

## Management Implications

There are numerous reasons to burn during the growing season, as well as some limitations. Learning how the use of fire in various seasons of the year can increase a land manager's ability to maximize their goals and objectives.

- Fires have historically occurred during the growing season and these burns will not damage or kill most native plants.
- Growing-season burns provide fire managers more days to complete burns and allow for appropriate fire frequencies.
- Burning during the growing season can increase forage quality and extend forage quality later into the year.
- Most growing-season burns do not completely burn up all the vegetation, creating patchy burns, which creates a variety of plant structure and composition for wildlife.
- Understand how growing-season burns can impact various wildlife species.
- Burning during the growing season is often easier and safer than conducting dormant-season fires.
- Smoke management is not only important for burns conducted in the growing season, but fires conducted at any time of the year.
- Most land management goals and objectives can be achieved with growing-season burns.

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