

# Optimizing Research on Experimental Prescribed Fires to Improve Understanding of Wildland Fire and Smoke Behavior – Meeting 4

January 20-21, 2026  
Virtual

## Meeting Objectives

- Hear perspectives from Federal employees not previously available.
- Hear perspectives, including lessons learned and best practices, from those that have contributed to campaigns in other fields.

Register to attend: <https://nasem.zoom.us/meeting/register/6mMJL7TyR-CFSWCrnqOE4g#/registration>

## DAY 1 January 20, 2026

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**12:00 PM**      **Closed Session**

### OPEN SESSION

**1:00 PM**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
**Dar Roberts**, Committee Chair

**1:15 PM**      **Discussions with Select Federal Staff**  
**Mark Finney**, U.S. Forest Service  
**Scott Goodrick**, U.S. Forest Service  
**Sharon Hood**, U.S. Forest Service  
**Sim Larkin**, U.S. Forest Service  
**Jon Wallace**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**2:45 PM**      **Break**

**3:00 PM**      **Panel with Contributors to Campaigns in Other Fields**  
**Scott Goetz**, Northern Arizona University  
**Eric Hochberg**, Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences, Arizona State University  
**Allison McComiskey**, NSF NCAR Director, Earth Observing Laboratory  
**Jennifer Kaiser**, Georgia Institute of Technology

**4:30 PM**      **Additional Thoughts and Closing Remarks**

**5:00 PM**      **Meeting Adjourns**

**DAY 2 January 21, 2026**

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