

Planning Section Endorsement Analysis

Analysis Workshop Date: The initial workshop to analyze the eight current Planning Section positions was held on March 4, 2022. Additional workshop held on March 11, 2022. GISS was not analyzed at this time and will be completed with the Geospatial Subcommittee as the GISS position steward.

Attendance: first workshop: Barb Geringer-Frazier (NIMSIC lead), Steve Griffin (NIMSIC chair), Ken Kehmna (NIMSIC vice-chair), Brent Ruggles (NIMSIC DOI rep), Robin Jermyn (SME), Dana Carter (SME), Deb Fleming (NWCG Coordinator-NIMSIC).

Second workshop: Barb Geringer-Frazier (NIMSIC lead), Heather Gonzales (IPS chair), Steve Griffin (NIMSIC chair), Ken Kehmna (NIMSIC vice-chair), Carol McElroy (FEMA NIC), Deb Fleming (NWCG Coordinator-NIMSIC)

End State: Using the data gathered during Step 1 of the Analysis Process, analyze data (Step 2) to determine if endorsements are warranted for the PSC1, PSC2, PSC3, DOCL, DMOB, RESL, and SITL NWCG positions.

Planning Section Chief, Type 1

(The following data was gathered for the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
S-520, Advanced Incident Management or Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC)	NQS has no required training at this level

Experience

NWCG	NQS
PSC2 is prerequisite or OSC1* or LSC1* or SOF1* (*this pathway requires S-440)	NIMS Type 2 Planning Section Chief

NWCG Task Book Elements

There are 4 wildfire tasks in NWCG PSC1 PTB (#15-W, #28-W, #29-W, #37-W)
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Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a PSC1 (or other position that maintains currency) every 5 years	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years

PSC1 Endorsement Recommendation – No

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No endorsement recommended for PSC1 due to necessity of prior wildland fire experience and the potential for significant increase in number of resources assigned to type 1 incidents.

Planning Section Chief, Type 2

(The following data was gathered for the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
ICS-400, Advanced ICS	NQS has no required training at this level
S-420, Command and General Staff or L-481, Advanced Leadership for Command and General Staff	

Experience

NWCG	NQS
SITL is a prerequisite or RESL or PSC3 or OSC2* or LSC2* or SOF2* (*this pathway requires S-440)	NIMS Type 3 Planning Section Chief

NWCG Task Book Elements

There are 4 wildfire tasks in NWCG PSC2 PTB (#15-W, #28-W, #29-W, #37-W)
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Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a PSC2 every 5 years (or other position that maintains currency)	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years

PSC2 Endorsement Recommendation – Yes

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S-420, Command and General Staff or L-481, Advanced Leadership for Command and General Staff Successful completion and certification of position specific tasks (#1, 15, 19, 28, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38) in the NWCG Planning Section Chief Type 2 (PSC2) Position Task Book, PMS 311-23, on a wildland fire incident
Rationale/Notes:

Planning Section Chief, Type 3

(The following data was gathered for the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
ICS-100, Intro to ICS	IS-100, Intro to ICS
Required at UL level	IS-200, Basic ICS
Required at UL level	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS
ICS-400, Advanced ICS	ICS-400, Advanced ICS
IS-700, NIMS, an Introduction	IS-700, NIMS an Introduction
Required at UL level	IS-800, National Response Framework
	E/G/L 0191, Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface
	E/L 0962, NIMS All-Hazards Planning Section Chief course or equivalent
	USFA O-0305 Intro Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management

Experience

NWCG	NQS
SITL is a prerequisite or RESL or ICT3	Experience in incident management in a subordinate position within the Planning Section.

NWCG Task Book Elements

No W or RX tasks in NWCG PSC3 PTB

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a PSC3 every 5 years (or other position that maintains currency)	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years

PSC3 Endorsement Recommendation – No

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No endorsement recommended due to the prerequisite wildland fire knowledge and experience required of a wildland fire Planning Section Chief Type 3.All-hazards qualified Planning Section Chief Type 3 can crossover at the Resources Unit Leader level which includes trainee assignment(s) to complete identified position specific task.

Documentation Unit Leader

(The following data was gathered from the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
ICS-100, Introduction to ICS	IS-100, Introduction to ICS
ICS-200, ICS for Single Resources, and Initial Action Incidents	IS-200, Basic ICS for Initial Response
ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction	IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction
IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction	IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction
	E/G/L 0191, Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface

Experience

NWCG	NQS
None	Experience in gathering, updating, and applying situational information to make informed strategic decisions and in exchanging relevant incident information.

NWCG Task Book Elements

No W or RX tasks in NWCG DOCL PTB

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a DOCL every 5 years (or other position that maintains currency)	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years

DOCL Endorsement Recommendation – Yes

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successful performance as a Documentation Unit Leader trainee on a wildland fire incident (no need to complete a position task book).• Review <i>NWCG Standards for Electronic File Documentation</i>, PMS 277, prior to assignment.
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Endorsement task team recommends the Incident Planning Subcommittee evaluate the NWCG DOCL position for accuracy of qualification prerequisites. Endorsement will need to be reconsidered if changes are made.

Resources Unit Leader

(The following data was gathered from the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
Required at SCKN	IS-100, Introduction to ICS
ICS-200, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents	IS-200, Basic ICS for Initial Response
ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
Required at SCKN	IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction
	IS-703, NIMS: Resource Management
	IS-706, NIMS: Intrastate Mutual Aid an Introduction
IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction	IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction
	IS-2900, National Disaster Recovery Framework an Overview
	E/G/L 0191, Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface
	E/L 0965, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resources and Demobilization Unit Leaders course or equivalent

Experience

NWCG	NQS
SCKN is a prerequisite	Experience in incident management in a subordinate position

NWCG Task Book Elements

No W or RX tasks in NWCG RESL PTB

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a RESL every 5 years (or other position that maintains currency)	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years

RESL Endorsement Recommendation – Yes

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion and certification of position specific tasks (#35, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 45, 47) in the NWCG Resources Unit Leader (RESL) Position Task Book, PMS 311-24 on a wildland fire incident.
Rationale/Notes:

Demobilization Unit Leader

(The following data was gathered from the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
Required at RESL	IS-100, Introduction to ICS
Required at RESL	IS-200, Basic ICS for Initial Response
Required at RESL	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
Required at RESL	IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction
Required at RESL	IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction
	E/G/L 0191, Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface
	E/L 0965, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resources and Demobilization Unit Leaders course

Experience

NWCG	NQS
RESL is a prerequisite	None

NWCG Task Book Elements

No W or RX tasks in NWCG DMOB PTB

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a DMOB every 5 years (or other position that maintains currency)	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years

DMOB Endorsement Recommendation – No

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No endorsement recommended due to the prerequisites. Resources Unit Leader is a prerequisite for Demobilization Unit Leader for NWCG but not for NQS.All-hazards qualified Demobilization Unit Leaders can crossover at the Resources Unit Leader level which includes additional trainee assignment(s) to complete identified position specific task.

Situation Unit Leader

(The following data was gathered from the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
IPSC is working on adding	IS-100, Introduction to ICS
IPSC is working on adding	IS-200, Basic ICS for Initial Response
ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
IPSC is working on adding	IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction
IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction	IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction
	E/G/L 0191, Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface
	E/L 0964, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Situation Unit Leader course
RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher	

Experience

NWCG	NQS
There are no prerequisites	Experience in gathering, updating, and applying situational information to make informed strategic decisions and to exchange relevant incident information.
	Experience in incident management in a subordinate position.

NWCG Task Book Elements

No W or RX tasks in NWCG SITL PTB

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
Light	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a SITL (or other position that maintains currency) every 5 years	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years

SITL Endorsement Recommendation – No

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No endorsement recommended due to the prerequisite wildland fire knowledge and experience required of a wildland fire Situation Unit Leader.

Additional NWCG Requirements:

- Endorsement task team recommends the Incident Planning Subcommittee evaluate the NWCG SITL position for accuracy of qualification prerequisites. Endorsement will need to be reconsidered if changes are made.

Summary:

The analysis team determined that:

- PSC1 – no endorsement recommended due to necessity of prior wildland fire experience and the potential for significant increase in number of resources assigned to type 1 incidents.
- PSC2, DOCL, RESL – endorsement recommended. The endorsement will include additional NWCG requirements as identified above.
- PSC3 – no endorsement recommended due to the prerequisite wildland fire knowledge and experience required of a wildland fire Planning Section Chief Type 3.
- DMOB, SITL – no endorsement recommended due to the prerequisite wildland fire knowledge and experience required of a wildland fire Demobilization/Situation Unit Leader.

Approval:

This recommendation was approved by:

- Incident Planning Subcommittee on 3/30/2022
- NIMS Integration Committee on 3/30/2022
- Incident and Position Standards Committee on 4/6/2022
- NWCG Executive Board on 4/20/2022