



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

Memorandum No. 18-005

Date: 28 September 2018

TO: NWCG Executive Board Members

FROM: Garth Fisher, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

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SUBJECT: Spanish Language NWCG Training Materials

The NWCG Executive Board (EB) puts careful considerations into all decisions. The discontinuance of entry-level Spanish-language NWCG training materials in 2016 was no exception. At the request of the EB, the Operations and Training Committee performed an in-depth analysis of a broad cross section of national wildfire cooperators. Results indicated these items were infrequently obtained from National Interagency Support Caches and utilized in field level trainings. Member agencies assessed the potential impacts of discontinuing these materials and determined the low demand did not warrant the continued production and maintenance. The NWCG EB communicated the decision in a memorandum dated 27 January 2016 which can be found at this link: <https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/memos/eb-m-16-001.pdf>

Following recent interest in the availability of Spanish materials, NWCG is evaluating alternatives to meet the needs of all interagency wildland firefighters. Please distribute this information as appropriate through your agency channels.

Distribution:

NWCG Committee Chairs

NWCG Staff

NWCG standards are interagency by design; however, the decision to adopt and utilize them is made independently by the individual member agencies and communicated through their respective directives systems.