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Unify Resources Which Encourage Beneficial Prescribed Burning

1. WHEREAS, fires have been a valuable natural process in Missouri;
2. AND WHEREAS, fires applied in an appropriate fashion hold the potential to benefit glades, prairies, and forests in Missouri;
3. AND WHEREAS, trained individuals perform fires in a safe and effective manner;
4. AND WHEREAS, further education on prescribed burning would prove beneficial in gaining public support;
5. AND WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service is able to assist landowners with prescribed burns in specific circumstances under the Wyden amendment;
6. AND WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Conservation offers prescribed burn workshops for landowners at no cost;
7. AND WHEREAS, a Missouri Prescribed Fire Council has been established for “promoting and protecting the responsible use of fire as a natural resource management tool in Missouri”;
8. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 encourage cooperation from the entities of the United States Forest Service, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the Missouri Prescribed Fire Council in order to form a centralized outlet to access prescribed fire information which would develop better public education about prescribed fires and improve landowner education on appropriate timing and techniques for increased fire efficiency and safety.