

2014
Community Protection Program
Prescribed Fire Grant
Summary



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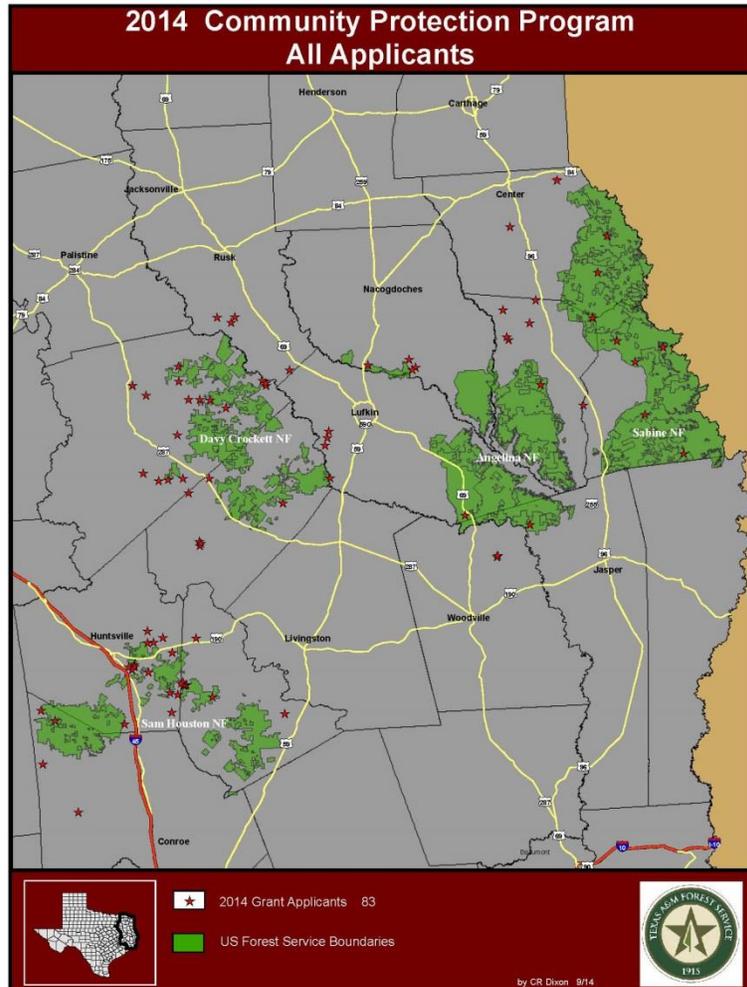
The Community Protection Program is intended to protect natural resources, local communities, and National Forest land within the Wildland Urban Interface. The four national forests in Texas are the Angelina National Forest, Davy Crockett National Forest, Sabine National Forest, and Sam Houston National Forest.

A ranking matrix was used to determine which prescribed burn treatments would be most effective in accomplishing this goal. Factors for the ranking included the property being within a 10 mile radius of a national forest, the use of The Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (TxWRAP) to determine the location of wildland urban interface nearby, completion of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) in the county or local community, along with the submission of a comprehensive burn plan. Several 2013 grantees did not complete their prescribed burn treatments due to weather conditions. Any of these same landowners that re-applied for 2014 funding received additional points in the matrix scoring system. TFS gave no extension to agreements.

Prescribed burning is an effective tool that is used to reduce the threat of wildfire to the National Forests, local communities, wildlife and natural resources located in East Texas. The grant opened for applications on October 16, 2013 with a deadline to apply of November 30, 2013. A total of 83 applications were received from 13 East Texas Counties. Twenty-nine applications were approved and the approved landowners had until August 31, 2014 to complete their prescribed burn treatment.



The 2014 Community Wildfire Protection – Prescribed Fire Grant accomplishments include **16 landowners** completing prescribed burn treatments on **19 tracts** for a total of **2,815.8 acres** in East Texas. The grant program allowed these landowners to be reimbursed at a rate up to \$30.00 maximum per acre, for a total of **\$82,889.00** paid thru the grant funding process. Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) did not complete the prescribed burns. Landowners worked with consulting foresters and private prescribed burn vendors to complete the burn treatments.



Detailed breakdown of the grant program for 2014:

- 83 applications were received by TFS
- 29 prescribed burn treatment agreements were approved by TFS
- 19 of these 29 sites completed prescribed burn treatments
- 3 of these 29 of the treatments were cancelled by the landowner
- 7 of these 29 landowners were not able to complete the burn treatments

List of Prescribed Fire Treatments Completed by County:

- Angelina – 2 burns, 250 acres
- Houston – 2 burns, 317 acres
- Jasper – 1 burn, 286 acres
- Montgomery – 2 burns, 475 acres
- Nacogdoches – 1 burn, 274 acres
- Sabine – 2 burns, 191 acres
- San Augustine – 3 burns, 266 acres
- San Jacinto – 1 burn, 330 acres
- Shelby – 1 burn, 170 acres
- Walker – 4 burns, 256.8 acres

Landowners who were not able to complete the prescribed burns during the stated contract period were encouraged to apply for the 2015 Community Protection Program. These applications will receive additional points in the matrix scoring system used to select the appropriate sites to fund.

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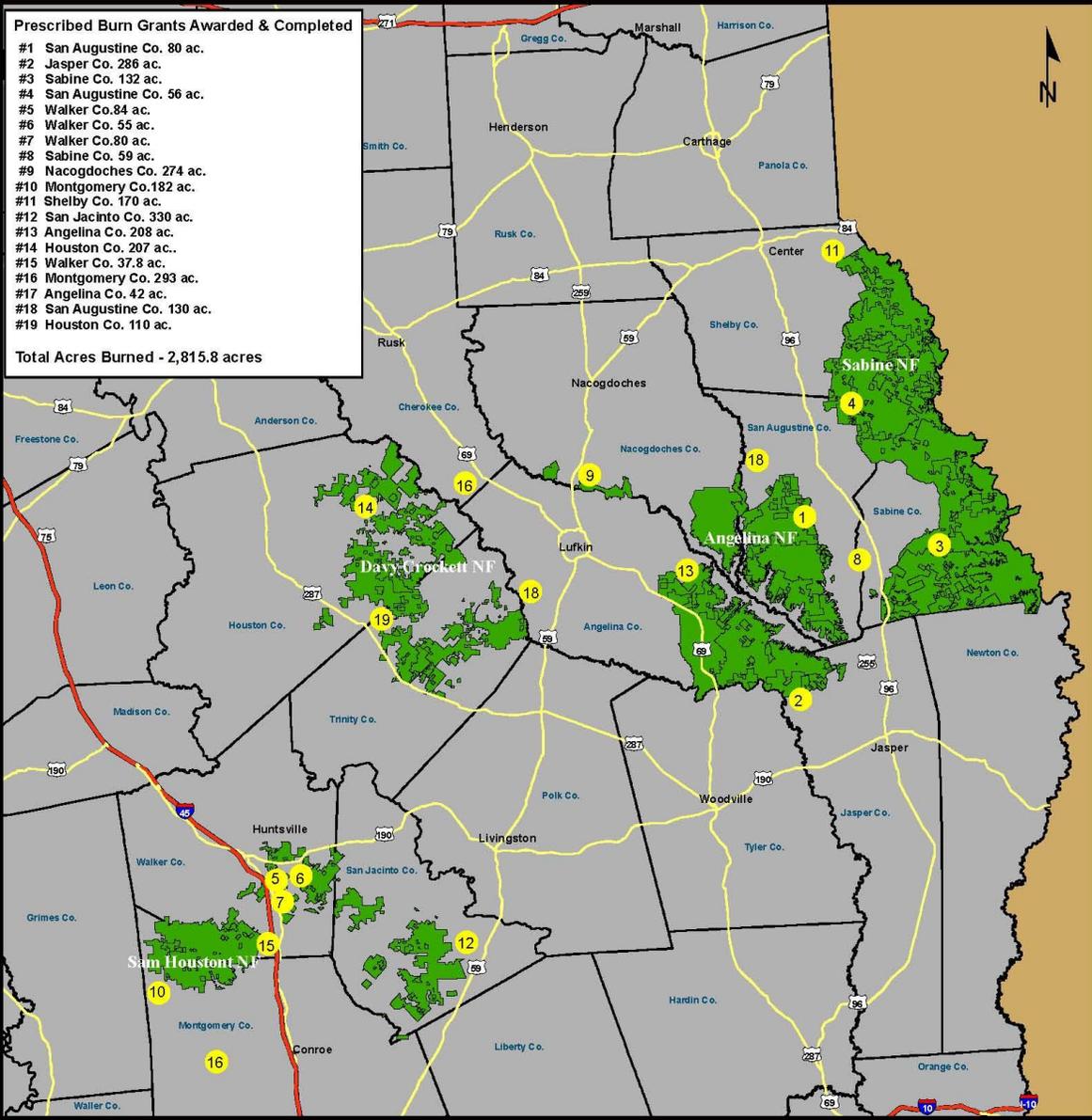
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- Prescribed Burn Grants Awarded & Completed**
- #1 San Augustine Co. 80 ac.
 - #2 Jasper Co. 286 ac.
 - #3 Sabine Co. 132 ac.
 - #4 San Augustine Co. 56 ac.
 - #5 Walker Co. 84 ac.
 - #6 Walker Co. 55 ac.
 - #7 Walker Co. 80 ac.
 - #8 Sabine Co. 59 ac.
 - #9 Nacogdoches Co. 274 ac.
 - #10 Montgomery Co. 182 ac.
 - #11 Shelby Co. 170 ac.
 - #12 San Jacinto Co. 330 ac.
 - #13 Angelina Co. 208 ac.
 - #14 Houston Co. 207 ac.
 - #15 Walker Co. 37.8 ac.
 - #16 Montgomery Co. 293 ac.
 - #17 Angelina Co. 42 ac.
 - #18 San Augustine Co. 130 ac.
 - #19 Houston Co. 110 ac.
- Total Acres Burned - 2,815.8 acres**



- Prescribed Burn Treatments
- US Forest Service Boundaries



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Before

After



#9 Nacogdoches County, 274 acres



#12 San Jacinto County, 330 acres



#15 Walker County, 38 acres