



FY 2023 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 NFWF America the Beautiful Challenge Grant, Georgia Sentinel Landscape Pilot Project, Georgia Department of Natural Resources Bobwhite Quail Initiative, USFS Landscape Scale Restoration Grant, Longleaf Alliance, and other partners. Depending on availability, funding may be prioritized for certain counties or cost share payments may be delayed several months.

This initiative will provide private landowners a payment of \$15.00 per acre for successfully completing prescribed burning/firebreaks 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 are eligible.
- 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, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor or Webster.
- Approved applicants agree that enhancing native wildlife habitat is one of your primary objectives and an additional burn will be conducted in the next three years. Thinning is allowed and encouraged, clearcutting the practice area in the next three years, except for natural disasters, may result in partial or full repayment of cost share funds.

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 2023. **NO** additional time will be granted after the deadline.

Applications: Visit <https://gatrees.org/fire-prevention-suppression/cflrxfirecoop/> to complete the online application.

- Accepted between 11/1/2022 and 12/30/2022. Ranked between 11/1/2022 and 1/15/2023. Approval notifications will be sent out around the middle of January.

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.

Partners:



NFWF

BOBWHITE QUAIL INITIATIVE



The Georgia



Sentinel
Landscape