

## **Top Ten Reasons to Engage Volunteer Fire Departments in Prescribed Burns**

10. Local people to provide local outreach on the role of prescribed fire
9. Communication system (pager) in place to disseminate plans (burn/not burn)
8. Mutual-aid agreements developed with neighboring departments
7. Crew is already determined – consists of members
6. Live locally and can burn on short notice
5. Know local conditions and partners
4. Local presence in nearly every community
3. Trusted by the local community
2. Ready access to fire-fighting equipment
1. Experienced responding to grass/wildfire

## **Top Ten Reasons VFDs will offer a Prescribed Fire Service**

10. Incentive to participate in formal training (S130/S190/Crosswalk)
9. Opportunity for wildfire suppression jobs on public lands
8. Non-emergency occasion for collaboration with neighboring VFDs
7. Additional opportunities to secure grant dollars for specialized equipment
6. Enhanced safety through in-field training
5. Fundraising – beats flipping pancakes!
4. Lower frequency of escapes and emergency calls
3. Recruitment tool for anxious new members
2. Training and experience in non-emergency situations
1. Provides a needed service to the community