

M-581 and M-582 Transition Plan

Summary of course changes:

M-581, *Fire Program Management – An Overview*:

1. Combined the Local Fire Management Leadership course with the M-581 *Fire Program Management Course*.
2. Changed target audience to reflect combined course curriculum. New target audience is early tenure Agency Administrators, and aspiring Fire Program Managers.
3. Created M-581 design criteria objectives to guide consistent delivery of course content.
4. Established the Fire Program Management Curriculum Steering Committee under the Operations and Training Committee (OTC) consisting of lead instructors from each geographic area with a mix of Fire Management Officers and Agency Administrators.
5. The NAFRI Director will appoint a standing advisor to the Steering Committee.

M-582, *Fire Program Management - Leading Complex Programs*:

1. Renamed course from National Fire Management Leadership (NFML) to *Fire Program Management - Leading Complex Programs*, to reflect curriculum alignment and an emphasis on managing complexity through the application of sound leadership and management principles.
2. Changed target audience to reflect an Agency Administrator audience with substantial experience overseeing a wildland fire program. New target audience is Agency Administrators managing, or aspiring to manage complex wildland fire programs.
3. Content will be updated to reflect the new target audience. The content can be broadly framed as factors which drive complexity in wildland fire programs.
4. Established the Agency Administrator Advanced Wildland Fire Curriculum Steering Committee under the NWCG Executive Board to provide course oversight.
5. The National Advanced Fire and Resource Institute (NAFRI) will provide instructional design and delivery support. The NAFRI director will appoint a co-chair to the Steering Committee.

Implementation Actions:

The following steps will ensure the M-581 and M-582 courses and their oversight bodies have the structure, processes and resources to carry out the mission elements described in their respective NWCG mission statements.

1. Establish Fire Program Management Curriculum Steering Committee and Agency Administrator Advance Wildland Fire Curriculum Steering Committee (June 2017).
2. Implement Field Manager's Course Guide updates (October 2017). The course changes will be fully implemented for the 2017-2018 training season.
3. Update Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) with new courses (October 2017). Individuals who have completed LFML or NFML will receive credit for M-581 after October 2017.
4. Revise the M-582 course content to reflect advance curriculum for an experienced Agency Administrator (Winter 2018).