**State Forester's Prescribed Burning Award**

**2023 Nomination Form**

***The State Forester's Prescribed Burning Award*** *may be presented annually to a NC Forest Service employee or team of employees who demonstrate leadership and excellence in accomplishing prescribed burning in North Carolina's forests. This award recognizes significant achievements in overcoming obstacles to prescribed burning; working successfully with landowners and partners to conduct, support, and facilitate prescribed burns; and/or promoting the benefits of prescribed burning. The acres burned in a single year are not the sole basis for this award. The recipient(s) of this award will have shown perseverance to accomplish and support prescribed burning for the health of the forest, its inhabitants, and the citizens of the state. The 2023 award focuses on accomplishments that occurred between July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. The award will be presented by the State Forester or their designee at the North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council Annual Meeting*.

1. **Nomination deadline: ­­**Nominations must be emailed by **5:00 PM on August 18, 2023 to** [sean.brogan@ncagr.gov](mailto:sean.brogan@ncagr.gov) **and** [renee.strickland@ncagr.gov](mailto:renee.strickland@ncagr.gov)

Please include in the email subject line the phrase “*2023 Prescribed Burning Award Nomination*”.

1. **Nominator info (**nominator does not have to be an NC Forest Service employee):

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| Name/Title |  |
| NCFS Duty Station; Organization (if not NCFS) |  |
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1. **Nominee(s). Must be an employee / group of employees of the NC Forest Service. Add more as needed:**

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1. **Description of the nominee(s) achievements (2-page limit):**

Provide a description of the nominee’s significant contributions to prescribed burning in North Carolina, including associated leadership and work with partners. Include any other accomplishments or characteristics that make the recipient(s) worthy of this award.

1. **Supporting quantitative information (2-page limit):**

Provide a summary description of the nominee’s achievements in the following categories where applicable.

1. Achievements in overcoming obstacles to prescribed burning
2. Partners/landowners involved
3. Conservation and management benefits
   1. Species influenced (flora and fauna)
   2. Acres burned
   3. Regional impacts of burning efforts
   4. Other
4. Educational benefits
   1. Target audiences
   2. Estimated size of audience reached
   3. Other
5. Scientific contributions
   1. Dissemination of information through reports, manuals, publications or other media
   2. Influence on management policies
   3. Other
6. Protection Benefits
7. Brief description of economic benefits