

Fire Learning Network



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By the Numbers

2024

33

LANDSCAPE
COLLABORATIVES

22

STATES

164

MILLION ACRES

300

PARTNER

agencies, organizations and
private individuals

\$136

MILLION

in funding leveraged by FLN
members since 2002

The Fire Learning Network connects fire practitioners to each other while providing training, education and funding to help them build the capacity and social capital needed to develop and maintain sustainable fire cultures. Since 2002 the FLN has supported these leaders in creating a world where beneficial fire supports healthy landscapes and communities, and harmful fire is less common and more effectively managed.

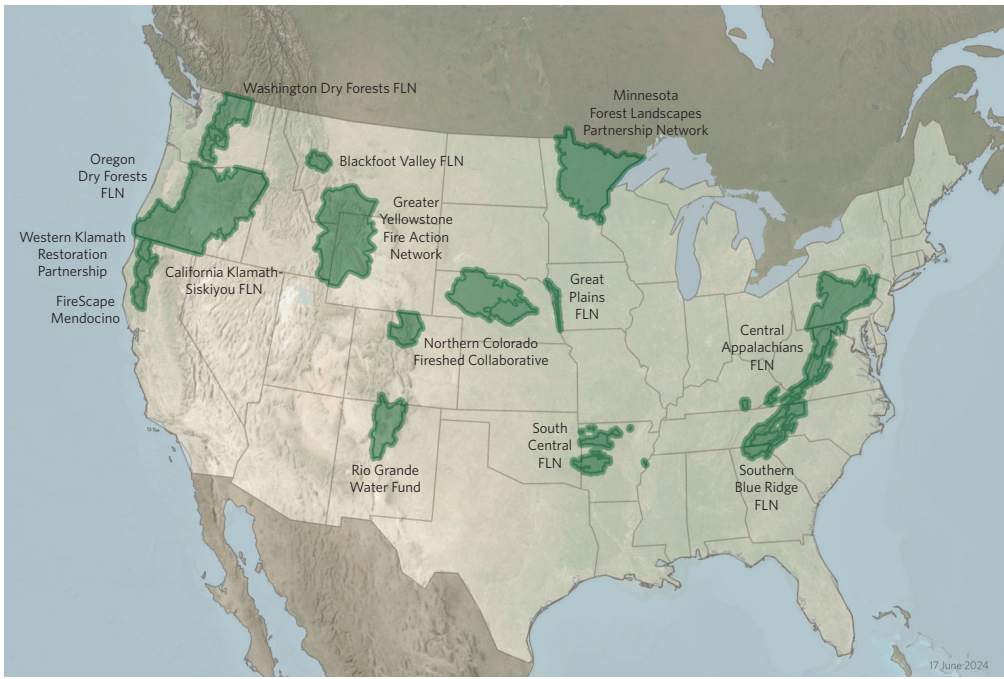
How We Work

The 33 landscape collaboratives facilitated by FLN leaders vary greatly. Some collaboratives have been members from the beginning. Others are just starting their FLN journeys. What they have in common is a commitment to an inclusive view of fire management that centers people and relationships that are built on trust; this commitment underpins the collaboration that paves a path to sustainable success. FLN strategies encourage innovation, relationship-building and peer learning to help partners move their landscapes—and people—into a more resilient future.

FLN members, partners and staff—

- > **Facilitate peer learning** to share local knowledge, cross-pollinate ideas, and improve both practices and the scope of their impacts
- > **Grow innovative leaders** through training, mentoring and relationship-building
- > **Build capacity** by hosting Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges—events that offer training, information sharing and cross-boundary relationship-building—and other models of cooperative burning
- > **Improve adaptive management** using planning tools and protocols to maximize effectiveness of landscape treatments
- > **Inform policy** by sharing lessons learned from community-based practitioners





Fire Learning Network landscapes, 2024

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Stories From the Field

In a network anchored in relationship building, the true impact of the FLN is measured not only by data and numbers but by stories that show the power of learning from each other and working together.

The Original Fire Network: Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges (TREX), the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network and Indigenous Peoples Burning Network—each focused in a different way on living better with fire—all had their roots in the FLN. The relationships built and innovations shared within the FLN enabled these programs to grow into the complementary thriving networks they are today.

Fueling the Prescribed Burn Association Movement: An FLN peer learning exchange involving ranchers from California and the Great Plains helped launch the flourishing California PBA movement. Additional PBA exchanges have further spread the model and have included people from Colorado, New Mexico and Washington.

Innovating the On-Call Crew Model: The national on-call crew—or module—model managed by The Nature Conservancy’s North America Fire program was built on relationships and lessons from 15 years of TREX and informed by a program of traveling crews that work across the Southern Blue Ridge FLN. This idea-sharing jump-started a program that is now deploying critical dedicated prescribed fire capacity to landscapes across the country, where and when it is most needed.



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WHO WE ARE

The FLN is part of a suite of networks and programs—together known as the Fire Networks—connecting people working in wildland fire management and community wildfire resilience, and coordinated by staff from The Nature Conservancy, Watershed Research and Training Center, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and USDA Forest Service.

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