Working with Fire for Resilient Landscapes and Communities

When: **Thursday December 3rd, 2026, Presentations 9 am- 3 pm**
Where: **Hermantown Police Training Center**
5111 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown, MN 55811

Agenda:

8:30 **Doors open, Name Tag Pick-up, and Refreshments.**

9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks,**

9:10 **The State of the Forest and Wildfire Risk, Sam Reed, Ph.D.**
Climate & Conservation Manager Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness

9:40 **Benefits of Prescribed Burning, Lane Johnson, Research Coordinator & Forester, Cloquet Forestry Center, University of Minnesota**

10:10 **Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Program, Eli Sagor, Extension Professor, Cloquet Forestry Center, University of Minnesota**

10:30 **Break**

10:50 **Legal Liability, Mike Lynch, Forest Stewards Guild, Great Lakes Director**

11:10 **Firewise, Teresa Floberg Project Director, Fire Adapted Communities. Firewise, Dovetail Partners**

11:30 **MNDNR Prescribed Burning History and Policy, Paul Lundgren, Wildfire Section Manager, MN DNR Forestry.**

12:00 **Lunch, Catered by Valentini's**

1:00 **Lessons Learned, Aaron Kania, District Ranger, US Forest Service, Kawishiwi District (Retired).**

1:30 **Facilitated Group Discussion, Abby Andrus, Facilitator, Dovetail Partners.**

2:30 **Wrap-Up, Mathew Graeve, The Nature Conservancy**

3:00 **Adjourn**

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