NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #28
MODIFICATION OF COURSE NAME FOR
S-491 NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

BACKGROUND

The NWCG Fire Danger Working Team identified the need to formalize fire danger rating training provided by geographic areas into a standardized NWCG sanctioned course. The S-491 National Fire Danger Rating (NFDRS) course ensures consistent course objectives and content are used across geographic areas, and provides the requisite knowledge and experience necessary for student success at the NARTC Advanced NFDRS course. S-491 NFDRS is "additional training which supports development of knowledge and skills" for the LTAN position and supports job performance for dispatchers, fire behavior specialists, and fire management staff.

CURRENT STATUS

Confusion exists in the current naming convention between the S-491 National Fire Danger Rating (NFDRS) course and the NFDRS course presented at NARTC.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Subject Matter Expert group developing S-491, lead by the Chair of the NWCG Fire Danger Working Team, that S-491 National Fire Danger Rating System be renamed **S-491 Intermediate National Fire Danger Rating System**. The NARTC course has already been named Advanced National Fire Danger Rating System. This hierarchical naming convention matches that used in other portions of the NWCG curriculum.

ACTION REQUIRED

Approval of the TWT of the name change for the course from S-491 National Fire Danger Rating System to **S-491 Intermediate National Fire Danger Rating System**.

APPROVED / DENIED
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SIGNATURE

TWT Chair

Date 9/26/01

cc: Incident Operations Standards WT
Fire Danger Rating WT