



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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TO: Geographic Area Coordinating Group Chairs, Geographic Area Training
Representatives Chair, NWCG Committee Chairs

FROM: Dan Smith, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

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SUBJECT: Release of October 2014 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1)

The October 2014 version of the Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1) has been released and is available for use by the interagency wildland fire community. The PMS 310-1 provides a cornerstone of our National Incident Management System by establishing minimum interagency qualification requirements for national mobilization of resources. While the 2014 update closely resembles the previous version, this edition includes significant changes which are summarized in the attached Errata Sheet # 6.

The following significant changes have been incorporated during the current PMS 310-1 revision cycle:

- Incident Business Advisor Type 1 (IBA1) and Incident Business Advisor Type 2 (IBA2) have been combined to form the Incident Business Advisor (INBA) position.
- Established the Basic Faller (FAL3), Intermediate Faller (FAL2), and Advanced Faller (FAL1) positions.
- Changes to training has been made as identified in the Phase 1 National Fire Training Curriculum transition plan
- Introduction of Planning Section Chief Type 3 (PSC3), Logistics Section Chief Type 3 (LSC3), Operations Section Chief Type 3 (OPS3), and Finance Section Chief Type 3 (FSC3) position standards

The following NWCG Position Task Books (PTBs) have been formalized or updated during the current PMS 310-1 revision cycle:

- Incident Business Advisor (INBA)
- Combined Basic Faller (FAL3), Intermediate Faller (FAL2), and Advanced Faller (FAL1)

The allowance for utilization of the following FEMA PTBs:

- Planning Section Chief Type 3 (PSC3)
- Logistics Section Chief Type 3 (LSC3)
- Finance Section Chief Type 3 (FSC3)

FEMA position taskbooks are available at

http://training.fema.gov/position%20specific%20taskbooks/taskbook_list.asp

Information regarding the use of the INBA and faller positions is included in the associated transition plans located at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm>. Position taskbooks are

located at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/taskbook/taskbook.htm>. These changes will be administered in the Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) and the Incident Qualification System (IQS).

It is important to familiarize yourself with the 2014 PMS 310-1 for a complete understanding of the revisions, and to insure this information is widely distributed within the interagency wildland fire community. The 2014 PMS 310-1 and associated transition plans can only be found on the NWCG website at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm> and are not be available through the Publication Management System in hard copy. If a hard copy is needed, individual users can download and print the documents as needed.

Please disseminate this information broadly through your communications networks within the wildland fire community.

Attachments:

PMS 310-1 Errata Sheet # 6