ERRATA statement (January 2023)

The fire and aviation directors of the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs have directed the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Group (ISOG) to annually revise, publish, and distribute the federal Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations, also known as the “Red Book.” The 2023 Red Book was issued on January 1, 2023.

As needed, the ISOG provides updates and corrections to the Red Book by issuing an errata statement. This document provides errata to the 2023 Red Book. Please incorporate the following corrections to the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (January 2023).

Global Change
Broken weblinks, when identified, will be corrected in the electronic version of the Red Book throughout the year.

On page 21, remove text from lines 25-26 and insert:

- Pathway 1 – division group supervisor (DIVS) and incident commander (IC) – type 3 (ICT3) or prescribed fire burn boss – type 2 (RXB2)

On page 41, line 17, insert:

- Ensure safety issues and recalls issued by Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and/or National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) are promptly corrected. [Link]

On page 120, line 10, replace “WFFDS” with “WFDSS.”

On page 125, table at the top of the page:

- Replace row “Wildfire – type 3, 4, 5; Wildfire Agency Administrator Type 2, WFA2” with “Wildfire – type 3, 4, 5; Wildfire Agency Administrator Type 3, WFA3.”
- Replace row “Prescribed Fire – Low Complexity; Prescribed Fire Agency Administrator Type 2, RXA2” with “Prescribed Fire – Low Complexity; Prescribed Fire Agency Administrator Type 3, RXA3.”
On page 172, line 18:
  • Remove “5100-60,” and insert “5100-606.”

On page 174, remove text from lines 11-12 and insert:
  ○ Eye protection will be worn during all chainsaw operations including cleaning and fueling (meeting ANSI Z87.1). Steel mesh safety goggles are allowed during falling, bucking, and brushing operations. Face shields are only required where face protection has been identified in a Job Hazard Analysis/Risk Assessment (JHA/RA). Face shields must meet ANSI Z87.1.

On page 294, remove text from lines 33-34 and insert:
  • NPS – IHCs have the option of traveling with 25 personnel when on incident assignments as authorized by the sending or receiving unit.

On page 343, line 19, remove “BLM.”

On page 343, line 23, insert:
  • BLM – Follows the guidance put forth in chapter 2.

On page 362, remove text from lines 42-44 and on page 363, remove text from lines 1-10 and insert:
  • BIA – At Geographic Planning Level 4 and 5, the regional director will approve initiation or continuance of all prescribed fires or wildland fire use plans and notify the Branch Chief Fire Use and Fuels of such action. At National Fire Preparedness Planning Level 5, the regional director will approve all initiation or continuance of prescribed fire or wildland fire use plans and obtain concurrence from the Branch Chief Fire Use and Fuels. The Branch Chief Fire Use and Fuels will coordinate with the BIA NMAC representative and Fire Director and provide a written response prior to the planned initiation or continuance of action. Written concurrence is required to proceed.