

UCB Blodgett Forest burn: 3 this fall?

California has taken good steps last few years regarding fire



Increasing Prescribed Fire in California

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Prescribed Fire in CA Forests

- Harold Biswell calls for this in 1958 paper
 - No state or federal forest manager would allow him to work
 - Strong agreement now but big missed opportunity
- Need to develop a workforce
 - Prescribed fire training center – Feinstein and Wyden Bill's
 - Need people outside of wildfire season – winter, spring
- Need to build social and institutional support
 - June 2018 prescribed fire in Florida burns 36 homes
 - Liability coverage key to Florida's program
- Western Australia largest prescribed fire program in a Mediterranean climate (Rick Sneeuwjagt, 500k ac/yr.)
 - 'Begin with the most difficult fuel loaded landscapes'
 - 'Also the lowest experience and political support'
 - Use wildfire mosaic as opportunity
 - Inter-agency collaboration and Indigenous burning key