

DRAFT NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #142
Combining RX-301 Prescribed Fire Implementation and RX-341 Prescribed Fire Plan
Preparation courses
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BACKGROUND

The RX-300 Prescribed Fire Burn Boss course was separated into the current RX-301 and RX-341 courses in 2007 (see [Curriculum Management Issue Paper # 90](#)). As these courses have been delivered in the years since, the two classes have been regularly delivered in a combined format in most geographic areas This is occurring due to the interrelated and overlapping curriculum content of the two courses, and the administrative and cost efficiencies gained from hosting one course session instead of two.

CURRENT STATUS

The RX-301 and RX-341 courses are currently undergoing revisions. During the revision process, it became evident that the curriculum content overlap between the two courses could most efficiently be addressed by incorporating both back into one coherent course. The NWCG Fuels Management Committee is the steward of the Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 position, which is the Target Group of the RX-301 and RX-341 courses. On January 11, 2023, the FMC concurred with the recommendation by their course SMEs that the two courses be combined into one.

RECOMMENDATION

The curriculum topics of prescribed fire plan preparation and implementation, which target the Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 position, currently covered in the RX-301 and RX-341 courses be recombined into one course. The updated course will revert to the course number and title that existed prior to the content being separated; *RX-300 Prescribed Fire Burn Boss*.

Effective date will be October 1st, 2023.

APPROVED

SIGNATURE

Incident and Position Standards Committee Chair

Date

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