Preserve: _____
County/State:_____
Date of Burn:_____
Name of Burn Leader:_____
Name of Volunteer:_____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY BY A VOLUNTEER AT A PRESCRIBED BURN

In consideration of my participation as a volunteer member of the burn crew of The Nature Conservancy (the "Conservancy") in the prescribed burn at the above-described Preserve (the "Preserve"), I state and agree as follows:

1. I am familiar with and understand the unit burn plan prepared for the Preserve. I understand my role during the burn, including the actions I am to take in the event that the burn escapes or otherwise deviates from the behavior predicted by the plan.

2. I agree to follow the instructions of the burn leader named above prior to, during and after the burn. I have been instructed in and understand the use of the equipment I am to use. I understand that my participation in the burn may involve sustained strenuous physical activity and exposure to heat and smoke. I am in good health and I am aware of no physical problem or condition which will limit or interfere with my ability to participate as a member of the burn crew under either predicted or emergency conditions. I also understand that medical attention may not be readily available.

3. I am aware that, even when carried out in the context of a planned prescribed burn, the use of fire is a dangerous activity. I agree that I am participating in the burn at my own risk, and acknowledge that the Conservancy has made no warranty or representation, express or implied, regarding the safety of conducting a prescribed burn at this Preserve.

4. I understand that I am not an employee of the Conservancy and that I will receive no compensation or other employment-related benefits from the Conservancy.

5. I agree to waive and release the Conservancy and its officers, directors and employees from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damage, costs and expenses resulting from any injury to me or damage to my property arising out of my presence on the Preserve, travel to or from the Preserve, or my participation in this prescribed burn. I intend this release to be effective, regardless of whether the claim of liability is asserted in negligence, strict liability or other theory of recovery. I further agree to be responsible for any injuries or damage caused by my failure to follow instructions or because of any inaccurate statements I have made in this release.

6. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly read and understand this form and that the statements I have made in it are all true, and that I am at least 18 years of age.

_____
Signature of Volunteer Date

Acknowledgement by Burn Leader

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly reviewed this form with the volunteer named above.

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Signature of Burn Leader Date