Experiment Station

64 Research Road  
Blackville, SC 29817

Located on Highway 78 between Blackville and Williston.

## Agenda

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9:30-9:45 Tom Dooley—Opening Remarks and Prescribed Fire Council Activities Update

9:45-10:15 Mike Bozzo —Highway 31 Wildfire Response and Lessons Learned

10:15-10:45 Deanna Ruth—Lewis Ocean Bay HP - Management of Fire Dependent Ecosystem and the Aftermath of HWY 31 Wildfire

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-11:30 Dr. Joan Walker—Secrets Revealed Slowly: Fire and the Ground-layer of Longleaf Pine Communities

11:30-12:00 Helen Mohr—Table Mountain Pine Research in the South Carolina and Georgia Mountains

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:30 Dr. Georgina DeWeese—Predicting Fire Occurrence in Yellow Pine Forests of the Central Appalachian Mountains

1:30-2:00 Johnny Stowe—Growing Season Burns, Thermal Thinning and Pruning: From Iconoclast to Acceptance

2:00-2:30 Dr. Travis Folk—Impact of Season of Burn on Survival and Movement of Bobwhites

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-3:15 Gary Burger—Video: Get in the Game—Growing Season Burn

3:15-3:45 Jeff Dennis—Prescribed Fire Cooperatives: A Neighbor Helping Neighbor Approach

3:45-4:00 Tom Dooley—Closing Remarks

## Speakers

- Tom Dooley, The Nature Conservancy, Fire Manager
- Mike Bozzo, SC Forestry Commission, Fire Staff and IC on the HWY 31 Fire
- Deanna Ruth, SC Department of Natural Resources, Unit 4A Biologist-Region 4 Heritage Preserve Coordinator
- Joan Walker, USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station, Research Plant Ecologist
- Helen Mohr, USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station, Forester
- Georgina DeWeese, University of West Georgia, Department of Geosciences, Professor
- Dr. Travis Folk, Wildlife Biologist, Folk Land Management, Inc., Adjunct Professor of Biology University of SC-Salkehatchie
- Johnny Stowe, SC Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Biologist and Heritage Preserve Manager
- Gary Burger, National Wild Turkey Federation, Registered Forester
- Jeff Dennis, Contributor to the SC Sportsman Magazine, Private Landowner, Founder of PL-ACE, Private Landowners of the ACE