

## **‘Flame and Fortune,’ AgriLife Extension offers Prescribed Burn School July 13-14 in San Angelo**

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SAN ANGELO – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Prescribed Burn School July 13-14 in San Angelo.

The July 13 classroom instruction will be from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

The July 14 activities, an actual prescribed burn, is scheduled from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on the Kent Ranch Southeast of San Angelo on the Susan Peak Rd. or Farm-to-Market 1223. Signs will be posted.

Dr. Morgan Russell, AgriLife Extension range specialist at San Angelo, said the school is for those interested in using fire as a range management tool.

“Aside from introducing some of the top experts in the field of prescribed fire, the classroom training will prepare participants for completing the Texas Department of Agriculture’s prescribed burn exam required to become a certified, licensed private burn manager,” Russell said. “The permit allows a private individual to conduct prescribed burns on property they own or control when conditions are optimum, even if the county is in a burn ban.

“On the second day, participants will actually work with the pros. They will be paired with their agency and industry instructors to assist in the implementation of an actual ranch management burn on the Kent Ranch. This training is truly a rare opportunity to learn from the best in the business first in a relaxed classroom setting and then through the actual hands-on fire experience that puts into practice the knowledge the participants learned the day before.”

Topics and speakers during the classroom session will include:

- Evaluating Success in Prescribed Burning with Patience - Dr. Jake Landers, AgriLife Extension range specialist-emeritus, Menard
- Fire Effects and What is a Prescribed Burn Association? - Mark Mosely, Heart of Texas Prescribed Burn Association, Brady
- Smoke Management and Smoke Sensitive Areas, or SSAs - Grant Teplicek, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service grazing lands specialist, TxGLC- Concho Valley Region
- Prescribed Burn Insurance - Brian Frizzell, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, San Angelo
- Planning the Burn - Chris Schenck, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, wildlife division statewide fire program leader - Tyler
- Fire Equipment and Safety/Burn Crew - Russell

- Fire Weather - Brian Treadwell, Conservation Fire Team, Christoval
- How Our Ranch Incorporates Fire onto the Landscape - Katy Foster, 4K Ranch Manager, Brady
- Working with Prescribed Fire Associations and Volunteer Fire Departments - Schenck
- Sand Table Exercises and Tomorrow's Burn Day Briefing - Russell

Individual registration is \$75. Day passes are available for \$50. The fees include breakfast and lunch on day-one, lunch on day-two and all printed classroom materials. To register, contact Jaime Tankersley by July 5 at [jtankers4@yahoo.com](mailto:jtankers4@yahoo.com) or call 325-450-7025.

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