



Protocol for Central Nebraska Prescribed Burn Association Burns

The landowner needs to regularly monitor the weather forecast for their prescribed burn. When a favorable forecast from the NOAA website is obtained (<http://forecast.weather.gov/>), they may request the CNPBA equipment by calling Shawn O'Connor (308-380-2952) or Don Reeves (308-946-6055).

Requesting the burn equipment can be done no more than three days prior to the scheduled burn. If the landowner has met all requirements listed in the by-laws and the weather forecast is appropriate, the CNPBA officers will then notify Pete Berthelsen that the Mobile Prescribed Burn Unit may be reserved. The landowner will need to call Pete (308-390-0848) to reserve the equipment and make arrangements for it to be checked out and picked up.

The CNPBA will then send out an e-mail notice to its members that a burn is being planned. This initial e-mail will be followed with updates as warranted and a phone calling tree will be started at the landowner's request. The landowner assumes the primary responsibility for making sure that enough assistance is on hand for their prescribed burn. This may mean picking up the phone and personally asking CNPBA members if they can help out.

For the e-mail communication, the landowner should furnish the CNPBA with burn start time, burn date, directions to the burn location and how much help and equipment (ATV's) they need to conduct a burn according to their burn plan.

Once the burn is scheduled, it is the landowner's responsibility to:

- Continue to monitor the weather forecast for their burn location.
- Secure and have on hand a burn permit from local Fire Chief.
- Make certain the proper number of people are on hand to conduct the burn.
- Have lined up a water supply and access to water following their burn plan.
- That at least 1/3 of the people on the burn are CNPBA trained as per the CNPBA by-laws.
- Make sure that a capable, experienced Burn Boss is on hand and conducting the burn. The landowner assumes responsibility for the burn.

It is the Landowners responsibility to see that the Burn Plan and CNPBA guidelines are followed before, during and after the prescribed burn.