



# NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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## MEMORANDUM

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To: NWCG Committee Chairs  
Geographic Area Coordinating Group (GACG) Chairs  
National IC/AC Council Chair

From: NWCG Chair *William Raage*

Date: June 8, 2011

Subject: Release of June 2011 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide  
(PMS 310-1)

The June 2011 version of the Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1) has been released and is available for use by the interagency wildland fire community. The PMS 310-1 provides a cornerstone of our National Interagency Incident Management System by establishing minimum interagency qualification requirements for national mobilization of resources. While the 2011 update closely resembles the previous version, this edition includes significant changes which are summarized in the attached Errata Sheet.

The following Position Task Books (PTBs) have been updated during the current PMS 310-1 revision cycle:

- Strategic Operational Planner (SOPL)
- Single Resource Boss Heavy Equipment (HEQB)
- Strike Team Leader Heavy Equipment (STEQ)
- Aircraft Base Radio Operator (ABRO) and Takeoff and Landing Coordinator (TOLC) PTBs have been combined to include common tasks, with additional tasks for specific positions.

Specific information regarding the use of these PTBs is included in the associated transition plan. The updated taskbooks are located at:

<http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/taskbook/taskbook.htm>.

It is important to familiarize yourself with the 2011 PMS 310-1 for a complete understanding of the revisions, and to insure this information is widely distributed within the

interagency wildland fire community. The 2011 PMS 310-1 and associated transition plans can only be found on the NWCG website at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm> and are not available through the Publication Management System in hard copy. If a hard copy is needed, individual users can download and print the documents as needed.

The NWCG Executive Board and its Operations and Workforce Development Committee (OWDC) have made the decision to change how position currency is defined in the PMS 310-1. A copy of the Draft September 2011 310-1 showing the proposed currency changes is posted at <http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/owdc/index.htm> for your review. A summary of the process utilized and FAQ's is included for reference purposes. The Geographic Area Training Representatives (GATRs) will also be collecting feedback from their respective geographic areas for the proposed 310-1 changes. Recommendations, comments, or questions about the proposed changes to the currency rules can also be directed to your NWCG OWDC representative. Contact information is located at <http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/owdc/roster.htm>. OWDC representatives will be accepting comments until September 2, 2011. These changes will not be finalized and administered in the Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) and the Incident Qualification System (IQS) until September 2011.

Please disseminate this information broadly through your communications networks within the wildland fire community.

Attachment A: PMS 310-1 Errata Sheet #2

cc: NWCG Executive Board  
Program Management Unit (PMU)  
Budget Advisory Unit (BAU) Chair

## PMS 310-1 Errata Sheet #2

Effective Date: June 1, 2011

The PMS 310-1 and the incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) have been amended as follows:

**Dozer Boss and Tractor Plow Boss (DOZB & TRPB):**

Combined DOZB and TRPB positions into a Heavy Equipment Boss (HEQB) position.

**Helibase Manager Type 1 (HEB1) and Helibase Manager 2 (HEB2):**

Updated Position Complexity Criteria related to these two positions throughout the Guide.

**Helicopter Crewmember (HECM):**

Added Aviation Transportation of Hazardous Material (A-110) to Required Training as a triennial requirement.

**Liaison Officer Position (LOFR):**

Updated Required Experience and removed from the list of Positions without NWCG Position Task Books.

**Long Term Fire Analyst (LTAN):**

Added Intermediate Fire Danger Rating System (S-491) as Required Training.

**Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 1 (RXB1):**

Updated RX-510 course name.

**Public Information Officer (PIOF):**

Added Introduction to Incident Information (S-203), Introduction to ICS (I-100), Wildland Fire Service (L-180), Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (S-190), Firefighter Training (S-130), Human Factors in the and Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130) as Required Training

**Public Information Officer Type 2 (PIO2):**

Added Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130) as Required Training.  
Added PIOF as Required Experience.

**Public Information Officer Type 1 (PIO1):**

Added Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130) as Required Training.

**Strategic Operational Planner (SOPL):**

Updated Required Experience to include both RXB2 and DIVS.

**Strike Team Leader Dozer (STDZ) and Strike Team Leader Tractor Plow (STPL):**

Combined STDZ and STPL positions into a Strike Team Heavy Equipment (STEQ) position.

**Wildland Fire Investigation Team Member (INTM):**

Added Wildland Fire Investigation: Civil Case Management (FI-311) to Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge and Skills.

**Wildland Fire Investigator (INVF):**

Updated Other Position Assignments that will Maintain Currency.

**How the PMS 310-1 relates to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and National Response Framework (NRF):**

Updated language.

**National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Compliance with NIMS Training:**

Updated language.

**Position Competency and Behavior Guidance:**

Updated language.

**Miscellaneous:**

Changed S-580 course name and number to Advanced Fire Management (S-482) throughout Guide.

Changed title of L-480 changed from Incident Management Team Leadership to Organizational Leadership in the Fire Service throughout Guide.

Changed title of S-130 changed from Firefighting Training to Firefighter Training throughout Guide.

Combined Aircraft Base Radio Operator (ABRO) and Takeoff and Landing Coordinator (TOLC) position task books.