

Title: Crafting solutions for management of large wildland fires and fuel reduction across tribal and nontribal jurisdictions. Organizers: Vita Wright¹ and Frank Lake², ¹Northern Rockies Fire Science Network, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901, Phone: 406-758-3547, Email: vwright@fs.fed.us; ²USDA FS-Pacific Southwest Research Station, Ishi Pishi Road & H, Orleans, CA 95556, Phone: 530-627-3276, Email: franklake@fs.fed.us

The Northern Rockies Fire Science Network (NRFSN) is hosting a workshop to further the integration of wildland and prescribed fire management across jurisdictional boundaries. Workshop participants will build on discussions held at a 2012 workshop in Polson, Montana, where tribal elders, managers, scientists, and students from nine tribes, several academic institutions, the US Forest Service, and the National Park Service explored challenges and solutions related to cross-jurisdictional prescribed, and wildland fire management as well as those of conducting research related to traditional knowledge and fire. Based on historical allocation of lands to diverse owners who have applied varied land management practices, fuel reduction actions and large fires often cross multiple land ownerships with multiple stewardship objectives. Learning about different approaches and communication strategies across jurisdictions will facilitate communication, relationship building, and management that is culturally sensitive. Participants in the 2012 workshop discussed the many ways that prescribed fires have been used traditionally and can still be used to maintain traditional food resources and cultural ways of life; participants also identified obstacles to the use of prescribed fire to meet cultural objectives. Regarding wildland fire management, participants noted the potential for misunderstanding and barriers to effective communication among management entities with different priorities and values. Finally, participants noted that research will be more successful when conducted within a framework built on relationships and trust. During this workshop, participants will build on key points raised during the November 2012 workshop and craft collaborative solutions that are more likely to be successful across boundaries than those developed separately by different management organizations.