# FIRE ECOLOGY OF OZARK FOREST ANTS

### **Research Topics**

- · Effects of burn severity on ant community structure
  - Long-term monitoring effort in the Valles Caldera National Preserve
- Effects of fire on rangeland dung beetles
  - Recently published in Rangeland Ecology and Management
- Sustainable agroforestry in Bornean Highlands
  - STEM minority student engagement
  - Applied ecological research

### Facilities (if applicable)

Ozark Field Research Station



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A prescribed burn removes overgrown brush at the Matador Wildlife Management Area in Paducah, Texas. We evaluated dung beetle communities on these sites and found changes in community composition resulting from the fire.

## **Keywords**

 #Ozarks, wildland fire, forest ecology, Formicidae, Hymenoptera, disturbance ecology, prescribed burning, wildfire, fire severity, burn severity, insect ecology, forest entomology, forestry, STEM minorities

## Recognitions/Significant achievements

- Could be recent press
- Nice awards
- Fellowships, etc.
- · High impact publications

