

Suwannee Community Center Speaker Series

Friday January 19th, 2017 – 4:00 PM

## **Fire Management at Lower Suwannee NWR: Burning for Critters**

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Lower Suwannee & Cedar Keys NWRs

Fire plays a crucial role in shaping most of the natural communities of Florida. It is an essential process upon many plant and animal species thrive. We will discuss local wildfires, the valuable natural role of fire in the woods, prescribed burning, and how the Refuge applies this management tool to improve wildlife habitat.



### **Bio:**

Vic is currently the Fire Management Officer and a Wildlife Biologist for the Lower Suwannee NWR on the Gulf Coast of North Florida, where he has been for the past 14 years. Vic was trained in wildlife management at the University of Florida and N.C. State University. Prior to his assignment at Lower Suwannee, Vic worked for the State of Florida for 15 years: 7 years with the state park system as a biologist and land manager, and 8 years for the state Fish & Wildlife Commission as a biologist and land management supervisor. He has been

fortunate to spend his entire career in the North Central Florida region and has a tremendous passion for the woods and waters of the Nature Coast, and the critters who can call them home.