

Indiana DNR-Forestry Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Guidance

Training & Experience needed to be a Certified Prescribed Burn Manager (CPBM)

Initial Online courses

- S-130 Firefighter Training
- S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- L-180 Human factors on the Fireline
- IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System

In Person Courses

- S-130 In Person Field Day (1-day course)
- Indiana DNR Prescribed Fire for Managers (2-day course)

Prescribed Fire Experience

- Participate in 5 prescribed burns in the two major model groups that best represent most fuels in Indiana (grass and hardwood timber litter):
 - o At least 3 burns shall be in a hardwood timber litter fuel model
- Must serve as an Apprentice Burn Manager on 2 of the 5 prescribed burns, 1 from each of the two major fuel model groups in Indiana.
- Must complete *Prescribed Fire Experience Log*
- Must complete *Indiana Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Task Book* with certification from CPBM, RXB1, or RXB2.
- Must have a burn plan for each burn in which applicant was the Apprentice Burn Manager.

Continuing Certification:

- Every 3 years Certified Prescribed Burn Managers must
 - o Participate in 3 burns, acting as Burn Manager on at least 1 prescribed fire.
 - o Or..... Attend an RT-130 Fire Refresher.
- Verification of continuing education must be submitted to Indiana DNR Fire Headquarters.
 - o Continuing certification burns must be logged using the *Prescribed Fire Experience Log*
- If continuing certification standards are not met, the individual must participate in the prescribed fire experience portion of the certification process again before serving as Certified Prescribed Burn Manager.

Educational & Experience Equivalences

- Individuals who meet the requirements of the National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) RXB1 or RXB2 meet the standards of the Indiana DNR CPBM policy.

Reciprocity

- Individuals with CPBM credentials from other states will need to complete the Indiana CPBM requirements as outlined in this policy.
- NWCG courses taken in other states count towards the Indiana CPBM if certificates are provided.
- Burn experience from other states qualifies for the prescribed fire experience if it is documented consistent with the *Prescribed Fire Experience Log* and *Indiana Certified Burn Manager Task Book*.

Steps to become an Indiana Certified Prescribed Burn Manager

The steps needed to be an Indiana Certified Prescribed Burn Manager can be completed in any order, except participants must complete *S-130, S-190, L-180, and IS-100* before taking *Prescribed Fire for Managers*. The sequence below is the recommended sequence.

1. Complete the following online wildland fire training courses:
 - a. S-130, S-190, L-180, and IS-100
2. Complete the S-130 Field Day.
3. Complete Indiana DNR Prescribed Fire for Managers course.
Step 2 and 3 may be completed separately or they may be offered together as part of a 3-day workshop.
4. Participate in five prescribed burns, acting as the apprentice burn manager for two of these burns, across the two major fuel groups represented in Indiana (Grass and Timber Litter).
 - a. At least three burns must be in the timber litter fuel group
 - b. Must serve as an apprentice burn manager for at least one burn in each fuel group
 - i. These burns must be under the guidance and evaluation of a CPBM or NWCG RXB1 or RXB2.
5. Complete the *Prescribed Fire Experience Log*.
6. Complete the *Indiana CPBM Task book* with evaluation from an CPBM or RXB1 or RXB2.
7. Submit the following information and documentation to Indiana DNR Fire Headquarters;
 - a. CPBM Application
 - b. Training Certificates (S-130, S-190, IS-100, L-180, Prescribed Fire for Managers)
 - c. Prescribed Burn Experience Log
 - d. Indiana CPBM Task book
 - e. Burn plans for apprentice burns

Prescribed Burn Plan Requirements

HEA 1557 (IC 14-23-6.6) defines a Prescribed Burn Plan as a plan written in a format approved by the Indiana DNR Division of Forestry that establishes the conditions and methods for prescribed burning. A burn plan meeting this definition is one that includes the following elements:

- Site and landowner information
- Burn area description and map
- Prescribed fire objectives
- Desired fire weather prescription
- Pre-burn considerations including firebreaks
- Personnel and equipment needed
- Ignition, holding, safety, mop-up, and contingency plans
- Smoke management considerations
- Notification list
- Go/No-Go Checklist
- Certified Prescribed Burn Manager and Landowner Signatures