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Prescribed Burn Workshop to be held March 6

As common as the smell of a spring rain, is the sight and smell of a prescribed burn, signaling the entry of spring and a new growing season in the Great Plains.

Without a doubt, fire has played an integral part in the development of native grasslands, throughout the central United States. As native grass acres continue to decrease through time, prescribed burning activities and the use of fire remains as important today as a maintenance tool, equal to or greater than times past. It is extremely important for prescribed burn users on both native and cool season grasses to properly identify their objectives, know how to conduct burn and carryout their burn accordingly. Commonly identified prescribed burn objectives range from improved animal performance, grazing distribution problems, invasive woody species, fuel loading or extensive loads, to wildlife habitat management. Each objective will most likely contain different prescriptions in that timing, frequency, and fuel loads may vary. New homes, developments, and an increasing public presence now make it more difficult to use prescribed burning. Those planning to conduct a prescribed burn are encouraged to attend a prescribed burn workshop, March 6 from 9:30AM-3PM at the Franklin Co fairgrounds in Ottawa.

Registration fee is \$10.00 per person to cover materials. **Preregistration is required by calling the conservation district at 785-241-7201** Lunch will be served. Hosted by the Franklin County Conservation District in collaboration with KSU Research & Extension, USDA (NRCS/FSA), Frontier Extension District and Franklin County Emergency Management.