BACKGROUND
The Fire Behavior Committee (with support/direction from the Fire Environment Working Team and the Training Working Team) initiated a rework of the S-492 and S-493 courses to update the course materials to reflect current science, fire behavior models, and applications.

CURRENT STATUS
The steering committee is working on combining the two courses into one course. They have developed course and unit objectives for the new materials; target date for having draft materials available is December 2008. The alpha course will be taught through blended learning, culminating with a one-week residential/classroom session in March 2009.

The new course objectives are:
- Prepare future LTANs with advanced geospatial fire analysis, interpretation and application skills, preparatory for S-590.
- Introduce future FBANs to geospatial fire analysis, interpretation and application skills preparatory for completing task book items related to geospatial analysis.
- Equip technical specialists with geospatial fire analysis, assessment, and interpretation skills.

A new course name and number need to be assigned.

RECOMMENDATION
Course Name: Geospatial Fire Analysis, Interpretation and Application
Course Number: S-495

APPROVED / DENIED
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SIGNATURE

May 20, 2008

TWT Chair

Date

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