

NWCG Task Book for the Position of:

**TRAINING SPECIALIST
(TNSP)**



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Task Book Assigned To:

Trainee's Name: _____

Home Unit/Agency: _____

Home Unit Phone Number: _____

Task Book Initiated By:

Official's Name: _____

Home Unit Title: _____

Home Unit/Agency: _____

Home Unit Phone Number: _____

Home Unit Address: _____

Date Initiated: _____

The material contained in this book accurately defines the performance expected of the position for which it was developed. This task book is approved for use as a position qualification document in accordance with the instructions contained herein.

**Verification/Certification of Completed Task Book
for the Position of:**

TRAINING SPECIALIST

Final Evaluator's Verification

*To be completed **ONLY** when you are recommending the trainee for certification.*

I verify that (trainee name) _____ has successfully performed as a trainee by demonstrating all tasks for the position listed above and should be considered for certification in this position. All tasks are documented with appropriate initials.

Final Evaluator's Signature: _____

Final Evaluator's Printed Name: _____

Home Unit Title: _____

Home Unit/Agency: _____

Home Unit Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

Agency Certification

I certify that (trainee name) _____ has met all requirements for qualification in the above position and that such qualification has been issued.

Certifying Official's Signature: _____

Certifying Official's Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Home Unit/Agency: _____

Home Unit Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

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NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP (NWCG) POSITION TASK BOOK

NWCG Position Task Books (PTBs) have been developed for designated National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) positions. Each PTB lists the competencies, behaviors and tasks required for successful performance in specific positions. Trainees must be observed completing all tasks and show knowledge and competency in their performance during the completion of this PTB.

Trainees are evaluated during this process by qualified evaluators, and the trainee's performance is documented in the PTB for each task by the evaluator's initials and date of completion. An Evaluation Record will be completed by all evaluators documenting the trainee's progress after each evaluation opportunity.

Successful performance of all tasks, as observed and recorded by an evaluator, will result in a recommendation to the agency that the trainee be certified in that position. Evaluation and confirmation of the trainee's performance while completing all tasks may occur on one or more training assignments and may involve more than one evaluator during any opportunity.

INCIDENT/EVENT CODING

Each task has a code associated with the type of training assignment where the task may be completed. The codes are: O = other, I = incident, WF = wildland fire, W = wildfire, RX = prescribed fire, WFU = wildland fire use, and R = rare event. The codes are defined as:

- O = Task can be completed in any situation (classroom, simulation, daily job, incident, prescribed fire, etc.).
- I = Task must be performed on an incident managed under the Incident Command System (ICS). Examples include wildland fire, structural fire, oil spill, search and rescue, hazardous material, and an emergency or non-emergency (planned or unplanned) event.
- WF = Task must be performed on a wildland fire incident (the term *wildland fire* includes wildfire/W, prescribed fire/RX, or wildland fire use/WFU).
- W = Task must be performed on a wildfire incident.
- RX = Task must be performed on a prescribed fire incident.
- WFU = Task must be performed on a wildland fire use incident.
- R = Rare events such as accidents, injuries, vehicle or aircraft crashes occur infrequently and opportunities to evaluate performance in a real setting are limited. The evaluator should determine, through interview, if the trainee would be able to perform the task in a real situation.

While tasks can be performed in any situation, they must be evaluated on the specific type of incident/event for which they are coded. For example, tasks coded W must be evaluated on a wildfire; tasks coded WFU must be evaluated on wildland fire use, and so on. Performance of any task on other than the designated assignment is not valid for qualification.

Tasks within the PTB are numbered sequentially; however, the numbering does NOT indicate the order in which the tasks need to be performed or evaluated.

The bullets under each numbered task are examples or indicators of items or actions related to the task. The purpose of the bullets is to assist the evaluator in evaluating the trainee; the bullets are not all-inclusive. Evaluate and initial ONLY the numbered tasks. DO NOT evaluate and initial each individual bullet.

A more detailed description of this process and definitions of terms are included in the *Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide*, PMS 310-1. This document can be found at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm>.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Home Unit/Agency, Trainee, Coach, Training Specialist, Evaluator, Final Evaluator and Certifying Official are identified in the *Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide*, PMS 310-1. It is incumbent upon each of these individuals to ensure their responsibilities are met.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE POSITION TASK BOOK EVALUATION RECORD

Evaluation Record #

Each evaluator will need to complete an evaluation record. Each evaluation record should be numbered sequentially. Place this number at the top of the evaluation record page and also use it in the column labeled "Evaluation Record #" for each numbered task the trainee has satisfactorily performed.

Trainee Information

Print the trainee's name, position on the incident/event, home unit/agency, and the home unit/agency address and phone number.

Evaluator Information

Print the Evaluator's name, position on the incident/event, home unit/agency, and the home unit/agency address and phone number.

Incident/Event Information

Incident/Event Name: Print the incident/event name.

Reference: Enter the incident code and/or fire code.

Duration: Enter inclusive dates during which the trainee was evaluated.

Incident Kind: Enter the kind of incident (wildfire, prescribed fire, wildland fire use, search and rescue, flood, hurricane, etc.).

Location: Enter the geographic area, agency, and state.

Management Type or Prescribed Fire Complexity Level: Circle the ICS organization level (Type 5, Type 4, Type 3, Type 2, Type 1, Area Command) or the prescribed fire complexity level (Low, Moderate, High).

Fire Behavior Prediction System (FBPS) Fuel Model Group: Circle the Fuel Model Group letter that corresponds to the predominant fuel type in which the incident/event occurred.

G = Grass Group (includes FBPS Fuel Models 1 – 3):

1 = short grass (1 foot); 2 = timber with grass understory; 3 = tall grass (1½ - 2 feet)

B = Brush Group (includes FBPS Fuel Models 4 – 6):

4 = Chaparral (6 feet); 5 = Brush (2 feet); 6 = dormant brush/hardwood slash;

7 = Southern rough

T = Timber Group (includes FBPS Fuel Models 8 – 10)

8 = closed timber litter; 9 = hardwood litter; 10 = timber (with litter understory)

S = Slash Group (includes FBPS Fuel Models 11 – 13)

11 = light logging slash; 12 = medium logging slash; 13 = heavy logging slash

Evaluator’s Recommendation

For 1 – 4, initial only one line as appropriate; this will allow for comparison with your initials in the Qualifications Record.

Record additional remarks/recommendations on an Individual Performance Evaluation, or by attaching an additional sheet to the evaluation record.

Evaluator’s Signature

Sign here to authenticate your recommendations.

Date

Document the date the Evaluation Record is being completed.

Evaluator’s Relevant Qualification (or agency certification)

List your qualification or certification relevant to the trainee position you supervised.

Note: Evaluators must be either qualified in the position being evaluated or supervise the trainee; Final Evaluators must be qualified in the trainee position they are evaluating.

Training Specialist (TNSP)

Competency: Assume position responsibilities.

Description: Successfully assume role of Training Specialist and initiate position activities at the appropriate time according to the following behaviors.

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
Behavior: Ensure readiness for assignment.			
1. Obtain and assemble information and materials needed for kit. Suggested items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Training Specialist Forms</i> • <i>PMS 310-1, Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide</i> • <i>Other agency/geographic specific forms</i> 	O		
2. Obtain complete information from dispatch upon assignment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Incident name</i> • <i>Incident order number</i> • <i>Request number</i> • <i>Incident phone number</i> • <i>Reporting time</i> • <i>Reporting location</i> • <i>Transportation arrangements/travel routes</i> • <i>Contact procedures during travel (telephone/radio)</i> 	O		
3. Arrive at incident and check in. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Arrive properly equipped at assigned location within acceptable time limits.</i> 	I		
Behavior: Ensure availability, qualifications, and capabilities of resources to complete assignment.			
4. Obtain work area, supplies and communications equipment necessary to complete assignment.	I		
5. Coordinate with the Ground Support Unit for transportation.	I		

Evaluate the numbered tasks ONLY. DO NOT evaluate bullets; they are provided as examples/additional clarification.

Training Specialist (TNSP)

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
6. Identify trainees, coaches, and evaluators who are qualified and available to participate in the training program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coordinate with the Resources Unit Leader and the Demobilization Unit Leader.</i> • <i>Check with the Status Check-in Recorder.</i> • <i>Check with the Command and general staff.</i> • <i>Check with Agency Representatives and the Home Unit Administrator.</i> • <i>Initiate the Training Assignments List Form.</i> 	I		
7. Order additional Training Specialists if needed.	O		

Behavior: Gather, update, and apply situational information relevant to the assignment.

8. Obtain initial briefing from Planning Section Chief. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Established chain of command.</i> • <i>Work schedule.</i> • <i>General layout of camp/base/Incident Command Post (ICP).</i> • <i>Work expectations and standards.</i> • <i>Complexity and potential duration of the incident.</i> • <i>Incident Management Team's (IMT) training guidelines, priorities, and objectives.</i> 	I		
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Behavior: Establish effective relationships with relevant personnel.

9. Conduct self in a professional manner. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Respectful and courteous.</i> • <i>Respectful of public and private property.</i> 	I		
10. Establish and maintain positive interpersonal and interagency working relationships.	I		

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Training Specialist (TNSP)

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
Behavior: Understand and comply with ICS concepts and principles.			
11. Apply the ICS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Follow chain of command.</i> • <i>Maintain appropriate span of control.</i> • <i>Use appropriate ICS forms.</i> • <i>Use appropriate ICS terminology.</i> 	I		

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Training Specialist (TNSP)

Competency: Communicate effectively.

Description: Use suitable communication techniques to share relevant information with appropriate personnel on a timely basis to accomplish objectives in a rapidly changing, high-risk environment.

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
Behavior: Ensure relevant information is exchanged during briefings and debriefings.			
12. Attend operational period briefings and present program status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review the Incident Action Plan (IAP) for information affecting utilization of trainees.</i> 	I		
13. Conduct progress reviews with trainees, coaches, and evaluators.	I		
14. Participate in functional area briefings and section After Action Reviews (AARs).	I		
Behavior: Ensure documentation is complete and disposition is appropriate.			
15. Complete ICS 214, Unit Logs.	O		
16. Prepare and maintain the Incident Training Summary Form.	O		
17. Conduct the final incident trainee interview and complete the Incident Trainee Exit Interview Form. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensure completion of the ICS 226, Individual Performance Rating.</i> • <i>Provide a copy of documentation to the trainee.</i> • <i>Confer with the evaluator and trainee and prepare documentation for a recommendation to the home agency.</i> • <i>Ensure task book is updated and signed by the evaluator.</i> 	O		
18. Prepare documentation for trainees' home units. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Home Unit letter</i> • <i>ICS 226, Individual Performance Rating</i> 	O		

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TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
19. Update the Training Assignments List Form to show status of trainee assignment.	O		
20. Compile documentation for final incident package. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Documentation of individual trainee assignments</i> • <i>Incident Trainee Summary Form</i> 	O		
Behavior: Gather, produce and distribute information as required by established guidelines and ensure understanding by recipient.			
21. Attend Planning Section meetings as appropriate.	I		
22. Coordinate with sections and units involved with the training program.	I		

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Training Specialist (TNSP)

Competency: Ensure completion of assigned actions to meet identified objectives.

Description: Identify, analyze, and apply relevant situational information and evaluate actions to complete assignments safely and meet identified objectives. Complete actions within established timeframe.

TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
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Behavior: Gather, analyze, and validate information pertinent to the incident or event and make recommendations for setting priorities.

23. Facilitate individual trainee interviews. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview trainees, coaches, and evaluators; first individually, then together. • Verify trainee qualifications, prepare trainee data forms, and write goals and tasks. • Schedule progress reviews. 	I		
24. Identify trainees from various sources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team-assigned • Host agency • Geographic areas 	I		
25. Monitor the quality of the training assignments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify potential conflicts and resolve within the same operational period, if possible. • Redefine and upgrade training assignments as necessary. • Assess training effectiveness. • Schedule time for problem solving. 	I		

Behavior: Transfer position duties while ensuring continuity of authority and knowledge and taking into account the increasing or decreasing incident complexity.

26. Coordinate an efficient transfer of position duties when mobilizing/demobilizing (e.g., incoming IMT, host agency). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document follow-up action needed and submit to supervisor. 	I		
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TASK	C O D E	EVAL. RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
Behavior: Plan for demobilization and ensure demobilization procedures are followed.			
27. Demobilize and check out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Receive demobilization instructions from incident supervisor.</i> • <i>If required, complete ICS 221, Demobilization Checkout and submit completed form to the appropriate person.</i> 	I		

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Trainee Information

Printed Name:

Trainee Position on Incident/Event:

Home Unit/Agency:

Home Unit /Agency Address and Phone Number:

Evaluator Information

Printed Name:

Evaluator Position on Incident/Event:

Home Unit/Agency:

Home Unit /Agency Address and Phone Number:

Incident/Event Information

Incident/Event Name:

Reference (Incident Number/Fire Code):

Duration:

Incident Kind: Wildfire, Prescribed Fire, Wildland Fire Use, All Hazard, Other (specify):

Location (include Geographic Area, Agency, and State):

Management Type (circle one): Type 5, Type 4, Type 3, Type 2, Type 1, Area Command
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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.
- _____ **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.

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Evaluator's Relevant Qualification (or agency certification): _____

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