

## TRAINING ALERT

### S-244 Field Observer

**April 25-28, 2016**

*Hosted by the Boise National Forest*  
*Training located at Garden Valley Work Center, Boise IHC Readiness Training Room*  
1219 Banks-Lowman Road  
Garden Valley, Idaho

*Nomination Deadline*  
**April 8, 2016**

- Description: This course provides the student with the skills necessary to perform as a field observer (FOBS) and/or a fire effects monitor (FEMO). Topics include roles and responsibilities of the FOBS and FEMO, how to make observations and document those observations, how to produce hand drawn and GPS field maps, and how to navigate using a compass and GPS. Students need to be prepared to spend time in the field – the navigation unit has 4½ hours of field exercises and the final field exercise is 8 hours. **Class size will be limited to 20 students.**
- TARGET GROUP Personnel desiring to be qualified as a FOBS or FEMO.
- PREREQUISITES: Successful completion of pre-course work, Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (S-290), and basic understanding of how to use a GPS receiver.  
FOBS: Qualified as any single resource boss.  
FEMO: Qualified as a firefighter type 2 (FFT2).
- SCHEDULE: The course will begin at 1200 hours on Monday, April 25, and conclude by 1200 hours on Thursday, April 28.
- COST: No tuition. Students and instructors are responsible for travel and per diem.
- NOMINATIONS: Submit nominations via IQCS (session #158) or send nominations to your local training representative, who will forward them to your agency training representative listed below. Agency training representatives – please forward to Course Coordinator Julia Figgins via e-mail ([jpfiggins@fs.fed.us](mailto:jpfiggins@fs.fed.us)) or FAX (208-373-4111).

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*For additional information, please contact the Lead Instructor, Doug Brown at [debrown@fs.fed.us](mailto:debrown@fs.fed.us) or at (208) 259-3361 x7524.*

AGENCY TRAINING REPRESENTATIVES:

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