

## **Burn Manager Certification Process**

### **FAC 5I-2.006(2)(e)**

(e) Burn Manager Certification Process. To become a Certified Prescribed Burn Manager an individual must complete the required training and conduct a successful certification burn.

1. The Florida Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Training Course is approved by the FFS to meet the required training. It is offered in two formats:

a. The distance learning format is intended for experienced burners and students must meet the following criteria prior to taking the course; have obtained authorizations, as provided in subsection (1), from the FFS and conducted a minimum of three broadcast burns in Florida or participation in five broadcast burns in Florida with recommendation from a current Certified Prescribed Burn Manager, or hold a current prescribed burner certification in another State or hold a current Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 Certification.

b. The classroom format is open to individuals of all experience levels. After taking this course trainees must obtain direct experience in three broadcast burns prior to conducting a certification burn. If the student meets the criteria for the distance learning format, then the three burns after the course are not necessary.

2. Certification burn process. Within three years of completing the course (either format), applicants must submit a completed prescription for the proposed certifying burn to their local FFS office prior to the burn for review and approval. After the prescription has been approved the burn described in that prescription must be reviewed by the FFS during the burn operation. The local FFS Center/District Manager (or their designee) will recommend FFS Prescribed Burn Manager Certification to the Forest Protection Bureau upon satisfactory completion of both the prescription and the review of the actual burn.