



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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Memorandum No. 16-016

Date: 29 July 2016

TO: NWCG Executive Board Members

FROM: John Glenn, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

SUBJECT: Transition Plan for upcoming changes to national mobilization requirements for Type 3 general staff positions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John A. Glenn".

This memorandum communicates the transition plan for upcoming changes to Type 3 general staff mobilization requirements that will occur upon release of the October 2018 PMS 310-1 *NIMS Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide*. Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

**Issue/Action Requested:** Upon release of the October 2018 PMS 310-1, the following changes will occur:

- Qualification as Operations Section Chief Type 3 -Wildland (OPS3), Planning Section Chief Type 3 (PSC3), Logistics Section Chief Type 3 (LSC3), and Finance Section Chief Type 3 (FSC3) will be required for mobilization in these positions to incidents outside the employee's hosting unit local dispatch area.
- Use of the federal *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations* (Red Book) or locally established standards for mobilization in Type 3 general staff position capacities will only be allowed for personnel operating on incidents within their local dispatch area.

Transition Plan:

- Personnel currently functioning in Type 3 general staff positions using the Red Book or locally established standards on incidents outside of their local dispatch area may continue to do so until October 1, 2018.
- On October 1, 2018 individuals functioning as Type 3 general staff using the Red Book or locally established standards may do so only on incidents within their local dispatch area.
- On October 1, 2018 personnel desiring to perform as OPS3, PSC3, LSC3, and FSC3 on incidents outside of their local dispatch area must meet the PMS 310-1 standards.
- There are no changes to the position standards of ICT3, PIOF, or SOFR.
- Position task books for PSC3, LSC3, and FSC3 are available at <http://www.nwcg.gov/publications/fema-taskbooks>
- Personnel that are currently certified as Type 1 and Type 2 Section Chiefs or Unit Leaders in Plans, Logistics, and/or Finance are encouraged to obtain the appropriate PSC3, LSC3, or FSC3 certification to build capacity.

Task Book Administration:

- Personnel completing their position task book for ICT3 are also eligible for certification as OPS3, PSC3, LSC3, and FSC3 at the discretion of their qualifications review committee or certifying official.

- Evaluators for PSC3, LSC3, or FSC3 position task books must be certified as:
  - ICT3, PSC3, PSC2, PSC1, RESL or SITL for PSC3 trainees
  - ICT3, LSC3, LSC2, LSC1, SPUL, FACL, or GSUL for LSC3 trainees
  - ICT3, FSC3, FSC2, FSC1, TIME, or COST for FSC3 trainees

**Background:** The release of the October 2014 PMS 310-1 conflicted with federal *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations* (Red Book) standards for Type 3 incident personnel. In 2016 the Operations and Training Committee (OTC) established a formal transition plan to adopt the PMS 310-1 Type 3 general staff standards. In addition, OTC clarified practices for Type 3 general staff position task book certification.

**Contact Information:** For further information, please contact your representative on the NWCG Operations and Training Committee. Rosters for these committees are available on the NWCG website at: <http://www.nwcg.gov/>.