



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

Memorandum No. 17-004
Date: 29 June 2017

TO: NWCG Executive Board Members
FROM: Dalan Romero, Chair, NWCG Executive Board
SUBJECT: Approval of New Curriculum for Fire Program Management and Agency Administrator

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This memorandum communicates the Executive Board's decision to adopt recommendations from the Operations and Training Committee (OTC) resulting from the completion of TM 2015-002 (attached). Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

In April 2015, the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Executive Board tasked the OTC to establish a comprehensive NWCG wildland fire management training curriculum for Agency Administrators and Fire Management Officers (see TM-2015-002). As a result, the NWCG Executive Board has approved the following actions:

- Local Fire Management Leadership (LFML) and M-581, Fire Program Management courses will be combined and will be delivered as M-581, Fire Program Management – An Overview.
- The National Fire Management Leadership (NFML) course will be assigned the M-582 course number and retitled: Fire Program Management – Leading Complex Programs.
- OTC will establish the Fire Program Management Curriculum Steering Committee to provide management of the M-581 course.
- The NFML Steering Committee will transition to the Agency Administrator Advanced Wildland Fire Curriculum Steering Committee under the Executive Board to provide oversight of the M-582 course.

The M-581 and M-582 curriculum management groups will be supported by the National Advanced Fire and Resource Institute (NAFRI) to ensure an appropriate instructional design process is utilized in development and maintenance, and to ensure the curriculum maintains a logical alignment for introductory and advanced courses. The M-581 course is intended to be delivered geographically, while the M-582 course is intended to be delivered at the national level. The attached transition plan outlines anticipated implementation timelines and actions.

This memorandum was drafted in coordination with the NWCG Operations and Training Committee and the National Advanced Fire and Resource Institute. For additional information, please contact your OTC representative, <https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/operations-and-training-committee/roster>.

Attachment(s)

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