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Topic: NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing, PMS 200 - Type 2 Crew Standard

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Issue Summary: The NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing, PMS 200 – Type 2 Crew Standard currently does not require qualified sawyers. Currently, there is an Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Type 2 crew contract which has a minimum requirement of three sawyers. This contract has 236 crews listed, which constitutes a significant portion of the Type 2 Crews used in the interagency wildland firefighting effort. The disparity between the current PMS 210 standard and the ODF contract leads to ambiguity as to whether the Type 2 Crew an incident receives will have three sawyers, or none. Additionally, incidents are often unable to utilize a crew which does not have qualified sawyers for even the most basic fire suppression assignments.

Background: The NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing, PMS 200 has been static for many years, and pre-dates the current ODF Type 2 Crew Contract. When the ODF wrote their contract, they deviated from the NWCG standard and required three sawyers on all 236 of their contract crews. The ODF contract currently states "*...Each Crew must have a minimum of three (3) Crew Members that are qualified Sawyers for chainsaw operation. Each Sawyer under this Agreement must meet the requirements as specified in B 2.7.*" "*...B 2.7 Sawyers. Crew Members performing as Sawyers must be certified as Basic Faller (FAL3) in accordance with NWCG standards as specified in PMS 310-1.*" The NWCG Minimum Crew Standards for National Mobilization Table states for sawyers, under the Type 2 column, "None".

Recommendation: To better meet the operational needs of the user base of Type 2 crews, we recommend a change to the NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing, PMS 200 – Type 2 Crew standard, to have a minimum requirement of three Basic Faller (FAL3) qualified sawyers. In addition to increased effectiveness of this resource, the proposed change will eliminate confusion for ordering units by ensuring all Type 2 crews come with three qualified FAL3's.

