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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Request for Nominations for Engine Operator Training Course DD: 02/25/00

Attached is information regarding an upcoming training opportunity. Engine Operator (ENOP) training will be offered in Phoenix, AZ, April 24-29, 2000. Please distribute this information throughout your organizations. We are striving to hit the target group for this test course which includes firefighters with one or two seasons on engines who will be working on engines during the upcoming fire season. The attachment includes specific information on how to apply for this course.

This course teaches the skills and knowledge for the inspection and maintenance of BLM type four and type six engine packages, as well as driving skills and engine operations that are performed by the Engine Operator position.

The course uses BLM engines as the teaching tools for the Engine Operator position. It will be the responsibility of the student's home unit to provide a fully functional engine, complete with Normal Unit Supply (N.U.S.) for the students to work on at the class. If getting an engine to the course becomes a problem give the BLM's Fire Training Unit a call at 208-387-5308.

Engines that are sent to this training course must be mechanically sound upon arrival at the training location. All engines will be inspected upon arrival at Phoenix. Mechanical problems that are identified will be fixed, with repairs charged to the sending unit.

We look forward to continuing to meet the training needs of fire organizations throughout the Bureau by providing high quality training to meet identified needs. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Al Olson at 208-387-5308.

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ENGINE OPERATOR TRAINING

Engine Operator Training will be conducted in Phoenix, Az., April 25-30, 2000. The standardization of training and qualification for this position has been identified as a high priority in the Bureau. This course is open to BLM personnel only.

Course Dates: April 25, 2000 0800 hrs. - April 30, 2000, 1200 hrs. April 24 and April 30 after 1200 hrs will be travel days.

Location: Phoenix District, Phoenix, Arizona

Course Coordinator: Al Olson, NIFC, Phone: 208-387-5308; Fax: 208-387-5378
E-mail: al_olson@nifc.blm.gov

Target Group: The target audience for the course are firefighters who meet all the prerequisites for Engine Operator (identified below) and who are thought to have upward mobility potential within the Bureau's fire program. Priority will be given to individuals who will be assigned to an engine during the 2000 field season. Only those who meet the target group of Engine Operator trainees will be accepted. This is not an opportunity for qualified Engine Operators to receive additional training.

Prerequisite Training: S-130, S-131, S-190, S-211, I-100.

Prerequisite Experience: Must be fully qualified as an FFT1 (Advanced Firefighter/Squad Boss).

Pre-Course Work: Applicants who are selected to attend the course will be sent pre-course work in March. It must be completed and returned to the Course Coordinator by April 14, 2000. Individuals who do not submit the pre-course work by the due date will not be admitted to the class.

Trainee Nominations. Nominations should be completed using the standard NWCG Training Nomination Form. In part one of this form we need the mailing address where the nominee can be reached. If the pre-course work is not returned, the nominee will not be accepted into the course. In part two the nominee needs to include the following information in detail: seasons of fire experience and current red card qualifications. If it is shown that the nominee is not in the target group the nominee will not be accepted into the course. There are a limited number of student slots available for this test course. The student group will consist of six engines with a total of 18 students.

All nominations must first be reviewed by the BLM State Training Officer who will develop a list of applicants prioritized by name.

The prioritized list and individual training nomination forms should be sent as a package to the Course Coordinator. Individual nominations received directly from districts or individuals will be returned to the BLM State Training Officer for review and prioritization.

Nomination Due Date: February 25, 2000. Send prioritized list of nominees along with individual NWCG training nomination forms to: Attn: Al Olson, FC230, National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 S. Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705-5354

Trainee Selection Notification: March 10, 2000

Tuition: None.

Cancellations: Due to class size considerations and logistical concerns, it is imperative that cancellations be relayed in a timely manner to the Course Coordinator so that student substitutions can be made.

<u>Time line:</u>	Nominations due	February 25, 2000
	Selection Notification	March 10, 2000
	Pre-Course Work Due	April 14, 2000
	Course	April 25-30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact Al Olson, Course Coordinator, at 208-387-5308.

NWCG Interagency Training Nomination

PART I Registration Completion is required. Submit one form per course.

Course Name		FOR COURSE SPONSOR/HOST USE ONLY PRIORITY _____ of _____
Course Date(s)	Course Location	Course Tuition (if required)
Nominee's Name		Date Submitted
Working Job Title	DG, IAMS, or FAX Address	
Sponsor or Agency (Name, Address-number, street, city, state, zip)	Nominee's Mailing Address (if different.)	
Telephone No. Comm: FTS:	Telephone No. Comm: (if different) FTS:	
I will notify the Course Coordinator/Training Center if I am unable to attend, so others will be allowed to take the course.		

PART II Experience Complete or attach Qualification & Experience Record printout, if required.

Do you meet all of the NWCG or additional Agency PREREQUISITES for the course? (Reference NWCG 310-1 or Agency Manual). Yes/No List your past experience pertinent to this course. List training completed and dates pertinent to this course:
Nominee's Signature:
Remarks:

PART III Financial Complete if required.

Attach additional financial forms as stipulated by the Training Announcement or required by the Training Centers.	
Management Code or Charge Code Number _____	
Make payment to Sponsoring Agency.	
This agreement constitutes authority for the Vendor (Sponsoring Agency) to submit a bill to the above agency.	
Authorizing Signiture (Agency Administrator)	Date