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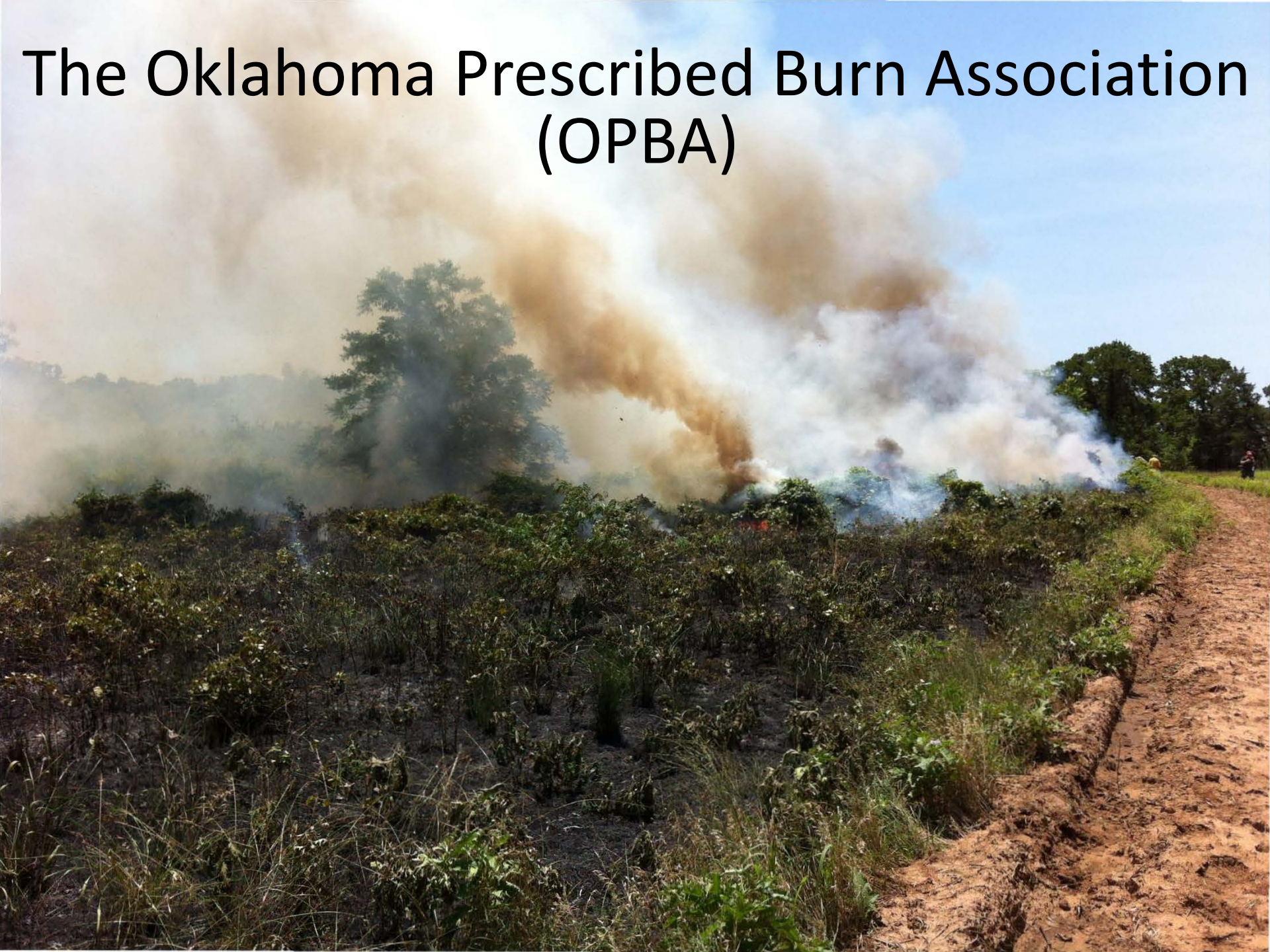


OPBA Vision & Mission

Vision

The Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association aspires to be the premier organization that significantly increases the application of prescribed fire on the Oklahoma landscape.

Mission

Our Mission is to promote and protect the right of Oklahoma landowners to use prescribed burning as a safe, economical and effective land management practice by supporting member prescribed burning associations and individual landowners.

OPBA will:

- Create/maintain healthy rangelands

OPBA will:
- Improve forage production/quality for livestock

OPBA will:
- Improve habitat quality/abundance for wildlife

OPBA will:
- Reduce the spread/abundance of eastern red-cedar

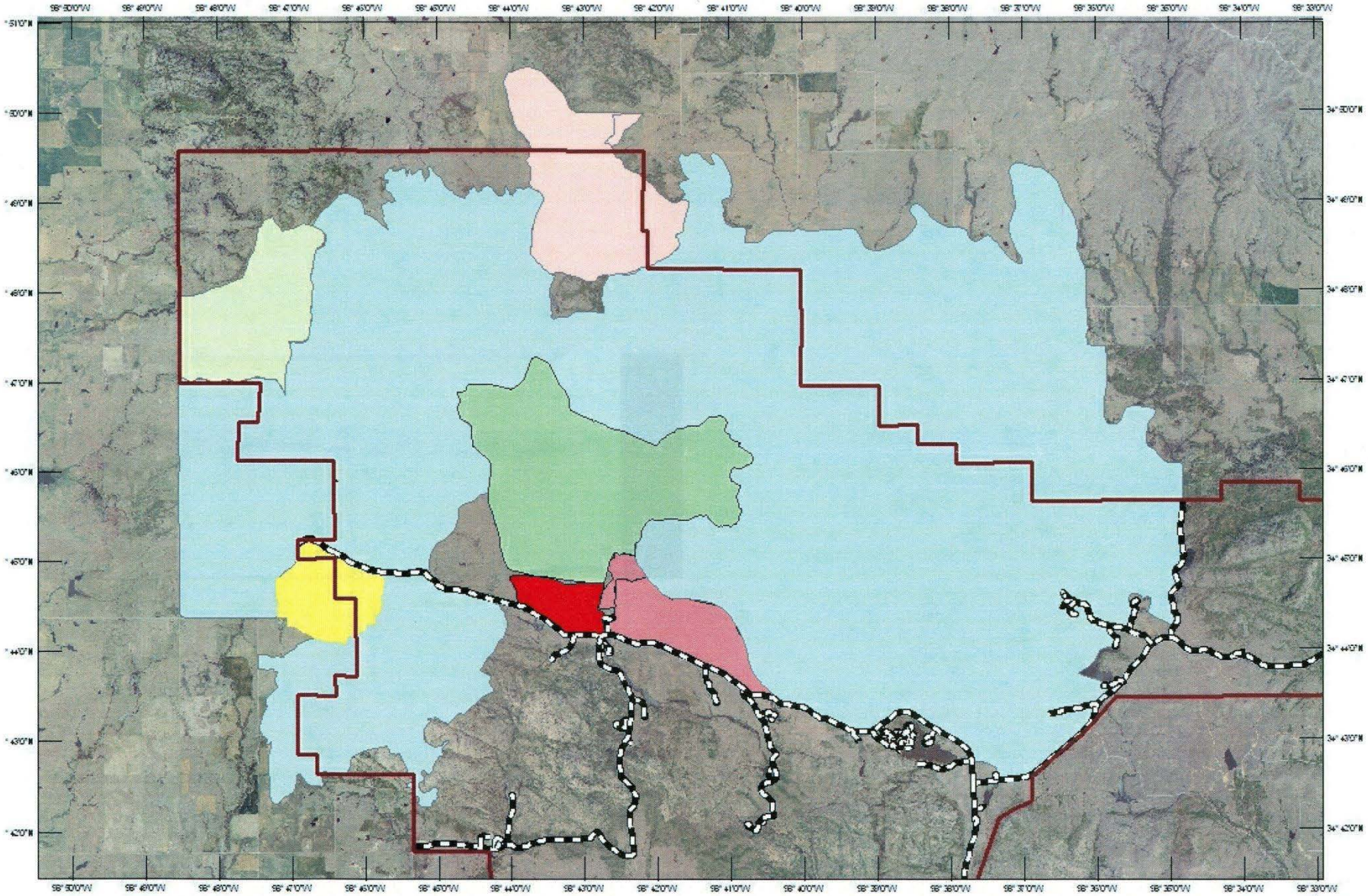
OPBA will:
- Reduce fuel accumulation to help mitigate the frequency/intensity of wildfire

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

Comanche County, Oklahoma

Ferguson Fire and Associated Fire Activity



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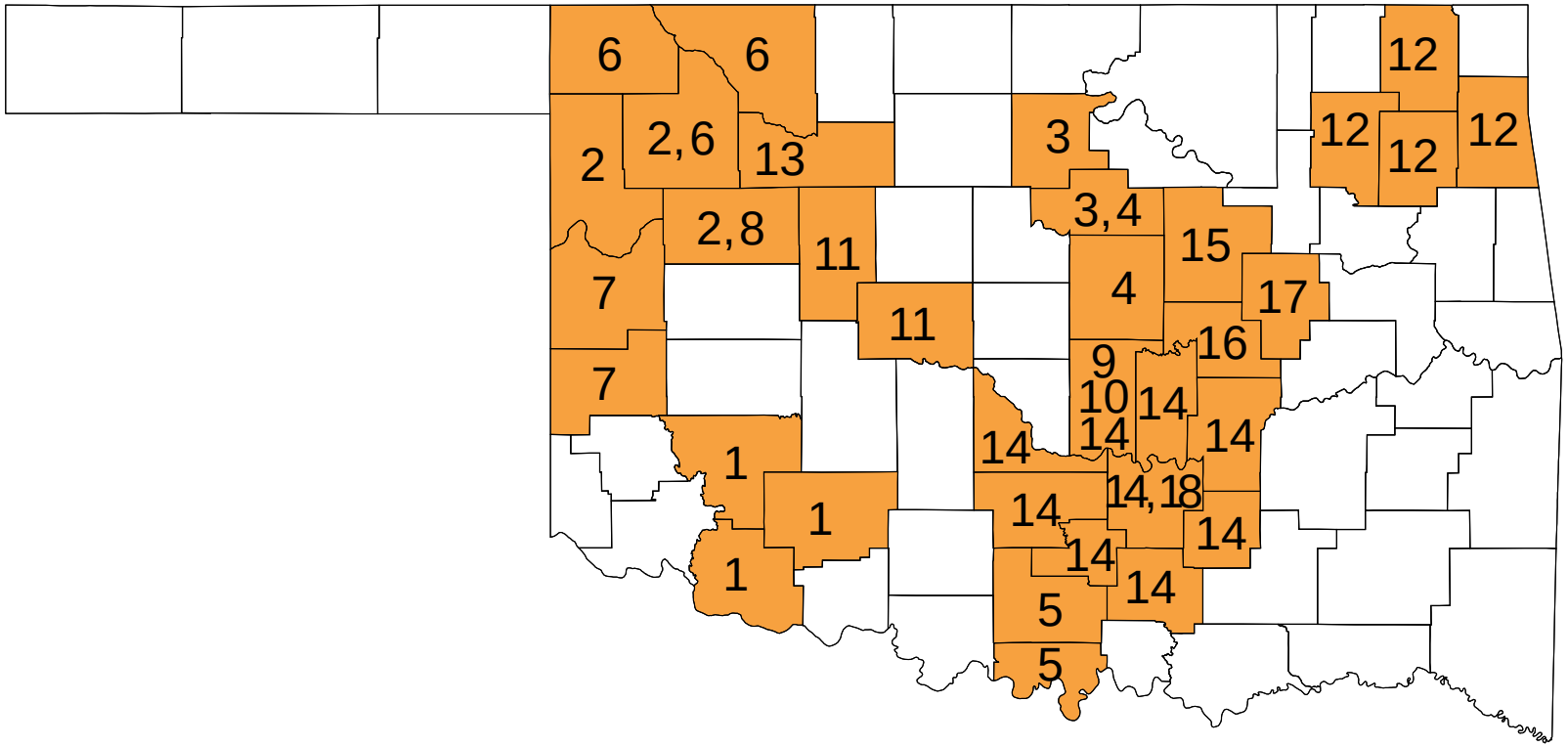
How?

Develop Local Prescribed Burn Associations (LPBAs)

Oklahoma's Local Prescribed Burning Associations



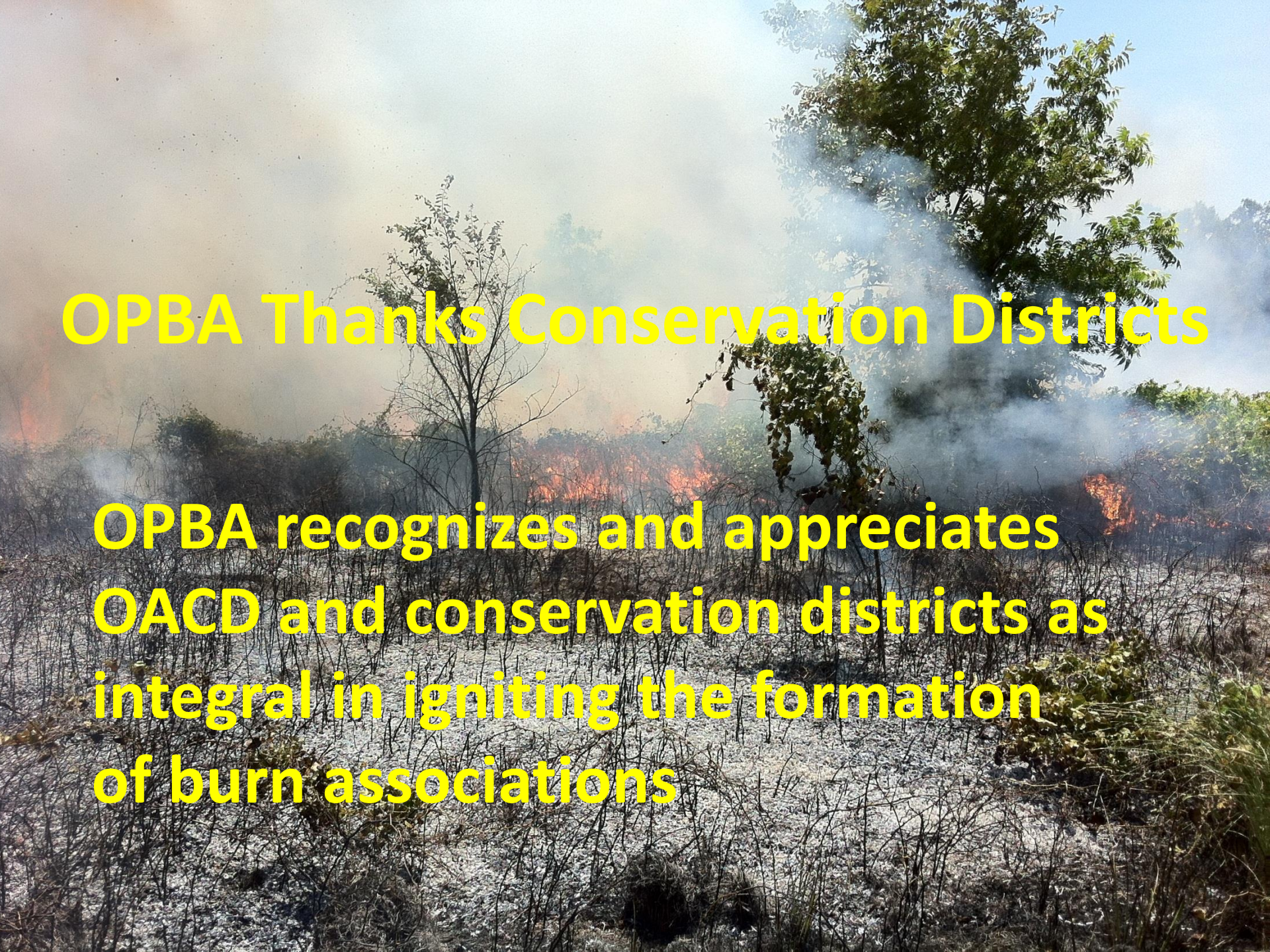
1. Big Pasture Prescribed Burning Association
2. Northwest Range Fire Management Association, Inc
3. North Central Range Improvement Association
4. Cross Timbers Prescribed Burn Association
5. Arbuckle Restoration Association
6. Cimarron Range Preservation Association
7. Roger Mills Prescribed Burn Association
8. South Canadian Prescribed Burn Association
9. Salt Creek Prescribed Burn Association
10. Northern Pottawatomie County Prescribed Burn Association
11. Canadian Rivers Prescribed Burn Association
12. Indian Territory Burn Association
13. Gloss Mountain Prescribed Burn Association
14. Pontotoc Ridge Prescribed Burn Association
15. Creek County Prescribed Burn Association
16. Twin Rivers Prescribed Burn Association
17. Okmulgee Prescribed Burn Association
18. Limestone Game & Range Management Association

Educate, Train and Equip

- Fire is a natural process; as natural as sunshine and rain
- Statewide effort with focus in Lesser Prairie-Chicken range

Insurance

Funding


OPBA Thanks Conservation Districts
OPBA recognizes and appreciates OACD and conservation districts as integral in igniting the formation of burn associations

What can Conservation Districts do?
- Support your existing burn association
- Assist in forming a burn association if you don't have one
OPBA is here to help

Partners needed:

- Oklahoma Conservation Commission
- Oklahoma Association Conservation Districts
- Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
- Oklahoma State University
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- The Nature Conservancy
- Playa Lakes Joint Venture
- Noble Foundation
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Rural Volunteer Fire Departments
- Energy Companies
- Native American Tribes
- Insurance Companies

Questions?

Sericea lespedeza

- GSRxF – better than DSRxF
- GSRxF/Grazing – Reduced from ~10% to ~3% & increased from ~10% to ~30%
- GSRxF & spray – some work but inconclusive

Yellow Bluestem

- DSRxF – no effect
- GSRxF – temp. set back
- GSRxF & low soil moisture – set back 1 – 2 yrs. (TX)
- GS wildfire in drought?

Bromes

- Cheatgrass – *Bromus tectorum*
- Field Brome – *bromus arvensis*
- *Both respond to disturbances*

Bromus tectorum