



## SECTION .0900 – N.C. PRESCRIBED BURNING ACT

### 02 NCAC 60B .0901 BURNER CERTIFICATION

The N.C. Division of Forest Resources, hereafter referred to as DFR, shall conduct a burner Certification program composed of the following:

- (1) Each candidate shall attend and successfully complete a prescribed burn school consisting of instruction on: The N.C. Prescribed Burning Act, weather, fuels, smoke management, firing techniques and planning, executing and mopping up the burn; a field trip to examine burn sites before and after burning; and a written test. DFR shall offer a minimum of one of these schools annually at a charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per participant.
- (2) An alternative abbreviated school may be provided candidates who have successfully completed an approved prescribed burn school other than the DFR school. Other prescribed burn schools shall be approved by DFR if all topics contained in the N.C. Prescribed Burn School were included. Candidates shall provide documentation of topics covered and successful completion to DFR. This abbreviated school shall include the N.C. Prescribed Burn Act and the N.C. Smoke Management System. A minimum of one of these schools shall be offered annually if there are requests.
- (3) In order to be certified, each candidate whether they train under Paragraph (a) or (b) of this Rule shall successfully conduct a prescribed burn under the observation of a certified burner. The candidate must submit to DFR a completed DFR Certified Burner checkoff sheet, signed by a certified burner.
- (4) Successful candidates shall receive both a numbered certification and pocket card.

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### 02 NCAC 60B .0902 FOREST LAND

G.S. 113 Article 4E and the rules in this Section only apply to the burning of forest lands as defined below. Forest land is land 10% or more stocked with trees, including land which formerly had tree cover that will be reforested. Minimum size for forest land is one acre. Minimum strip width is 120 feet. This act does not apply to brush piles, windrows or land clearing debris.

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### 02 NCAC 60B .0903 PRESCRIPTION FILING

Prior to each prescribed burn, the burner must file a copy of the fully completed prescription for that burn with an employee of DFR. This employee shall note the date and time the prescription was received, sign the prescription and forward it to the local DFR district office. DFR shall retain these prescriptions for five years.

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