

# National Wildfire Coordinating Group Incident and Position Standards Committee

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**To:** Angie Simpson, Chair, Fuels Management Committee  
**From:** Thomas M. Hayes, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee  
**Subject:** Prescribed Fire Manager Transition Plan

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**Background:** The Incident and Position Standard Committee (IPSC) has approved a request from the Fuels Management Committee (FMC) to combine Prescribed Fire Manager Type 1 (RXM1) and Prescribed Fire Manager Type 2 (RXM2) into Prescribed Fire Manager (RXMG). The FMC should utilize this transition plan to communicate the change to the field.

**Coordination:** The current RXM1 and RXM2 Position Task Books (PTB) will be merged into one RXMG PTB.

## **NWCG Standards for Prescribed Fire Manager Wildland Fire Position Qualification**

### **Prescribed Fire Manager (RXMG)**

#### **Required Training**

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

#### **Required Experience**

Satisfactory performance as a Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 (RXB2)

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Successful position performance as a Completion and Certification of Prescribed Fire Manager (RXMG) Position Task Book (PMS 311-70)

#### **Physical Fitness Level**

None Required

#### **These Positions Maintain Currency For RXMG**

Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 (RXB2)

Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 1 (RXB1)

#### **RXMG Maintains Currency For These Positions**

Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 (RXB2)

Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 1 (RXB1)

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

Fire Program Management, an Overview (M-581)

Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)

## **Transition Plan**

**Effective Date:** The change will be effective on October 1, 2020 when the NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications is annually updated.

**Current Qualified RXM1 and RXM2:** To minimize the impact to the field, the process of historical recognition for the RXMG position will be used for all current qualified RXM1 and RXM2 upon updating to the NWCG Position Catalog on October 1, 2020. The qualified responders will be transitioned to the RXMG mnemonic and will follow the new currency requirement as of the transition date.

**Current Trainee RXM1 and RXM2:** Current RXM1 and RXM2 trainees will transitioned to a RXMG trainee status on October 1, 2020. The trainee will need to meet the new qualification standard for RXMG requirements. Trainees will transition to the new RXMG PTB; however, documentation of the position performance in the RXM1 or RXM2 PTB should still be considered toward certification. Trainees initiating a new PTB after October 1, 2020 will use the new RXMG PTB.

The RXMG PTB will be available at <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/position-taskbooks> upon release of the October 2020 PMS 310-1.

Please direct any questions to your FMC agency representative, <https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/fuels-management-committee/roster>, or IPSC agency representative, <https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/incident-and-position-standards-committee/roster>.

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