

COURSE: Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation

TOPIC: Setting Objectives in Prescribed Fire (Unit 2)

SUGGESTED TIME: 45 Minutes

TRAINING AIDS NEEDED: Projector for showing powerpoint presentations, flip chart and pens

INSTRUCTOR NOTES:

One suggestion regarding teaching the different components of the burn plan in this course is to first give the students a quick overview of what a burn plan is, and what one looks like. The instructor for Unit 2 could first reference the sample burn plan in the final exercise section of the student guide, and explain that beginning with Unit 2, all of the units of discussion in this course are a part of the burn plan package. This discussion leads well into Unit 2, Objectives, which is the first burn plan component discussed.

Unit 2 is a straightforward unit with no real difficulty, and is one of the most important units in the class. The objective of this unit is to get students to understand the value of setting good objectives, preparing a proper prescription, and monitoring the results. Stress that we don't burn just to make acres black. Fire needs to be appropriate for the landscape, or it is not the tool to use for the job.

This unit should be coordinated with Unit 9, Monitoring. Both units are valuable to the content of the course and should complement each other.

