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Memorandum

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To: Agency Managers and Geographic Area Coordinating Centers

From: NWCG Chair *Brian McManis*

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Subject: Release of May 2008 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS310-1)

The May, 2008 version of the Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1) is now approved and available for use by the interagency wildland fire community. The 310-1 is a cornerstone of our National Interagency Incident Management System in that it specifies the minimum qualifications needed for national mobilization of resources. Please take the time to read the new 310-1. While it closely resembles the older version, there are some significant changes within the document that need to be understood. Some examples of changes are:

- Position Task Books (PTBs) can now be initiated prior to attendance and successful completion of Required Training. However, trainees cannot become fully qualified for the position until Required Training has been successfully completed.
- The Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC) is interchangeable with Advanced Incident Management (S-520).
- Some PTBs have been combined to include common tasks, with additional tasks for specific positions. The common tasks need only be completed once.
- The Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) PTB has been eliminated and will be replaced with a Job Aid.
- Changes have been made to allow agencies more flexibility in establishing local standards for prescribed fire. This makes the prescribed fire qualifications consistent with the rest of the PMS 310-1.

These are but a few examples of the changes, therefore, you can see the importance of reading closely the new edition for complete understanding.

We believe this edition clarifies and makes improvements to the previous version, and hope you find it will serve you better. The new version will be posted to the NWCG Website by

May 31, 2008. While a few hard copies will be printed, it is our hope that users will begin to print their own copy from the website more often. By using the electronic medium, we can begin to update the 310-1 more often, making the document more adaptable to necessary changes.

cc: NWCG Executive Board

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