



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

Memorandum No. 16-021
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TO: NWCG Executive Board Members
FROM: John Glenn, Chair, NWCG Executive Board
SUBJECT: Transition plan for upcoming changes to Staging Area Manager (STAM) required training

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This memorandum communicates the transition plan for changes to the Staging Area Manager (STAM) required training. Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

Issue/Action Requested: Upon release of the October 2016 PMS 310-1, *NIMS Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide*, the following required training will be added to the STAM position:

- Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service (L-180)
- Firefighter Training (S-130)
- Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (S-190)
- Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130)

There will be no change to the STAM Position Task Book.

Transition Plan:

- Personnel in trainee status upon release of the October 2016 PMS 310-1 must complete the new required training prior to becoming STAM qualified.
- Personnel qualified as STAM upon release of the October 2016 310-1 will remain qualified.
- Personnel in STAM trainee status and personnel qualified as STAM upon release of the October 2016 PMS 310-1 will be awarded the RT-130 competency effective 10/1/2016. Their annual cycle for the Annual Fire Safety Refresher (RT-130) required training will begin that date.

Background: STAM duties require providing operational leadership and risk management near uncontrolled fireline. This demands the knowledge, skills, and abilities usually gained by firefighters in the primary NWCG introductory fire operations courses S-130 Firefighter Training, S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior, L-180 Human Factors, and the related RT-130 Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training. Required training for STAM does not currently include these courses. The NWCG Training Development Program proposed augmenting the STAM required training to include these courses. This proposal was submitted to the NWCG Operations and Training Committee (OTC). The OTC evaluated the proposal and supported the changes.

Contact Information: For further information, please contact your representative on the NWCG Operations and Training Committee. Rosters for these committees are available on the NWCG website at: www.nwcg.gov.

cc: Mark Jones, Chair, Operations and Training Committee; NWCG Committee Chairs; NWCG Staff