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It is this backward motion toward the source  
Against the stream, that most we see ourselves in,  
The tribute of the current to the source  
It is from this in nature we are from.  
It is most of us.

Robert Frost  
"West-Running Brook"

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*Experience with small burns to restore and maintain the barrens-woodland mosaic that covers large areas in the hills of southern Illinois has recently led to greater recognition of the importance of fire in maintaining these elements and the integrity of the landscape. As a result restorationists are now using landscape-scale burns of upwards of a hundred hectares, paradoxically painting with a wide brush in order to restore and maintain these complex, fine-textured systems. Here restorationists Gloria Huggins and Elizabeth Steward are at work on a burn on the Cave Hill site within the Shawnee National Forest. For a detailed account of this work, see the article by Lawrence Stritch, beginning on page 73.*