



Drones for Wildfire and Prescribed Fire Science

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Dear Colleagues,

The use of unmanned aircraft systems for research and operations on wildland fires has been rapidly accelerated by developments in aircraft systems, sensors, telemetry, circuitry, and computers.

This Special Issue will welcome manuscripts that link the use of UAS to the following wildland fire themes:

- Firefighter safety, management and control;
- Characterization of fire dynamics;
- Plume dispersion; Detailed forest mapping;
- Characterization of fire emissions; Meteorological measurements;
- Detection and tracking of elements (e.g., people, animals, vehicles, etc.).

We look forward to receiving your original research articles and review papers.

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