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**“Fire in the Mountains”
Hyatt Place – Asheville, NC
September 6 - 7, 2017**

Wednesday, September 6th

08:00-08:30	<p>Registration and Coffee</p> <p>Welcome to Prescribed Fire Council Meeting by Master of Ceremonies</p> <p>Welcome to Prescribed Fire Council Meeting by NC Forest Service</p> <p>Welcome by Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientist (CAFMS)</p>	<p>Jennifer Lamb, TNC & Susan Miller, USFWS</p> <p>Christa Rogers, Mecklenburg County</p> <p>David Lane, NCFS</p> <p>Helen Mohr, CAFMS</p>
	National Wild Turkey Federation	<p>Chris Coxen, NWTF</p> <p>Allen Nicholas, USFS and Greg Yates, NCFS</p>
08:40-09:00	<p>Western NC Wild Fire Overview</p> <p>New Public Outreach, Research and Learning Opportunities Since the 2016 Southern Appalachian Fire Season</p>	
09:00-09:30		Helen Mohr, CAFMS
09:30-09:50	<p>Break</p> <p>Agency Panel: How have the fall 2016 wildfires changed your agency's standards, training & communications? What challenges and opportunities do you see moving forward with controlled burning?</p>	
09:50-11:00	<p>NCFS perspective</p> <p>NC State Parks</p> <p>NC WRC</p> <p>USFS</p> <p>BIA</p> <p>VFD and Emergency response</p> <p>Fire Education Teams-lessons learned</p>	<p>Greg Yates</p> <p>Marshall Ellis</p> <p>Ryan Jacobs</p> <p>Steven Little</p> <p>Jonathan Lee</p> <p>Mike Cook</p> <p>Bill Swartley</p>
11:00-11:30	Discussion	
11:30-12:00	<p>NC Smoke Management Program</p> <p>Air Quality and Smoke Management- Division of Air Quality Perspective</p>	<p>Meyer Cabe Speary, NCFS</p> <p>Brendan Davey, NCDEQ</p>

Lunch break (boxed lunch provided)
Posters and Displays Available
Silent Auction Bidding & Raffle Tickets Available
12:30 Awards - Master of Ceremonies – Michael Cheek

12:30-13:30

	NC Prescribed Fire Council Prescribed Burner of the Year Award	Michael Cheek, NCFS & NCPFC
	State Foresters Prescribed Burning Award – Presented by David Lane, NCFS	David Lane, NCFS
	Wildlife Resources Commission Prescribed Burning Award NC State Parks Prescribed Burning Award	Chris Jordan, NCWRC Jon Blanchard NCDPR
	Career Achievement Recognition	Michael Cheek, NCFS & NCPFC
	Passing of the Torch State of the NC Prescribed Fire Council <i>Master of Ceremonies</i> <i>Fire Communications: language that works</i>	Michael Cheek, NCFS & NCPFC Margit Bucher, TNC & NCPFC Ryan Jacobs, WRC Debbie Crane, TNC <i>Jim Gray/Terry Sharpe/Caroline Krom</i>
13:30-13:50		
13:50-14:10	<i>Break - Silent Auction Continued</i>	
14:10-14:25	Building Capacity for Controlled Burns: Providing resources: “on call” crews	Adam Warwick, TNC
14:25-14:45	Empowering landowners: Sandhills Prescribed Burner Association	Jesse Wimberley, SALT
14:45-15:15	Discussion about opportunities to build capacity	Kevin Harvell, NCFS moderator
15:15-15:30	<i>Break-Silent Auction Continued</i>	
15:30-16:15	Introduce small group discussions	Margit Bucher, TNC Table hosts: Bill Swartley Matthew Harrell Dean Simon Jesse Wimberley Helen Mohr Michael Cheek Kevin Harvell Meyer ‘Cabe’ Speary
	Communications Building capacity to burn Working with private landowners Prescribed fire associations Science needs and user friendly science access for managers Public and private funding opportunities for RX fire Updates for the council strategic plan Smoke management	
16:15-16:40	Report from small groups	Table hosts
16:40-16:50	Raffle Winner/Election Results/Adjourn	
16:50-17:00	Field trip logistic announcements	Dean Simon/Marshall Ellis, NCWRC
17:00	<i>Adjourn</i>	
18:00-21:00	Social at Catawba Brewing 32 Banks Ave. Asheville, NC 28801 (1 beer ticket provided per person – private bar located at rear of Brewery) <i>Dinner is on your own. Outside Catawba, the Purple People Feeder food truck will sell Hibachi-style meals (\$10 or less). And Buxton Hall BBQ is directly next door to Catawba.</i>	

Thursday, September 7th

Field Trip goes rain or shine.

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| 7:45 | Gather in Hyatt parking lot | |
| 8:00 | Depart for Green River Game Land | |
| 9:00 | Green River Game Land | Management and Research on Green River Game Land
Fire and Fire Surrogate Study Overview and Objectives
Fire and Fire Surrogate Study - Fire Effects on Wildlife |
| 12:00 | Depart for Lake Lure | 30 min drive |
| 12:30 | Lake Lure Town Hall | Lunch (provided) |
| 13:30 | Lake Lure and Chimney Rock | Local community perspectives on the Fall 2016 wildfire
Local Volunteer Fire Department - wildfire operations
Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy
NCFS- Party Rock wildfire operations & area fire history
N. C. State Parks - wildfire operations and fire effects
Walk around area and discuss wildfire operations
Unmanned Aerial Device "Drone" demo - discuss utility for fire management |
| 16:00 | Depart for Asheville | |
| 17:00 | Return to Hyatt Place hotel | |