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***Description of the Issue:***

The RXM 1 and 2 prescribed fire manager positions have been in existence for many years. The prescribed fire manager is responsible for implementing and coordinating the assigned prescribed fire activities. A prescribed fire manager may be assigned during periods when multiple, simultaneous prescribed fires are being conducted: when multiple prescribed fires will be conducted within a short time or simultaneously; or when there is complex interagency involvement. The attached issue paper looked at the current status of RXM1/2 orders processed through NICC from 2009-2016. The ROSS query indicated these positions were not widely utilized. Federal and agency responses indicate that the RXM1/2 are redundant positions that are typically filled with the local Fire Management Officer or Duty Officer. The Fire Use Subcommittee recommended to the Fuels Management Committee (FMC) eliminating the RXM1/2 as NWCG approved interagency positions.

The NWCG FMC conducted another agency review and found some agencies would like to keep a position as an option. During the IPD review of these positions, FMC found no substantial difference between the two positions and that combining the two positions was better solution, as at least one position as a prescribed fire manager is still needed.

This change would reduce the cost on upkeep and maintenance of two positions and the correlated Position Task Books (PTB). It would also reduce the upkeep and maintenance with IQCS.

***How is the request interagency in nature?***

This change is supported by all the NWCG FMC Agencies and the National Association of State Foresters.

***Is the proposed change safety related?***

No

***What are the potential changes to NWCG Standards?***

Proposed changes to the PMS 310-1 position page are outlined below::

**RXMG Proposed Qualification Requirements**

### **Required Training**

- Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR) **(RT-130)**

### **Required Experience**

- Satisfactory performance as a Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 **(RXB2)**
- AND Completion and Certification of NWCG Prescribed Fire Manager (RXMG) Position Task Book **(PMS 311-70)**

**Physical Fitness Level:** None Required

Position does not require a physical fitness level.

### **These Positions Maintain Currency for RXMG**

- Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 (RXB2)
- Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 1 (RXB1) (Addition)

### **RXMG Maintains Currency for These Positions**

- Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 (RXB2)
- Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 1 (RXB1)
- ~~Prescribed Fire Manager Type 1 (RXM1) (Deletion)~~

### **Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge And Skills**

- Fire Program Management, an Overview (M-581)
- Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)

*If combining the RXM2 & RXM1 into RXMG is approved; updates will need to be made to the RXB1 and RXB2 qualification pages. In addition, all references to RXM1/2 will need to be changed to RXMG throughout the document.*

### ***Description of Proposal:***

Based on the description of the issue and the associated rationale above, it is the recommendation of the Fuels Management Committee that the RXM2 and RXM1 be combined into RXMG. For additional information, attached is FUSC Issue Paper on this topic (*Attachment 1*).

### ***What is the rationale for the issue and solution?***

See above. The FMC is available for further discussion on this proposal.