

NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #141
REMOVAL OF FFT2 PREREQUISITE FROM S-212
1 June, 2023

BACKGROUND

The S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaw course currently has a Prerequisite Qualification requirement that a student must be qualified as a Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) to be allowed entry into the course. It has been brought to the attention of the course steward (NWCG's Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee, HTTFS) that there are some instances where a unit has a need to provide training on chainsaw use to people who do not meet this requirement (for example, non-operations incident responders or trail crews and other non-fire field personnel). S-212 is often the most readily available training that will meet this need, but course coordinators have been hesitant to allow such personnel into the course due to the FFT2 prerequisite.

CURRENT STATUS

The recommendation has been made to remove the FFT2 prerequisite, to allow course coordinators the flexibility to admit students whose home units have determined that they would benefit from the course. There is no suggested change to the qualification requirements for the Basic Faller (FAL3) position as described in the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications*, PMS 310-1, which would still require FFT2 qualification. The course steward (HTTFS) concurs with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

Remove the FFT2 qualification requirement at a prerequisite to attendance of S-212.

Effective date will be 1 June, 2023

APPROVED

SIGNATURE

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