



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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ASSIGNMENT OF COURSE NAME AND NUMBER TO S-112 INTRODUCTION TO CHAINSAW OPERATIONS

BACKGROUND

The *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Chainsaw Operations*, (PMS 212) was published in 2022. The NWCG committee with stewardship of for chainsaw operations is the Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Subcommittee (HTTFS). IPSC approved of HTTFS's recommendation to adjust the chainsaw curriculum to align with the PMS 212 chainsaw standards in 2023 (See IPSC Memo 2023-10). This included creation of an introductory course geared towards the training needs of the Basic Faller (FAL3) position.

CURRENT STATUS

HTTFS, subject-matter-experts, and NWCG Training Development have completed the development and evaluation of the introductory chainsaw course. The course number for initial chainsaw training has been changed to a 100 level, in keeping with the course numbering standards and course numbers used for similar level NWCG courses. The course is a blended training; there are 4 hours of online training in the Wildland Fire Learning Portal, 1 day in the classroom, and 2 hands-on field days.

RECOMMENDATION

Assign the course name and number S-112, *Introduction to Chainsaw Operations* to the blended entry-level chainsaw operation course. Assign stewardship for the course to the HTTFS and maintenance responsibility to the NWCG Training Development Program. Effective date will be the date of certification of the new S-112 course.

The training requirement for FAL3 will be changed from S-212 to S-112 in the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications* PMS 310-1 that is released the year after the new S-112 course is certified.

APPROVED

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