



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

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MEMORANDUM

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To: NWCG Committee Chairs, Geographic Area Coordinating Group (GACG) Chairs, Geographic Area Training Representatives (GATR) Chair, National IC/AC Council Chair

From: NWCG Chair *Atta Bidabwa*

Date: September 27, 2013

Subject: Approval of the new Training Committee

At the June NWCG Executive Board meeting the Board approved the charter for the new Training Committee. The Executive Board determined it was in the best interest of NWCG to sunset the Wildland Fire Institute organizational model and associated task team, and stand up this Committee in its place under the NWCG Training Branch. The Training Committee will provide vision and strategic direction for the development and delivery of NWCG training products, and will coordinate with the Operations and Workforce Development Committee (OWDC) on interagency wildland fire workforce development initiatives. Close coordination and communication with OWDC will be a high priority.

The Training Committee is responsible for:

- Providing a coordinated NWCG training system.
- Providing stewardship for all 100 thru 600 level NWCG training (course maintenance responsibilities are outlined in the NWCG Curriculum Maintenance Plan).
- Assisting with training development budget coordination and prioritization.
- Serving as a forum for NWCG subgroups who maintain training courses.
- Serving as a forum for the Geographic Area Training representatives and for overall training delivery.
- Seeking opportunities to implement Wildland Fire Institute concepts as appropriate.
- Disseminating training information, best practices and lesson learned.

Committee membership includes training representatives from the five federal fire agencies and one representative from the States. See <http://www.nwcg.gov/?q=committees/operations-and-training-committee/roster> for the Training Committee membership roster.

Questions regarding the Training Committee can be directed to the Training Committee Chair, Mike Ellsworth at mellsworth@blm.gov.

cc: NWCG Executive Board
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