Learn how the formation of a prescribed burn association would improve wildlife habitat and improve forage quality.

Pheasants Forever plans to host

a meeting to discuss the benefits of prescribed fire and how a local Prescribed Burn Association can help landowners conduct safe and effective prescribed burns.

The meeting is open to the public and is being held in Grant on Thursday, March 25 at 6 p.m. MT at the Hastings Memorial Library.

The meeting will outline how landowners can organize a Prescribed Burn Association to conduct burns on their CRP fields and pasture land at little or no cost using a system of “neighbors helping neighbors” to conduct burning activities.

“By forming a local Prescribed Burn Association, landowners can get burns done without the limitations normally associated with lack of burn equipment, manpower and burn training” said Caleb Caton, Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist.

The use of prescribed fire is one of the most cost effective ways to increase the forage quality of rangelands and conduct CRP Mid Contract Management activities.

The meeting will be of interest to those who would like to improve wildlife habitat, increase pasture forage value, control brome and red cedars, burn CRP, or gain access to prescribed burn equipment.

Landowners in Perkins and Chase Counties are encouraged to attend.

The formation of a landowner-based Prescribed Burn Association in the area would offer landowners new opportunities to improve their grasslands and CRP.

Through a Prescribed Burn Association, landowners in the area would have access to prescribed burn equipment, the manpower to conduct a safe and effective burn, liability coverage, and burning expertise and support available to them.

Implementing prescribed fire to manage grasslands would be a big boost to grassland health and wildlife populations.

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