



FY 2021 West Central Georgia Rx Fire Initiative

This cost share program is focused on reintroducing prescribed fire in the Chattahoochee Fall Line area of Georgia to provide ecological benefits and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires. The program will be implemented by the Georgia Forestry Commission with funding from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, American Forest Foundation, Georgia Department of Natural Resources Bobwhite Quail Initiative, Landscape Scale Restoration Grant and other partners.

This initiative will provide private landowners a payment of \$15.00 per acre for successfully completing prescribed burning on approved forested lands.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be the legal landowner.
- Prescribed burn must be conducted on forested land. Burning is not approved for the site preparation for reforestation, land clearing, pasture, or row crops.
- Applicants must have a valid checking account to receive direct deposit/payment.
- Applicants must be a private landowner. No State or Federal lands will be eligible for funding.
- No duplicative funding for this practice.
- The prescribed burn must be conducted legally by securing a burn permit and following any local ordinances in one of the following Georgia counties: Chattahoochee, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Schley, Talbot, or Taylor.
- Approved participants agree that enhancing native wildlife habitat is one of your primary objectives and an additional burn will be conducted in the next three years.

Program Requirements

- Must burn a minimum of 10 acres.
- Payment will not exceed \$2,250.00 per landowner. (150 acres x \$15.00 = \$2,250.00)
- Landowner must be able to fully support and implement a prescribed burn or hire someone that can. Approval in this program does not guarantee GFC will be able to assist with firebreaks or prescribed burn assistance.
- Landowner must allow Georgia Forestry Commission employee(s) or their representative access to the burn unit for application ranking criteria verification, prescribed burn progress and mapping.
- Approved participants must have the burn completed by May 15th 2021. **NO** additional time will be granted after the deadline.

Applications: Visit <https://arcg.is/1uem58> to complete the online application.

- Accepted between 10/1/2020 and 11/30/2020.
- Ranked between 12/1/2020 and 12/15/2020
- Approval notifications will be sent out between 12/16/2020 and 12/30/2020.

If you have any questions please contact RT Lumpkin 478-957-0307 rlumpkin@gfc.state.ga.us, Lisa Duncan 912-515-5005 lduncan@gfc.state.ga.us, or visit your local GFC County Unit.

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