



Why Prescribed Fire?

Fire is an important natural disturbance and an essential part of California's landscape. It has shaped the land's ecology in countless ways and has been used as a management tool by indigenous peoples for millennia. Many ecosystems are dependent on fire to maintain their native plant and wildlife communities.

Prescribed fire, or the use of fire under predetermined conditions to achieve specific objectives, is a versatile and cost-effective land management tool. Prescribed burning, often called "good fire," can be used to accomplish a wide range of objectives including:

- Wildfire resilience
- Wildlife habitat restoration
- Invasive species management
- Carbon storage

Prescribed Burn Associations

Prescribed burn associations (PBAs) are community-based mutual aid networks that help landowners and managers put good fire on the land. PBAs take a wide variety of forms, but are always made up of people with a common goal of sharing knowledge, experience, skills, equipment, and resources to conduct prescribed burning that is ecologically minded, fun, and safe.

PBAs commonly support the following activities:

- Determining if/when a burn should be completed
- Planning, permitting, and communication
- Providing resources, information, training, equipment, logistical support, and personnel
- Expanding community support for prescribed burning and building a culture of safe and effective use of prescribed fire



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