NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

AMC Memorandum 26-007

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TO: Wildland Fire Community

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SUBJECT: Transition Plan for Implementing Updates to the Unmanned Aircraft Systesms, Manager (UASM) Position Qualifications

Purpose: This memorandum provides transition guidance to implement updated position qualification requirements for UASM. Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

Issue/Action: Through the the Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) effort and reviews conducted by the Unmanned Aircraft Subcommittee (UASC), AMC has updated the position qualification requirements for UASM as follows:

- Required Training
  - Remove S-230, Crew Boss
  - Add S-229, Single Resource Boss
- Physical Fitness Level:
  - Change Physical Fitness Level to Moderate

These updates are effective upon publication of the January 2027 revision of the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Positions Qualifications*, PMS 310-1.

Background: Through the IPTM analysis process, AMC has approved the qualification standard for UASM.

Contact: For additional information please contact your UASC agency representative. The member roster can be found at https://www.nwcg.gov/committee/unmanned-aircraft-subcommittee.

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