California State-Certified Prescribed Fire Burn Boss (CARX)

Intended for experienced prescribed or cultural fire practitioners who wish to be recognized by the state for their knowledge and expertise. Could include retired fire professionals, landowners and community members, NGO staff, private contractors, tribal members and cultural burners, state and local agency staff, and others.

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PRE-REQUISITES

COURSEWORK

- IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- S-130 Firefighter Training
- S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (in-person required)

FIRING

Qualified NWCG/CICCS Firing Boss (FIRB)

or

both underline equivalent firing experience **and**

one of the following courses: S-219 Firing Operations, CA-219 Wildland Firefighting – Firing Operations, C-234 Ignition Operations, or S-234 Ignition Operations

LEADERSHIP

S-131 Advanced Firefighter

or

L-280 Followership to Leadership

or

Qualified NWCG/CICCS Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1)

or

Equivalent leadership experience

For more information and to learn about upcoming classes, contact Lenya Quinn-Davidson, Fire Network Director with UC Ag & Natural Resources, at lquinndavidson@ucanr.edu

STEPS TO CERTIFICATION

1. **Meet program pre-requisites**
2. **Take 40-hour in-person CARX class**
3. **Complete task book and receive evaluations from qualified evaluators**
4. **Final signature and certification by CAL FIRE/State Fire Training**

BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

- **Recognition/validation by the state**
- **Ability to share liability with CAL FIRE on specific projects through a cooperative agreement process**
- **Ability to review and approve burn plans, as required by SB332 in order to apply a gross negligence standard for fire suppression costs**
- **Recognition by the Natural Resources Conservation Service for EQIP- and other NRCS-funded burn plan development and Rx fire implementation**
- **Access to $2 million in liability coverage through California's new Prescribed Fire Claims Fund.**
- **Building capacity of your local prescribed fire community!**