



## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs** (Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regions)  
**Bureau of Land Management** (Colorado and Wyoming)  
**Fish and Wildlife Service** (Mountain/Prairie Region)  
**Forest Service** (Rocky Mountain Region)  
**National Park Service** (Intermountain and Midwest Regions)  
**State Agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas**

**Date:** March 14, 2017  
**To:** 2017 Rocky Mountain Area Priority Trainees  
**From:** Kim Bang, Geographic Area Training Representative (GATR)  
**Subject:** Rocky Mountain Area Priority Trainee Program

The 2017 Rocky Mountain Area Priority Trainee Application Form is now available. This year we have created a Google form, which can be accessed at:

[Rocky Mountain Priority Trainee Application Form](#)

The use of this automated form should simplify the process to apply for the program. The process in which the trainees will be prioritized will be availability, percentage of position task book completed and employment status as indicated in the application form.

Application forms must be completed no later than April 15, 2017. PT accepted into the program will receive a confirmation email with further guidance and trainee expectations.

The process to participate in the program is:

- Trainees will ensure supervisor support to participate in the program.
- Trainees will work with local unit training officers to complete their form.
- Zone training representatives will ensure supervisor support and maintain a zone PT spreadsheet. (Zone training representatives are listed at: <https://nationalfiretraining.nwcg.gov/rm/zones>)
- A master PT list is automatically populated from the Zone PT lists
- Daily availability lists are generated from ROSS and used for assignments.

The positions included in the Rocky Mountain Trainee Program are:

- Incident Commander Type 1-3
- All Command and General Staff
- All Logistics Section Positions
- All Finance Section positions including IBA and Buying Team Members
- All Planning Positions
- Operations Section positions Task Force Leader and above
- Air Operations position Helicopter Manager and above; Seat Managers
- All Dispatch Positions.

The intent of the Rocky Mountain PT program is to facilitate the mobilization of priority trainees to quality assignments to support position task book completion. The desired end result is to continue to support the nation with high quality, professional Incident Management Teams into the future. Since the onset of the program in 2014, hundreds of Rocky Mountain PT have been mobilized to

incidents within and outside the Rocky Mountain Area resulting in the certification of hundreds of position task books.

Please contact your zone training officer or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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