

Overview

- The Northeastern Region Fire Learning Network (NERFLN) continues to accelerate ecosystem restoration at fire-influenced sites throughout the east/northeastern United States. Although fire-dependent pine barrens systems will continue to serve as the project's focus the technology and lessons learned for these systems will have wide-reaching impacts on advancing fire management throughout the region.
- Regionally, participants of the NERFLN identified a list of key ecological attributes and indicators for eight pine barrens and oak forest systems from the Albany Pine Bush, Long Island Pine Barrens and Northern Shawangunks. A workshop held in November 2004 entitled "Preparing Prescriptions for Success: Managing and Monitoring Pine Barrens and Oak Forests" provided expert review of this information.
- The Northeast RFLN was created in 2002 and collaborates with over 65 partners on Eight primary landscapes.

Partners

- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- USFWS
- Camp Edwards Massachusetts Military Reservation
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- National Park Service
- Cornell Lab of Ornithology
- NYS Office of Parks, Rec & Historic Preservation
- New Jersey Forest Fire Service
- MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ME ARNG
- NJ Air Nat. Guard, DoD
- State of New Hampshire



Regional Fire Learning Network

Project Sites:

- Albany Pine Bush (3000 acres)
- Camp Edwards (20,000 acres)
- Hollis Barrens (1100 acres)
- Kennebunk Plains (1300 acres)
- Long Island Pine Barrens (103,500 acres)
- Ossipee Pine Barrens (1200 acres)
- Northern Shawangunk Ridge (90,000 acres)
- New Jersey Pine Barrens (1,200,000 acres)
- Pennsylvania Ridge Top Barrens (23,000 acres)
- Waterboro Barrens (1200 acres)



Northern Shawangunk Ridge (NY)



Waterboro Barrens (ME)



Kennebunk Plains (ME)



Katama Plains Burn Unit (MA)

Education & Outreach

Meetings with area fire chiefs, town officials, county, state and federal partners, and neighbors.

Onsite workshops and walk-through with national fire experts.

Detailed mapping of burn units

Drafting of wildfire response and fire prescriptions

Research into the ways fires behave in different fuel models

Educational brochures

Signs and billboards



Restoring Fire Adapted Ecosystems

A collaborative project designed to strengthen partnerships across the landscape, accelerate ecosystem restoration at high-priority fire-adapted landscapes, and to transfer lessons learned at the landscape scale.

