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## Appendix P: **Burn Training and Permit Information**

Below are links and information on fire training opportunities for land managers and volunteers. Please check with your organization or agency on the qualifications needed to participate in a controlled burn.

### **[National Wildfire Coordinating Group](#)**

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) is comprised of several public national agencies that work together to coordinate programming and maintain standards of training, equipment, qualifications, and other operational functions. Online trainings for S-130 and S-190 and several advanced fire courses are available.

S-130 (Basic Fire) and S-190 (Fire Behavior) are the entry to certifications in wildland fire, and contain valuable information for professionals and volunteers. The courses are bundled in a pair and require a field day for certification. [Click here](#) to find days scheduled in Illinois.

### **[Chicago Wilderness Prescribed Burn Training](#)**

Based on the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's (NWCG) S-130 and S-190 courses, this training covers the basics of prescription burn techniques, fire behavior and smoke management. The objective of this training is to provide participants with the background necessary to safely participate on the crew of a prescribed burn. Please note that while many Chicago Wilderness land-owning organizations accept this course as their standard minimum crew member training, it does **not** currently carry the official NWCG S-130/S-190 certification. Several sessions of this training are offered each year. The classes are open to volunteers, professional natural resources management staff, and others interested in the restoration and management of natural areas.

### **[Brushpile Burn Policy and Training \(pdf\)](#)**

*[\(Courtesy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County\)](#)*

An example of a brushpile burn policy and training for volunteers to enable them to participate in brushpile burns.