

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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TO: ALL CORPS AREA COMMANDERS.

SUBJECT: CCC Safety Regulations.

1. CCC Safety Regulations, Chapter XII, Section 1, paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 (Page 142) have been amended to read as follows:

"1. A course of training in safety precautions to be observed in fighting forest fires, prairie fires, and peat-bog fires, including the behavior of forest fires, must be taught to enrollees and facilitating personnel at all camps so located that they are subject to possible calls for forest fire fighting duty, regardless of the nature of projects or agency responsibility. This course shall be given each year prior to the opening of the fire season and during the fire season at each camp where new enrollment justifies it. In localities where one agency might have occasion to borrow enrollees of another agency to fight fires, the borrowing agency shall be responsible for furnishing instructions or information for the teaching of fire fighting, and the lending agency shall be responsible for the training of all loaned men. The lending agency should contact the probable borrowing agency for instruction material to be used in training their personnel, provided such material is not already available within the agency.

"2. No foreman, leader or enrollee shall be allowed to fight forest fires anywhere, unless and until he has been given previous fire fighting instructions. A roster shall be made listing all enrollees who have been given the previous fire fighting instructions including the dates of such instructions and only such enrollees whose names appear on this roster shall be assigned to forest fire fighting. No enrollee under eighteen years of age shall be assigned to forest fire fighting duty, except where younger enrollees are adjudged to be mentally, physically, and by experience, equal to enrollees eighteen years of age or over.

"3. No enrollee shall be sent to fires except under the supervision of a foreman who has been given all practicable instructions in fire safety and is judged to be capable of remembering at all times that his first responsibility is the safety of the enrollees in his charge. Forest supervisors, park superintendents, park inspectors and State foresters may authorize camp superintendents, to designate specialists, project assistants, and leaders or assistant leaders in camps under their supervision, who have been properly trained in fire suppression and safety methods to direct the work of not to exceed fifteen trained enrollees on small fires, running on comparatively level grounds, with light fuel, such as grass or other thin or low type of fuel and where the chance of the fire getting out of control is negligible, provided no adequately trained CCC supervisory or facilitating personnel, rangers, technicians, fire guards and wardens are available to take charge of these CCC enrollee crews. Qualified and trained enrollees who have been certified by project superintendents may be used for smoke-chasing duty in groups of not more than five."

2. These changes are now being printed and will be distributed for insertion in the 1938 CCC Safety Regulations in the near future.

3. The decision as to the physical condition of enrollees under eighteen years old will be made by company commanders with the advice of the camp physician.

4. It is important because of forest fire hazard conditions in various parts of the country that all enrollees under eighteen years of age who have been found physically qualified be certified to project superintendents for inclusion in their training program and listing on rosters of fire fighting crews and new enrollees within this category be examined and certified as promptly as possible.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ E. S. ADAMS,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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HQ. NINTH CORPS AREA, Presidio of San Francisco, California. Aug. 24, 1939.
To: All District and Company Commanders, CCC, Ninth Corps Area.

For their information and guidance.

By command of Lieutenant General BOWLEY.

/s/ HORACE F. SYKES,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

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