

Regulations and Burn Plans

Prescribed Fire in Wisconsin

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Objectives

- State fire regulations and resources
- Preparing a burn plan
- Conservation programs



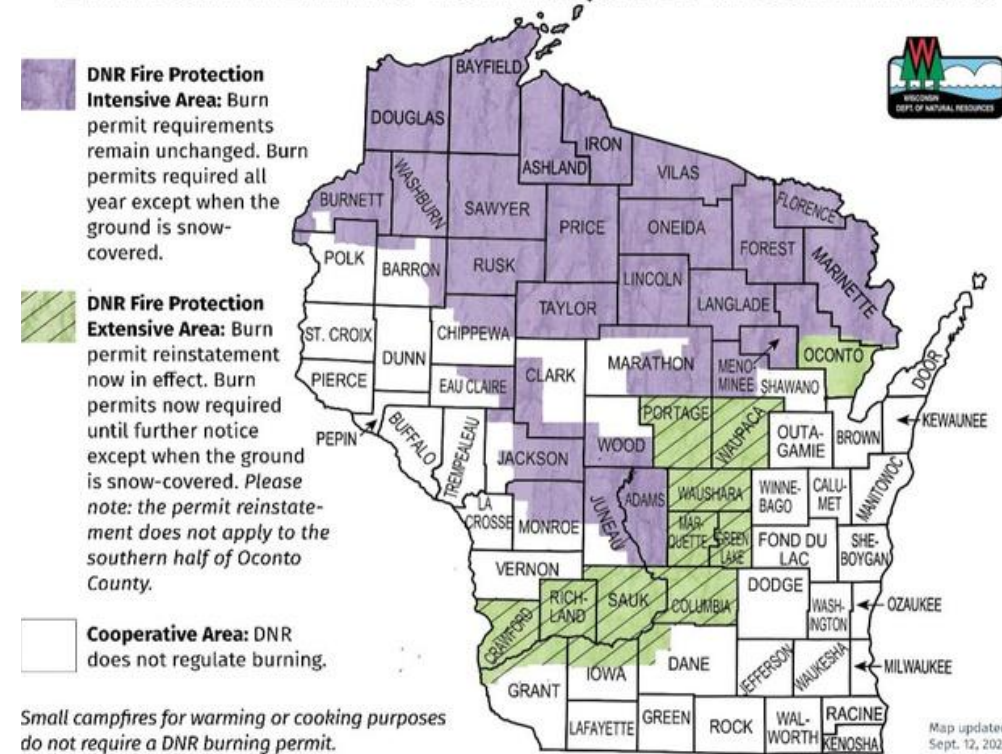
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- Primarily regulated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
 - Must obtain a proper burn permit
- If you are in a co-op area, you will need to follow local ordinance
- To confirm if you are in a co-op zone you can:
 - check the WDNR burn dashboard
 - call your local ranger station or fire control dispatch office
 - call the WisBURN Hotline
 - 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876)

DNR BURN PERMITS NOW REQUIRED IN SOME AREAS



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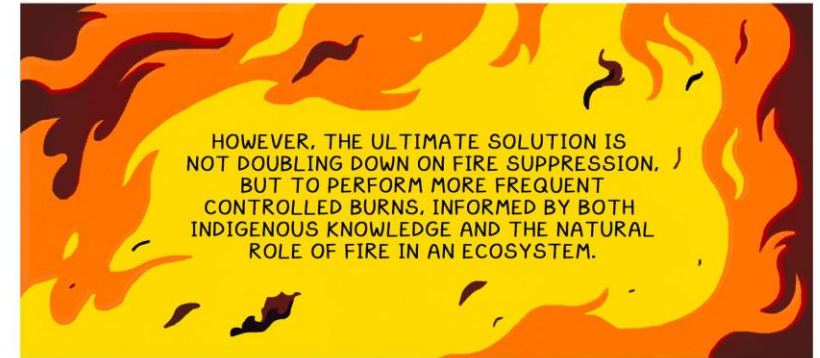
Wisconsin Fire Resources

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)
 - <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestfire/prescribedfire>
 - Find regulations, how to obtain a burn permit, etc.
 - <https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/prescribedburndashboard/>
 - See burns that the WDNR has conducted
- Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council (WPFC)
 - <https://prescribedfire.org>
 - Burn plan template, prescribed burn classes, etc.
- Pheasants Forever
 - Prescribed Fire on my Property
 - Farm Bill Biologists



Prescribed Fire in Wisconsin

- Fire is good, context matters
- Liability
 - Wisconsin is a strict liability state
 - Best way to minimize risk is preparation, planning, and..
- Insurance
 - Check Farm/Ranch Policy
 - No wildfire exclusion
 - Prescribed Fire Coverage
 - ARMR
 - Forest Specialty Underwriters

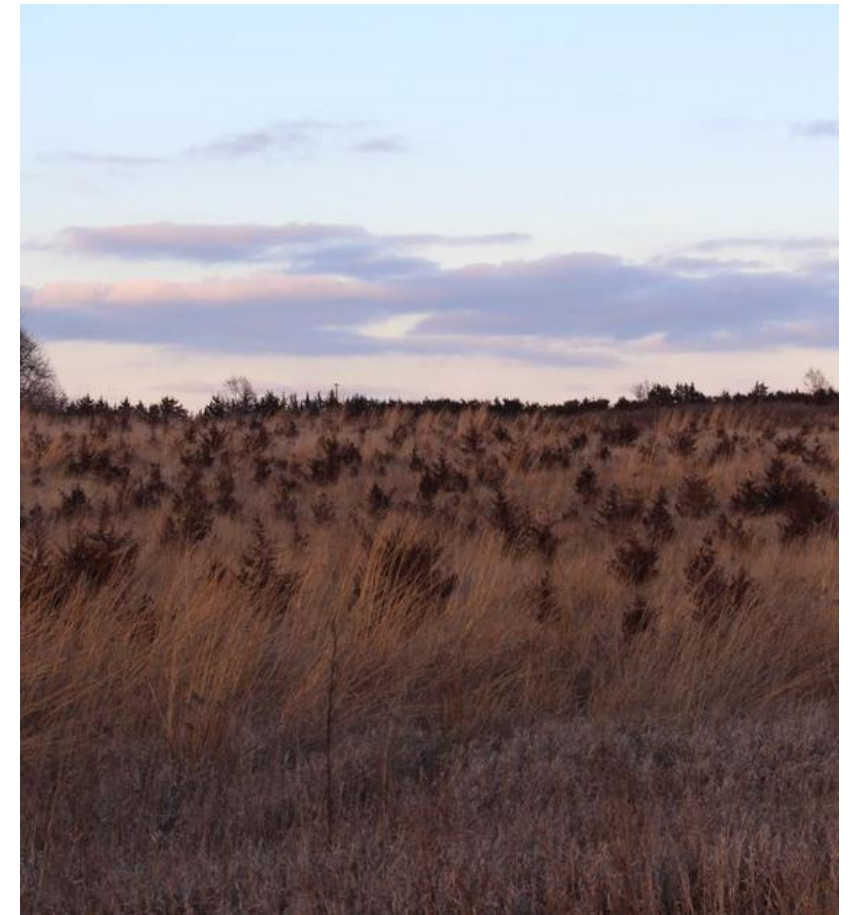


Writing a Burn Plan

Your Goals for the property influence entire plan

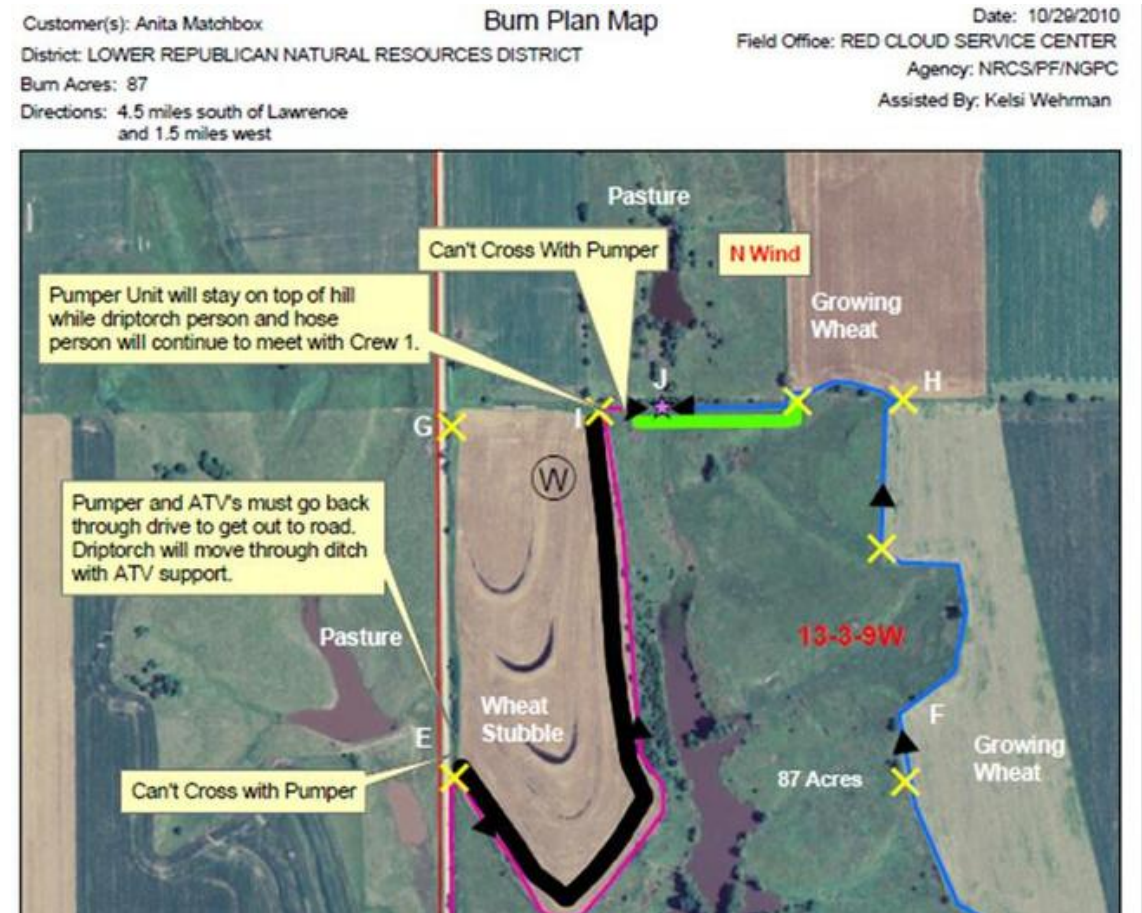
A burn plan must include:

- Property Information
- Burn Unit Information
 - Hazards
 - Firebreaks
 - Fuels In/Out
- Prescription
- Crew Arrangement
- Ignition Plan
- Holding Plan
- Contingency Plan
- Medical Plan
- Maps



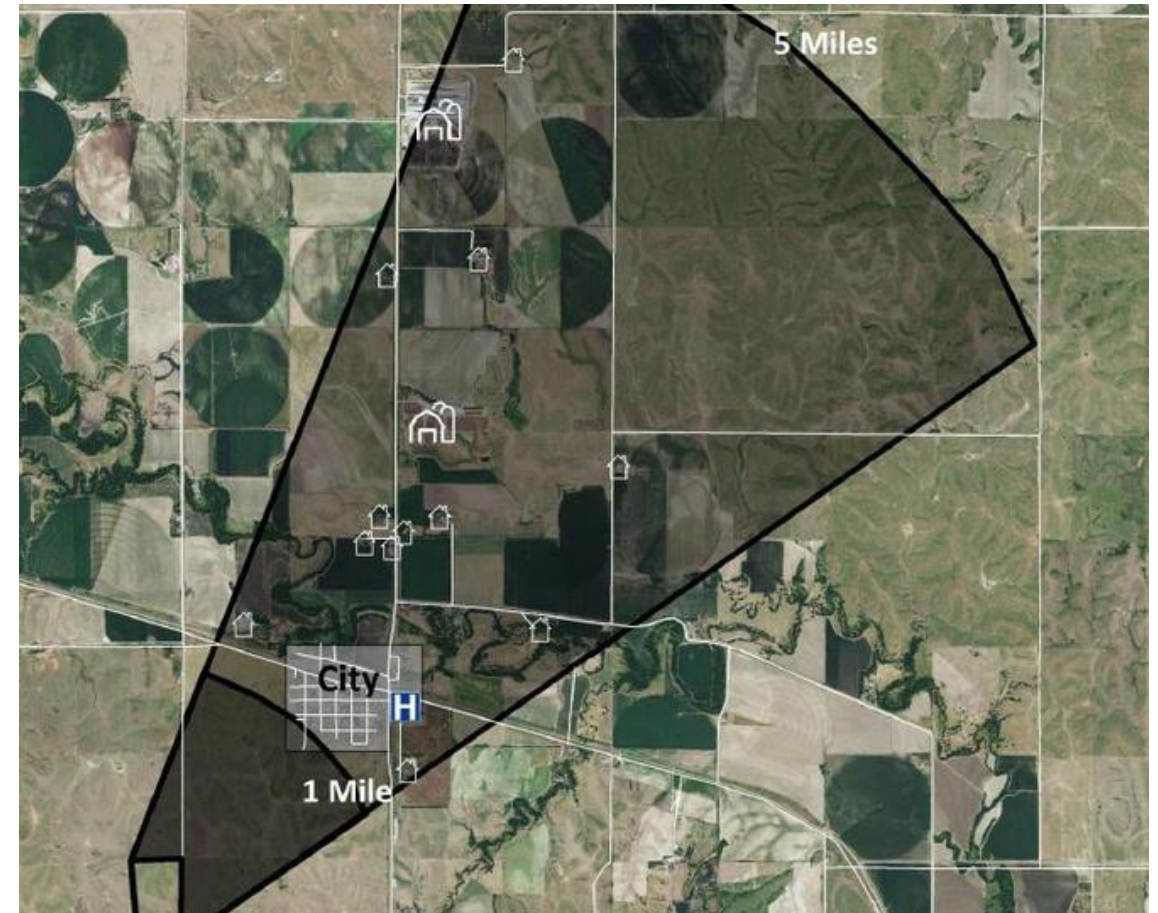
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- A map showing the areas to be burned, including natural and manmade firebreaks



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- Identification of roads and habitations that may be affected by smoke
 - Vsmoke



Conservation Programs

A variety of conservation programs are available to help with the cost of fire as well as other habitat enhancements.

Contact your local Pheasants Forever farm bill biologist for assistance!



Conservation Programs

If you plan to burn under a federal, state or local contract, ensure you follow the guidelines

- Some contracts restrict when you can burn
 - May 15th – August 1st





Questions?

