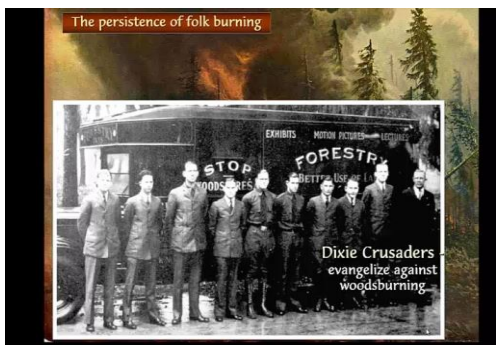


2020 SOUTHERN AREA INTERAGENCY PRESCRIBED FIRE TRAINING RT-300 BURN BOSS & AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR

COVID-19 Mitigation: First, we recognize and share your concerns about the ongoing pandemic. The RT300 steering committee plans to take every precaution to make this event as safe as possible and will continue to add safety measures as more information becomes available. Additionally, we continue to assess the situation and will make data driven decisions about the feasibility of holding this meeting in November. However, since RT300 is mandatory for FS burn bosses, we can be sure this event will take place at some point. At this moment, we remain hopeful and committed to a November date, and know any planning done now will ensure better delivery whenever the training does occur.

Trivia Question:



Who were the Dixie Crusaders and what was their message?

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Importance of Prescribed Fire in the Southeast: The importance of prescribed fire in the Southeast cannot be overstated. The need to learn and continue to implement prescribed fire is essential to keep communities safe and ecosystems functioning. The 2020 Refresher will highlight the scope of prescribed fire, the cooperation, and the relationships of the prescribed fire community in the south. Participation is open to all federal and state agencies as well as NGO's that have a responsibility for prescribed fire within their jurisdictions, including partners and agencies outside the southern area.

Agency Administrators that have responsibility for prescribed fire, will have a track of classes to enhance their understanding of their roles and responsibilities. Some of these classes will be intermixed with burn bosses which will help in facilitating risk management discussions that aid in the tough decisions that take place before a burn.

Answer to Trivia Question

Staffed by articulate young southern foresters, the Crusaders headed for the woods in September 1928. Between then and June 1931, the Dixie Crusaders, as they came to be known, preached the gospel of fire prevention to three million people in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina. Highlights of those whistle-stops were a series of movies produced for the Crusaders to show. The Southern Forestry Education Project was at the time one of the most intensive educational outreaches ever undertaken. It helped set the stage for the Smokey Bear era and the attitudinal changes about forests and fire that would resonate for years