CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER NUMBER 15
--CHANGE IN COURSE TITLE, NUMBER, AND TARGET GROUP FOR PRESCRIBED FIRE MONITORING AND ANALYSIS Rx-290--

BACKGROUND

The approved Prescribed Fire Curriculum identifies Prescribed Fire Monitoring and Analysis Rx-290 as suggested training for the Prescribed Fire Behavior Monitor (RXFM).

CURRENT STATUS

The development group has analyzed the position task books for the Prescribed Fire Behavior Monitor, the Prescribed Fire Behavior Specialist (RXFS), and the Field Observer (FOBS) positions. Based on this analysis the group has determined that

- the RXFM and FOBS positions are nearly identical and that, with a minor change, the Field Observer S-244 course will meet the training needs of both the FOBS and RXFM positions. The S-244 development group has agreed to make this change so that the course can meet both needs.

- there is still a need for training in prescribed fire monitoring and analysis, however this training is more appropriate for the RXFS position. Also, subject matter complexity dictates that this course be taught at a regional level or equivalent. The group is recommending that the course entitled Prescribed Fire Monitoring and Analysis be numbered Rx-390.

See attached memorandum for additional information.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The NIFC National Fire and Aviation Training Support Group agrees with the recommendations of the development group that:

1. Prescribed Fire Monitoring and Analysis Rx-290 be replaced by Prescribed Fire Monitoring and Analysis Rx-390.

2. That the Rx-390 course be suggested training for Prescribed Fire Behavior Specialist (RXFS).

3. That suggested training for the Prescribed Fire Behavior Monitor Position (RXFM) include Field Observer S-244 instead of Rx-290.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

Upon approval of these recommendations:

1. The NIFC National Fire and Aviation Training Support Group will direct the development group for Rx-290 to proceed with development of Rx-390 for training of the RXFS position. The development group for Field Observer S-244 will be instructed to continue with the agreed modification.

2. The Prescribed Fire and Fire Effects and the Training Working Teams will need to reflect this change in the approved NWCG Prescribed Fire Curriculum.

3. The Prescribed Fire and Fire Effects and the Training Working Teams will need to coordinate these changes with the Incident Operations Standards Working Team so that appropriate changes will be reflected in the update of the 310-1.

APPROVED:

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