

# Introduction to Private Land Prescribed Fire



**Thursday April 9th, 2020**

(Registration closes April 1 or when full)

**Matthews State Forest**

**(Galax Va)**

**10 am - 6 pm**

**\$16 Includes Lunch**

Whether you manage 10 acres or 10,000, prescribed fire could be important for meeting your land and wildlife management goals. This one-day workshop will outline the many benefits of using prescribed fire as a management tool, what resources are available for assistance, and how burns are safely conducted to help you implement this cost-effective practice on your own land.

## **Topics Covered (Classroom)**

- Virginia Burning Laws
- VA Rx Burn Manager certification
- Benefits of Prescribed Burning
- Prescribed Burning Weather
- Ignition Techniques/Types of Prescribed Burns

## **Topics Covered (Outside)**

- Standard Equipment and uses
- Field discussion and comparison of burned/not burned
- Benefits for vegetation and wildlife
- Observation/discussion of 2 live burns\*

*\* Weather permitting*

## Who should take this course

Private landowners who are interested in using prescribed burning to safely and effectively meet their land management goals. This course will introduce the landowner to what prescribed fire is, how to safely and effectively use it, and how to become a prescribed burn manager.

### Register and Pay online at

(Registration closes April 1 or when class is full)

<https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu>

**Or Contact: Jennifer Gagnon**

**540 231-6391**

**[jgagnon@vt.edu](mailto:jgagnon@vt.edu)**

Rugged pants (jeans) and closed shoes (hiking boots) are recommended



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### Directions

Matthews State Forest  
106 Forestry Lane,  
Galax, VA 24333

GPS: Lat: 36 38 31. Long: -80 57 23

From I-81:

- Take I-77 south to exit 14 (Galax/Hillsville)
  - Merge onto US 58 West towards Galax for approximately 12 miles.
  - After passing all the way through the City of Galax, you will come to a blinking yellow caution light.
  - Matthews State Forest Office is the 2nd Right after the caution light. (about 1/2 mile after the "Welcome to Grayson County" sign) Large wooden building and cabin on hill.
- If you pass the intersection with Rt 94, you have gone too far.

