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# STATE OF ALABAMA

**I, Jim Bennett, Secretary of State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that**

pursuant to the provisions of Title 10A, Chapter 1, Article 5, Code of Alabama 1975, and upon an examination of the entity records on file in this office, the following entity name is reserved as available:

**Alabama Prescribed Fire Council**

This name reservation is for the exclusive use of Charles Hall, P. O. Box 7, Dadeville, AL 36853 for a period of one year beginning September 03, 2013 and expiring September 03, 2014



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**In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, in the city of Montgomery, on this day.**

September 03, 2013

Date

**Jim Bennett**

**Secretary of State**

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ALABAMA PRESCRIBED FIRE COUNCIL  
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

These articles of incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under provisions of the Code of Alabama, 1975, known as the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Act and to comply with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as follows:

ARTICLE ONE. Name: The name of the Corporation shall be Alabama Prescribed Fire Council.

ARTICLE TWO. Duration: This nonprofit corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE THREE. Registered Office and Registered Agent: The address of the corporation's initial registered office is 121 N Tallassee St, Ste A, Dadeville, Alabama. The mailing address for the Registered office is P. O. Box 7, Dadeville, Alabama, 36853. The name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is Charles E. Hall, Jr.

ARTICLE FOUR. Incorporators: The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Richard Kent Hanby	431 Dogwood Trail	Dadeville, AL 36853
John R. Stivers	1442 St Mark Church Road	Hurtsboro, AL 36860

ARTICLE FIVE. Directors: The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation are four. The initial directors will serve until their successors are elected and qualified according to the bylaws.

The names and addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

Richard Kent Hanby	431 Dogwood Trail	Dadeville, AL	36853
John R. Stivers	1442 St Mark Church Road	Hurtsboro, AL	36860
R. Larry Ford	P. O. Box 910	Brent, AL	35034
Charles E. Hall, Jr.	P. O. Box 7	Dadeville, AL	36853

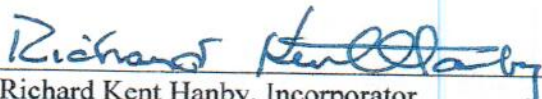
ARTICLE SIX. Purposes: This nonprofit corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The following examples are specific purposes that are encompassed in the broader purposes stated above: Promote a general public understanding of prescribed fire and distinguish between prescribed fire and wildfire; Promote safety, training, and research in the art and science of prescribed fire; Provide a forum for discussions on prescribed fire practices; Facilitate communication and exchange of information concerning prescribed fire; and other such purposes that protect, conserve, and expand the safe use of prescribed fire on Alabama's fire adapted landscape.

ARTICLE SEVEN. Authority: This nonprofit corporation is organized on a non-stock basis. Said corporation is to be financed under the following general plan: by contributions to it of funds and property absolutely or in any of them, any property real, personal or mixed, without limitations as to amount or value, except such limitation, if any, as may be imposed by law; to sell, convey, and dispose of any such property and to deal with such property for any of the aforementioned purposes without limitation, except such limitation, if any, may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received; and to exercise any, all, and every power for which a nonprofit corporation organized under the provisions of the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Act, all for the public welfare can be authorized to exercise, but not any other power.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, officers, or other private person, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Six hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislations, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this corporation shall not, except an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE EIGHT. Dissolution: Upon the dissolution of this nonprofit corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Executed by the undersigned on this 4 day of October, 2013.

  
Richard Kent Hanby, Incorporator

  
John R. Stivers, Incorporator

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