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Front Cover Feature:
Image taken a week after containment of the July 2007 Bonnie Springs Fire in Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, just west of Las Vegas, Nevada, in the Mojave Desert. This part of the fire burned through a mature shrubland of Joshua tree, yucca, blackbrush, and other species. A restoration seeding using native species and following best known seeding practices occurred on the burn. However, researchers observed little to no increase in seeded species in the soil seed bank nor in the vegetation through 17 years after fire. Photo credit: Scott R. Abella.

Back Cover Features:
Top: Youth Employment Program (Dillon, Montana) crew technicians installing modified contour log structures in May of 2024. Photo Credit: Daniel O. Kelly.
Middle: Southern Fire Exchange Outreach Specialist Sarah Cain (right) and Southern Fire Exchange team member Dr. Jennifer Fawcett (left) pictured at the 2026 North Carolina Interagency Wildland Fire Academy at Haw River State Park in Summit, NC, in January 2026. Photo Credit: Craig Marimpietri.
Bottom: Prescribed fire conducted on a restored wetland site at the Albert K. Ekre Grassland Preserve in southeastern North Dakota. Photo credit: Angeline Bahe.