



Nachusa Grasslands Fire Crew
Fires completed from Fall 2008 to Spring 2009
Summary Report by Bill Kleiman
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This year we burned about 1,900-acres at Nachusa, Franklin Creek Natural Area, and three neighbors. There were 23 burn units with an average size of about 109-acres (not counting training fires). We often did two burn units per day.

A significant accomplishment was that we were able to help our DNR partner at Franklin Creek Natural Area implement fire at a large size. We did three fires there with the following acreages: 57, 78, and 152.

Successful prescribed fire requires careful preparation. Fire breaks are envisioned and then prepared by clearing brush, mowing, and blowing leaves or using a hay rake to remove thatch. Fire equipment is loaded, cleaned, and tuned up for the season. Each fire day yields equipment to repair.

The Nachusa fire crew is mostly staffed by our volunteers. They are listed below. I thank them all with much gusto, and particularly thank David Crites and John Heneghan who were on eleven fires each. They spent two full days before the fire season helping us prepare fire equipment. At all the burns they showed up early to help prepare for the fire crew, and they were often the last to go after our post fire celebrations.

Cheers!

| Unit Name | Acres (estimated) | Date | Temp | Humidity | Wind | Crew size |
|--|----------------------|------------|------|----------|-------|--------------|
| W of HQ - training burn | 3 | 10/18/2008 | 63 | 44 | S | 9 |
| E of HQ - training | 2 | 10/19/2008 | 60 | 45 | S13 | 9 |
| Main unit - training | 3 | 10/19/2008 | 60 | 45 | S13 | 9 |
| Tellabs - planting preperation - burn corn stubble | 2 | 11/4/2008 | 73 | 41 | S15 | |
| Main | 202 | 3/3/2009 | 55 | 45 | S8 | 9 |
| Carpenter | 13 | 3/6/2009 | 58 | 60 | N5 | 7 |
| Larson | 144 | 3/13/2009 | 39 | 35 | SW5 | 10 |
| Live fire exercise | 13 | 3/14/2009 | | | SW6 | 14 |
| Sand farm & CCK CRP | 311 | 3/15/2009 | 55 | 35 | SE10 | 12 |
| Bluestem Bottoms | 203 | 3/16/2009 | 63 | 44 | SSW4 | 14 |
| Big woods | 32 | 3/17/2009 | 60 | 50 | W15 | 6 |
| CCK plantings | 128 | 3/19/2009 | 47 | 31 | NNW12 | 12 |
| Tellabs west half | 96 | 3/19/2009 | 47 | 31 | NNW12 | 10 |
| Heinkel woods & Schafer | 200 | 3/20/2009 | 55 | 45 | S7 | 10 |
| Bennett | 32 | 3/20/2009 | 55 | 45 | S11 | 6 |
| Walkup | 12 | 3/20/2009 | 55 | 45 | S11 | 6 |
| Red Frank | 39 | 4/4/2009 | | | | 6 |
| FCNA - HP 1& 2 | 57 | 4/8/2009 | 50 | 42 | NW15 | 11 |
| FCNA - W of Twisst | 78 | 4/8/2009 | 50 | 42 | NW15 | 11 |
| Pine slash W of line | 7 | | | | | |
| FCNA - E of Twist | 152 | 4/11/2009 | 53 | 27 | NW8 | 15 |
| Nichols CRP | 111 | 4/11/2009 | 53 | 27 | NW8 | 12 |
| Dahlberg (to do still) | 37 | 4/17/2009 | 70 | 26 | S6 | 10 |
| TOTAL | 1877 | | | | | |

| <u>First name</u> | <u>Last Name</u> | <u># of fires</u> | <u>Comments</u> | Mary Austin | Vieregg Webb | 3 4 | BFP Red's friend Red's friend from LOMC |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|--|
| Valerie | Ackell | 2 | 1 | Jim | | 1 | friend |
| Dave | Adcock | 1 | Fire class | | | | Red's |
| Keith | Anderson | 3 | | Tim | | 1 | friend |
| Amber | Andress | 1 | | Kendra | | 1 | from LOMC |
| Tim | Benedict | 1 | Landowner | | | | |
| Curt | Brauhn | 3 | FCNA | | | | |
| Mike | Brauhn | 2 | FCNA | | | | |
| Bob | Brown | 1 | | | | | |
| Russ | Brunner | 4 | BFP | | | | |
| Bernie | Buchholz | 9 | | | | | |
| Cindy | Buchholz | 5 | | | | | |
| Josh | Clark | 3 | | | | | |
| Cody | Considine | 15 | | | | | |
| Damian | Considine | 1 | | | | | |
| Rusty | Cox | | | | | | |
| Dave | Crites | 11 | | | | | |
| Michelle | Crites | 5 | | | | | |
| Jon | Dempsey | 2 | RRFC | | | | |
| Dave | Edelbach | 2 | | | | | |
| Red | Frank | 1 | Landowner | | | | |
| Stuart | Goldman | 2 | TNC | | | | |
| Jan | Grainger | 1 | | | | | |
| Hank | Hartman | 7 | | | | | |
| Becky | Hartman | 5 | | | | | |
| Dwight | Heckert | 3 | | | | | |
| John | Heneghan | 11 | | | | | |
| Shane | Hussey | 2 | FCNA | | | | |
| FuiLian | Inger | 1 | Fire class | | | | |
| Kevin | Kaltenbach | 4 | | | | | |
| John | Keller | 1 | FCNA | | | | |
| Ian | Kenney | 3 | | | | | |
| Clare | Kerneck | 1 | Fire class | | | | |
| Duane | Kitchen | 1 | | | | | |
| Bill | Kleiman | 18 | | | | | |
| Susan | Kleiman | 2 | | | | | |
| Tricia | Lowery | 1 | | | | | |
| Al | Meier | 4 | | | | | |
| Mike | Peterson | 1 | Fire class | | | | |
| Mike | Saxton | 4 | | | | | |
| John | Schmadeke | 3 | | | | | |
| Steve | Sentoff | 4 | | | | | |
| Paul | Soderholm | 1 | | | | | |
| Chris | Sonnier | 1 | Fire class | | | | |
| Jay | Stacy | 5 | | | | | |
| Cory | Stauffer | 2 | FCNA | | | | |
| Daniel | Thompson | 2 | | | | | |
| Todd | Tucker | 2 | BFP | | | | |

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