



# FIRE USE AROUND THE WORLD: PURPOSES, PRINCIPLES, POLICIES, AND PRACTICES

Controlling fire was the first major technological advance made by early humans. These days, fire is still used as a management tool, but (usually!) under more prescribed conditions than in the Paleolithic. Prescribed fire is carried out in many different countries, by a wide variety of people, under a wide variety of circumstances. It is used on all of the inhabited continents, by trained professional personnel, resource managers, researchers, ranchers and farmers, pastoralists, indigenous peoples, and private citizens. Among other things, prescribed fire can maintain or alter ecosystems, create or destroy habitat, promote wildlife populations or livestock populations, control weedy plants or liberate native species, restore ecosystems, and meet important sociocultural needs. And after a century of more of repression, fire use in management is experiencing a renaissance. Taken in sum, there is a huge diversity in prescribed burning purposes, principles, policies, and practices that can serve to incentivize and inform fire use around the world. In this webinar series, we present a survey of prescribed fire from around the globe, focused on seven topic areas: fuel management; rangeland and landscape management; management of production forests; wildlife management; monitoring and datasets; and ecological restoration and cultural fire.

**Feb 27, 2024**  
A worldwide view of the roles, status, and future of prescribed fire



**Apr 2, 2024**  
Preparing for the "big one": prescribed fire as a strategic fuel reduction tool

**Apr 23, 2024**  
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