

# Burn Crew Assignments

Prescribed Fire in Wisconsin

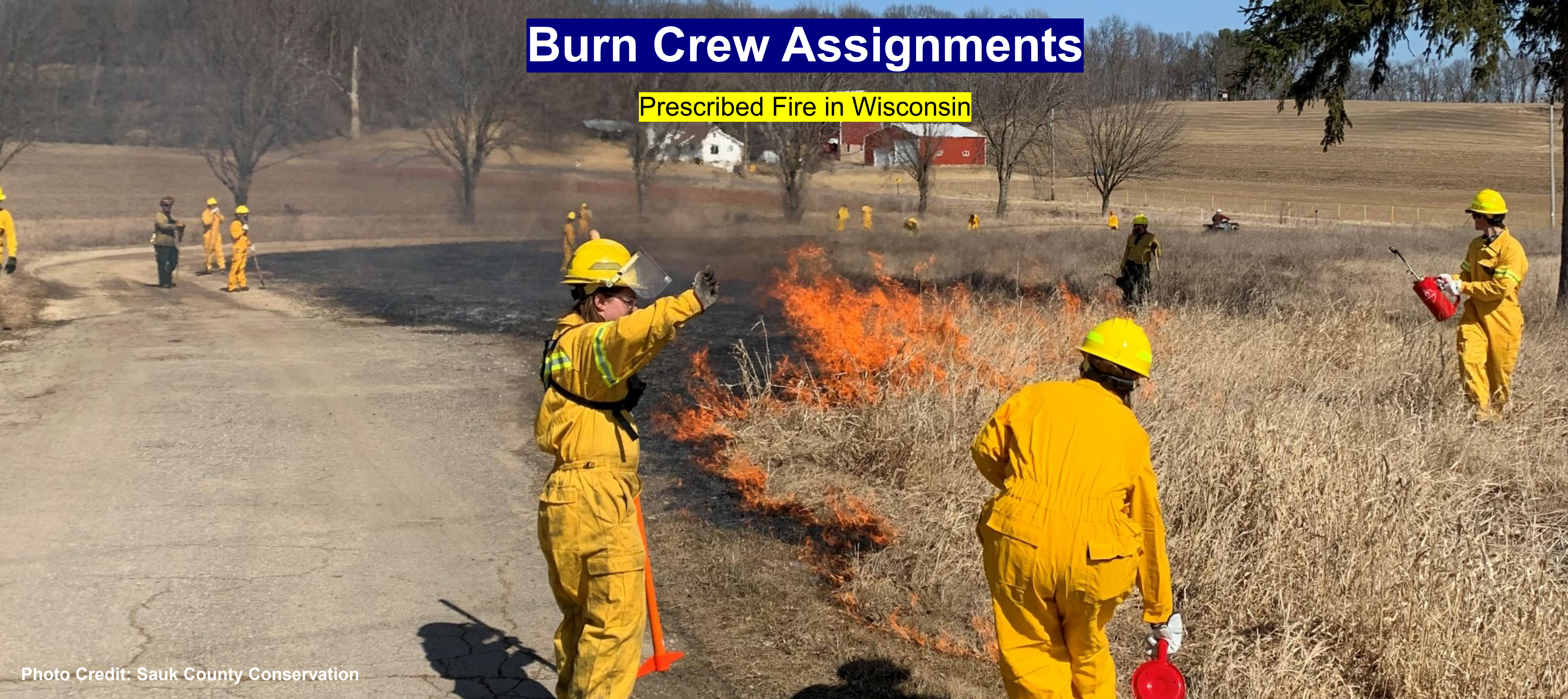


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# Objectives

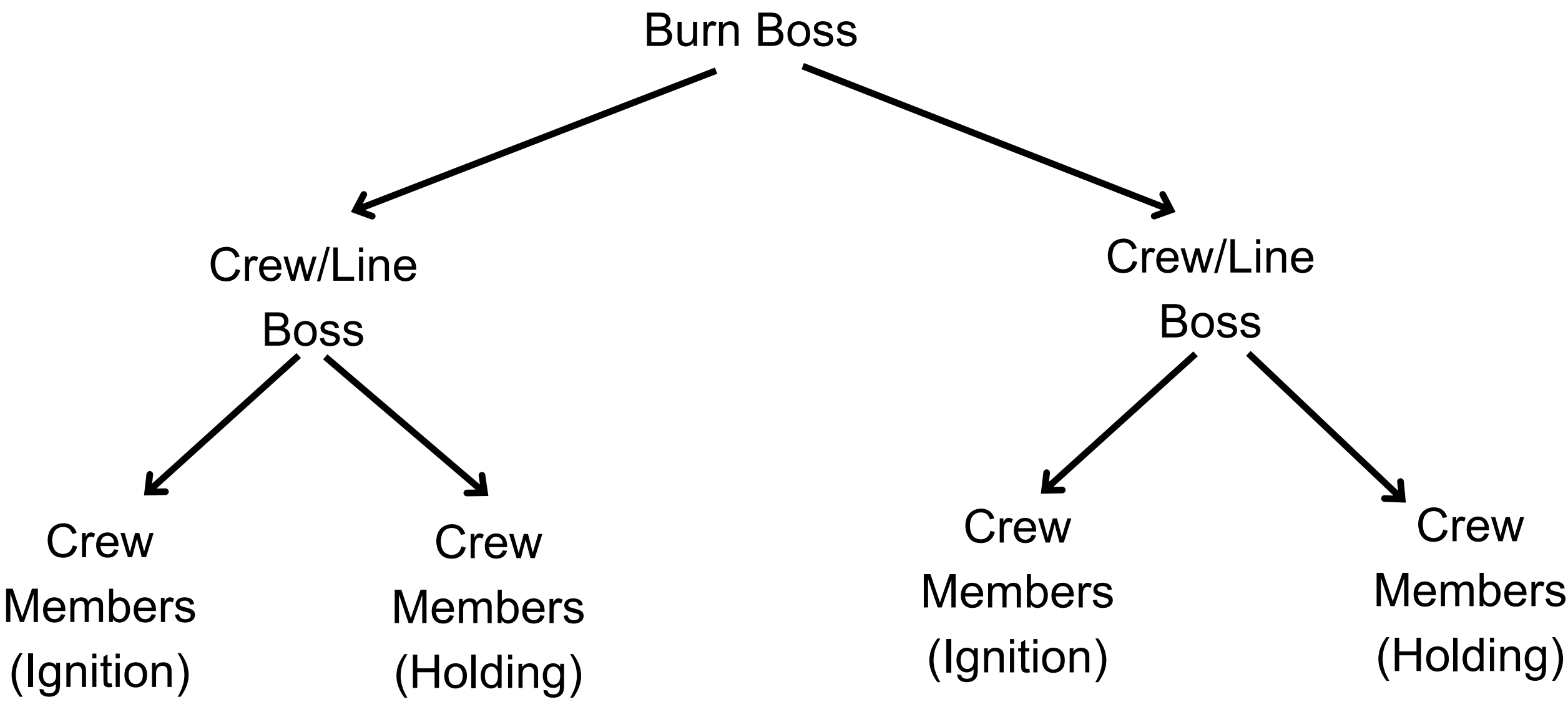
- Chain of Command
- Fire Line Position Responsibilities
- Briefing







# Chain of Command





# Chain of Command Communication

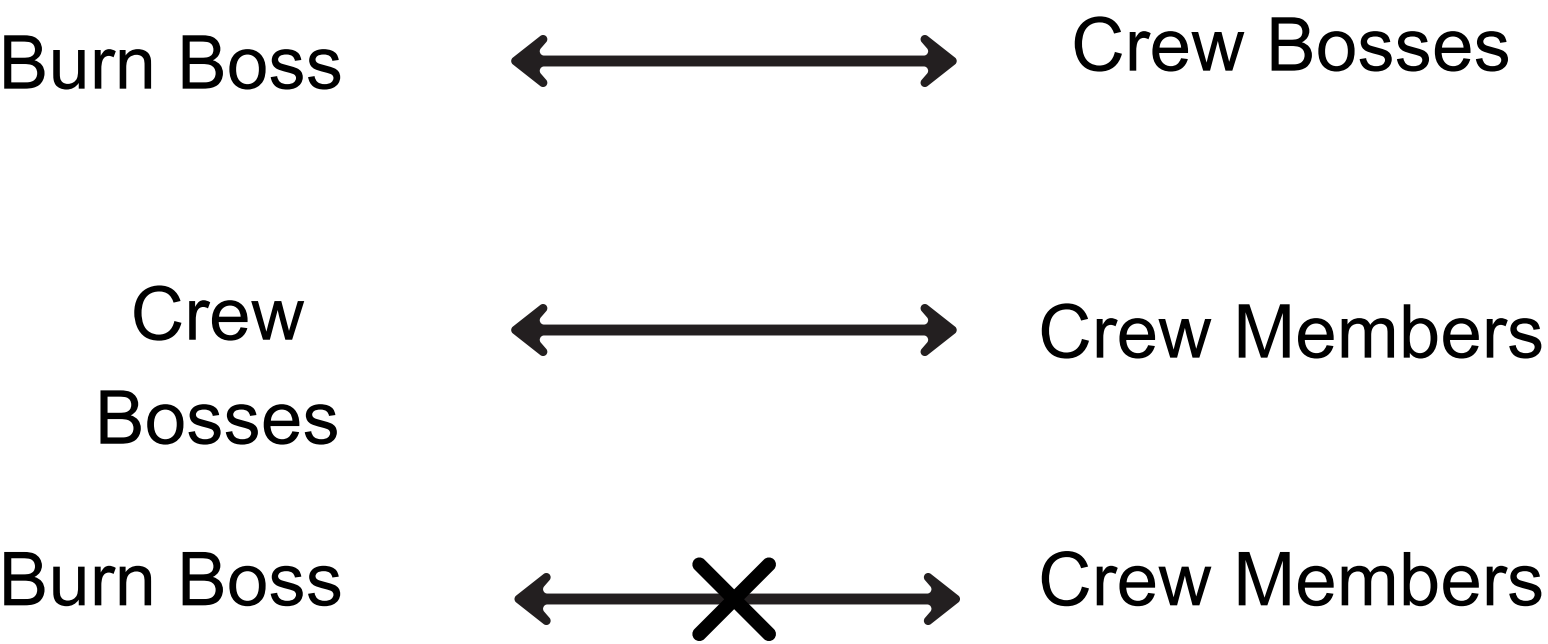


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## Burn Boss

- In charge of the entire operation
- Makes final calls on burn day activities
- Familiar with the burn unit topography and fuels
- Always stays aware of changing weather that may influence the days activities
- Assigns groups to be on each line
- Provides a thorough briefing before ignition
- Communicates with the line bosses as fire progresses



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## Crew/Line/Squad Bosses

- Usually 2- each crew boss leads a line around the exterior of the unit
- May be a third line boss leading interior ignitions
- Assign crew members to positions
- Communicate to the burn boss:
  - Fire Behavior
  - Changing weather conditions
  - Progress made around the unit
  - Crew member physical conditions/morale







## Crew Members- Ignitions

- Usually use a torch to ignite fire within the unit
- Primary igniter-lights along edge of unit
- Secondary igniter- lights interior, helping to widen black within unit



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## Crew Members- Holding

- Performs a task to keep fire contained within the boundaries of the unit
- Assigned to water (ATV/Back can), hand tools and/or being a lookout
- Primary holder- stays at the front of the line looking for spots/slop overs
- Secondary holder-stays near the back of the line to check for creep/spots missed by primary crew







## Briefing

- Before a burn starts, your burn boss should go through a briefing that includes
  - Introductions
  - Weather
  - Map- discussed in detail
  - Crew Assignments
  - Resources stationed around the unit
  - Tactics
  - Hazards
  - Smoke Management
  - Contingency Plans







## Prescribed Fire is a TEAM sport!

- The whole crew is important on a burn!
- We need multiple eyes, ears, and experience levels!
- Use teamwork and strong/clear communication to have a successful burn!



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Questions?

