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In this issue the Southwest Fire Science Consortium announces many exciting events planned for the upcoming winter and spring. In addition, we have been given a unique opportunity to give our top research needs in the Southwest to the Joint Fire Science Program. These research needs will be considered in development of future JFSP requests for proposals. Read more to learn about how to have your voice heard.

Joint Fire Science Program Research Needs

The [Joint Fire Science Program](#) (JFSP) is one of the principal sources of funding for fire-related research in the country. They have also funded the development of the Southwest Fire Science Consortium and other regional consortia. Every year, JFSP seeks new ways to solicit information on major research needs which they consider when writing their annual requests for proposals. This year they are reaching out through the consortia to determine the most important research needs.

When the Southwest Fire Science Consortium was first starting, we solicited information from you about research needs in the Southwest. Through surveys, meetings and workshops you expressed your most pressing research questions and information needs. Our executive board members and principal investigators have worked to consolidate that list to 11 items.

The final step is to determine the two or three most pressing research questions that we will submit to JFSP. JFSP will consider these questions when writing their next request for proposals. Please follow this link to a [survey](#) to vote for your **top three** research questions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have your voice heard and to assure that funded research meets the most pressing needs of managers in the Southwest. Please complete this [survey](#) by **January 7th, 2011**. Feel free to forward this

survey link to people involved in fire research and management in the Southwest.

Upcoming webinar

Our next webinar is scheduled for Tuesday February 15, 2011 at 12:00 pm MST. Dr. Andrea Thode from the the School of Forestry at Northern Arizona University will present, "Effectiveness of post-fire seeding and herbicide treatments to battle cheatgrass in Zion National Park." To register for the webinar, please click on this [link](#).

Upcoming field trips and workshops

Santa Fe Watershed field trip

The upper Santa Fe watershed, in New Mexico, is one of the few places in the Southwest that has successfully completed initial crown fire hazard reduction treatments in ponderosa pine AND has begun follow-up maintenance broadcast burning, all within a few kilometers of the state capital. Due to the importance of the treatment area (i.e., a municipal watershed that supplies up to 50% of Santa Fe's water supply and the high risk of post-fire flooding), substantial resources have gone into outreach, research and the monitoring of the treatment effects on the hydrology and the forest ecosystem. In addition, a large and diverse group of partners have been involved in the project including representatives from federal, state, and municipal agencies, universities, and non government organizations.

To share the work in the Santa Fe watershed with the broader southwest fire community, we are planning a one day research forum and field trip in April or May of 2011. The research forum will present the broad range of research and monitoring that has been completed, is ongoing and is planned within the watershed as it relates to fire and watershed management. This will be followed by a field trip into the watershed to visit different treatment sites, and research and monitoring areas.

This field trip is open to anyone, but space is limited. Some travel grants will be available through the Consortium. Information on registering for the workshop will be available soon.

Southwestern Interagency Fuels Workshop

The Southwest Interagency Workshop is scheduled for March 8th - 10th, 2011 in Flagstaff, AZ. The workshop will included facilitated discussions on fuels management in different vegetation types throughout the Southwest (interior chaparral, mixed conifer, pinyon-juniper, ponderosa pine, and semi-desert grasslands). In addition, planned workshops will focus on applied topics; including the Interagency Fire Technology Decision Support System (IFTDSS), photo series, smoke modeling, BehavePlus, and monitoring. Information on

registering for the workshop will be available soon.

Other information

Follow [this link](#) to see a list of recent publications pertaining to fire and fuels in the Southwest.

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