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Joint Fire Science Program Regional Consortia Expand

The Joint Fire Science Program has funded the development of six new collaborative fire science consortia; three of which are in the Central U.S. The overall goal of fire consortia is to accelerate the awareness, understanding, and adoption of fire science information. The three new fire science consortia that serve the Central U.S. are: the Oak Woodlands and Forests Fire Consortium, the Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Oak Savanna Fire Consortium, and the Great Plains Fire Science Consortium. Information about all consortia can be found [here](#).

The purpose of regional consortia is to facilitate exchange of fire science information between researchers and fire and natural resource managers. Fire information sharing will be accomplished through sponsoring field trips to research or demonstrations sites, hosting webinars, development of fire research syntheses, planning conference symposia, and maintaining comprehensive regional fire science websites.




3 NEW CENTRAL U.S. CONSORTIA

- Oak Woodlands and Forests Fire Consortium: www.oakfirescience.com
- Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Oak Savanna Fire Consortium: www.etposfirescience.org
- Great Plains Fire Science Consortium: Under Development


Our Mission:

Provide fire science to resource managers, landowners, and the public about the use application and effects of fire within the region



About us...

In January 2012 the Joint Fire Science Program approved funding for the Oak Woodlands and Forests Fire Consortium. The purpose of this consortium is to promote the dissemination of fire information and to establish partnerships among fire professionals. The overall goal of the consortium is to enable researchers and managers to share their experiences studying and managing fire. The Oak Woodlands and Forests Fire Consortium will focus on prescribed and wildfire fire information with an emphasis on [hot topics](#) concerning oak and oak-pine communities of the Central U.S. such as woodlands, forests, savannas, glades, prairies, and barrens. The consortium will utilize web-based applications (webinars, blogs, Twitter, and Facebook), publications and meetings in science delivery and outreach.

- Special points of interest:**
- Oak Woodlands and Forests Fire Consortium Started in Feb. 2012
 - Visit Oakfirescience.com
 - [Find us on Facebook](#) 
 - [Follow us on Twitter](#) 

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Ignis - Newsletter of the Oak Woodlands and Forests Fire Consortium

Governing Board Established

The Oak Woodlands and Forests Fire Consortium is managed by a ten member governing board. Board members include principal investigator (Mike Stambaugh, Univ. Missouri), four project co-pi's, and five invited board members. Invited members have voting rights on major programmatic issues. Board members are distributed throughout the region and serve as your regional contacts to the consortium.



Governing Board:
Left to right, back row: Rich Guyette (Univ. MO), Charles Ruffner (SIU-Carbondale), Gary Willson (NPS), Chris Thornton (USFS), Keith Grabner (USGS), Todd Hutchinson (USFS); *front row:* Mike Stambaugh (Univ. MO), John Weir (OSU), Jeff Sparks (Texas Parks), Dan Dey (USFS)

Consortium Sponsors 1st Workshop at 2012 Missouri Natural Resources Conference

On February 3rd, 2012 we sponsored a workshop entitled "Sharing Fire Information from Throughout the Midwest" in conjunction with the Missouri Natural Resources Conference. The workshop consisted of eight speakers who presented on the challenges and opportunities associated with managing fire on public lands in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. Jeff Sparks, Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, shared his experiences and "lessons learned" during the wildfires that affected Texas in the summer of 2011.

The workshop was attended by approximately 100 individuals. We are looking for opportunities to sponsor more events on fire related issues, particularly related to regional [hot topics](#). If you have any suggestions please email us at oakfirescience@gmail.com.



Landscape Restoration Projects Coming to Region

Congress, under [Title IV of Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009](#) (PDF, 40 KB), established the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP). The purpose of the [CFLR Program](#) is to encourage the collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes. Three landscape restoration projects were recently selected pertaining to oak and pine woodlands:

- [Pine-Oak Woodlands Restoration Project, Missouri](#)
- [Shortleaf-Bluestem Community Project, Arkansas & Oklahoma](#)
- [Ozark Highlands Ecosystem Restoration, Arkansas](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

See our [calendar](#) at oakfire-science.com for a full schedule of upcoming events.

Webinar
May 3rd, 1-2 pm CST

"Introduction to the Consortium" by Mike Stambaugh, Univ. Missouri, Dept. of Forestry

Webinar
June 19th, 1-2 pm CST

"Managing and restoring Texas oak woodlands with prescribed fire" by Jeff Sparks, Wildland Fire Program Manager, Texas Parks and Wildlife

Oct. 16, 17: Workshop:
"Prescribed fire and timber quality" at the Holiday Inn, Poplar Bluff, MO

Volunteers Needed:

The Oak Woodlands and Forests Fire Consortium is looking for volunteers for our Advisory Board. The board meets once a year by conference call and will help set the consortiums priorities for the year. If interested please email us at oakfirescience@gmail.com



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