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# Bridger - Teton National Forest

Fire & Aviation

Training & Qualifications

Standard Operating Guide

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## 1 - INTRODUCTION

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### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this guide is to set forth protocols for administering the incident training and qualifications program for Bridger-Teton National Forest (referred to as “Forest”) employees. This guide identifies responsibilities, actions, procedures, and timelines for the Forest to ensure there is an effective incident training and qualifications system benefitting Forest employees and the fire and aviation management program.

The Forest Service recognizes its responsibility to provide a well-qualified fire management workforce and to provide effective career counseling and support to those interested or required to participate in the fire management mission. It is crucial that all employees, at the earliest possible stage in their careers, be provided with information about positions in the fire management organization and that the agency supports their pursuit of qualifications through training and experience.

### 1.2 Scope

This plan applies to employees of the Bridger - Teton National Forest, BTNF sponsored AD/Casual hire employees, and “virtual” employees whose Duty Station is located on the Bridger - Teton National Forest.

### 1.3 Objective

The objective of the Forest incident training and qualification program is to have qualified personnel available to meet the requirements of fire and aviation management. Also, to support activities at the local, Regional and National programs, in a safe, effective, and efficient manner. This system ensures our employees meet current interagency and agency specific standards for training, experience, and physical fitness prior to being certified for wildland fire organization positions.

### 1.4 Policy

The [National Interagency Incident Management System Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualifications Guide \(PMS 310-1\)](#), [Federal Wildland Fire Qualifications Supplement](#) and [Forest Service Fire and Aviation Qualifications Guide \(FSAQG\)](#) provide direction for fire and aviation training and qualifications. Reference the FSH 5109.17 - Fire and Aviation Management Qualifications Handbook for further policy direction for fire and aviation training and qualifications for Forest Service employees and non-agency employees hired under the Administratively Determined (AD) pay plan. The Forest Service requires the minimum qualification standards (MQS) contained in the “Interagency Fire Program Management Qualifications and Standard (IFPM)” for identified fire positions. Additional Forest Service fire positions are covered by the “Forest Service Fire Program Management Qualification and Standards (FSPM)”. For more information on IFPM and FSPM reference the following website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/ifpm>

## **2 -RESPONSIBILITIES**

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### **2.1 Line Officers**

Line Officers are responsible for ensuring preparation of individual training and development plans based on job performance requirements, previous experience, position management considerations (needs analyses), and career interests of their employees. Training and development plans must ensure that the employee meets all prerequisite training, experience, and other qualification standards prior to certification for wildland fire management positions.

### **2.2 Employees**

Forest Service employees are responsible for their own development and should seek training opportunities that will improve their performance. Employees should take the initiative to obtain information about opportunities in fire management as either a primary or collateral responsibility. Employees should become familiar with the fire management staff on the unit they are assigned to and seek counseling for incident management job opportunities and pathways. In conjunction with their supervisor, each employee is required to prepare an individual training and development plan annually that includes near and long-term career position goals and identify formal training and work experience needed to reach those goals. Fire and aviation management positions and specific ICS positions should be included in that plan.

Employees should periodically review their training and qualifications records and keep personal copies of all pertinent documents for their records and future use.

### **2.3 Supervisors**

Supervisors will review and approve an individual training and development plan annually that includes short and long-term career position goals and identify formal training and work experience needed to reach those goals. Fire/Aviation Management positions and specific ICS positions should be included in that plan.

Supervisors will ensure that FSFPM and IFPM standards are reflected in Individual Development Plans for personnel in either IFPM or FSPM positions, and opportunities to meet the standards are provided. Supervisors will ensure that subordinates are aware of FSFPM and IFPM requirements for their current and target positions.

### **2.4 Fire & Aviation Management Staff**

The Zone FMO and/or Zone Training Manager is the local subject matter expert for fire and aviation management and ICS positions' qualifications policy and procedures, including training and experience requirements. The ZFMO will ensure that counseling is provided to employees to improve their understanding of fire management and ICS positions, and that experience and qualification records for unit employees are maintained. These duties may be delegated to a Zone Fire and Aviation training manager.

## 2.5 Forest Training Committee

The Training Committee's primary purpose will be to ensure the accuracy and consistency of our training records. This will be accomplished by ensuring audits are being completed of all the training records. The training committee will meet annually to review training records. They will review approximately 25% of the records each year to ensure audits are being completed and that the records are consistent with associated policies. The Committee will also be tasked with setting the wildfire annual training calendar for the forest and ensure course delivery is delegated. The committee will have a chair that should rotate on a biannual basis. Committee members will be identified by the Zone FMO's and by the Fire Staff Officer/FAFMO for the SO. There will be a rep from each Zone, Helitack and the SO. The chair can double as the zone rep. The Training Committee will report to the FAFMO.

### Bridger-Teton National Forest Zone Training Managers, IQCS Account Managers and Training Committee Members

| Position                          | Name                                       | IQCS Org #           | Phone #                                                      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Forest Training Manager           | Josh Erickson                              | 04030000             | 307-739-5581                                                 |
| Forest Training Coordinator       | Will Hall                                  | 04030000             | 307-276-5826                                                 |
| <b>ZONE TRAINING MANAGERS</b>     |                                            |                      |                                                              |
| Supervisor's Office               | Josh Erickson                              | 04030000             | 307-739-5581                                                 |
| North Zone                        | Dave Wilkins                               | 04030004/04030006    | 307-739-5418                                                 |
| East Zone                         | Brian Nate                                 | 04030002/04030007    | 307-367-5735                                                 |
| West Zone                         | Jared Mattson                              | 04030001/04030003    | 307-886-5333                                                 |
| Aviation                          | Kyle Stump                                 | 0403HELI             | 307-739-5524                                                 |
| Bridger - Teton NF ADs            | Will Hall                                  | 040300AD             | 307-276-5826                                                 |
| <b>IQCS ACCOUNT MANAGERS</b>      |                                            |                      |                                                              |
| S.O.                              | Will Hall                                  |                      | 307-276-5826                                                 |
| North Zone- D4, D6                | Dave Wilkins                               | NZ 04030004/04030006 | 307-739-5418                                                 |
| Helitack                          | Erik Newell                                | 0403HELI             | 307-739-5555                                                 |
| East Zone- D2, D7                 | Nan Stinson                                | EZ 04030002/04030007 | 307-276-5827                                                 |
| West Zone- D1, D3                 | Jared Mattson                              | WZ 04030001/04030003 | 307-828-5112                                                 |
| TIDC- Forest wide                 | Heather McDonald<br>TIDC Fire Line<br>TIDC |                      | 307-739-3303<br>307-739-3304<br>307-739-3630<br>307-739-3301 |
| <b>Training Committee Members</b> |                                            |                      |                                                              |
| Committee Chair                   | Josh Erickson                              |                      | 307-739-5581                                                 |
| Supervisor's Office               | Will Hall                                  |                      | 307-276-5826                                                 |
| North Zone                        | Dave Wilkins                               |                      | 307-739-5431                                                 |

|                |                |  |              |
|----------------|----------------|--|--------------|
| East Zone      | Kendra Jackson |  | 307-367-5735 |
| West Zone      | Adam Hansen    |  | 307-739-5524 |
| Helitack       | Erik Newell    |  | 307-739-5555 |
| Grand Teton NP | Bill Mayer     |  | 307-739-3313 |

## 2.6 Training Managers

The Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF) Fire Management Officer will designate the Forest's Fire Management Training Officer to administer the SO employees training needs and provide coordination with the Forest's Fire Management Zones.

- The Forest Training Specialist will update the annual forest fire training program and represent the Forest to the Eastern Idaho/Wyoming Wildland Fire Training Committee.
- The training managers (Forest and Zone) will maintain current knowledge of both NWCG and Forest Service specific position qualifications requirements, policy and procedures, Training managers will assist in training, provide counseling to zone employees, and serve as the Zone contact with the Forest's training managers to identify training needs and opportunities, manage training nomination procedures, and document approval of nominee and completions of training.
- Each training officer will serve as the point of contact for their respective unit. The unit training officer is responsible for gathering unit training needs and priorities and presenting them at the forest training priority meeting, held each fall. All employees are encouraged to participate in fire training and fire assignments throughout the season. The unit training officer is also responsible for ensuring that all employees, including non-fire, on their unit have an equal opportunity for fire training. Should a non-fire employee have an interest in attending fire training and working towards a fire qualification, the unit training officer should contact the employee's supervisor to ensure that the training is included in their IDP.
- Each unit has at least one employee, if not more, who have been through the required IQCS training and have IQCS accounts. In some cases, that employee is also the training officer for that unit. They each have the proper privileges to access IQCS for the purpose of entering nominations for their unit, inputting the end of season updates into the system, and printing reports, including Master Records for distribution to respective employees. It will be the responsibility of the unit training officers to ensure the duties listed above are being completed.
- Position Task Book entry and certification, as well as Incident Qualification Card drafting and printing, will remain the responsibility of the Forest Training Specialist.

## 3 - TRAINING

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### 3.1 Instructors of Incident Management Training

The Forest Service complies with the instructor training requirements for certified instructors contained within the [NWCG Field Manager's Course Guide \(PMS910-1\)](#).

#### 3.1.1 Levels of Training

##### NAFRI

The National Advanced Fire and Resource Institute (NAFRI) is a national level training center and is located in Tucson, AZ. Courses offered at NAFRI are 400, 500, and 600 level courses. Course descriptions and information can be found on their website (<https://wildlandfirelearningportal.net/course/view.php?id=257&sesskey=DKx3z7AIRk>)

##### GBTC

The Great Basin Training Center (GBTC) is a Geographic Area training center and is in Boise, ID. Courses offered here are 300, 400 and 500 level courses, courses specific to the geographic area (Local Fire Management Leadership, Intermediate Air Operations, etc.), and workshops offered within the Geographic Area (Helicopter Manager Workshop, Great Basin Dispatcher's Workshop, etc.). Course descriptions and information can be found on their website (<https://wildlandfirelearningportal.net/course/view.php?id=316&section=0>).

##### Zone

The Bridger - Teton NF is part of the Eastern ID/WY Training Zone (EI/WZ). The other units which are included in the EI/WZ are the Caribou-Targhee NF, Salmon Challis NF, Grand Teton NPS, BLM, FWS, and. The SWZ is 1 of 7 training zones within the Geographic Area. Courses offered through the EI/WZ are 100, 200 and some 300 level courses. Information regarding these courses can be found on their website (<http://www.umt.edu/ces/conferences/fire/>).

##### Local

Local training includes any training coordinated by local forest personnel. This includes the Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130), Work Capacity Test (WCT), Guard School (I-100, L-180, S-130, S-190), Helicopter Crewmember Refreshers, Chief of Party, S-212 and RT-212. 200 level courses may also be put on at the local level, if there is a need and the requirements for instructors are met, as defined in the PMS 901-1, Field Manager's Course Guide (see Section II-A). The Forest Training Specialist will maintain a schedule of all local training and coordinators.

##### Other

Other training includes any National Fire Academies (Florida RX Burn Academy, Southwest Fire Use Training Academy, etc.), and other training offered in a different Geographic Area. Information about these can be found on the NAFRI website, or by using the NAFRI website to navigate to the desired Geographic Area.

## **3.2 Fire and Aviation Management Training Nomination Procedures**

### **3.2-1 Fire and Aviation Management Training Calendars**

Fire and aviation management training calendars for the National, Great Basin, College of Eastern Idaho (CEI), Wyoming Fire Academy (as well as others) will be developed and published annually based on needs analyses developed for each level. Generally, the National, Great Basin and Wyoming Fire Academy training catalogs are available by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) training catalog is available January 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Teton Interagency Fire group will prepare a local training calendar by February 15 of each year, including annual fire refreshers, and entry level firefighter class.

The Teton Interagency website provides access to all these calendars.

### **3.2.2 Nominations for Training**

Forest Zone Training Managers and the Forest Training Coordinator will work with employees to make sure that there is a clear understanding of nomination requirements and deadlines.

The procedures and their order for fire training nominations are:

- The Forest Training Coordinator will initiate the call for nominations for 300+ level courses in August of each year and set due dates for nominations in September based on the scheduled meeting of the East Idaho/Wyoming Training Zone Prioritization Meeting.
- Zone Training Managers will request training nominations for all zone employees, after the Forest Training Coordinator has issued the annual process for submittal of nominations. Zone Training Managers will review and approve each nomination and ensure nominees meet pre-requisite training, experience, and qualifications. Nominations must be known and approved by employee's supervisors. It is recommended that established training needs and nominations be completed well before due dates, because of potential conflicts with fire season commitments. Each Zone Training Manager will set the training priorities for their zone and then send nominations/spreadsheets to the Forest Training Coordinator by the established due date.
- The Forest Training Coordinator will compile a forest-wide spreadsheet of prioritized training nominations received from the Zone Training Managers. Any necessary prioritizations between the zones will be determined by the Forest Training Manager with consultation from the Zone Training Managers.
- For 100-200 level classes, a list of needs per zone will be submitted to the TIF FMO group to be discussed and to determine if local offerings of the class should be scheduled. Nominations for these classes will be handled at the dispatch zone level,

with coordination between supervisors, training managers and SO fire planner to track costs.

### **3.2.3 Training and Experience Records**

Employees are responsible for providing training attendance documentation (certificates) to respective Zone Training Managers. Local course coordinators will ensure courses are entered as completed in IQCS and maintain documentation of training put on locally.

Responsibility for establishing and maintaining documentation of incident management and qualifications for employees will be held with the Forest Training Specialist. The Incident Qualification and Certification System update form is accessible on the IQCS website at:

[https://iqcsweb.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/IQCS\\_Responder\\_Update\\_0.pdf](https://iqcsweb.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/IQCS_Responder_Update_0.pdf)

Documentation of training and experience obtained by individual employees in the previous year will be made by completion of the Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) update form. This form should be provided to employees by Unit Training Managers or supervisors at the end of each fire season and updates completed by December 15 for permanent and career seasonal employees. Updates to temporary employee's experience record will be done prior to their departure at the end of the season.

Zone Training Managers should provide employees with IQCS Master Record printouts (or electronic) with current year updates no later than December 15 each year, or sooner if job announcement opening/closing dates warrant a sooner issuance. Training Managers, supervisors and employees need to coordinate on this.

### **3.2.4 Master Record IQCS Folders**

Training Managers in each Zone will forward document course completion, certificates, individual trainings, experience, and qualifications to Forest Training Specialist who will confirm entry into the IQCS database. Training managers will upload training information into IQCS to maintain qualifications folders virtually. The [FSFAQG](#) provides protocols for IQCS managers. Current master IQCS files for employees will be held at Big Piney RD with the Forest Training Specialist:

Records must be maintained in a secure environment with access to only approved supervisors. They will be well organized and immediately available for audits or other needs.

IQCS document folders will be organized by the following tabs as per the **FSFAQG** Record Keeping:

1. Master Records
2. Experience Records
3. Refreshers / Work Capacity Tests
4. Certifications / Training Documents

5. ICS 226 Individual Performance Ratings and other incident related performance evaluations, letters, or recognitions.
6. Position Task Books – Initiation page /Certification page (front and back of the cover), and evaluation record pages. This would include those certification records for those positions that do not require taskbooks such as some of the aviation or feller qualifications.

### **3.2.5 Audits**

IQCS records audits will be scheduled as appropriate to review, organize and update each employee file to meet [FSFAQG](#) requirements. There are several ways to verify records to complete audits. Audits will be documented in a way so that it is clear the training records comply with policy. Audits will not require a specific method to allow flexibility to those performing the audits.

Audits will be an ongoing process as needed to ensure records are complete and accurate. The Training Committee will review Zone audits annually as described in the Training Committee section. Reps from each area will ensure records are being maintained annually. Reps will also ensure that Master Records are being updated within the folders annually. Any new employees will have an audit performed on their file prior to getting an Incident Qualifications Card issued. Audits will be recorded so that subsequent audits will only need to be reviewed to the point of the last documented audit. Occasionally the training committee will review all audits to ensure past audits have been performed adequately.

### **3.3 Great Basin Coordinating Group and Great Basin Training Center**

The Great Basin Coordinating Group (GBCG) represents the Federal, Tribal, State, and local agencies and entities within the Great Basin Geographic Area, sponsors the [Great Basin Training Center \(GBTC\)](#) and its annual program of fire and aviation management training at the selected 300 and 400 levels, as well as other courses and workshops determined by geographic area needs analysis.

### **3.4 [College of Eastern Idaho \(CEI\)](#) and [Wyoming Fire Academy \(WFA\)](#)**

The CEI and WFA provide fire and aviation training courses, determined by local needs analysis, at the 100, 200 and selected 300 levels.

### **3.5 Teton Interagency Fire Training**

The Teton Interagency Fire group will annually provide the following annual training.

- S-130 Basic Firefighter Training
- S-131 Advanced Firefighter Training
- S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- L-180 Human Factors on the Fireline
- RT-130 Fire Safety Refresher Training– required annually for all fire-going personnel.
- Work Capacity Tests – Arduous, Moderate and Light levels

In addition, the following courses should be scheduled and presented by the Teton Interagency Fire group annually as needed:

- S-200 Initial Attack IC
- S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use
- S-212 Wildfire Power Saws
- S-215 Fire Operations in the Wildland Urban Interface
- S-219 Firing Devices and Operations
- S-260 Interagency Incident Business Management
- S-271 Helicopter Crewmember?
- S-290 Intermediate Fire Behavior
- L-280 Followership to Leadership

### **3.6 Funding Fire and Aviation Management Training**

Fire training for fire and fuels funded employees will be paid for by Fire Management. Costs may include salaries, travel, per diem, tuition, and supplies as required. Since a limited amount of preparedness funds are available for training, units may have to prioritize candidates who require those funds if training is to be obtained. The following guidelines should be followed when prioritization is required:

- Regular fire-funded employees to obtain or maintain qualifications or enhance performance for their primary job in the Forest fire and aviation organization.
- Regular fire-funded employees to maintain current ICS qualifications.
- Regular fire funded employees to obtain qualifications for the next level job in the Forest's fire and aviation organization.
- Regular fire funded employees to obtain the next level ICS qualifications.
- Non-fire-funded employees are eligible to be funded for training out of a national/regional fire SU funds. They will be prioritized after regular fire funded employees.

Fire managers or line officers may deny the use of fire preparedness funds for training if the requested training is not approved on the employee's IDP, the nomination has not been submitted and accepted according to procedures described in 3.2.2 above, or if sufficient training funds are not available.

## 4 - POSITION TASK BOOKS

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### 4.1 Position Task Book Policy

The successful completion of all required tasks identified in the position task book (PTB) for a fire job, as determined by an evaluator(s), will be the basis for recommending certification by the Forest Fire Qualifications Review Committee (FQRC).

Table 4.1 Position task book initiation authority by functional group in Fire Management

| <b>FUNCTIONAL GROUP</b> | <b>Fire Staff Officer or FAFMO or Forest Training Officer</b> | <b>ZONE TRAINING MANAGER or ZONE FMO</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>COMMAND</b>          | ICT3 and above                                                | ICT4 and below                           |
| <b>OPERATIONS</b>       | DIVS and above                                                | STL/TFLD and below                       |
| <b>LOGISTICS</b>        | Unit leaders and above                                        | All others                               |
| <b>PLANNING</b>         | Unit leaders and above                                        | All others                               |
| <b>FINANCE</b>          | Unit leaders and above                                        | All others                               |
| <b>AIR OPS</b>          | ASGS/HLCO and above                                           | HEBM and below                           |
| <b>RX FIRE</b>          | RXB1 and above                                                | RXB2 and below                           |
| <b>DISPATCH</b>         | EDSP and above                                                | EDSD and below                           |
| <b>PREVENTION</b>       | PETL/INTM                                                     | PETM/INVF                                |
| <b>CIM</b>              | ALL                                                           |                                          |

Prerequisite experience and training needs can be found in the FSM 5109.17, Forest Service Fire and Aviation Qualifications Guide and PMS 310-1 to determine if a PTB should be initiated. The specific prerequisites for each incident management job may be found in Forest Service Fire and Aviation Qualifications Guide.

An incident training specialist may issue PTBs to BTNF employees assigned to an incident when a request to issue the PTB has been made to the Forest resulting in agreement between the Forest AFMO or the Forest Fire Staff Officer and the employee's unit fire training manager to approve issuance. Concurrence to issue the PTB will be provided to the training specialist by the Forest AFMO, or Forest Fire Staff Officer and/or zone training manager, as appropriate (table 4.1). If an incident training specialist issues a PTB, the Forest AFMO or Forest Fire Staff Officer's name and unit contact information will appear on the front cover as the person/unit authorizing the initiation. An individual may not have more than six active position task books at one time. No more than two task books may be in a single functional area.

Initiations of PTBs will be documented in IQCS, and the cover sheet of the PTB retained as digital documentation in the individual's IQCS profile. The trainee is responsible for the PTB until it has been completed. After completion, the PTB will be forwarded through the zone training manager to the Forest AFMO or Forest Fire Staff Officer. The Forest Fire Qualifications Review Committee (FQRC) will determine whether the trainee should be certified in the position by reviewing the information provided by evaluators and recommendations provided in the documentation for each experience. Some entry level positions, defined in the certification section of this document, will not need to be presented to the FQRC for certification and will be at the discretion of the Forest AFMO or Forest FMO. Although not required, it is recommended that trainees successfully perform in at least

two assignments (on two separate incidents) in each incident management job for which a PTB is issued, under two or more qualified evaluators. Reference the PTB for instruction on types of assignments needed for specific tasks. Certification obtained with only one trainee assignment should be considered an exception and typically multiple assignments should be completed prior to recommendation for certification.

## **4.2 Position Task Book Procedures**

The following process will be followed for initiation of position task books, evaluation of experience, and recommendation of certification.

### **4.2.1 Task Book Initiation** (See Table 4.1 to determine who can initiate PTB's)

Position Task Books (PTB) can be initiated prior to attendance and successful completion of required training. However, Trainees cannot become fully qualified for the position until required training has been successfully completed. A Trainee must be qualified in the prerequisite position(s) before a PTB can be initiated. Agency equivalent courses, and courses that are interchangeable as identified by the NWCG Training Working Team, may be substituted for required courses. For information on interchangeable courses and course equivalency guidelines, see the [NWCG Standards for Course Delivery, PMS 901-1](#). The employee must meet the physical fitness requirements for the trainee position.

- A PTB is valid for 3 years from the day it is initiated. Upon documentation of the first task in the PTB, the 3-year time limit is reset from that new date. If the PTB is not completed in 3 years from the date of the PTB initiation (or first task being evaluated), the PTB will expire. A new PTB may be initiated. Prior experience documented in the expired PTB may be taken into account in completion of the new PTB at the discretion of the Certifying Official. All current qualification standards identified in the Forest Service Fire and Aviation Qualifications Guide must be complete prior to certification.

### **4.2.2 Task Book Evaluation**

- Reference the PMS 310-1 for information on responsibilities of trainees, coaches, evaluators, and certifiers for position task books.

Each evaluation record must be filled out in its entirety (example below). Task books with incomplete evaluation records will be returned and will not be reviewed by the FQRC until complete.

- If there is a situation where an individual has more than one final evaluator (i.e., has an opportunity to get another assignment prior to the next FQRC meeting date), EACH evaluator who initials recommendation #1 must also fill out an associated verification page.
- Evaluation Records and PTB Verification/Certifications may be completed in hard copy or electronically provided all documentation is available to the Evaluator.
- **It is the responsibility of the employee to ensure that each evaluation is well-documented and complete.**

**Trainee Information**Printed Name: **Smokey Bear**Trainee Position on Incident/Event: **TFLD (T)**Home Unit/Agency: **Bitterroot National Forest/Stevensville RD/USFS**Home Unit /Agency Address and Phone Number: **88 Main, Stevensville, MT 59870 406-555-5555****Evaluator Information**Printed Name: **Woodsy Owl**Evaluator Position on Incident/Event: **TFLD**Home Unit/Agency: **Bitterroot National Forest/West Fork RD/USFS**Home Unit /Agency Address and Phone Number: **6735 West Fork Road, Darby, MT 59829 406-444-4444****Incident/Event Information**Incident/Event Name: **Blue Joint** Reference (Incident Number/Fire Code): **MT-BRF-000002**Duration: **7/6/21 - 7/20/21 (\*\*\*ACTUAL DATES, not just # of shifts)**Incident Kind: **Wildfire, Prescribed Fire, All Hazard, Other (specify): Wildfire**Location (include Geographic Area, Agency, and State): **NR, USFS, MT**Management Type (check one): ☐ Type 5 ☐ Type 4 ☒ Type 3 ☐ Type 2 ☐ Type 1 ☐ Area CommandOR Prescribed Fire Complexity Level (check one): ☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ HighFBPS Fuel Model Letter: **G = Grass, B = Brush, T = Timber, S = Slash G****Evaluator's Recommendation****(Initial only one line as appropriate)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) The tasks initialed and dated by me on the Qualification Record have been performed under my supervision in a satisfactory manner. The trainee has successfully performed all tasks in the PTB for the position. I have completed the Final Evaluator's Verification section and recommend the trainee be considered for agency certification.
- WO \_\_\_\_\_ 2) The tasks initialed and dated by me on the Qualification Record have been performed under my supervision in a satisfactory manner. However, opportunities were not available for all tasks (or all uncompleted tasks) to be performed and evaluated on this assignment. An additional assignment is needed to complete the evaluation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) The trainee did not complete certain tasks in the PTB in a satisfactory manner and additional training, guidance, or experience is recommended.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) The individual is severely deficient in the performance of tasks in the PTB for the position and additional training, guidance, or experience is recommended prior to another training assignment.

**Comments:**

All Trainee & Evaluator information must be filled in. Incident information needs to include the incident number (NOT the P code) and actual dates of assignment (NOT just number of shifts). Evaluator recommendation should be initialed.

Evaluator's Signature: Woodsy Owl Date: 7/20/21Evaluator's Relevant Qualification (or agency certification): TFLDAdditional Evaluation Record sheets can be downloaded at <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/position-taskbooks>.

### *Season-Long Evaluations/On-the-Job-Training (OJT)*

- Evaluations will be accepted for experience that can be considered OJT and spans the core fire season (example: IADP, HECM). This experience should be recorded only in the blocks where the tasks can be completed in any situation (“O”). ANY evaluation and task completion that takes place on an incident, and is required to be performed on an incident, **MUST** have a separate evaluation record.
- The following are the incident numbers/names to be used in

IQCS to record OJT:

|            |                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| NORTH ZONE | 2025-WY-BTF-NZOJT (IQCS 00000657331)  |
| EAST ZONE  | 2025-WY-BTF-EZOJT (IQCS 00000657332)  |
| WEST ZONE  | 2025-WY-BTF-WZOJT (IQCS 00000657333)  |
| Aviation   | 2025-WY-BTF-AIROJT (IQCS 00000657334) |
| WFM        | 2025-WY-BTF-WFMOJT (IQCS 00000657335) |
| BTF-SO     | 2025-WY-BTF-SO_OJT (IQCS 00000657336) |

- Evaluation records for OJT will have the span of dates but will also include the # of shifts.

*Example: 01/01/2025-06/06/2025 15 shifts.*

### *Guard School/Critical Training/Simulations*

- These types of events can be considered Incidents for purposes of recording completion of tasks in a task book provided they meet the definition of an Incident, as defined in the Position Task Book.
- The following are the incident numbers/names to be used in IQCS to record experience:

|                              |                                         |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Guard School                 | 2025-WY-BTF-GUARDSCH (IQCS 00000657401) |
| Saw Proficiency and Currency | 2025-WY-BTF-SAW-PCE (IQCS 00000793582)  |

### **4.2.3 Task Book Certification**

- A PTB must be completed within three years from the time the first task is evaluated. The employee to whom the task book is issued is responsible for ensuring the completed PTB is signed and dated as required by the instructions. As soon as all tasks are evaluated, documented, and the evaluator recommends the trainee be qualified, the employee should present the PTB to his or her Zone Fire Training Manager who will review and then forward the completed PTB to the Forest Training Specialist.

- If the qualification level is listed in the chart below and meets all considerations it will be forwarded to the Forest FMO or Forest AFMO who will review specific entry level positions (reference matrix chart below) and re-validate that employee meets all the requirements, then complete for “Agency Certification” without convening FQRC for certification recommendation. All positions except Complex Incident Management and Agency Administrator Qualifications (both Rx and WF) not listed in the chart will need to be presented by Zone Training Manager or FQRC Member to the FQRC.

**Agency Certification Chart for Certifying Official:**

| <b>Functional Area</b>         | <b>PTBs to be reviewed outside of FQRC mtgs and presented directly to the Forest Fire Management Officer and/or Forest AFMO by the Forest Training Officer</b> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>COMMAND</b>                 | ICT5, PIOT                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>OPERATIONS</b>              | ENOP, FFT1, FAL2, FAL3 (FAL taskbook is not required)                                                                                                          |
| <b>AVIATION</b>                | ABRO, ATIM, DECK, HECM, FWPT, HTMM, HTPT, PLDO                                                                                                                 |
| <b>PRESCRIBED FIRE</b>         | RXB3                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>PLANNING</b>                | DPRO, FEMO, SCKN                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>LOGISTICS</b>               | BCMG, CAST, CASC, COMT, EQPM, INCM, ORDM, RADO, RCDM, WHHR                                                                                                     |
| <b>FINANCE/ADMIN</b>           | BUYM, CLMS, CMSY, EQTR, ICPI, INJR, PTRC                                                                                                                       |
| <b>DISPATCH</b>                | EDRC                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>PREV/<br/>INVESTIGATION</b> | PETM                                                                                                                                                           |

All Complex Incident Management and Agency Administrator Qualifications (both Rx and WF) will need to be presented to the FQRC for consideration to be certified but will be certified and signed at the Regional Level.

- The Fire Qualification, Review and Certification Committee (FQRC) will evaluate the PTB for certification based on the completed task book with final evaluator’s recommendation and specific knowledge of the employee’s experience and demonstrated capabilities.

When reviewing a PTB, the Qualifications Committee will take the following criteria into consideration when looking at each assignment and determining certification:

- Complexity
- Duration
- Type (Wildland Fire, Prescribed Fire)
- Off-forest or local
- Multiple assignments
- Multiple evaluators
- Additional documentation (employees and evaluators should be encouraged to request and provide as much supporting information as possible.

- Assignment meets any NWCG Standards identified for the position (i.e., CRWB – at least one assignment must demonstrate that the individual organized/mobilized a Type 2 Crew that meets NWCG standards identified in the Red Book)
- At least one incident performance evaluation will be attached to the PTB. At a minimum the certifying performance evaluation will be attached when submitted for FQRC review.
- The Forest's FQRC has determined that a minimum qualification of ICT5 and prior fixed wing observing experience is required for performance of the AOBS qualification while on the home unit.
- Employees will not be permitted to be present for their PTB presentation; the PTB should stand on its own. **A PTB with a final successful evaluation does not guarantee certification.** PMS 310-1 states: "Successful completion of position tasks and training courses does not guarantee an individual will be qualified to perform in a position. Certification and recertification are a subjective determination each individual agency must make based on task evaluations, position performance evaluations, and their own judgement of the quality of an individual's experience." If a PTB is certified, the **original** will be sent to the Forest Training Specialist after it has been signed by the Forest Fire Staff Officer. The Forest Training Specialist will keep a copy of the front page, evaluation pages, and final certification page so all assignments and documentation can be entered into IQCS. These copies will also be kept in the employee's digital training folder. The original PTB will then be sent back to the respective FQRC member. If a PTB is not certified, it will be returned to the respective FQRC member, along with documentation stating the reason(s) why it was not certified.

### Technical Specialist Positions

- Technical Specialist position requirements can be found in the Federal Wildland Fire Qualifications Supplement, and do not have a position task book associated. In this case, a **Position Qualification Recommendation form** will be filled out, recommended by a Subject Matter Expert, and submitted for certification in the same manner as those positions that do have a PTB associated. Performance evaluations as a trainee are recommended for supporting documentation. Experience should be included in the justification statement.

## **5 – QUALIFICATIONS CERTIFICATION**

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### **5.1 Position Qualifications**

Training courses should be taken in ascending order of complexity based on successively higher levels of responsibility and skills in fire and aviation management. The required training identified for each position is set out in the Forest Service Fire and Aviation Qualifications Guide and PMS 310-1.

### **5.2 Forest Fire Qualifications Review Committee**

The Forest Supervisor will establish a Fire Qualification, Review and Certification Committee (FQRC) composed of Forest and District representatives with sufficient fire management and suppression experience to assess the fire experience, performance, qualifications, and formal training of personnel being rated. The committee must include a Human Resources and Union representatives as appropriate. The Forest Fire Qualifications Review Committee (FQRC) is established to determine certification of incident management job (ICS) qualifications of agency personnel. The Forest's Fire Staff Officer is responsible to establish and convene the FQRC annually, and to ensure a system is in place to prioritize training, development, and currency assignments for employees to reach and maintain incident management job qualifications.

#### **2025 Bridger-Teton National Forest Fire Qualifications Review Committee**

|                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Forest Fire Staff Officer ..... | James Turner, Chair                 |
| Line Officer.....               | To rotate through the Line Officers |
| North Zone .....                | Dave Wilkins                        |
| Alt for NZ .....                | Brett Loomis, Eric Hawes            |
| West Zone FMO.....              | Jared Mattson                       |
| Alt for WZ.....                 | Adam Hansen, Tim Sherwin            |
| East Zone FMO.....              | Brian Nate                          |
| Alt for the EZ.....             | Kendra Jackson, Wade Laster         |
| Aviation .....                  | Kyle Stump                          |
| Alt for the Aviation .....      | Erik Newell                         |
| Union Representative.....       |                                     |
| BTNF FAFMO.....                 | Josh Erickson, Alternate Chair      |

The Forest Training Coordinator (Will Hall) may be called upon to inform the FQRC as needed on associated topics of interest.

\* The line officer representative can be the Forest Supervisor or one of the District Rangers as assigned

#### **5.2.1 FQRC Responsibility and Procedures**

The FQRC will convene at least twice a year. The FQRC can be assembled as needed to review urgent certifications that may be needed to cover a critical fire management role for the program or for individuals looking to meet minimum job requirements when applying for jobs in Fire Hire. The timeframes for Fire Hire may require the FQRC to review and certify some PTBs in late summer or early fall. These meetings can be accomplished on a conference call with the PTB, and associated documentation being emailed prior to the call providing ample time for

review. Meeting dates will be scheduled in advance so that ample time can be provided to Incident Qualifications Card Committee Members so that they can attend. Full committee attendance may be difficult. The committee will decide if enough representation is present to go forth with a meeting if all committee members are not present.

The following protocol will be followed:

- Completed PTBs/Qualification Recommendation Sheets will be scanned and emailed to the Forest Training Specialist at least one week before the meeting or the complete package brought to in person meetings.
- Each FQRC member will sign/digitally sign the signature block prior to the Forest Fire Staff Officer final certification.
- At least one incident performance evaluation will be attached to the PTB. At a minimum the certifying performance evaluation will be attached.

### **5.3 Documentation of Qualifications**

Once qualifications have been certified by the FQRC, documentation of qualifications will be made on Form PMS-310-3, Incident Qualification Card (IQC). All employees who are qualified for ICS positions will be issued an IQC annually. Incident Qualifications Card expiration dates:

- Positions requiring work capacity tests (WCT) are valid through the fitness expiration date listed on the card. If an employee is on an emergency assignment on the date their WCT/refresher expires, they will be able to complete the assignment including any extensions. Upon return to their duty station, they must complete the WCT/refresher and acquire a new Incident Qualification Card prior to accepting any new assignments.
- Positions not requiring WCT for issuance are valid for 13 months from the date the card was signed by a certifying official.

#### **5.3.1 Form 310-3, Qualifications Card Signing Authority**

The District Ranger may sign form PMS 310-3 issued to temporary employees on their units qualified for the following positions.

- Firefighter 1 (FFT1)
- Firefighter 2 (FFT2)

The Forest Supervisor has delegated signing authority to Forest Fire Management Officer and Forest Assistant FMO for all other positions except those listed below.

The Regional Forester has delegated authority to sign Incident Commander and Complex, and Type 1 and 2 Command and General Staff, along with Trainee Qualification Cards, to the Director of Fire and Aviation Management.

The Regional Forester has delegated authority to sign AA, along with Trainee Qualification Cards to the Deputy Regional Foresters

#### **5.4 Transferring Qualifications**

Personnel who transfer to the BTNF from another agency and who have been certified for incident positions according to the policy of that agency will have their qualifications recognized if the qualification standard met the minimum requirements set in PMS 310-1.

#### **5.5 Certification and Acceptance of Qualifications of Personnel Hired Under the Administratively Determined Pay Plan or as Contractors**

The Forest recognizes the value of personnel who have qualifications gained by previous training and experience or obtained from non-government sources and who are available to be hired under the Administratively Determined Pay Plan (AD) for emergency support to fire preparedness and suppression activities or as private contractors.

##### **5.5.1 Personnel Hired Under the Administratively Determined Pay Plan (AD)**

Guidelines for AD Training are outlined in the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook, as well as the Great Basin Geographic Area Standards and Guidelines for Administratively Determined and Emergency Firefighters.

Casual Hire employees are entitled to 80 hours of training per calendar year, which includes any mandatory refreshers needed to maintain current qualifications. It is the responsibility of the casual employee to obtain a schedule of refreshers and other necessary training, and to contact the coordinator for each session to secure a spot in the course.

##### **5.5.2 Personnel Hired Under Contract**

Contractors who perform fire suppression jobs for the Forest Service must meet NWCG qualifications standards established in PMS 310-1. It is the responsibility of the contractor to certify the qualifications of their employees. A contractor may self-certify qualifications following procedures set by NWCG directions.

Forest Service personnel may serve as evaluators of performance for contractor personnel holding position task books issued by their employer.

Qualifications of personnel certified by a contractor (employer) or self-certified to NWCG standards will be recognized by the BTNF, subject to satisfactory performance in the fire job(s) for which they have been certified.

All personnel assigned to contracted resources hired by the Forest must have their performance on each assignment evaluated and documented on the Incident Personnel Performance Rating form, ICS Form 225.

## **6 - PHYSICAL FITNESS QUALIFICATIONS**

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### **6.1 Physical Fitness Qualifications Standard; Work Capacity Test**

USDA Forest Service [Work Capacity Tests for Wildland Fire Qualifications – Implementation Guide](#) serves as direction for administration of work capacity testing on the BTNF.

The work capacity test (WCT) is the physical fitness qualification standard for wildland firefighters. The WCT must be taken and passed at the appropriate level for the incident management job for which an employee is qualified through training and experience. In cases where an employee is qualified for more than one incident management job requiring different levels of fitness, the highest fitness level will be used as the standard the employee must test for and meet.

### ***Work Capacity Test***

#### **Ambulance & EMT Requirements**

“A trained and qualified emergency medical technician (or someone with equivalent qualifications) must be onsite during the test” and “an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is required on-site during all WCTs.”<sup>2</sup>

In the event of a medical emergency, it is the responsibility of the WCT Administrator to remain as the Incident Commander of the event or designate a Forest Service Incident Commander.

<sup>1</sup> <https://wildlandfirelearningportal.net/pluginfile.php/10892/course/section/2471/NR%20Cancellation%20Policy2021.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations, Chapter 13

Ambulance services are available, if a WCT Administrator wishes to utilize it. There may be a cost associated with the service. It is the responsibility of the WCT Administrator to schedule the service and arrange for payment.

### ***WCT Clearance Process***

Prior to any individual participating in a Work Capacity Test, they must obtain the proper clearance through a pre-identified HSQ Coordinator. Employees will use the eMedical system to submit the Health Screening Questionnaire (HSQ). The eMedical/Medical Standards Program website outlines the process for each employee to follow. Employees must be cleared (“Ready to Test”) in eMedical before they may participate in a Work Capacity Test. Each WCT Site Administrator is responsible for working with their respective eMedical contact (identified below) to pull a current clearance list.

#### ***eMedical HSQ Coordinators***

The following individuals have been identified as HSQ Coordinators in the eMedical program and are responsible for managing employees in eMedical on their district/unit:

#### ***eMedical WCT Administrators***

The following individuals have been identified as WCT Administrators in the eMedical program

(please keep in mind that this list only indicates those individuals who can pull the WCT Cleared List from eMedical; individuals who are authorized to Administer a WCT are listed below in Section 6.2):

HSQ Coordinators also have access to the WCT Cleared List in eMedical.

### **Medical Plan**

Per the Work Capacity Test Implementation Guide, “Field units shall prepare a medical response plan (such as an ICS-206 form) and evaluate options for immediate medical care and transport and identify closest emergency medical services”. It is the responsibility of each WCT Administrator to ensure that a medical response plan is in place.

### **6.2 Work Capacity Test Administration Certification**

The Forest Fire Management Officer (FFMO) or delegated Assistant FMO should put on tri-annual training, as needed, to certify prospective work capacity test administrators (individual administrators must attend the training triennially). Discussion items to cover include- Types of Work Capacity Tests, Safety, medical emergency preparedness, course parameters, equipment, documentation and general administration of the work capacity tests. Reference Appendix A of the [Work Capacity Test Administrators Guide](#) for further guidance on WCT administration.

### **WCT Site Administrators**

The following table lists those individuals authorized to administer the Work Capacity Test and their currency dates:

| <b>Work Capacity Test Site Administrators</b> |                      |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Name</u>                                   | <u>Currency Date</u> |
| <b><u>HSQ Coordinators</u></b>                |                      |
| <b>Basye, William</b>                         | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Crook, Angie</b>                           | <b>2/6/2025</b>      |
| <b>Erickson, Josh</b>                         | <b>2/6/2025</b>      |
| <b>Greer, Mike</b>                            | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Hall, William</b>                          | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Hansen, Adam</b>                           | <b>2/6/2025</b>      |
| <b>Jackson, Kendra</b>                        | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Johnson, Adam</b>                          | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Loomis, Brett</b>                          | <b>2/6/2025</b>      |
| <b>Mattson, Jared</b>                         | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Mayer, Bill</b>                            | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>McFarland, Cody</b>                        | <b>2/6/2025</b>      |
| <b>Nate, Brian</b>                            | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Newell, Erik</b>                           | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Tenney, Patrick</b>                        | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Wilkins, Dave</b>                          | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Williams, Lesley</b>                       | <b>03/13/2026</b>    |
| <b>Soule, Kim</b>                             |                      |
| <b>Suerig, Ben</b>                            |                      |

### **6.3 Annual Fitness Testing Requirements**

A successful (pass) WCT score is recognized for Thirteen (13) months from the date the test was last administered. The Forest goal is to have career and career-seasonal employees take the WCT by May 15, in the current year. Temporary employees should be tested as required as soon as practical after beginning their employment.

The safety of personnel, both the individual firefighter and those with whom they are assigned to work with, will be the foremost consideration of the physical fitness and qualifications program on the BTNF. If at any time, a fireline supervisor or unit FMO has a doubt about an employee's physical fitness for fire duty, based on observations of performance or physical condition, the employee can be made to stand down from potentially hazardous assignments and their fitness for duty re-evaluated following procedures described in the Work Capacity Test Implementation Plan

## **7 - QUALIFICATIONS CURRENCY**

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### **7.1 Experience Requirements**

Requirements for currency of experience are three years for air operations and expanded dispatch positions and five years for all other positions. Experience in positions, including similar ICS jobs, that meet currency requirements can be found for each position in the FSFAQG

### **7.2 Re-certification of Qualifications**

Reference the [FSFAQG](#)

### **7.3 Fire Safety Refresher**

The local unit shall determine the specific content of the annual fireline refresher training being delivered each year, The national [WFSTAR](#) site provides suggested content each year that meets refresher requirements.

The content must include, but is not limited to, the following core subject areas:

1. Avoiding Entrapments. Use training and reference materials to study the risk management process as identified in the Incident Response Pocket Guide and rules of engagement as appropriate to the participants, that is, LCES, Standards Firefighting Orders, Eighteen Watch-Out Situations, Incident Objectives etc.....
2. Current Issues. Review and discuss identified “hot topics” as found on the current [Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher \(WFSTAR\) website](#). Review forecasts and assessments for the upcoming fire season and discuss implications for firefighter safety.
3. Fire Shelter. Review and discuss last resort survival. Conduct “hands-on” fire shelter inspections. Practice shelter developments in applicable crew/module configurations. Do not conduct “live fire” exercises for the purpose of fire shelter deployment training.
4. Other Hazard and Safety Issues. Choose additional hazard and safety subjects, which could include SAFENET, current safety alerts, site/unit specific safety issues and hazards.

### **7.4 Evaluating Performance**

Completed incident performance evaluations for personnel are the key to monitoring successful training and experience development and validating qualification certification and maintenance of qualifications, as well as recognizing good performance and designing corrective measures for sub-standard performance.

All BTNF personnel assigned to fire duty off-Forest or beyond the jurisdiction of neighboring cooperators should obtain an incident performance evaluation from their incident supervisor. Crews and other modules will receive a single evaluation from each supervisor during multiple operational period assignments. Individual crew and module members will be provided with a written evaluation from their module leader. Performance evaluations should be obtained prior to release and demobilization from the incident and include open discussion between the incident supervisor and evaluated employee or module leader.

Trainees will attempt to get a performance evaluation on every trainee assignment. Evaluations should be attached to the PTB for each assignment. This information will help subsequent evaluators key in on specifics where the trainee needs more experience. FQRC will use this information to aid the final certification determination.

BTNF personnel who supervise firefighters from other units assigned on the Forest will provide those individuals or modules with constructive performance evaluations before they release or demobilize the resource. Local cooperator forces engaged in support of initial attack do not require evaluations unless requested.

It is the employee's responsibility to request written performance evaluations from incident supervisors if that supervisor does not offer the evaluation.

Incident performance evaluations will be provided to the home-unit fire management officer when the employee/module returns from the assignment, reviewed for appropriate action, and placed in the employee's fire training, experience, and qualifications file.

## **7.5 De-Certification of Qualifications**

De-certification is the process of rescinding or reducing an individual's fire and aviation management qualifications, usually due to a lapse in experience for currency, demonstrated performance deficiencies, changed physical condition, or by personal choice of the employee. De-certification is not an adverse action. An individual who has been de-certified may be re-certified according to procedures described in the FSFAQG.

De-certification of qualifications based on performance must be supported by appropriate documentation, including incident performance evaluation(s) completed by a qualified fire-job supervisor/evaluator and discussed with the employee.

## **8– AGENCY ADMINISTRATION and COMPLEX INCIDENT MANAGEMENT QUALIFICATIONS CURRENCY**

### **Forest Process**

Certification, evaluation, and training of Bridger-Teton NF Agency Administrators and Complex Incident Management Qualifications will be managed by the Forest Supervisor/Deputy Forest Supervisor with assistance from the Forest Fire Staff Officer, Forest AFMO, and Forest Training Specialist. The Regional Line Officer's Team (RLOT) will also evaluate Agency Administrator level. Record keeping and competency management will be completed by the Zone or SO level IQCS managers. RLOT will meet twice a year: Spring/Fall to accommodate upgrading qualifications and adding new folks.

## Appendix A- Definitions

|                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AD                                     | An individual who is not a regular agency employee and is hired for temporary emergency (non-recurring) service under the Administratively Determined (AD) Pay Plan and procedures. Once the emergency has ended, the individual's employment is terminated.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Certification                          | The process in which a manager confirms that an individual has met all minimum qualifications and is qualified to perform in a specified position based on performance. The certification is documented on a data management system program form PMS 310-3, Qualifications Card Incident Command System, to the qualified individual.                                                                                                            |
| Coach                                  | See "trainer"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Contractor                             | An individual (or business) that provides a certain service and/or equipment or supplies under contract to an agency.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Currency requirement                   | The requirement to have performed satisfactorily in a specified position within the last 5 years (3 years for aviation and dispatch positions) to maintain qualification for that position.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| De-certification                       | The process of removing or reducing an individual's fire suppression, wildland fire use, and/or prescribed fire management position(s) qualification(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Employee (or regular employee)         | An individual who has been hired by an agency to perform a recurring or long-term job (may be career, seasonal or temporary). The individual's position and work are not emergency or incident specific and occurs before, during and following an incident(s).                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Evaluator                              | A person who is certified in the position in which the trainee is being evaluated and who is assigned to evaluate a trainee's performance. Prior to evaluating a trainee, the evaluator must have served with successful performance in a minimum of two assignments as fully qualified in the position.                                                                                                                                         |
| Experience                             | Documented, satisfactory performance in specified ICS positions that is needed to qualify for another (usually higher level) position. In the case of a trainee, satisfactory performance in the position for which the individual is seeking qualification.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Forest Qualifications Review Committee | The Forest Qualifications Review Committee (FQRC) is comprised of individuals representing the Supervisor's Office, each Fire Management Zone, human resource specialist and a union representative. The FQRC provides oversight to the training and development and qualifications process, including recommendation for approval of completed task books and certifications of qualifications. (see Appendix D for the membership of the FQRC) |
| Grand fathering                        | Linking unrecognized or uncertified position experience and/or training together to establish a qualification. Grand fathering is not allowed for any incident position described in FSM 5109.17.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Incident Command System (ICS)          | The combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating with a common organizational structure, with                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                               | responsibility for the management of assigned resources to effectively accomplish stated objectives for an incident.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Other positions meeting currency requirements | Recognized positions in a different ICS functional area, or at an equivalent or lower level in the same function, that meet the currency requirements for another specified (5109.17) position.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Qualified individual                          | An employee whose agency has documented that the individual has successfully completed all requirements for training, experience, and physical fitness to be certified in a specific ICS position.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Re-certification                              | Re-issuance of Form PMS 310-3, Qualifications Card Incident Command System, certifying that an individual has regained qualifications for an ICS position.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Regular employee                              | See “employee”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Satisfactory performance                      | Performance by an individual that meets or exceeds the written standards for a specific ICS position as evaluated by the individual’s incident or agency supervisor.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Skill position                                | A position that requires specific skills and knowledge to perform on a wildland incident. Examples include firefighter, fire behavior analyst, single resource boss, prescribed fire burn boss, or ignition specialist.                                                                                                                                                     |
| Subject matter expert                         | A person who has a thorough technical knowledge and recent experience in performing and/or supervising the task in question. A person generally recognized among working associates as being very competent at performing the specified task.                                                                                                                               |
| Technical specialist                          | A person having specific skills, usually performed in their regular job, that are needed to support an incident’s operation. These skills/jobs are not identified as ICS positions. Examples include contracting officer, archeologist, meteorologist, and mechanic.                                                                                                        |
| Trainee                                       | An individual who has been approved by their employing agency to prepare to qualify for an ICS position through completion of formal training courses and on-the-job training. Also, a person who is attempting to demonstrate task evaluation or position performance of required job tasks under the direct supervision of an evaluator who is qualified in the position. |
| Trainer                                       | A qualified individual who provides instruction to a trainee in the classroom, on the regular job, or on an incident. A trainer must be currently qualified in the position being observed and must have successfully performed in a minimum of two assignments in the position for which they are training another person.                                                 |
| Training manager                              | A person representing the forest, a ranger district or zone, or specialized unit who has been assigned the responsibility to coordinate local fire and aviation management and ICS position training procedures and documentation of training and experience for unit employees. The training manager is a member of the Forest Fire Qualifications Review Committee.       |
| Training specialist                           | A person who identifies incident evaluation opportunities for trainees and ensures that the assignment is properly documented. On initial attack and extended attack incidents, the training specialist’s duties are performed by local unit personnel.                                                                                                                     |

## Appendix B – 3 Year Training Plan

### **BTF and GRTE Three Year Wildfire Training Plan**

Target Qualification of Single Resource Boss (SRB)

*(Cadre Leadership recommendations from Unit Organization found in Italics)*

**Entry/Re-Entry Level** - Annually provided at the Unit or sub-unit level.

Guard School - offered 1<sup>st</sup> full week of June - *Module Leads*

S-130 Firefighter Training - 30-35.5 hours

S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior - 6-8 hours

I-100 Introduction to ICS – part of S-130

L-180 Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service – part of S-130

#### **Prerequisites for FFT2 taken on-line by students.**

IS-100 [FEMA - IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100](#)

IS-700 [FEMA - IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management](#)

[System](#)

Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training (RT-130) - agency determined length – 2-3 offerings per zone. *Zone FMO/AFMO Group*

**Fire Fighter 1 Level** - Provided as needed at sub-unit level with solicitation to unit FMO's prior to delivery.

S-131 Firefighter Type 1 – 12 hours – *Module Leads qualified as any SRB.*

S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use – 16-20 hours – *Engine Module Supervisors/Assistants*

#### **Prerequisites for FFT1 taken on-line by students.**

ICS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents – prior S-230/231

**SRB Level** - offered the 3<sup>rd</sup> and/or 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of May:

**Year 2(2025)** - provided at the unit level.

S-215 Fire Operations in the Urban Interface - 16-24 hours - *OSC's/ DIVS and the FMO/Ops AFMO's*

L-280 Followership to Leadership – 20 hours - *any SRB*

S-200

S-219

**Year 3(2026)** - provided at the unit level.

S-219 Firing Operations – 18-24 hours - *Fuels Specialists and Fuels Techs*

**Year 1(2027)** - provided at the unit level.

S-230/231 Crew Boss/Engine (SRB) – 36-40 hours – *ENGB/CRWB Committee Reps or Module Sups/Assts*

S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior – 37 hours – *any qualified FBAN or LTAN*



**Prerequisite for SRB qualification taken Online or through a Cooperating Training Facility**

**Supplemental Courses** - provided at the Unit level to support further development of personnel – cadre TBD.

S-260 Interagency Incident Business Management – 16 hours

S-200 Initial Attack IC – 19 hours

S-203 Introduction to Incident Information – 33 hours

S-212 Power saws – 25-37 hours

S-271 Helicopter Crewmember – 24-26 hours

FI-110 Wildland Fire Observations and Origin Scene Protection – 6 hours

FI-210 Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination – 38 hours

D-110 Expanded Dispatch Recorder – 16 hours.

**NWCG Standards for Course Delivery, PMS 901-1**

[NWCG Standards for Course Delivery, PMS 901-1](#)

**310-1 Training Requirements (based on the 2023 FSFAQG):**

**Firefighter 1**

**Required Training**

- RT-130 Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR)
- S-131 Firefighter Type 1

**Crew Boss**

**Required Training**

- ICS-200 ICS for Single Resources, and Initial Action Incidents
- RT-130 Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR)
- S-230 Crew Boss (Single Resource)
- S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior
- L-280 Followership to Leadership

**Engine Boss**

**Required Training**

- ICS-200 ICS for Single Resources, and Initial Action Incidents
- RT-130 Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR)
- S-230 Crew Boss (Single Resource)
- S-231 Engine Boss (Single Resource)
- S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior
- L-280 Followership to Leadership
- S-215 Fire Operations in the Urban Interface

**Firing Boss**

**Required Training**

- ICS-200 ICS for Single Resources, and Initial Action Incidents
- RT-130 Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR)
- S-230 Crew Boss (Single Resource)
- S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior

- L-280 Followership to Leadership
- S-219 Firing Operations

### **Helicopter Manager**

#### **Required Training**

- A110 Aviation Transportation of Hazardous Materials (Triennial)
- ICS-200 ICS for Single Resources, and Initial Action Incidents
- RT-130 Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR)
- S-230 Crew Boss (Single Resource)
- S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior
- L-280 Followership to Leadership
- A-219 Helicopter Transport of External Cargo
- *RT-219 FS Helicopter Transport of External Cargo (Triennial)*
- S-372 Helicopter Manager
- *RT-372 Helicopter Manager Workshop (Triennial)*
- **S-260 Interagency Incident Business Management**
- S270 Basic Air Operations