

# MAINE TREX



## **2022 Nomination Form**

Please complete this form online at the [Maine Prescribed Fire Council's TREX page](#).

The objective of this two-week prescribed fire training exchange (TREX) program in Southern/Western Maine is to facilitate peer-to-peer, experiential learning for prescribed fire professionals and others interested in advancing their understanding of innovative tools to restore fire-adapted ecosystems. Participants will learn, practice, and share knowledge, skills, and experience in a unique, hands-on training environment focused on the ecological, social, communications, monitoring, and operational dimensions of planning and implementing prescribed fire.

In a coordinated effort, Maine TREX will be organized and implemented using the Incident Command System. Participants will serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on a burn team and will assist with preparing, scouting, briefing, igniting, holding, mop-up, and patrol on numerous prescribed burns in the area. We will also complete pre- and post-fire monitoring, train with equipment, practice fireline leadership skills, and learn about local fire ecology and fire management. The training will include field trips to management treatment areas including previously burned areas in recent wild and prescribed fires, presentations from local scientists, land managers, and practitioners. Additionally, participants will practice developing key messages and using them for media interviews and outreach efforts will be implemented to increase public understanding of how prescribed fire can be used as a tool in forest restoration.

**Training Dates:** September 19th through the 30th.

**Location:** 'Base Camp' will be located in Porter, Maine at the Maine Teen Camp. Participants will be traveling to burn sites located throughout Southern and Western Maine with possible regional travel within a 2-hour radius.

The majority of the training costs (room and board (for non-local participants), training materials, instruction, cadre, and local resources) are covered thanks to generous support from the Northeastern Forest Fire Compact, The Nature Conservancy of Maine and The Maine Prescribed Fire Council.

**Nomination Due Date:** Completed nomination forms are DUE NO LATER than June 15, 2022. Selections will be announced by June 30, 2022.

**Registration:** This nomination packet will be used to select participants. After participants have been selected, a complete Registration Packet will be sent. Completion of the packet will guarantee your placement in the training.

**Cost:** The cost to participate is \$300.00, due upon selection and acceptance to the program with the Registration Packet. A Maine TREX scholarship is available to cover full cost as needed, please reach out for more info.

For a full description and details, please read through the Maine TREX Announcement and Summary before proceeding or to learn more about the TREX program, please visit: [Maine Prescribed Fire Council's TREX page](#).

If you are interested in submitting a training nomination form to participate, please provide the information below. (*This document is informational only. Please complete the online form.*)

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## Participant Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Organization:

Current Job Position:

Complete Work Address:

Phone (Cell):

Phone (Work):

Email:

What is the best way to reach you in advance of the start of TREX? Select one:

☐ Cell Phone

☐ Work Phone

☐ Email

☐ Other | Please explain:

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## Supervisor Information

We strongly suggest receiving your supervisor's approval prior to participation. This is a two-week commitment for the majority of positions. Limited number of positions will be on a short-term rotation to enable flexibility while balancing the entire TREX teams' cohesion.

If you are a paid employee, home units will be responsible for paying your wages while participating at this training. Participants and/or employers are responsible for all travel expenses as well as logistical and administrative arrangements regarding paid or vacation time, and any overtime accrued during TREX.

Government employees: a "P Code" will not be assigned to this project incident.

Full Name:

Job Title:

Phone (work):

Email:

Do you have supervisor approval to participate in the full Maine TREX?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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## Qualifications

We require all participants to complete a minimum training requirement per NCWCG 310-1, as well as annual refresher RT-130 and arduous work capacity test prior to TREX.

During the Maine TREX, there will be opportunities for position task book evaluation for the following:

- RXM2
- RXB2
- FIRB
- ENGB/CRWB
- TFLD
- FFT1/ICT5
- FEMO/FOBS
- FFT2

Participation does not fully guarantee that you will be fully qualified in your primary selected positions at the end of the TREX; however, we will work hard to make sure that you get as many training opportunities as possible, and our goal is to create highly qualified prescribed fire practitioners.

Do you have a current/active Incident Qualification Card (Red Card)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you do NOT have an Incident Qualification Card (Red Card), do you meet minimum training requirements per NWCG 310-1 and can you provide proof of completion of minimum training requirements, including an annual refresher (RT-130) and arduous work capacity test?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please list your current qualified positions:

Please list your primary position task book training request:

Please describe progress completed toward your primary position task book (i.e., number of trainee assignments in this position and brief details):

Please list alternative position task book training requests (including completed progress) you are interested in working toward if the opportunity presents itself during TREX:

1. The TREX cadre and operational staff will do their best to create as many training opportunities as

safely as possible. However, no guarantee can be made regarding the number of trainee assignments that will be available or the completion of task books during TREX. (Weather conditions may prohibit daily burn operations.):

☐ I have read and understood the above statement.

2. The TREX cadre and operational staff cannot initiate new task books.:

☐ I have read and understood the above statement.

3. During TREX, you may have an opportunity to be the trainee and trainer. Participants will be from multiple agencies and jurisdictions. We encourage you to discuss this with your supervisor and/or training officer as your person signing your task book may be from a different jurisdiction. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us:

☐ I have read and understood the above statement.

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## About you...

Please briefly describe your expectations for the Maine TREX and why you would make a great participant:

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## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Participants are required to have all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including:

1. Fireline-approved boots (all leather work boots, 8 inches tall, non-slip soles, and no steel toe)
2. Fire pack
3. Next Generation Fire Shelter
4. Hard hat
5. Nomex clothing
6. All leather gloves
7. Eye protection
8. Canteens for drinking water

If you are unable to provide some or all of your own PPE, please check "No" below and list needed items of PPE. We have a limited cache of PPE available and will work with participants to ensure all required PPE is provided as needed.

Do you have all required PPE to participate?:

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, please list needed PPE below:

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## Equipment Contributions

The TREX program relies heavily on equipment and tools brought by participants to build out a self-sufficient team capable of moving around southern-western Maine including travel within a 2-hour radius and to work alongside local resources on prescribed fires. For that reason we take into account potential equipment contributions from nominees as one criteria when selecting TREX participants.

What equipment and/or tools are you willing and able to provide during Maine TREX? Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Type 4 Engine
- ☐ Type 6 Engine
- ☐ 4 Wheel Drive Pick-up - 6 passenger
- ☐ 4 Wheel Drive Pick-up - 2 or 4 passenger
- ☐ Drip torches
- ☐ Hand tools
- ☐ Other. Please specify:
- ☐ None

Do you have a Bendix King hand held radio?:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If no, what kind of radio will you be bringing? Participants will be responsible for programming other types of radios:

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## Requirements to Participate in TREX

1. ALL participants must meet minimum training requirement per NWCG 310-1 to participate in TREX. If you do NOT hold a current Incident Qualification Card (i.e., Red Card), you must be able to provide proof of completion of minimum training requirements, including an annual refresher (RT-130) and arduous work capacity test.
2. Non-federal participants must show proof of personal or employer provided medical insurance prior to the training.
3. Participants should come with all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including: fire pack, a Next Generation Fire Shelter, a hard hat, Nomex clothing, fireline-approved boots (all-leather work boots, 8 inches tall, with non-slip soles and no steel toe), all leather gloves, eye protection and canteens. If you are unable to provide some or all of

your own PPE, please make sure you've indicated as much in the PPE section of this nomination form.

4. After review of this participant Nomination, the TREX cadre and operations team will select participants. Registration forms will then be sent to each participant, completed, and returned by the date listed on the form in order to be accepted into the training program.
5. Participants and/or employers are responsible for all logistical and administrative arrangements regarding paid or vacation time, and any overtime accrued during TREX. Generous support from the Northeastern Forest Fire Compact, The Nature Conservancy of Maine and The Maine Prescribed Fire Council's in-kind time and support will cover room and board (for non-local participants), training materials, instruction, cadre, and local resources, makes this event possible at the small cost of \$300.00 per participant, due upon selection and acceptance into the Maine TREX program. A Maine TREX scholarship is available to cover full cost as needed, please reaching for more info.

Please confirm that you are aware of these requirements to participate by clicking the box below.

☐ Yes, I am aware of the requirements to participate in TREX

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## Submit Nomination Form

**Please completed this form online** via the Maine Prescribed Fire Council webpage:

[Maine Prescribed Fire Council's TREX page](#)

If you have any questions, please contact:

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For more information, please visit: [Maine TREX](#) and [TREX Toolkit](#)

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