



National Wildfire Coordinating Group Incident and Position Standards Committee

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To: All NWCG Committee Chairs
From: Jim Shultz, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee
Subject: Discontinuation of *Wildland Fire Management Field Guide*, PMS 210

Purpose: Based on feedback provided by field users and NWCG committees, IPSC is discontinuing publication of the *Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide*, PMS 210. After July 1, 2021, the publication will no longer be sold in the cache or available on the NWCG website.

Background: Declining sales of hard copies indicate field users have less reliance on the publication. Additionally, the revision of other NWCG publications and the implementation of systemic changes to NWCG standards caused duplications and contradictions between the PMS 210 and other standards. Notably:

- The development of NWCG Incident Position Descriptions (IDPs) renders most of Chapter 3 – Position Responsibilities obsolete.
- The *NWCG Glossary of Wildland Fire*, PMS 205, is the authoritative source for terms and definitions used by NWCG member agencies.
- The *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing*, PMS 200, supersedes the typing standards outlined in the PMS 210.
- Some items in Chapter 4 – References are general enough to find in common sources and others are outdated.
- Several items are also found in the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations* (Red Book).
- Many references are also contained in whole or part in the *Incident Response Pocket Guide* (IRPG), PMS 461. Please keep this in mind for the upcoming revision of the IRPG and ensure that any recommended changes are routed through the Interagency Operations Subcommittee as appropriate.

Recommendation: To address gaps in information as a result of this discontinuation, IPSC recommends committees work with the NWCG Publications Manager to integrate standards currently found only in the PMS 210 into existing or new NWCG publications. The table below depicts sections identified as having stewards outside of IPSC or its subgroups. Additional gaps or existing standards may be identified as this work is completed.

Parent Committee	PMS 210 Chapter	Section Heading	Existing Standard	Additional Source
CEPC	Chapter 1	Media Access Guidelines		Red Book
DMC	Chapter 2	Definitions	<i>NWCG Glossary of Wildland Fire</i> , PMS 205	
DMC	Chapter 4	ICS Map Display Symbols	<i>NWCG Standards for Geospatial Operations</i> , PMS 936	
EMC	Chapter 1	Burn Injury Procedures		Red Book

Parent Committee	PMS 210 Chapter	Section Heading	Existing Standard	Additional Source
ETC	Chapter 1	Clothing and Personal Protective Equipment*		Red Book
ETC		Carbon Monoxide Poisoning*		
ETC		Firing Equipment	<i>NWCG Standards for Ground Ignition Equipment</i> , PMS 443	
ETC		Chainsaws*	<i>NWCG Standards for Chainsaw Operations</i> , PMS 212	
ETC		Incident-Generated Hazmat	<i>NWCG Standards for Transporting Fuel</i> , PMS 442	
ETC	Chapter 4	Portable Pumps and Hydraulics	<i>IRPG</i> , PMS 461 <i>High Pressure Portable Pump Instructions Poster</i> , PMS 460 <i>Water Handling Equipment Guide</i> . PMS 447-1	S-211
ETC		Foam		S-211
ETC		Hazmat Checklist for Incident Base Management		
ETC		NWCG Engine and Water Tender Typing	<i>NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing</i> , PMS 200	
FENC	Chapter 4	What the Color and Column of Smoke May Mean	<i>Fire Behavior Nomograms</i> , PMS 436-3 <i>Fire Behavior Field Reference Guide</i> , PMS 437 <i>Fireline Handbook Appendix B: Fire Behavior</i> , PMS 410-2	
FENC		Fire Suppression Interpretations from Flame Length		
NIAC	Chapter 4	Airtankers	<i>NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing</i> , PMS 200 <i>NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision</i> , PMS 505	
NIAC		Helicopters	<i>NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing</i> , PMS 200 <i>NWCG Standards for Helicopter Operations</i> , PMS 510	
RMC	Chapter 1	Risk Management	<i>IRPG</i> , PMS 461	
RMC		Tenets of a High Reliability Organization		

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RMC		Wildland Fire Safety Culture		
RMC		Wildland Fire Safety Principles	<i>IRPG</i> , PMS 461	
RMC		Clothing and Personal Protective Equipment*		
RMC		Fatigue – Work and Rest		Red Book
RMC		Nutrition and Hydration	2016 NWCG Memo	
RMC		Driving Limitations	2004 NWCG Memo	Red Book
RMC		Injury and Fatality Procedures	<i>Wildland Fire Fatality and Entrapment Initial Report</i> , PMS 405-1 <i>Agency Administrator’s Guide to Critical Incident Management</i> , PMS 926	
RMC		Chainsaws*	<i>NWCG Standards for Chainsaw Operations</i> , PMS 212	
SmoC	Chapter 1	Smoke Impairment of Roads: Assessment and Response	<i>Smoke and Roadway Safety Guide</i> , PMS 477	
SmoC		Carbon Monoxide Poisoning*		

*Some sections correlate to more than one committee. Coordination should occur to ensure proper oversight of these standards.

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