BACKGROUND

The prerequisite experience for the Training Specialist (TNSP) position of Strike Team Leader, Task Force Leader or any Planning Unit Leader was removed from the Wildland & Prescribed Fire Qualifications System Guide, PMS 310-1:

CURRENT STATUS

Currently, there is no prerequisite experience to qualify for the TNSP position. The development group of subject matter experts (SMEs) and project leader, currently revising the Training Specialist course agree that trainees without prerequisite experience do not have sufficient knowledge of the Incident Command System to function as effective Training Specialists. These SMEs have taught the current edition of S-445, Incident Training Specialist and have served as trainers/coaches and evaluators for TNSP trainees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The SMEs and project leader believe that aspiring TNSPs need to have an in-depth knowledge of the Incident Command System. To gain this knowledge prerequisite experience is necessary.

The development group proposes the following changes to the Wildland & Prescribed Fire Qualifications System Guide, PMS 310-1:

TRAINING SPECIALIST (TNSP)

REQUIRED TRAINING

None

ADDITIONAL TRAINING WHICH SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Incident Training Specialist (S-445)
Basic Fire Suppression Orientation (S-110)
Intermediate ICS (I-300)
Leadership & Organizational Development (S-381)

PREREQUISITE EXPERIENCE

Satisfactory performance as a Strike Team Leader, Task Force Leader or Resource Unit Leader + Satisfactory position performance as a Training Specialist

PHYSICAL FITNESS

None
OTHER POSITION ASSIGNMENTS: None
THAT WILL MAINTAIN CURRENCY

ACTION REQUIRED

Upon approval of this recommendation, the IOS Working Team will need to make the appropriate change to the Wildland & Prescribed Fire Qualifications System Guide, PMS 310-1.

APPROVED / DENIED
(circle one)

SIGNATURE

Bob Leaverton    3/21/02
IOSWT Chair    Date

cc: Training Working Team

IOSWT does not believe that the recommended pre-requisite experience is necessary, and will limit availability of RNIP trainee candidates.
The IOSWT does agree with emphasis on knowledge and skills of RNIP candidates.