



Region 3, Prescott National Forest

Forest Service News Release

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Prescribed Fire miniseries at the Highlands Center in October is free and open to the public

Prescott, AZ, October 7, 2024—The Highlands Center for Natural History (HCNH) and Prescott National Forest are offering a four-session miniseries focused on fire ecology and prescribed burns. Sessions are scheduled for Thursdays at 9 a.m. at HCNH which is located at 1375 S Walker Rd, Prescott, AZ.

The first session took place on Thursday, October 3, and covered the topic of smoke. Matt Pace from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) talked about the considerations that come with prescribed fire and forecasted weather in relation to smoke impacts to surrounding communities. Ron Sherron, Air Resource Advisor for the USFS Southwestern Region, covered the process the agency follows in coordination with ADEQ and the history of prescribed fire in Arizona.

Dates and topics for the upcoming sessions:

- 10/10 - Heritage and Wildlife
- 10/17 - Fire Ecology
- 10/24 - Prescribed Fire Burn Demonstration

These sessions are free and open to the public, but people are asked to register ahead at highlandscenter.org/adult/programs.

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