

## Northeast-Midwest Regional Prescribed Fire Coordination Groups - A Comparison Chart

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In support of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, two regional groups have been formed in the 20 state Northeast-Midwest region to help make progress toward the goal of *increasing the amount of beneficial fire on the landscape (prescribed and "managed" fire - where legally allowed, utilizing smoke management best practices.*

These two groups, while designed to implement the same overarching goal, have different, but related roles in helping achieve this goal. Coordination between the 2 groups will be facilitated by members common to both groups including the NE RSC Chair, Coordinator, and NE RSC Rx Fire Work Group leader.

Group Title	Northeast Regional Prescribed Fire Councils Coordinating Group (RCG)	Northeast RSC Prescribed Fire Coordination Work Group (RxF WG)
Purpose	<i>To increase and improve regional communication and coordination of <u>Prescribed Fire Councils (PFC)</u> in the Northeast region.</i>	<i>Explore and implement solutions to improve prescribed fire communication, coordination, and accomplishments among <u>all wildland fire management partners</u> in the Northeast region.</i>
Affiliation	National Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils	Northeast Regional Cohesive Strategy Committee
Membership	Core: To include a minimum of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CPFC Board Member (Chair)</li> <li>○ Regional Cohesive Strategy Coordinator</li> <li>○ JFSP Regional Consortia member</li> <li>○ State Forestry Agency Member</li> <li>○ 2 PFC current Chairs</li> <li>○ Additional members to be added at the discretion of the RCG</li> </ul>	An ad-hoc work group (currently 28 members) with voluntary participation from RSC members with prescribed fire interest and/or expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Federal agencies (USFS, USFWS, NPS, BIA, EPA)</li> <li>○ State agencies (Forestry, Fire, Air Quality, Fish &amp; Wildlife, etc.)</li> <li>○ Compacts (rep from each)</li> <li>○ Joint Fire Science Exchanges (rep from 1 or more)</li> <li>○ NGOs (TNC, NFPA, Prescribed Fire Councils, etc.)</li> <li>○ Tribes</li> <li>○ Private industry/consultants</li> <li>○ Local fire department chief and/or member</li> </ul>
Focal Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PFC organizational management, BMPs</li> <li>○ PFC leadership recruitment and retention</li> <li>○ Coordination between neighbor PFCs</li> <li>○ Sharing annual accomplishments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Foster collaboration and communication among all NE/MW regional federal, state, Tribal, local, NGO and private partners and stakeholders</li> <li>○ Engage and coordinate with:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identifying barriers</li> <li>○ New PFC development</li> <li>○ Addressing smoke management/air quality concerns</li> <li>○ Legal review of state policy, state certified burn manager programs, fire statutes</li> <li>○ Training standards integration</li> <li>○ Messaging and outreach</li> <li>○ Liability and insurance concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ four NE regional Compacts</li> <li>▪ five NE/MW regional joint fire science exchanges</li> <li>▪ established state prescribed fire councils</li> <li>▪ state air quality boards</li> <li>○ Coordinate regional efforts to address highest priority actions derived from regional Rx fire survey: build capacity, facilitate a regional prescribed fire needs assessment, develop and promote communications on the benefits of prescribed fire</li> <li>○ Develop outreach messages and communication channels to engage fire departments in prescribed fire projects</li> <li>○ Promote Regional, State and/or community workshops</li> </ul>
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