

Panel 2: A unified prescribed fire (PF) record: Issues and opportunities

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Goal

- The goal of this panel is to identify new sources of prescribed fire data and to discuss the issues and opportunities in building a unified prescribed fire record for the South.

Questions to be addressed:

- What sources of prescribed fire (PF) data are available? What record keeping is done and how detailed is the information?
- How easy is it to access those sources? Are there privacy concerns with PF data?
- What concerns need to be dealt with to allow for an open flow of data? (for example, technical issues, incentives for PF record keeping, aligning land management and air quality objectives)
- What additional information would be worth recording in a unified record? (for land management and other objectives)