

Basic Faller (FAL3), Intermediate Faller (FAL2), and Advanced Faller (FAL1)

Transition Plan

Background: The Hazard Tree/Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFS), chartered under the NWCG Risk Management Committee (RMC) recommended that the NWCG Operations and Workforce Development Committee add three positions to the PMS 310-1: Basic Faller (FAL3), Intermediate Faller (FAL2), and Advanced Faller (FAL1). These positions will replace the agency specific Faller A (FALA), Faller B (FALB), and Faller C (FALC) positions utilized as agency specific positions.

Transition Plan

Currently Qualified: Individuals will be converted as follows in the Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) and Incident Qualification System (IQS):

- FALA qualified = FAL3 Qualified
- FALB qualified = FAL2 qualified
- FALC qualified = FAL1 qualified

Additional IQCS and IQS Considerations:

- Historical FALA experience will be converted to FAL3 experience
- Historical FALB experience will be converted to FAL2 experience
- Historical FALC experience will be converted to FAL1 experience

IQCS will be updated to reflect these changes at the release of the October 2014 PMS 310-1.

Position Task Books (PTBs):

Trainees with assignments completed:

- FALA(t) with tasks completed in PTB = Complete current PTB
- FALB(t) with tasks completed in PTB = Complete current PTB
- FALC(t) with tasks completed in PTB = Complete current PTB

Trainees without assignments completed:

- FALA(t) with no tasks completed in PTB = Initiate new FAL3 PTB
- FALB(t) with no tasks completed in PTB = Initiate new FAL2 PTB
- FALC(t) with no tasks completed in PTB = Initiate new FAL1 PTB

The new PTBs will be available at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/taskbook/taskbook.htm> upon release of the October 2014 PMS 310-1.

Attachments:

Advanced Faller (FAL1) qualification page
Intermediate Faller (FAL2) qualification page
Basic Faller (FAL3) qualification page

Advanced Faller (FAL1)

(Position Category: Wildland Fire)

REQUIRED TRAINING

Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130)

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE

Satisfactory performance as an Intermediate Faller (FAL2)

+

Completion and Certification of PTB as an Advanced Faller (FAL1) on a wildfire incident*

PHYSICAL FITNESS LEVEL

Arduous

THESE POSITIONS MAINTAIN CURRENCY FOR FAL1

none

FAL1 MAINTAINS CURRENCY FOR THESE POSITIONS

Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2)

Intermediate Faller (FAL2)

Basic Faller (FAL3)

OTHER TRAINING WHICH SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Portable Pumps and Water Use (S-211)

Firing Operations (S-219)

Firefighter Type 1 (S-131)

Look Up, Look Down, Look Around (S-133)

Facilitative Instructor (M-410)

The use of the approved NWCG combined PTB for the FAL1 position is highly encouraged. However, agency specific evaluation processes that document successful position performance can be used in lieu of the PTB if they meet or exceed the standard identified in the associated position taskbook.

Intermediate Faller (FAL2)

(Position Category: Wildland Fire)

REQUIRED TRAINING

Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130)

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE

Satisfactory performance as a Basic Faller (FAL3)

+

Completion and Certification of PTB as an Intermediate Faller (FAL2) on a wildfire incident*

PHYSICAL FITNESS LEVEL

Arduous

THESE POSITIONS MAINTAIN CURRENCY FOR FAL2

Advanced Faller (FAL1)

FAL2 MAINTAINS CURRENCY FOR THESE POSITIONS

Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2)

Basic Faller (FAL3)

OTHER TRAINING WHICH SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Portable Pumps and Water Use (S-211)

Firing Operations (S-219)

Firefighter Type 1 (S-131)

Look Up, Look Down, Look Around (S-133)

Facilitative Instructor (M-410)

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Basic Faller (FAL3)

(Position Category: Wildland Fire)

REQUIRED TRAINING

Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130)
Wildland Fire Chain Saws (S-212)

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE

Satisfactory performance as a Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2)
+
Completion and Certification of PTB as a Basic Faller (FAL3)*

PHYSICAL FITNESS LEVEL

Arduous

THESE POSITIONS MAINTAIN CURRENCY FOR FAL3

Intermediate Faller ([FAL2](#))
Advanced Faller ([FAL1](#))

FAL3 MAINTAINS CURRENCY FOR THESE POSITIONS

Firefighter Type 2 ([FFT2](#))

OTHER TRAINING WHICH SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Portable Pumps and Water Use (S-211)
Firing Operations (S-219)
Firefighter Type 1 (S-131)
Look Up, Look Down, Look Around (S-133)

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