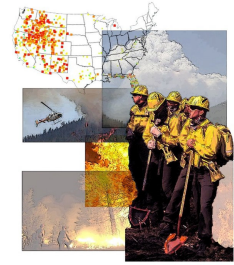


National Fire Plan

Smoke Management Workshops

Alabama

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The most cost-effective way to reduce hazardous fuels and generate environmental benefits in the South is through prescribed burning. The major impediments to expanded use of prescribed fire are smoke and the hazards and liabilities associated with it.

With funding support from the National Fire Plan, the Alabama Forestry Commission addressed these concerns by contracting with Kent Hanby, retired fire behavior instructor from Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, to update the Alabama Smoke Management Guidelines through a series of eight workshops for Alabama Certified Prescribed Burn Managers. The goal of this project was to increase wildfire hazard mitigation in the state while maintaining air quality. This was achieved through continuing education training for 389 burn managers, instructing them on better ways to manage smoke from prescribed burns.

The project resulted in the publication of revised “Smoke Management Guidelines for Prescribed Burning in Alabama” and training, through eight workshops, of approximately 39 percent of all Certified Prescribed Burn Managers in Alabama.

| Location | Students |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Troy | 50 |
| Wetumpka | 42 |
| Mobile | 47 |
| Andalusia | 49 |
| Cullman | 36 |
| Northport | 49 |
| Anniston | 44 |
| Thomasville | 72 |



Prescribed burn managers get smoke mitigation training in Thomasville.