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We at the St. Francis definitely need the Prescribed Burns. Not sure about number of employees here now, maybe 5.

They have not been in the office since 2020.

We have no fire equipment here and it is 3 hours from Mountain View for a crew to get here. We only have our local Fire DEPT.

The St. Francis is small in the Forest Service eyes and I have to say we are basically known as the forgotten Forest. The St. Francis is a tourist draw for Lee and Phillips Counties along with the Mississippi River State Park. This is vital to our economy especially since we are in the poorest part of the state, the Delta.

Along with the Spillway debacle, a forest fire would be totally devastating to our economy and the opportunity for families to enjoy the outdoors exploring, fishing, camping, hiking , bird watching . The list is endless.

Please start with the Prescribed Burning as soon as possible. We use to have the burnings very often.

Thank you,

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Friends of the St. Francis National Forest

