BACKGROUND:

The NIFC Division of Training has been assigned the responsibility to develop the Wildland Fire Suppression Curriculum for the Training Working Team. There are currently 5 all-risk “I” Courses, 42 “S” Courses, and 37 Job Aids in this curriculum. A curriculum management function (to ensure that all of the courses and job aids fit together) is an integral part of the development function. Most curriculum management decisions will be made by the Branch of Training Program Management; however, actions which require a change in the training or qualifications system will be referred to the Training and/or ICS Working Teams for decision. Such actions would include the addition or deletion of a course, change in course title or number, change in status from “suggested” to “required,” etc.

SITUATION:

It is anticipated that there will be an occasional need for the Branch of Training Program Management to obtain a decision from the appropriate working team(s) quickly. In such cases, a delay may have a critical impact or domino effect on the schedules for one or more projects. (An example of an action requiring such immediate decision is Curriculum Management Issue Paper Number 1 pertaining to Fire Suppression Tactics S-336.)

RECOMMENDATION:

In the event that a rapid decision is required, the NIFC, Division of Training will contact the appropriate working team chairperson(s) with the issue. The chairperson will then teleconference working team members, reach a decision, and subsequently advise the Division of Training.

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