

NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #95
Remove M-580, Fire in Ecosystem Management Course from PMS 310-1
March 20, 2008

BACKGROUND

M-580 Fire in Ecosystem Management (FIEM) is designed as a resource management course, not an operational course. It is currently included in PMS 310-1 for qualification as Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 1 (RXB1), along with RX-510 as *Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge and Skills*.

RX-510 Applied Fire Effects is designed to meet the operational needs of prescribed fire and fire use practitioners under NWCG qualifications, including necessary content to meet safety and qualification (red card) requirements.

Although some of the same topics are covered in these two courses, the focus of RX-510 is on operational applications in the use of wildland fire, while M-580 is a management-focused course. RXB1, the principle audience for RX-510, is an Operations position. Inclusion of M-580 in the RXB1 PMS 310-1 requirements has caused confusion in the student population, leading to personnel enrolling in a course with expectations different from the course objectives, and, therefore, not gaining the knowledge they are seeking. Some are also taking both courses, which leads to mixed student base and often wasted dollars because M-580 does not provide the focused information needed for this position.

PROPOSAL/ACTION REQUIRED

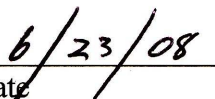
Request the Incident Operations Standards Working Team (IOSWT) remove M-580 from the Prescribed Fire Burn Boss, Type 1 qualifications under *Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge and Skills*.

APPROVED / DENIED

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SIGNATURE


IOSWT Chair


Date

cc: TWT, PMSWT, GATRs