BACKGROUND
In May 2012 the Operations and Workforce Development Committee approved the Infrared Interpreter (IRIN) position for inclusion in the October 2012 version of the Wildland Fire Qualifications System Guide, PMS 310-1. Recommended training for this position will include the Infrared Interpreter course, commonly referred to as S-443.

CURRENT STATUS
The Infrared Interpreter course needs to be officially given a NWCG number and oversight maintenance for the course needs to be assigned.

RECOMMENDATION
Officially assign the S-443 course number to the Infrared Interpreter course. The course will be added to the Field Manager’s Course Guide, PMS 901-1.

Oversight of all 100-400 level NWCG courses rests with the NWCG Training Branch. Course maintenance will be the responsibility of the National Infrared Program Manager, Tom Mellin (tmellin@fs.fed.us).

Expectations for groups maintaining courses within the NWCG curriculum are addressed in the NWCG Curriculum Maintenance Plan located at http://training.nwcg.gov/sect_Training_Curriculum_%20Maintence_Plan.htm

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